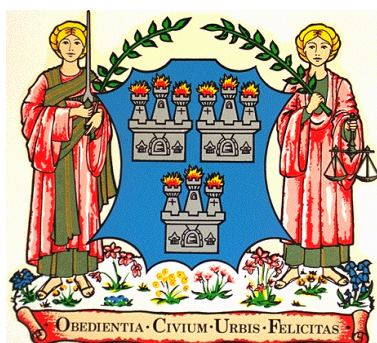


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 7 Iúil 2014 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 5.30 i.n.

I Láthair an tArdmheara Christy Burke sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Chris Andrews
Catherine Ardagh
Kieran Binchy
Paddy Bourke
Janice Boylan
Tom Brabazon
Christy Burke
Claire Byrne
Cathleen Carney Boud
Brendan Carr
Anthony Connaghan
Patrick Costello
Ciáran Cuffe
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Jonathan Dowdall
Pat Dunne
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill

Comhairleoir:

Gary Gannon
Alison Gilliland
Paul Hand
Seán Haughey
Deirdre Heney
Jane Horgan-Jones
Vincent Jackson
Andrew Keegan
Teresa Keegan
Greg Kelly
Frank Kennedy
Dermot Lacey
John Lyons
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Tina MacVeigh
Ray McAdam
Paul McAuliffe
Paddy McCartan
Ruairí McGinley
Séamas McGrattan

Comhairleoir:

Ray McHugh
Denise Mitchell
Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan
Emma Murphy
Criona Ní Dhálaigh
Michael O'Brien
Jim O'Callaghan
Kate O'Connell
Damian O'Farrell
Ciáran O'Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Larry O'Toole
Cieran Perry
Noeleen Reilly
Nial Ring
Noel Rock
Éilis Ryan
Brid Smith
Paddy Smyth
Sonya Stapleton

Oifigiúir

Owen Keegan
Philip Maguire
Brendan Kenny
Dick Brady
Cathal Morgan

Terence O'Keeffe
Michael Phillips
Vincent Norton
Antoinette Power
Alan Breen

John Downey
Karl Mitchell
Ailish Smyth
Sarah Babouot
Carmel Walsh
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by informing the Members that he had recently met with Minister Hogan and with the Cathaoirligh of the three other Dublin Local Authorities in relation to the directly elected Mayor for Dublin. He said that the Minister had indicated that he would soon issue guidelines and a discussion paper and that feedback would be due back to the Minister by the 31st October 2014.

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Then, referring to the Garth Brooks' concerts, the Lord Mayor said that he had tried to find a resolution and had talked to a lot of stakeholders. He said the Aviva Stadium had offered to host the 2 remaining concerts and he thanked the management of Aviva for their generous offer. He said he had discussed the situation with the Minister but that the Minister said he couldn't intervene. The Lord Mayor then presented the Chief Executive, Mr Owen Keegan, with a petition from the residents of Ballybough which he said was in favour of five concerts going ahead.

The Chief Executive then made a statement on the situation, saying that the decision could not be amended. Responding to queries by Councillors, he said that the file on this application was open and available for inspection. The City Council then agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take Emergency Motions.

It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor J Dowdall
"This City Council calls on the Chief Executive to intervene and review the conditions attached to the Public Event License granted in respect of the Croke Park concerts, to allow the 5 Garth Brooks concerts go ahead this summer in the interests of the City of Dublin"

The motion was put and carried.

A motion on this issue, submitted by Councillors J O'Callaghan, D Heney, S Haughey, F Kennedy, C Ardagh, D de Róiste and T Brabazon, was defeated on the casting vote of the Lord Mayor.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor D O'Farrell
"That this Council calls on the concert promoters for Garth Brooks, and the GAA, to immediately look at the possibility of staging the remaining two concerts within the Phoenix Park in order to facilitate concert goers who have purchased tickets. This initiative has the potential to repair our city's damaged reputation regarding this controversy and return a positive image for tourism in our city"

The motion was put and carried.

It was then proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor D O'Farrell
"That this Council calls upon DCC Executive to invite the Garth Brooks concert promoters to explore the option of staging the cancelled concerts at alternative venues in the city (e.g. Aviva Stadium) and to assure them that that any application will be fast-tracked in order to help facilitate a resolution of this situation"

The motion was put and carried.

An emergency motion submitted by Councillor R McAdam was withdrawn. There was general agreement that the laws, regulations and rules governing the application for and granting of these type of licences needs to be reviewed.

At this point, it was agreed by the City Council that the Contracts Committee be re-instated and that the three previous members of this committee continue until September 2014.

2. Referring to the Greyhound dispute, the Lord Mayor then informed the Members that he was allowing Motion No 33 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor M O'Brien at this time as it was on this issue.

This motion was seconded by Councillor P Dunne

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“That this Council deploras the actions of the owners and employers of Greyhound Recycling who have tried to force a 35% pay cut on their workforce. This Council furthermore supports the strike action taken by the workers and their union SIPTU to defend their pay and conditions. This Council notes that it ran the waste collection service better than any subsequent private operator with better conditions for the workers concerned and that such a publicly run waste collection regime needs to be reinstated for the good of the citizens and for the good of workers' rights in the city”

The motion was put and carried.

The Chief Executive then made a statement on the background to the dispute. It was also clarified that an email received by all Members of the City Council had in fact come directly from Greyhound and not from any office of Dublin City Council.

An emergency motion was then proposed by Councillor B Carr and seconded by Councillor D Lacey

“This City Council deploras the recent Lockout of workers by Greyhound Recycling and Recovery, in an effort to impose grossly inferior terms of employment without agreement. In view of the implications for the continuity and quality of the waste collection service in the City, the Council directs the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to undertake a review of employment practices among the licensed service providers with particular regard to levels of pay, pension and sick pay provision as well as procedures for the conduct of industrial relations and collective bargaining and to provide a comprehensive report for Councillors as soon as possible. The objective of this review would be to enable the City Councillors to form an opinion of the sustainability of the service as it is currently structured, for the medium to longer term. The Council also directs the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to immediately open discussions with the Trade Unions representing the relevant category of workers in the Council's employment with a view to agreeing arrangements to bring the domestic waste collection service back under direct labour provision on cost effective terms”

The following addendum was then proposed by Councillor A Gilliland

“Dublin City Council views the use of agency workers to carry out the work of those workers as deplorable and not conducive to the fair resolution of the dispute. To support any citizen who is of the similar view and uneasy about his/her waste being collected by agency workers, the council directs the Chief Executive to open Dublin City Council waste disposal facilities free of charge to any Greyhound customer who wishes to dispose of his/her waste him/herself rather than have it collected by Greyhound agency workers until the current dispute is over”

The City Council agreed to accept the Addendum and the amended motion was put and carried. The Chief Executive agreed that a report would issue to all Councillors on the cost implications of implementing part of this agreed motion and that he would investigate the possibility of releasing the names of those persons/companies who have been fined in relation to breaches of the Waste Management Regulations.

The following emergency motion was then proposed and seconded by Councillors B Smith, J Lyons, T MacVeigh

“This City Council condemns the lockout of Greyhound workers :

- *Calls on the citizens to use alternative waste collection service for the duration of the dispute*

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- *Calls on the company to re-engage the workers on the original terms, conditions and pay and to enter meaningful negotiations with the workers' representatives*
- *Calls for the re-instatement of control of Waste Management by Elected Councillors*

The motion was put and carried.

3. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the 187 questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
4. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on the 6th June 2014 and Special Meeting held on 23rd June 2014, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
5. Report No. 227/2014 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn " That Dublin City Council approves the contents of Report No 227/2014, Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2014 - 2019" The motion was put and carried. The submitted list of Members appointed to the various Strategic Policy Committees was approved by the City Council. For full details of the SPC Membership, see **Appendix B** to these minutes.
6. Appointments :
 - Nominations to the Association of Irish Local Government – It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Councillors McAuliffe, McGrattan be nominated to the Association of Irish Local Government and Freehill be nominated to the Standing Policy Committee of the Association of Irish Local Government" The motion was put and carried. It was also noted that Councillors Mac Donncha and McGinley had agreed to step down from the Association of Irish Local Government due to the requirement that each Local Electoral Area be represented on the committee by only one councillor.
 - Parnell Square Special Committee - Councillor M Flynn was proposed by himself and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson and agreed by City Council.
7. Report No. 229/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Nominations to the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee. . It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson " That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 229/2014 and approves membership as the set out therein" The motion was put and carried. The City Council further agreed that Councillor T MacVeigh would attend the meetings of the Local Community Development Committee as an observer.
8. Report No. 222/2014 of the Head of Finance (*K. Quinn*) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 222/2014" The motion was put and carried.

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9. Report No. 136/2014 of the Dublin City Manager – Capital Programme 2014 – 2016. . It was proposed by Councillor R Moynihan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 136/2014 – Capital Programme 2014 – 2016” The motion was put and carried.
10. Report No 200/2014 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) - Annual Report and Accounts 2013. . It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor R McAdam “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 200/2014 - Annual Report and Accounts 2013 and hereby approves the contents therein” The motion was put and carried.
11. Report No 201/2014 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) - Progress Report of Fourth Year of the Corporate Plan 2010 – 2014. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor N Ring “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 201/2014 - Progress Report of Fourth Year of the Corporate Plan 2010 – 2014” The motion was put and carried.
12. Report No.223/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) - Proposed Draft Variation (No. 19) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017: Designating Elmwood Avenue Lower & Upper and Elm Park Avenue as an Architectural Conservation Area. It was proposed by Councillor J O’Callaghan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 223/2014, makes Variation (No. 19) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and hereby declares Elmwood Avenue Lower & Upper and Elm Park Avenue to be an Architectural Conservation Area” The motion was put and carried.
13. Report No. 224/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) - Proposed Draft Variation (No. 20) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017: Designating Ranelagh Avenue as an Architectural Conservation Area. . It was proposed by Councillor C Andrews and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 224/2014, makes Variation (No. 20) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and hereby declares Ranelagh Avenue to be an Architectural Conservation Area” The motion was put and carried.
14. Emergency Motion – an Emergency motion in the names of Councillors Mannix Flynn and Damian O’Farrell re Dublin Bikes advertising was ruled out of order.

Report No. 225/2014 – Vacant Council Housing Construction Lands was under discussion when the meeting concluded at 8.45pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to an adjourned meeting of the City Council to be held on the 14th July 2014.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2014

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 7th JULY 2014

Q.1 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when the report on the serious sewerage blockage at **(details supplied)** which was promised to this council will be made available? The residents (one council tenant and one private home owner) are at the end of their tether with the constant sewerage over flow. The private home owner is out of pocket by having to pay to have the shore unblocked on a regular basis. The blockage seems to have been as a result of a council extension that was recently built and cement might have got lodged in the shore. There also is a possibility of the drain having collapsed but until the report is made available no one knows.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A private specialist was engaged to carry out initial investigations at this location. Indications are that there is a blockage in the sewage pipe. A detailed survey report is due imminently and the appropriate course of action will be decided subsequently. Both our City Council tenant and the owner of the private property will be updated at that stage which is estimated as within the next two to three weeks.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with this housing query; **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for these works to be carried out at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if, following the positive response from Dublin City Council that unfortunately has led to graffiti being painted all over again, he would contact CIE with a view to planning a creeper at the location suggested that might once and for all resolve this problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer met with the Buildings & Facilities Maintenance Manager from Iarnród Éireann in relation to the graffiti at this location. Graffiti was removed from the building recently but unfortunately was again covered in graffiti within a short time afterwards. As the building itself houses essential electrical equipment, Iarnród Éireann would not authorise the planting of creepers on the basis of structural requirements. They also stated that due to the serious financial constraints placed on the company at present, that they are not in a position to continuously repaint the walls here. However, they will list this area again for graffiti removal.

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Q.5 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following matter **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location will be inspected and any necessary signage will be organised. The scheduled time for installation is 14-16 weeks.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will follow up on the suggestions made in the submission **(details supplied)** regarding the artist James Ward.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the amount of funds that would have been raised (if full collection achieved) had domestic rates been applied in 2013 at the same rate as they were in 1977 and to compare that with the estimate for a full collection of the Local Property Tax in 2013.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Domestic dwellings were valued up to 1996 by the Valuation Office and are valued with a rateable valuation of €3.6M. Domestic dwellings since 1996 are not valued; therefore this estimate cannot include any valuations for properties since 1996.

Using the 2013 rate on valuation of 60.88, rates of €219M would apply. However the revaluation of Dublin City was completed in 2013, effective January 2014 for commercial/industrial properties and the valuations of the domestic dwellings already valued were not revalued.

LPT stats for 6 months in 2013:

Number of Properties Returned (000s)	Compliance Rate (%)	LPT Collected (€million)
233.4	93.6%	39.7

Q.8 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for the following **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following housing maintenance issues dealt with **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report from the Environmental Health Officers in the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit on the levels of noise, and details of any noise complaints received regarding **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.11 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the derelict property at **(details supplied)**, and to indicate when further action will be taken on this derelict house that is a serious concern to the local residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on dog fouling signs and dog fouling stencils to be installed on Williams Park Green outside St. Louis Infant School, and to give an indication of when these will be installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Anti-Dog fouling signs were erected at Williams Park Green week beginning 23rd June 2014. We are awaiting approval from Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation regarding the placing of stencils.

Q.13 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if any agreement by the GAA and Dublin City Council has been reached regards the New Development at Croke Villas, Dublin 3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council and the GAA have been in discussions about the development potential of, and the GAA role in, the redevelopment of Croke Villas including Sackville Avenue for some time and are close to reaching agreement on terms. A Section 183 disposal procedure will be required and a report will be submitted to the Area Committee when the terms of an agreement are finally agreed. It is anticipated that this Report should be before the Committee in September 2014.

Q.14 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that moves be made by Dublin City Council and the law agent to request the owners of the property at **(details supplied)** to set out a plan of use for this magnificent building in order to prevent it going into decay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.15 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to when this Council Chamber will see the voids that are empty in the City being placed into housing stock given the housing crisis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 460 units or 1.92% of the total housing stock void in the Dublin City Local Authority Area. Of these, refurbishment works are currently being carried out on 269 housing units by both approved contractor and direct labour. From January to date we have turned around 330 housing units, 90 by approved contractor and approx 240 by direct labour.

Earlier in 2014 Area Co-ordination Teams incorporating Allocations, the local Area Offices and Housing Maintenance Depots, were set up in order to take a more cohesive approach to prioritising units for refurbishment. This is proving to be effective and our void numbers have reduced and should continue to so do.

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Q.16 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has located further properties for homeless in the city and if the Chief Executive would confirm if the Dublin City Council property at Merrion Street that was purchased for millions some years ago will be put to use for homeless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to providing 80 new emergency beds by end September 2014. 26 new beds were commissioned on 2nd July and the remainder are being progressed.

In respect of the Lord Mayors reference to Merrion Street and the purchase of a property for homeless purposes, DCC did purchase a property for use as homeless located at 9 - 10 Fitzwilliam Street with the express purpose of providing supported temporary accommodation and confirms that a Part 8 planning application will be made for this specific purpose shortly.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a current planning permission in place for a site (**details supplied**) and if any pre-planning consultations have taken place for the future development of this site recently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

To ask the Chief Executive what permission is needed for a Football Club to place a container unit in a public park for use as changing facilities (**details supplied**); if planning permission is needed for this; and if Dublin City Council have provided such units in the past.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

To ask the Chief Executive what action, if any, Dublin City Council can take regarding the operation of a questionable business at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

Will the Chief Executive please outline any planning requirements in place for the erection of satellite dishes on domestic houses?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning Permission is required to erect a satellite dish on the front facade of a dwelling, on the front roof slope or where any part of the dish protrudes above the roof ridge line.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to problem with sewerage blocking back up into property at (**details supplied**) which is on-going now for years (twice in the last week) and say if he will:

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1. Arrange to install a camera down into the drain to ascertain what can be done to resolve this problem as resident is constantly having to unblock the drain from his end even though it is clear that the problem stems from the main manhole out on the footpath outside my constituents property.
2. Have an official from the City Council call out to/contact (**details supplied**) as soon as possible please as he is upset about this awful problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to location (**details supplied**) and say if he can, from a traffic safety point of view, make the corner safer/less hazardous for motorists to navigate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive refer to location as per A (**details supplied**) and say

1. If he is aware that houses on this road flood.
2. What action can he take to help residents who have been affected by flooding on A (**details supplied**).
3. If there is a connection between the flooding that takes place at A and B (**details supplied**).
4. What progress has been made to date with flood prevention measures on B (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive refer to location (**details supplied**) where the resident complains of constant illegal parking and say:

1. What measures if any, he can take to discourage parking on this wide footpath e.g. planters/bollards?
2. If he can arrange to have the location inspected and say if he can carry out repairs to the cracked surface.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a proposal from ALONE to operate a senior citizen housing complex in Jamestown Road can be activated in 2014 as part of urgent effort to increase housing supply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing and Residential Services Department has recently included Jamestown Road in a submission to the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government for funding to refurbish this complex. The outcome of this funding application will be known later this year.

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Q.26 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and implement a solution to the following matter (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.35 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive if the application for a chair lift for (**details supplied**) can be prioritized. She is an elderly DCC tenant with numerous medical problems. (Please see attached medical documentation supporting her application.) At present the only way this lady can get up and down the stairs is on her hands and knees resulting in a lot of pain. She relies on her granddaughter a lot but (**details supplied**) is quite heavy and it is extremely difficult to assist her up and down the stairs. Could the Chief Executive please give a time frame as to when the stair lift will be in place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application for a stair-lift under our Scheme for Persons with Disabilities was approved for this tenant in June 2014. There are currently twenty two applications for stair-lifts ahead of this application. Due to funding limitations for this programme it is unlikely this application will be reached for completion of works in 2014. The tenant has been informed in writing of the outcome of her application.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the following, with a view to resolving the issues in (**details supplied**):

- a) Residents report that there is a Rat infestation around fenced off Dublin City Council land and urgently needs rat poison. This area is also very overgrown and needs to be cut back, landscaped and tended to by Dublin City Council.
- b) Gardens outside windows and on ground floors etc need to be planted and tended, now unsightly and in some cases overgrow.
- c) Exposed wires and broken lights in the playground and others not working.
- d) The lights next to the washing lines area not or never working.
- e) When the pitch area was closed last week, they used power hoses which drove all the dirt into the drying area and left it in a mucky state and some clothes on line had to be rewashed or binned. In future could notice be given so as residents can take in their washing or be done some other way?
- f) That DCC fully investigate and find out who owns the land to the right of the entrance and if unknown that they take it in hand and clean it up and use it for community purposes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The Team Leader of our Mobile Crew reports that this area has been treated for rats, and that the area has been cleared out and cut back on a few occasions. It will be checked again and if necessary cleaned up again.
- b) The small garden areas outside the windows has been cleaned up on a number of occasions and are monitored by our Caretaking Staff. Rat poison has also been laid in the shores, however there has not been any evidence of any rat infestation. These areas will be treated again.

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- c) Two lights in the playground area have been vandalised beyond repair. They have been made safe. These are decorative lights and will be replaced when a suitable replacement is sourced. The main lights at the playground are working.
- d) The lights next to the washing lines have been repaired and are now working.
- e) Our Caretaking Section will place noticed when future power-washing of this area is taking place.
- f) According to our records, DCC owns the hardcore area containing bin storage units & a pumphouse immediately to the right of the entrance to **(details supplied)**. The overgrown parcel of land beside it is apparently owned by the Digital Hub Development Agency.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive, as matter of priority, to allocate an estate manager to **(details supplied)**. For years I am raising my concerns regarding the unacceptable levels of anti social behaviour and crime in this area. After quite a time without an estate manager one was appointed but shortly after took early retirement. The area now has not estate manager or estate office. I acknowledge that the area manager has ensured that funding has been made available for precinct improvements and is trying to improve the physical build but it the serious levels of intimidation and anti social behaviour are not addressed the money spent on environmental improvements will be a waste as people will not live there. Two families abandoned their dwellings at the weekend due to a serious attack on their home which involved shots being fired into their homes and their dwellings smashed up. Car owners are repeatedly having to cope with their cars being damaged. Families are literally living in fear there. Can he confirm that the serious incidents last Friday were caught on CCTV and if so what action is being taken. Can he also as a matter of priority reinstate the new playground? Two playgrounds were removed with the promise of a brand new one but residents are angry that this was done just before the summer school holidays when children use the playground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Incidents of crime should be reported to An Garda Síochána as it's the Gardaí role to investigate reported incidents of crime in the public realm. The estate management section for this complex is located in Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8 and tenants can contact or call to estate management section and their queries will be responded to. A number of playgrounds were removed as issues of anti-social behaviour were reported by tenants adjoining the play grounds to the City Council. A number of playgrounds are available in the complex for residents. A proposal to upgrade the green area and relocate a playground is underway, repairs & upgrading of floodlighting to football pitch is completed, upgrading & installation of a basket ball posts completed. Dublin City Council policies for the operation of CCTV in public places requires that an application from the Gardaí is submitted to the Area Manager for approval to view and if required download the CCTV footage. The City Council will consider a request from the Gardaí to view the CCTV if an application is received by the Area Manager.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive when will the empty block of apartments in East Wall between Island Quay and Teeling Way be ready for allocating?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not immediately obvious which scheme is being referred to in this question. The area office has agreed to meet with the Councillor on site to identify the scheme, so that a detailed response can be issued.

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Q.41 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to upgrade the public lighting on Cowper Street to the newer high quality bulbs following complaints from local residents there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The light levels on Cowper Street are considered satisfactory and there are no plans for improvements at present.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider all proposals for O'Devaney Gardens and to invite submissions from residents in relation to how DCC will deal with accommodating those remaining, one of which is the proposal of building 20 housing units on site to meet their needs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council applied to An Bord Pleanala, on the 24th of December 2010 to Construct Phase 1 of the Multi-phased mixed use Master Planned urban regeneration of O'Devaney Gardens comprising 110 unit residential units of which 60 were designated social housing units and 50 private housing units. An Bord Pleanala granted permission for this development on the 5th August 2011.

Since this permission was granted, the Affordable Housing Scheme was stood down and the difficulties surrounding the private house market and indeed the economy in general have deepened. The sustainable implementation of this permission, in accordance with the Master Plan, requires that it be a mixed tenure development (i.e. a mix of private units and social units). However, in the current climate Dublin City Council has been unable to date to structure the necessary financial arrangements to advance the construction of the entire Phase 1 proposal of 110 units. The difficulty lies mainly with the financing of the private element. The City Council has reviewed if the project could be advanced in a sustainable way in line with the Master Plan and without the private units which are core to the proposal approved by An Bord Pleanala and has concluded that to build only 60 social units on the 16 acres O'Devaney Gardens site would not be sustainable and would be contrary to the integrity of the Master Plan.

The City Council is working closely with the remaining 21 tenants of O'Devaney Gardens to assess their housing need and to source new accommodation for them. Proposals for the redevelopment of O'Devaney Gardens are subject to ongoing review

Q.43 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider putting more seating benches in parks in the Central Area and also to encourage the OPW to do the same in the Phoenix Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Services shall undertake a survey with regard to the number of seat benches within the Central Area Parks and where additional seating is found to be necessary or considered appropriate (not suited to areas that are prone to high levels of antisocial gatherings) will arrange to install same subject to the relevant funding been made available.

A letter has been forwarded to the OPW and a reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received from the OPW.

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Q.44 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on the status of the construction of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on the status of the possible construction of a Zebra Crossing at **(details supplied)**. The location already has bollards on the road to accommodate the crossing and with a senior citizen complex next to it, it would be great for the area. I have a copy of a petition from local residents in support of this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on the status of the front of **(details supplied)**. This area needs grass cutting and tidying up. This would improve the look of the building that would have a lot of people passing it daily.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made with a contractor to attend to the situation as soon as possible. Plans are being put in place for more regular maintenance.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on the status of getting the speed ramps repaired on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive when will **(details supplied)** be considered for suitable housing? He is homeless and living in a homeless hostel. He is extremely frustrated that he is being told that there is no unit available for him yet he has been looking out his hostel window for months now at 4 empty flats **(details supplied)** that he would gladly occupy. Could he please report on the amount of voids on **(details supplied)** stating how long they are void, what size are they and time frame for turning around.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.51 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to allowing an elderly tenant progress with an application to do a private transfer from her large 3 bed house to a small 2 bed flat. She is looking to downsize as she no longer needs a large 3 bed but she does need a small 2 bed as she has grandchildren who stay with her at the weekend and when she is ill. The family who want to transfer with her are a family of 4 adults and one child who are squashed into a small 2 bed flat and on the transfer list of over 19 years. DCC are refusing to even consider the request as the elderly tenant is only entitled to a one bed unit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report into where things currently stand with dealing with the blatant dereliction of the Stone Villa along the North Circular Road and what future action is being considered by the Conservation and Derelict Sites Sections towards tackling the situation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When initially inspected, the building concerned was too dangerous to inspect fully. In particular, access to the upper floors was not available. Stabilisation works are necessary to secure the building so that a thorough inspection can be undertaken. The specific stabilisation works have had to be submitted to and approved by the Council's Conservation Department.

These initial works have been approved and work started recently. A further inspection will be arranged as soon as is feasible to monitor progress and to ensure that the works meet the Council's requirements.

Occasional inspections have confirmed that litter has been removed from the front garden of 297 North Circular Road in compliance with a Derelict Sites Notice. The property continues to be kept under review.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with the Planning Department in order to expedite the development of a statutory-based Local Area Plan for the Manor Street and wider Stoneybatter area. Given the number of significant development sites available within the area and the continued positive impact of the construction of the Grangegorman project, a Local Area Plan is necessary and the compilation and development of it should now be prioritised by this Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The list of LAP's/SDZ's was prioritised on a city-wide basis by the Corporate Policy Group and the City Council at its meeting in March 2011.

The Grangegorman Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) for a new DIT Campus and Health Facility was approved by the City Council in July 2011, and An Bord Pleanála approved the SDZ Planning Scheme in May 2012. The Grangegorman development, including the construction management phase, is now governed by this Planning Scheme.

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Local Area Plans (LAPs) have been prepared and adopted for George's Quay (July 2012), Clongriffin-Belmayne (North Fringe) (December 2012), Naas Road Lands (January 2013) and Ashtown-Pelletstown (January 2014).

Following the Government's decision in May 2012 to wind-up the DDDA, the preparation of an SDZ for parts of the Docklands was progressed as a matter of utmost priority. Following an extensive public consultation, Dublin City Council at its meeting on 5th November 2013, decided by resolution to make the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock Planning Scheme. An appeal and oral hearing followed, with An Bord Pleanála deciding to approve the Planning Scheme on the 16th May of this year.

The Phibsborough/Mountjoy LAP 2008 is to be amended following the decision of the City Council on the 7th April last, with the early consultation phase and the publication of an Issues Paper to commence imminently.

A draft LAP for Heuston and its Environs is being prepared at present, with a view to bringing it to public display later this year.

In these circumstances, and given the strategic reasons for the agreed list of priorities, it is considered that the preparation of the Stoneybatter LAP should remain on the priority 2 list and that resources are devoted to continuing the completion of the remaining priority 1 LAPs agreed. There will, however, be an opportunity to reconsider the LAP priority list as part of the preparation of the next Development Plan, commencing this Autumn.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the reasoning behind his plans to close the Cabra Area Office? How much in terms of savings this is likely to provide the Council and what alternative arrangements will he put in place to ensure community groups and residents' associations within the new Central Administrative Area, who have always dealt with and worked alongside the Cabra Area Office, have a local contact that they can deal with regarding issues of concern to them and their community?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In December 2013 the City Manager (Chief Executive) established a group to review the area structure (Area Review Group) and the functions carried out at area level.

Among the terms of reference for the group were:-

To review the current area boundaries and make proposals taking account of

- the experience with the operation of the current areas
- the new local electoral area boundaries that would come into operation
- the need to ensure that the workload of the areas is broadly equivalent taking account of the needs of the areas.

To review the human and financial resource cost of the areas and to make recommendations for an appropriate structure for the areas.

To review the area office arrangements mindful of the costs of maintaining and operating area offices, to make recommendations for which offices should be retained and the services to be offered at different offices. The issue of appropriate number, location and functions of area offices was to be considered in the context of the proposed new area boundaries.

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The review group in carrying out its work had to be mindful of the budgetary constraints the Council is operating under and the inevitability that the staff numbers will continue to decline over the medium term.

Delivery of service and associated resources must be driven primarily by service quality and value for money considerations.

Following consideration of the matter by the Area Review Group their report to the City Manager (Chief Executive) which he accepted, recommended that an examination be carried out to reduce the number of area offices which would be progressed in 2014 and in that context functions provided from the Cabra office were examined.

Considerations were given to

- The reduction of visitor numbers to the office over the last number of years.
- The potential for achieving savings in building costs, heat, light, maintenance etc.
- How the requirement that changes in the new local electoral areas boundaries are managed, to continue to provide an effective service given the boundary changes which resulted in the operation from Cabra now spanning 2 administrative areas.
- More effective use of existing resources for the long term management of both the newly configured North West Area and the Central and South East areas.
- The current effective methods of capturing service requests that weren't in place when the Cabra Office was opened originally for example e-mail, website, enhanced telephony, Fix-My-Street etc.
- The absence of a lift from the building thus compromising full disabled access.

In the interest of the effective long-term management of both areas a decision was made that the Cabra office would close and the staff would be reassigned to the North West and Central Area operations unless individual staff had a separate preference.

At the Council meeting of the 25th June the matter of the closure of the Cabra Office was raised in conjunction with the Report on Revised Area Structures 2014-2015. The Chief Executive gave a commitment to defer the closure until the matter would be discussed at the next North West Area Committee meeting on the 18th July and he then will report back to the City Council Meeting on Sept 1st in relation to his decision on the closure of the office.

If the decision to close the Cabra office is confirmed it will not result in reduced service provision to the public in the Cabra area as existing interactions and liaison will continue.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the level of contact that has been had between the Planning Department and owners of key development sites located within the boundary of the Phibsborough & Mountjoy Local Area Plan? The Manager's reply should contain details of when pre-planning discussion meetings took place, who attended such meetings on behalf of the Council and the owner of the respective sites as well as the nature of the discussions that took place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the number of months meetings took place between the Planning Department and owners of lands in the Key Development Sites at the Smurfit / Printworks site (southern portion) and at the former Shandon Mills Bakery site at Cross Guns Bridge as part of the pre-planning application consultation process.

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Under Section 247 of the Planning Acts any applicant may engage in consultation with the Planning Authority.

In all cases the meetings made particular reference to the detailed provisions of the (current) Phibsborough / Mountjoy Local Area Plan 2008 and to the relevant requirements and development standards of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

In relation to the southern portion of the Smurfit / Printworks site, our records indicate a number of meetings took place between the new owners of the site (Westhill UK) and the Planning Department as follows:

24 October 2013: Meeting at the request of Westhill (UK) Limited to explain the statutory context and planning provisions of the Phibsborough / Mountjoy LAP 2008 and the particular requirements of the LAP for the southern portion of the site. Briefing meeting attended by members of the Central Area Development Management Team (at the time), i.e. the Senior Planner and Executive Planner.

2 December 2013: Presentation by Westhill's London-based architects of a series of residential density and housing / apartment typology studies from completed and proposed housing schemes in the UK. Attended by members of the Central Area DM Team (at that time), i.e. the Senior Planner, Senior Executive Planner and Executive Planner.

10 January 2014: Pre-Application Consultation PAC0009/14 at which Westhill's architects presented a schematic, conceptual study for a largely residential development on the southern portion of the overall site. Applicant and architect directed to the detailed provisions of the 2008 LAP for the site. Meeting attended by members of the Central Area DM Team, i. e. the Senior Planner and Executive Planner.

26 March 2014: Pre-Application Consultation PAC0124/14: presentation of a general and schematic layout for possible development. Referred to detailed provisions of the 2008 LAP. Meeting attended by the Deputy City Planner (Development Management) and representatives of the Central Area DM Team at the time, i.e. the Senior Planner and Senior Executive Planner.

In relation to the former Shandon Mill Bakery site at Cross Guns Bridge, a number of pre-application consultation meetings took place prior to the making of the planning application on the 21 March 2014 under Planning Reference No. 2402/14. This planning application is currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála. The pre-application consultation meetings were attended by members of the Central Area DM Team at the time i.e. the Senior Planner, and the Senior Executive Planner and Executive Planner.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the time frame for the following work, **(details supplied)**, to be carried out?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the option of building two houses at the T-junction of Croftwood Drive to curb 'joy riding'?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A larger proposal for this area had been considered some years ago which would have included the location referred to by the Councillor. However given both the number of services and the access requirements the project was not deemed feasible. The construction of two dwellings at this location will not deal with "Joy riding" in Croftwood area. A series of measures including a redesign of the existing road layout, Boundary treatment to the open space and possible reduction of the height of the slope on the open space is been considered at this location. The issue of joy riding is on the agenda of the local Policing Fora.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider (**details supplied**). And will the Housing Department consider introducing a financial arrangement similar to the senior citizen contribution scheme to accommodate people in similar circumstances?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the cost to each Area Committee of the clean up and repairs carried out following 'joy riding' incidents in 2012, 2013 and to date in 2014 and to outline the costs for the Ballyfermot area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Any clean ups following joy riding incidents are carried out as part of normal cleaning duties. There are no specific figures kept in relation to any clean ups following joy riding incidents.

Public lighting:

Public Lighting & Electrical Services Division respond to incidents where our poles are struck. We do not cost each incident individually. In a small number of cases we find out who caused the damage and in such incidents we pursue that party for the cost of re-instatement. More often than not the person who caused the damage does not remain at the scene and we cannot decide whether the damage was due to an accident or a joy riding incident. We do not record that a repair was required as a result of joyriding and so Public Lighting & Electrical Services are unable to provide any meaningful data in reply to the question.

Road Maintenance:

Road Maintenance Services are not aware of any damage to roads by joyriders in 2012 & 2013.

Road Signs:

Traffic Management & Control Services are not aware of damage to road signs caused by joyriders and vandalism in 2013 & 2014.

While there have been infrequent episodes of "joyriding" activity leading to clean up and repair operations for the Parks and Landscape Service, there is no specific record kept in relation to the costs associated with the works involved. The cost of works is accounted for as part of the overall general repair and maintenance for each

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Parks District and the reason for the works is not recorded specifically. Accordingly, it is not possible to give a breakdown as requested by the Councillor.

The Area Maintenance Officer for the Ballyfermot Area Depot reports that six garden walls in this area were damaged/ knocked down by joy-riders or vandals. These walls were re-built at a cost of €1,500 to €3,000 each, depending on the length of the wall, and subsequently damaged or knocked down. A further three were re-built and remain in place to date.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY
To ask the Chief Executive to furnish all councillors with a name and contact telephone number for an official of Dublin Street Parking Services and/or APCOA who may be contacted by members of Dublin City Council in circumstances where, notwithstanding that Dublin Street Parking Services and/or APCOA are operatives of Dublin City Council, APCOA has proven unresponsive when approached with an extremely serious issue concerning the parking situation of a disabled resident of Dublin city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY
To ask the Chief Executive to identify and introduce measures that will effectively address **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.67 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive, in respect of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise the income yield to Dublin City Council from 80% of Local Property Tax collected in the Dublin City Council area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2013, the Revenue Commissioners receipted approximately €40m in LPT payments from households in Dublin City. As that related to a half-year an estimated value of €80m LPT receipts from Dublin City Council householders in 2014 is reasonable. Should the Minister confirm the 80:20 apportionment of LPT receipts of 80% retention locally and 20% held centrally for redistribution, then €64m would be retained by DCC with €16m being held centrally. Dublin City Council is awaiting clarity on whether other government grants (which broadly total in 2014 to €80m) would be affected by arrangements around the LPT.

In the event of a 15% reduction, this would amount to €12m (i.e. of €80m). Clarity is also awaited on how any potential reduction would affect both the locally retained and centrally retained elements of the receipts.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the level of NPPR income received year to date 2014 and to set out steps being taken to identify further properties liable to this charge and to collect all amounts due.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The NPPR was introduced from 2009 to 2013 and required the payment of €200 per annum for any habitable property which was not a principal private property. Penalties for late payment applied at €20 per property per month. The income from this charge to June 2014 totalled €77.67M.

The Local Government Act 2014 provides that the penalty and charge, for a property not paid for the 5 years, is capped at €4,220 from April to August 2014 inclusive and a further penalty will apply from 1st September 2014 bringing the charge to €7,230 per property. A media campaign is underway since early June to advise property owners of this measure and advertisements were placed in newspapers by DCC. A certificate of payment is a requirement for conveyance of a non principal private property and this has also prompted compliance since property sales have recommenced in the past 12 months.

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Q.71 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a survey on Traffic Lights **(details supplied)** as residents are complaining that they do not have enough time to cross the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pedestrian timings are calculated according to the width of the carriageway to be crossed. A site assessment will be carried out and the duration of the pedestrian timing will be adjusted if required.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to repair or replace the door at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive has Dublin City Council been involved in any discussions about the future plans for the **(details supplied)** and if there are any plans to change from their current location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the sale of land at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many applicants on Dublin City Council's waiting list for social housing will be removed from that list when the provisions of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2014 recently passed in the Dáil are applied to this local authority?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Bill has not passed all the stages of the houses of the Oireachtas as yet and may still be amended in the Seanad. When it is enacted the Department of Environment Community and Local Government will issue detailed guidance to the above issues as the individual provisions are commenced. It would be premature to project the numbers that will have their housing need satisfied through the Housing Assistance Programme (HAP) and other provisions of the Bill

Dublin City Council, with six other local authorities, will be among the first to avail of HAP which will be available as a pilot to those on the homeless list later this year.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the timescale for the housing of the successful applicants on the social housing list in the Clare Hall apartments that have been acquired by the Tuath Housing Association?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Subject to the legal transfer between the original developer and NAMA taking place on schedule in mid July, Dublin City Council expects Tuath Housing Association to be able to move the tenants in before the end of July.

The delays in acquiring these units were beyond the control of Dublin City Council and Tuath Housing Association.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated figure on how many leaks in the water system arising from water meter installation have required repairs from Dublin City Council, how much water was lost as a result of these leaks and how much have the repairs cost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water was established by the Water Services Act 2013 and with effect from 1 January, 2014, became the responsible authority for managing the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. It was agreed that Local Authorities would continue to deal with water services queries from the general public and Elected Representatives, pending the setting up by Irish Water of a customer service management facility.

As Irish Water has now put a customer service system in place, queries related to water supply, water quality and wastewater are now being dealt with directly by them.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

Telephone:	1890278278 (Lo-Call)
Web:	www.water.ie
Twitter:	@Irish Water
Postal Address:	Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Dublin City Council will continue to handle queries relating to Non Domestic Water Accounts and all queries related to Surface Water Drainage and Flood Management. In addition, the Council will handle all water related calls outside normal business hours (i.e. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm).

Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on how many people have been referred on to the council for a work placement from the Department of Social Protection under the Gateway Scheme, what tasks they have been assign and what roles are intended for future recruits from this scheme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gateway Labour Activation Scheme is a government initiative to reduce unemployment. The aims of the scheme are to provide short-term quality work opportunities for the longer term unemployed, support local authorities to fulfil commitments in respect of the activation agenda, undertake work of benefit to the city/county, and contribute to the Department of Social Protection's management of the live register.

Agreement has been reached at national level to set a target of 3,000 participants recruited into the Gateway scheme by the end of 2014, with an individual target of 295 participants set for Dublin City Council.

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To this end, the Council has requested a total of 296 name and contact details of people currently on the live register who are eligible for the scheme from the Department of Social Protection.

To date, the Department of Social Protection has provided Dublin City Council with a total of 96 names of eligible people. All these people has been called for interview, those who have been deemed suitable have been sent for Garda Vetting, and the Council has agreed a rolling programme of planned start dates for those who have been cleared through Garda vetting, with the first batch commencing their contracts in the Cultural, Recreation Amenity and Community Department in June 2014.

The Council is currently in the process of examining a wide range of projects across departments, areas and community schemes that would allow the anticipated recruitment of participants on a rolling basis with a view to achieving the target set by the end of 2014.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress made in relation to the transfer of properties from NAMA to the City Council as announced by the Minister for the Environment. In particular, to ask the Chief Executive to update the information provided in his reply to me in July 2012 (Q61) and March 2014 (Q64) and confirm the actual number of units received by Dublin City Council under this scheme and the amount expected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2012 NAMA, along with the Housing Agency, identified 484 NAMA properties that could potentially be used for social housing in the Dublin City Council area. The City Council refused a number of these units because:

- a) The concentration of existing Social Housing in an area, and the consequent high risk of residualisation.
- b) The size and the standards of the properties concerned.
- c) Management company issues that existed in a number of apartment complexes.

In addition, a number of units were sold by their respective receivers.

In total, 171 NAMA properties have been acquired for Social Housing purposes. The acquisition of a further 184 units are being finalised. (Total 355).

Q.80 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if he will immediately arrange for an impact study to be carried out into the economic, social, health and environmental impact of his cycle lane proposal for the North quays and to further carry out an assessment for the use of the Luas line for cycle lane use.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Liffey Cycle Route will be subject to a project appraisal in accordance with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport's Guidelines on a Common Appraisal for Framework for Transport Projects and Programmes which assesses the economic impact of project on the basis of economy, safety, environment, accessibility and social inclusion and integration.

This multi criteria assessment will be done at various stages of the design process of the project, in line with the requirements of the National Transport Authority.

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Q.81 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

In view of the new car tax regulations concerning the elimination of retrospective non-use declarations and the expected additional income of €55m annually arising therefrom, can the Chief Executive detail the additional financial benefit accrued to Dublin City Council in 2013 arising from this change and also to detail the additional amount expected on an annual basis thereafter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council manages the collection of motor tax from customers who pay through the post or directly at the public offices on behalf of the Department of Environment, Community and Local government. All receipts are lodged daily directly to the Department's account and no funds are retained by DCC. The income from motor tax receipts did form the local government fund until 2014 and there is no additional payments made to DCC from any gains made from the removal of retrospective use of non use declarations.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the debtors figure for Domestic Refuse, broken down as follows:

- a. Amount owing on the date Greyhound took over the service with last quarter 2011 separately identified.
- b. Amount of these arrears collected by Greyhound, again broken down into last quarter 2011 and the prior debtor amount.
- c. Fee/commission payable to Greyhound for collecting arrears.
- d. Amount owing as at June 2014.
- e. Confirmation that Greyhound will be in charge of collecting this amount.
- f. and to explain how this is to be collected by Greyhound.
- g. Rationale behind allowing Greyhound to collect arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Debtors figure for Domestic Waste Collection Charges:

- a) €9.1m was owed at 16th January 2012. A further €4.5m was invoiced in May 2012 in respect of quarter 4 of 2011.
- b) Greyhound collected €1.85m in respect of quarter 4 and €228k in respect of arrears in the period May 2012 to May 2013. Payaway Debt Management Solutions who were retained by GRR took over collection of the amounts due from May 2013 and at this stage all amounts due were considered to be arrears. Payaway has collected in the region of €520k.
- c) Greyhound/Payaway are/were paid on a commission basis
- d) There is currently €7.2m approx owing to the Council.
- e) Payaway who is retained by GRR is responsible for collecting the outstanding amounts since May 2013 on behalf of the Council.
- f) Payaway submitted a proposal to GRR and DCC setting out a methodology for collecting the outstanding amounts and this was accepted by both parties.
- g) The Asset Purchase Agreement between Dublin City Council and Greyhound Recycling & Recovery provided that Greyhound, on behalf of the City Council would collect, or procure to collect the outstanding waste management charges due to the Council at the date of transfer of the kerbside waste collection service. The Council also closed its Waste Management Revenue Unit in tandem with its ceasing to provide a waste collection service.

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Q.83 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive have the shore outside **(details supplied)** cleared as it appears to be blocked and is causing pooling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gullies at **(details supplied)** will be cleaned in the coming week.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive have anti dog fouling signs erected in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive have the lighting on **(details supplied)** increased in brightness or put in an extra lamp standard as it is particularly dark when lighting is working.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the chief executive have a new shower put into **(details supplied)** as the water tank is completely inadequate for modern living and may well be dangerous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive have the pavement outside the gate of **(details supplied)** repaired as water is pooling during heavy rain.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive provide details in relation to any development levy's or bonds paid by developers for the upgrade of **(details supplied)** by the development companies involved in the many developments along the road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive have the damage at **(details supplied)** repaired and investigate the cause of the burst water mains in the area which caused the damage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive arrange for the repair of the dishing for a disabled resident at **(details supplied)**, the owner is wheelchair bound and suffering from dementia.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive costs for 2013 and 2014 up to the end of May of providing councillors with paper copies of agendas and reports for all council and committee meetings, including printing, postage and couriering costs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figures below are indicative as they are based on average costs and does not include the staff time involved. Much of the printing is carried out locally so it is difficult to capture exact costs. The list of committees is not exhaustive but reflects those committees for which information is available.

Committee	2013	2014
Arts SPC	€1,200	€400
Dublin JPC	€75.60	€21.60
South Central Area	€1,464	€871
Central Area	€677	€303
North Central Area	€895	€406
South East Area	€679	€296
North West Area	€1,968	€202
Monthly Council Meeting*	€13, 117	€6,000
Total	€20,075	€8,450

*These figures are based on the 2009-2014 Council which had a membership of 52 Councillors. As Council membership has increased to 63 the cost for producing and distributing the agenda will increase accordingly.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether parking spaces outside **(details supplied)** only can be converted into pay and display and permit parking spaces.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether the gas meters at **(details supplied)** can be opened up so that the residents can know what is their exact level of gas usage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.94 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether white road markings can be placed on the end of Lavarna Grove onto Fortfield Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request for a 'Stop'/'Yield' sign with accompanying road markings will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have a stop/yield sign introduced at the intersection of Cullenswood Gardens and Merton Drive

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an existing 'Yield' Sign and road marking in place on Cullenswood Gardens at the junction of Merton Drive. The road marking was repainted earlier this year.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive if it is the policy of Dublin City Council to support the development of off-street parking in residential front gardens in suitable cases. Conversely, is it the policy of DCC and the planning authority to commit to protect historically significant street-front railings and pillars from destruction due to inappropriate development of off-street parking?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council supports the development of off-street car parking in residential front gardens of sufficient size and in accordance with the development standards of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 and the Planning and Development Regulations, including the provision of permeable surfaces and planting. The City Council provides a guidance booklet on Parking in Front Gardens at <http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content//Planning/PlanningApplication/Documents/ParkingCarsinFrontGardensAdvisoryBooklet.pdf>

In relation to parking within the curtilage of Protected Structures and in conservation areas, Section 17.10.6 and Appendix 10 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 provides detailed development standards for the management and control of off-street car parking as follows:

17.10.6 Parking in the Curtilage of Protected Structures and in Conservation Areas

Poorly designed off street parking in the front gardens of protected structures and in conservation areas can have an adverse affect on the special interest and character of these sensitive buildings and areas.

For this reason, proposals for off street parking in the front gardens of protected structures and within conservation areas will not normally be acceptable where inappropriate site conditions exist, particularly in the case of smaller gardens where the scale of intervention is more significant – and can lead to the erosion of the character and amenity of protected structures and conservation areas.

However, where site conditions exist which facilitate parking provision without significant loss of visual amenity and historic fabric, proposals for limited off street parking in the front gardens of protected structures and in conservation areas will be considered where the following criteria can be met:

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- Every reasonable effort is made to protect the integrity of the protected structure and/or conservation area
- There is sufficient depth available in the garden to accommodate a private parked car
- Access to and egress from the proposed parking space will not give rise to a traffic hazard
- The proposal accords with the design criteria set out in Appendix 10

Further to the above considerations it is acknowledged that there are certain properties with large front gardens, which, subject to the following requirements and the guidelines set out in Appendix 10, could accommodate limited car parking without seriously affecting the special character of protected structures or conservation areas:

- The remaining soft landscaped area to the front of the structures should generally be in excess of half of the total area of the front garden space, exclusive of car parking area, footpaths and hard surfacing.
- Car parking shall be designed so that it is set-back from the house and front boundary wall to avoid excessive impact on the protected structure (see Appendix 10).
- Car parking bays shall be no greater than 5m x 3m metres wide.
- The proposed vehicular entrance should, where possible be combined with the existing pedestrian entrance so as to form an entrance no greater than 2.6 metres and this combined entrance should be no greater than half the total width of the garden at the road boundary. The gates shall not swing outwards so as to cause an obstruction on the public footpath.
- Where cast iron railings exist, which contribute to the special character of the structure, every effort will be made to preserve and to maintain the maximum amount of original form and construction through minimum intervention. Any original existing gates, piers and cast iron railings that require alterations shall be reused and integrated with all new parking adaptations to the front boundary.

Special regard will be had to circumstances where on street parking facilities are restricted as a consequence of the introduction of bus priority measures or other traffic management changes. In such situations, every reasonable effort will be made to facilitate proposals for off street parking in the front gardens of protected structures and in conservation areas subject to the above criteria being met.

Proposals for off street parking in the front gardens of protected structures and within conservation areas will not be permitted in the following circumstances:

- Where satisfactory vehicular access to the rear garden exists or can be easily provided without compromising personal safety and where sufficient rear garden area is available to meet both the parking and open space requirements of the building
- Where there is insufficient area to accommodate a parked car in the front garden or
- where the proposal relates to vehicles other than a private car (i.e. caravan/boat)
- Where proposals would result in the removal of the entire front boundary of the property
- Where the development would involve the subdivision of original historic communal front areas (shared by two houses or more) into separate driveways and where this would detract seriously from the unique architectural relationship and composition of the buildings and street

Where off street parking is proposed in terraces or streets that are characterised largely by pedestrian entrances with few vehicular access openings, such proposals

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will be examined on their own merits and will be subject to the criteria outlined above. Where terraces/streets are characterised by railings of unique significance, which are of a type not found largely throughout the city, the Planning Authority may seek to retain such railings. Similarly, proposals to provide more than one private car within the curtilage of an owner occupied residential building will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where the integrity of the building or area is protected and retained.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive to address the issue of anti-social behaviour on public grounds, for example, along the canal near the premise of the Barge Pub, by requesting an increase in police presence to enforce the law in regards public consumption of alcohol.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a matter for An Garda Síochána and should be raised at the South East Area Joint Policing Committee.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to drawing up a medium-term plan to improve the state of the roads leading to Ranelagh from Dunville Avenue (namely Oakley Road, Beechwood Avenue, Ashfield Road, Annavilla and Merton Drive) particularly with regard to the maintenance of speed ramps, the installation of speed ramps on Beechwood Avenue Lower, road subsidence issues and restoration of street lamps and to give some indication of when there would be progress on such a plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2014 Road Maintenance Division Annual Works Programme has already been drawn up and is currently being implemented. The roads that the Councillor mentions are not included in this programme and the Division does not have any extra capital available to allow for their inclusion. These roads will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Works Programme at the end of this year.

A request for speed ramps on Beechwood Avenue Lower is listed already for examination by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

We have examined the existing public lighting standards in the streets mentioned and have added those which require painting to a list for inclusion in a future painting programme, subject to finances being made available.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the job at the back of **(details supplied)** is finished as from the photos attached, capillarity is very much to the fore and is damaging the integrity of the householder's wall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed breakdown of all properties owned by DCC between The Coombe Hospital and Dolphins barn. What is the planning status of each property and when was the last time that work was carried out on each property?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the information requested will take some time to compile a detailed report will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive when he expects Dublinbikes to be extended up to Griffith College on SCR and Cork Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In late 2010, the Elected Members of Dublin City Council adopted a longer-term strategy for the Dublin bikes scheme which proposes an ambitious expansion programme which will provide for 5,000 bikes and approximately 300 bike stations. Scheme expansion within the vicinity of South Circular Road and Cork Street is designated as part of the phase 3 incremental expansion. The expansion programme as adopted provides for an expansion northwards to Whitehall/DCU, eastwards further into the Docklands area, southwards towards Clonskeagh/UCD and westwards towards Kilmainham/Inchicore. Dublin City Council is presently at the construction stage of phase 2 of this strategy, which provides for an additional 950 bikes and 58 new bike stations. The completion of phase 2 will result in the scheme having 100 stations and 1,500 bikes. The long-term strategy consists of a 14 phase development programme with the current expansion phase expected to be complete and fully operational by the end of the summer. Following on from this and after a period of review, it is then intended to look at the next phase of the expansion programme. There are no definite timeframes in place for the delivery of the next expansion phase as this will be subject to securing the necessary levels of funding. Monitoring the use patterns of the current phase will assist in planning for a future extension.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the ask the Chief Executive the status of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to say when **(details supplied)** will be opened.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to say if he will carry out an investigation into the cutting down of trees at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the derelict condition of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.106 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ballyboggan Road & Broombridge Road near the entrance to Tolka Valley Park. The crossing is extremely dangerous & the route is heavily used by locals and a now growing number of children using the new playground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 20th December, 2012, reported that, following examination, it is not recommended to provide a pedestrian crossing on Ballyboggan Road as pedestrian flows at this location are relatively low and such that the warrant for a signalised pedestrian crossing would not be met. However, as traffic speeds and visibility on the approaches to the junction result in a relatively hostile environment for pedestrians, the Traffic Advisory Group recommended the provision of a pedestrian refuge.

The provision of a pedestrian refuge is included on the 2014 Minor Works Programme, on Ballyboggan Road at the junction of Broombridge Road. It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of the year.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if double yellow lines could be placed across from the 122 bus terminus on Ashington Park. Commuters are parking their cars across from the terminus reducing the road to one lane.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation as due course.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the roofing issue in Scribblestown, Finglas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently being investigated. A reply will issue directly to the councillor within two weeks.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if exceptions will be made to the street sweeping schedule for litter black spots in Finglas South.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Litter Management Plan, Waste Management Services clean the main roads and shopping areas in Finglas South on a daily basis. The residential areas in Finglas South are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. Also where possible, we encourage residents to carry out an interim clean up in their areas and remove the collected waste for them free of charge. We will certainly monitor litter levels in Finglas South and arrange some additional cleaning when possible for areas with extreme litter levels.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the repair of speed ramps on the Old Naas Road/Bluebell Avenue and the repainting of same.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ramps on Bluebell Avenue & Old Naas Road have been included on a list of ramps for resurfacing/ reconstruction which has been sent to tender and is due in next week. It is envisaged that these works will be carried out during summer and autumn of 2014.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report outlining plans to renovate/refurbish Inchicore Village in light of the areas historical connections to the 1913 lockout, 1916 rising and Irish Independence.

In the report, can the Chief Executive outline the following:

- a) The timeframe for the repair of public footpaths and roads in Inchicore Village.
- b) How Dublin City Council plans to tackle building dereliction in Inchicore Village.
- c) An action plan to keep Inchicore Village clean, including the greater allocation of resources from the Council so that Council staff clean the Village on a more frequent basis.
- d) To outline if there are any plans for extra street furniture for the area, including public bins and furniture which can enrich the area such as planters and hanging baskets.
- e) To plan, in conjunction with local groups, a full programme of 1916 celebrations, to bring a greater number of tourists into the area for the 1916 celebrations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Repairs to the footpath on Emmet Road (North side) are scheduled to be carried out later in 2014 when Traffic Dept have completed the installation of the pedestrian crossing on Emmet Road.
- b) While the Derelict Sites Section has investigated several properties in Inchicore in the recent past the only current entry on the Derelict Sites Register is 25 Tyrconnell Street. It will continue to investigate all specific properties brought to its attention.
- c) The cleaning schedule for Inchicore Village is set out in the Litter Management Plan. Inchicore Village is deemed an Urban Village which falls under Category B and as such is cleaned once per day. The local Supervisor has stated Inchicore Village is cleaned every morning. In conjunction with that we remove illegally dumped bags from this area also virtually on a daily basis. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this location to see if any improvements can be made.
- d) There are no plans at this time to install additional litter bins or street furniture in Inchicore Village.
- e) In planning an inclusive 1916 commemorations programme we will work with local groups to facilitate and support their participation in the programme (within the usual constraints of staff time and resources). The Council's Commemorations Committee will provide a forum for communication with local groups.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to give a commitment on the **(details supplied)**;

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to comment / make a statement on how Public Participation Networks and the Dublin City Community Forum will interact in the composition of SPC membership and the operation of LCDC committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The composition of SPC membership will be in line with the SPC Scheme which will be submitted to the City Council at its July meeting. Membership will be invited by public advertisement.

A public participation network (P.P.N.) has not yet been established in Dublin City and we will be working on this over the coming months.

In the meantime groups representing community and voluntary interests will be invited from the existing Dublin City Community and Voluntary Forum to become members of the new Local Community Development Committee (L.C.D.C.) which is the same arrangement that applied for the interim L.C.D.C. in Dublin City.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the status of **(details supplied)**.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an investigation of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a full list of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the cost (if any), the process and efficiency of the self service portal on the DCC website. Also to explain if there is a procedure whereby the person who made the request using the portal is notified once it has been inspected and what the outcome was. Could the Chief Executive give details of user figures by area from the service in the past 12 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The annual maintenance and support costs for the self service portal on the Dublin City Council website are €33,000. Service Requests that are submitted via this channel are routed directly to the appropriate section for them to act upon. Currently the portal does not facilitate the sending of notifications in relation to the status of request. However the online user can monitor the changing status of the request by searching for the service request number which is generated by the portal when a service request is submitted. Please find below details of the service requests that were submitted via the self service portal for the period 1st July 2013 to the 30th June 2014.

Service Request Type	Number
Abandoned Bicycles/Trolleys	34
Abandoned Vehicle Inspection	170
Report Bonfire Materials	35
Donate a Vehicle to Dublin Fire Brigade	4
Request for Grass Maintenance	27
Report Illegal Dumping	853
Report Overflowing Skips	32
Public Litter Maintenance	48
Public Lighting Repairs	387
Repaint Existing Road Marking	78
Repair Existing Road Sign	38
Replace/Repair Cycle Stand	3
Replace/Repair Damaged Bollard	11
Replace/ Repair Pedestrian Barrier	5

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Request New Street Nameplate	14
Report Problem with a Cycle Track	32
Report Problem with a Footpath	179
Report Problem with a Road Surface	301
Report Problems with Ramps	26
Report a Faulty Manhole Cover	31
Report Graffiti	125
Report Litter Offence	211
Sweep Your Street	199
Request for Tree Maintenance	98
Request for Weed Control	19
Total	2960

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the follow up on works that were promised at **(details supplied)** where air vents that were covered up should be re-installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trimming of trees, at the back of **(details supplied)**, these were previously trimmed a number of years ago.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to list in tabular form **(details supplied)**, the numbers on the homeless list for each year from 2009 until present and if he can indicate how many of them are families. Can he also state how many people per day are presenting as homeless and how many calls a day have been received to the Freephone number 1800 454454.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC officials have discussed the proposed development of the Carlton site with NAMA and what was the outcome of those discussions?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No meeting has taken place with NAMA in relation to the Carlton Site.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many fines have been issued to Greyhound waste collection service for breach of local byelaws governing the collection of bins?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council does not provide specific details in respect of individuals or organisations in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Acts. Overall

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there have been 251 fines issued to Waste Operators in respect of breaches of the Waste Bye-Laws since Jan 2014.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many fines have been issued to residents for failure or refusal to prove how their waste is collected, as per recent bye laws?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There have been 29 fines issued to individuals in respect of breaches of the Waste Bye-Laws since Jan 2014.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the status of Planning Application Number 247 08 and whether it will be brought back to Dublin City Council members for consideration?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning application 0247/08 is an application for a Social Housing Exemption Certificate in connection with a proposed one off house in the side garden of 2, Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3. There has been no subsequent planning application granted for development on this site.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the total number of all void properties in the Dublin City Local Authority area as per the CSO 2011 Census information including, if available, a breakdown of which are domestic private, domestic public and commercial properties?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The only figure we can provide is 'Domestic Public' for 2011. There were 558 void social housing units in the Dublin City Local Authority Area in Dec 2011.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if Price Water House Coopers have been appointed to conduct a review of the functions of Dublin City Council and if not, has any consultancy firm been appointed in this regard and whether PWC have been appointed by Dublin City Council in any capacity?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a competitive tendering process 'PricewaterhouseCoopers' was appointed by Dublin City Council to undertake a review of the Environment & Transportation Department to determine an optimum operating model to deliver the best quality of services to customers as part of the implementation of a Transportation Asset Management System by the Department. The scope of this commission is limited to the Environment & Transportation Department.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether he will undertake to be given a tour of the battlefield site by The Concerned Relatives of the 1916 Proclamation and the Save 16 Moore Street Group.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All invitations received by the Chief Executive are considered and accepted or refused for a variety of reasons. Invitations should be addressed to the Chief Executive's Office, Block 4, Floor 4, Civic Offices or emailed to chiefexecutive@dublincity.ie.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive when and why did DCC agree to discriminate on economic grounds against tenants with rent allowance and deny them the right to rent in the Ballymun Regeneration area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL) was set up by Dublin City Council in 1997 to oversee the physical, economic and social regeneration of Ballymun.

Under section 25 of the Social Welfare Act 2007 the Minister for the Environment can identify areas to the Department of Social Protection where rent allowance should not be payable, being areas "of regeneration for the purpose of providing for greater social integration". This provision is aimed at supporting government investment in regeneration areas and attaining the optimum social mix between private and social housing.

52% of households in Ballymun are rented from Dublin City Council with 17% rented from private landlords. Accordingly, in line with the tenure diversity objective of the Masterplan, BRL sought and was granted an exclusion in relation to rent supplements being awarded in the Ballymun Regeneration area in 2008. An application for the continuation of this scheme was submitted by Dublin City Council to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government in July 2013 and is currently under review.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to insert traffic lights as a traffic calming measure at the junction of Brookfield and Auburn Terrace - Old Kilmainham Road. This is one of the main routes to Saint James' Hospital and taking the right turn at the junction is treacherous and an accident waiting to happen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for traffic lights at the junction of Brookfield Road and Old Kilmainham will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive what sections of Cromwellsfort Road/Lower Kimmage Road are the responsibility of DCC and South Dublin County Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

South Dublin County Council is responsible for the maintenance of Cromwellsfort Road and Kimmage Road West (from Shelton Grove to Cromwellsfort Road). Dublin City Council is responsible for that part of Kimmage Road West from the KCR to Shelton Grove.

Kimmage Road Lower lies in its entirety within the administrative area of Dublin City Council and is therefore the responsibility of this authority.

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Cromwellsfort Road, between Saint Agnes Road/ Whitehall Road (Crumlin Cross Roads) and Walkinstown Cross/ Roundabout is the responsibility of South Dublin County Council. Kimmage Road Lower is the responsibility of Dublin City Council.

All of Kimmage Road Lower is maintained by Dublin City Council (DCC). Cromwellsfort Road is maintained by SDCC.

Kimmage Road West between Lorcan O'Toole Park and St Agnes Road is maintained by SDCC.

Kimmage Road West between Lorcan O'Toole Park and Kimmage Rd Lower is maintained by DCC.

(See drawings attached)

Q.137 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to insert a pedestrian crossing at the Leonards Corner / SCR junction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 21st May, 2014, recommended a pedestrian crossing on Clanbrassil Street Lower, at the junction of South Circular Road. The crossing is subject to the availability of funding and inclusion on a future Works Programme.

This recommendation will be submitted for noting by the South East Area Committee at their meeting on 16th July, 2014.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive when the boilers in Oliver Bond will be serviced and when carbon monoxide alarms will be installed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The gas central heating boilers in this complex are currently being serviced. There are currently no plans to install carbon monoxide alarms.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please respond on the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please ask TAG to examine the situation **(details supplied)** and make recommendations for traffic calming/other measures to better regulate the situation and improve pedestrian safety. Can TAG also consult with An Garda Síochana on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please organise for more bins to be installed along the Clontarf seafront and also to ensure that they are emptied frequently during the summer months; local residents have contacted me to say that the existing bins overflow regularly.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are satisfied that there are a sufficient number of litter bins along the Clontarf seafront. We will ensure that the litter bins at this location are emptied on a more regular basis, particularly during the summer months.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive confirm that the following (**details supplied**) proposal was received and evaluated and let me know the outcome of the DCC assessment?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the North Lotts / Grand Canal Dock SDZ planning scheme, what concrete steps is the council currently taking and planning to take to ensure it proactively delivers the scheme's stated objective of avoiding mono use office development in the area. In particular, how is it engaging with NAMA on this matter, given NAMA's heavy ownership of properties in the area and their explicitly intention to develop offices as a sole priority?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North Lotts/Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme was approved by the City Council in November 2013 and approved, with minor amendments, by An Bord Pleanála on 16th May 2014.

The City Council is designated by Government as the Development Agency to proactively implement the Scheme. A multi-disciplinary Unit reporting to an Executive Manager has been set up to progress the approved Planning Scheme. This unit is based in the Docklands.

The approved SDZ Planning Scheme is underpinned by a mixed use strategy to ensure that undesirable mono-use development is avoided. Both the overall SDZ area and each of the 5 Hub areas must achieve a mix of 50% residential/50% commercial. Strict criteria are set out for each of the City blocks in order to achieve mixed use objectives. Para 5.4.2 of the Scheme encapsulates the mixed use approach as follows:

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Having regard to the above, and the stated purpose of the SDZ to provide for economic and social regeneration, the overall objective is to provide a 50:50 Residential:Commercial ratio over the area, with a flexibility to provide a ratio of 30:70 in the commercial hubs, counterbalanced by a ratio of up to 70:30 in the more residential neighbourhoods. The ratios for each of the city blocks are set out in the section below.

It is also the case that the land-use ratio in some areas reflects existing development, e.g. The Point Village is largely commercial.

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- (c) Calculate the use mix ratio needed on the remaining available land area to achieve the specified use mix ratio for the City Block, taking account of any existing residential and commercial development”.

The SDZ Scheme applies to all stakeholders in the area, including NAMA.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the proposed Consultative Forum outlined in the North Lotts / Grand Canal SDZ planning scheme at what stage is the development of the consultative forum, and what timeline is proposed for its development?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The establishment of the Docklands Consultative Forum is proposed in the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill 2014 which is due to be enacted towards the end of the year. Upon enactment of the legislation, the forum will be established and will come into being following the dissolution of the Authority. Until then the existing Authority structures will remain in place.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how much money has been raised through the issuing of fines to private waste collection companies owing to non-collection on the appropriate day, and what steps are the council taking to pro-actively monitor the performance of private waste collection companies?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has received payments to end of June in respect of 145 fines totalling €10,500 in respect of breaches of the Waste Bye-Laws.

The issues at Red Stables will be investigated on receipt of the specific details and appropriate actions taken.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to apply to the department for funding to reinstate the Buy Back scheme to purchase family homes and allow older persons move on and into appropriate council accommodation, provided they submit 30% of the value of the house to DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Financial Contribution Scheme has been in place for some time in recognition of the fact that there are home owners of a more senior age residing in the City who are finding their existing property too large for their current needs. Their family has now left and they find maintaining the dwelling expensive and they wish to be considered for older persons accommodation provided by Dublin City Council.

Under this Scheme the applicant offers their house for sale to Dublin City Council. If it is deemed suitable and agreement is reached regarding the sale price, the applicant remains in the house until a suitable vacancy becomes available.

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Age of applicant	Financial Contribution
50 - 54 years (on medical recommendation only)	1/3 of nett sale proceeds
55 - 69 years	1/3 of nett sale proceeds
70 - 79 years	1/4 of nett sale proceeds
80 years and over	1/5 of nett sale proceeds

However, due to budgetary constraints it has not been possible to facilitate many applicants under the Scheme in recent years. The source of funding for the house purchase programme is set down by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. This budget has been significantly reduced and the City Council is only purchasing a small number of properties for tenants who are currently residing in flats complexes that have been designated for detenancing to facilitate regeneration.

The other point worth noting is that social housing must be allocated to people deemed to have the highest need. Elderly people who own their own house have a much lower need than someone without any home. There is a waiting list for older persons accommodation from housing list applicants who do not have an asset to "trade" for accommodation and these people should not be disadvantaged on the waiting list due to operation of the financial contribution scheme. A fair balance of needs and demands has to be achieved and this can only be accomplished when there is relatively strong supply of accommodation becoming available. As the supply of newly built older persons accommodation has also reduced it would be difficult to justify any significant increase in the number of financial contribution cases.

The Scheme has proved very important in terms of the number of dwellings acquired to meet the targets as set out in Dublin City Council's overall housing provision programme. It is also very beneficial in many respects to the elderly applicants who avail of the alternative accommodation provided. However, it is unlikely that the City Council will be in a position to facilitate many financial contribution applicants until the building programme and house purchase budgets are increased by the Department.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of the total costs to Dublin City Council of housing families in temporary, emergency accommodation, namely hotels, for each year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Before 2013, emergency accommodation for families presenting to homeless services would normally have been provided through statutory or voluntary homeless services, but an unprecedented demand for accommodation, particularly in the last six months has required that the Dublin local authorities use hotels to a significant degree so as to avoid the experience of sleeping rough.

The following table outlines the expenditure on accommodating families in hotels since 2011.

Year	Cumulative expenditure on hotels
2010	€13,814.95
2011	€176,721
2012	€455,736
2013	€1,356,281.52

It is critical to understand that hotels are used to accommodate families as a last resort and it is not seen as a sustainable solution.

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In-reach support is provided to families via the Homeless Action Team (HAT) (a dedicated children and families team), which has recently been expanded progress these households on as soon as possible.

It is our key concern that families do all within their power to present for professional information and advice and tenancy sustainment support as early as possible. To respond to this an extensive prevention campaign has been taking place in the Dublin region for the last number of weeks to encourage families who are renting and worried about losing their home to call **FREEPHONE 1800 454 454** for practical advice and assistance in maintaining their tenancy.

This effort involves an interagency response provided by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, four Dublin local authorities, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Department of Social Protection, Threshold, Dublin Simon Community, Focus Ireland, Private Residential Tenancies Board and Citizens Information Board.

The FREEPHONE is provided by Threshold, who will be the first point of contact for a family who are at risk of losing their home. They will work with other key services in order to maximise the efforts in response to tenancy breakdown amongst households in private rented accommodation.

***NOTE:** There will be an information workshop taking place at the end of July 2014, to outline information on the ‘ **Preventing Families Becoming Homeless in the Dublin Region**’ inviting all elected representatives in Dublin City Council to attend. The workshop will be provided by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Threshold and the Private Residential Tenancies Board.*

Q.148 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive who or what organisation is proposing the 1916 Commemoration Centre, to be located on Moore Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A report will issue to the Councillor shortly.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive what measures have been taken by the City Council to ensure that the O2 mast in Glasnevin (at the back of Claremont) be moved to a more suitable location in line with the Planning Permission granted by An Board Pleanala.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

It is not apparent to which site location or planning application the question refers. To allow the Planning Department to provide a detailed response further details are required i.e. site address and/or planning application number.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive what is the latest situation in relation to the proposed railway station at Ashington.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Irish Rail has been requested to provide an update. A copy of the reply will be forwarded to the Councillor on receipt.

Q.151 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the serious risk to pedestrians attempting to cross the Old Cabra Road at the top of Glenbeigh Road when does the city council propose to erect a pedestrian crossing at this junction.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request is listed already for examination by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.152 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive when does the City Council propose to re-surface the tarmac on the remaining side of the shops at Ashtown Grove?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tarmac parking area belongs to the shops and is not in the charge of Road Maintenance.

Q.153 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if he has figures from Uisce Éireann/Irish Water for the number of water meters installed in the City thus far; the percentage of dwellings that have had meters installed; the estimated numbers and percentage of dwellings where metering will not be possible due to configuration of sites etc; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water was established by the Water Services Act 2013 and with effect from 1 January, 2014, became the responsible authority for managing the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. It was agreed that Local Authorities would continue to deal with water services queries from the general public and Elected Representatives, pending the setting up by Irish Water of a customer service management facility.

As Irish Water has now put a customer service system in place, queries related to water supply, water quality and wastewater are now being dealt with directly by them.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

Telephone: 1890278278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @Irish Water
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Dublin City Council will continue to handle queries relating to Non Domestic Water Accounts and all queries related to Surface Water Drainage and Flood Management. In addition, the Council will handle all water related calls outside normal business hours (i.e. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm).

Q.154 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive the current number of housing voids in the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Figures for June 2014 indicate that there are currently 460 void units in the Dublin City Local Authority area. Of these, refurbishment works are currently being carried out by both approved contractors and direct labour in 269 or 58% of our void stock. These units have been deemed to be a priority and meet the needs of applicants on our Housing List.

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Q.155 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if it is the case that dwellings offered to the City Council by NAMA have not been accepted and, if so, how many, in what locations and for what reasons.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2012 NAMA along with the Housing Agency identified 484 NAMA properties that could potentially be used for social housing in the Dublin City Council area.

The City Council refused a number of these units because:

- a) The concentration of existing Social Housing in an area, and the consequent high risk of residualisation.
- b) The size and the standards of the properties concerned.
- c) Management company issues that existed in a number of apartment complexes.

In addition, a number of units were sold by their respective receivers.

In total, 171 NAMA properties have been acquired for Social Housing purposes. The acquisition of a further 184 units are being finalised. (Total 355).

Q.156 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive the updated cost to the City Council of the Poolbeg Incinerator Project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figure for total spend on the Dublin Waste to Energy Project in Poolbeg up to June 2014 is €97.08m

Of this figure DCC has to fund €36.24m

Q.157 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please provide an update on the ongoing situation regarding Greyhound's repeated failure to deliver on domestic waste management services, particularly in the Portobello area, their lack of provision of sufficient explanations to their customers for delays in their collection services, how many fines have been issued to Greyhound for late or uncollected waste to date, and what measures will be taken to resolve this matter. In addition could he state what contingency plans are in place to address industrial action by Greyhound Waste?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A customers primary relationship/contract for their waste service is with their waste operator. In instances where the City Council observes or receives a complaint about a collection issue it is notified to the relevant waste operator and if appropriate investigated in terms of any potential breaches of Bye-Laws.

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In relation to the current dispute at Greyhound Recycling & Recovery (GRR), the City Council has been informed by GRR that they have a contingency plan in place and that collections are proceeding as normal. The City Council is monitoring the situation and in regular contact with GRR.

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Q.158 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please provide an update on the Poolbeg Incinerator?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Waste to Energy Project in Poolbeg, was the subject of two complaints to the European Commission in relation to alleged infringements of Public Procurement and State-Aid directives. The European Commission made a determination to close both complaints in April and May of this year respectively.

On 23 April 2014, DG Internal Markets and Services made a decision not to open a formal investigation following a complaint against the project on public procurement grounds.

On 07 May 2014, DG Competition issued a formal decision that the project did not constitute State Aid based on the finding that *'a series of measures by the Dublin local authorities to participate in the Waste-to-Energy project in Poolbeg, Dublin, are in line with the EU state aid rules. Since the project will be carried out on market terms, it does not involve any state aid within the meaning of the EU rules.'*

The Commission's investigation demonstrated that the project will be carried out on terms that a private investor operating in a market economy would have accepted. Indeed, the Dublin local authorities see in the project a business opportunity with a fair return on investment. The project therefore involves no state aid as defined by Article 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).'

However, while these decisions have removed significant potential obstacles to the project there are further steps which need to be undertaken before the project can proceed, including obtaining the necessary NDFA approvals.

Q.159 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme.

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The SDZ Scheme applies to all stakeholders in the area, including NAMA.

Q.160 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the challenges facing small food retailers by the expansion of outdoor summer markets, and can the impact of markets on the retail sales of small shops be taken in to account when determining rateable valuations?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has recently commenced a pilot project to provide food markets in our key parks throughout Dublin City. The purpose of this pilot project is to assess the feasibility of developing greater usage of our parks through the attraction of market stalls. Expressions of interest in this project were requested by open tender. The operator selected to operate the pilot initiative has eighteen stalls, one of which serves coffee.

In its current format, with a limited timeframe (i.e. of six months) and limited operating hours, the trading activity is unlikely to be valued for rating purposes by the Valuation Office. However, this is a trial environment. Dublin City Council intends to establish feedback from park users and other relevant stakeholders as part of the evaluation process. On conclusion of the pilot period, a detailed report of the outcome of the pilot will be brought to the City Council. In the event that the establishment of market stalls is agreed as a permanent feature in the city parks, the trading structures will be such that will facilitate the Valuation Office determining a valuation for rateable purposes.

Rateable valuations are set by the Commissioner of valuations and are based on the lease/rent value of a property. The variations in sales from month to month or year to year are not considered material changes and therefore will not impact on the valuation.

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Q.161 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report outlining what fines if any have been issued to Waste Collection Companies arising from their failure to comply with the new bylaws and in particular their failure to collect within the designated hours on designated days. Can the Chief Executive include the Company names on this report?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council does not provide specific details in respect of individuals or organisations in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Acts. Overall there have been 251 fines issued to Waste Operators in respect of breaches of the Waste Bye-Laws since Jan 2014.

Q.162 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to contact the Dept of Social Protection and request that they use their inspectors to investigate possible breaches of employment law within in the Waste Collection sector and in particular to request that they investigate the use of sub-contractors and their staff in this sector in the Dublin area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has no information relating to any potential breaches of employment law in the waste sector in Dublin. If a person has a complaint in that regard it should be referred to the Workplace Relations Customer Service Section of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation, O'Brien Road, Carlow , www.employment.ie .

Q.163 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to request our maintenance section to replace the windows in our tenants home (**details supplied**). Our tenant suffers from Stage 2 Chronic Pulmonary Disease and reports that her condition is affected by the current bad state of repair of her windows.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.164 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our maintenance section if they have carried out previously requested repairs to our tenant's house (**details supplied**) and can they provide a report on these repairs.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.165 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive initiate the setting up of a Business community Rates Forum within the Dublin City Council community structures. Much disquiet and confusion has emerged as a result of the most recent rates demands particularly in relation to rates hikes. Many cite that they are community and charitable projects while others small business etc cite that the rates are unfair and unpayable. Everybody that I have spoken to would very much welcome an initiative like a business community rates forum to discuss this matter, be informed on this matter and develop solutions going forward. There is now a great need for this initiative and this is a practical step in supporting business and community and cultural initiatives within the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The revaluation of Dublin City was undertaken by the Valuation Office effective from 1st January 2014. The process commenced in April 2011. The Valuation Office consulted widely with every occupier of commercial property and with appropriate bodies representing the various business sectors.

The purpose of the revaluation was to ensure a more equitable distribution of rates and DCC could not increase the amount it raised from rates in 2014. The process includes an appeal process which is now underway and anyone dissatisfied with their valuation has had the opportunity to appeal and the appeal outcomes will be finalised in August 2014.

Anyone seeking advice on valuations or exemptions can seek advice directly from the Valuation Office and/or the Rates Office on how to make the relevant revision application and any other advice required.

A forum on rates is not appropriate as it is the reserved function of Dublin City Council to determine the rate on valuation which ultimately determines the amount of rates due each year from each rate payer. City Councillors therefore fulfil the function of determining the appropriate level of commercial rates.

Q.166 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding any fines, warnings or other consequences imposed on Greyhound as a result of their constant failures to remove household waste and other items on the designated dates and days in the entire Dublin City Area. Also this to include the list of complaints received by DCC from residents and customers (through social media and direct email etc). Further, what sanctions if any does DCC have regarding the non collection of waste by Greyhound and other waste collection providers that can be imposed as penalties for failure to collect. In the past year many streets and neighborhoods have been left without collection for weeks. This practice has resulted in an explosion of vermin in the capital city and has led to many streets and roads being left in a deplorable state. Many, such as Cathedral Lane, Sth Circular Rd, etc are more like landfill sites then they are residential neighborhoods as a result of this non collection which in the past has lasted up to 16 days.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council does not provide specific details in respect of individuals or organisations in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Acts. Overall

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there have been 251 fines issued to Waste Operators in respect of breaches of the Waste Bye-Laws since Jan 2014.

A customers primary relationship/contract for their waste service is with their waste operator. In instances where the City Council observes or receives a complaint about a collection issue it is notified to the relevant waste operator and if appropriate investigated in terms of any potential breaches of Bye-Laws. The City Council does not retain a complaints database in this regard since it exited the collection service in 2012.

Q.167 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the possibility of providing private security firms to patrol certain DCC housing estates where Estate management is unable to deal with issues of high levels of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity particularly over the summer months when there is a greater demand on DCC estate management. This security back up has the potential to be supported by the local business communities who also suffer greatly as a direct result of these localized anti social behaviour incidents. With resources of An Garda Síochána stretched to the limits and the uncertainty of community policing and the demands placed on it the use of security firms as a deterrent against anti-social behaviour and as a community support tool is very much needed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

South Central Area reply:

An Garda Síochána is empowered to police public areas and investigate all reported incidents from members of the public of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, and to take appropriate action on foot of it's investigation. Dublin City Council's policy on anti-social behaviour 2010–2105 outlines the City Council's responsibilities in relation to investigating reports of anti-social behaviour by tenants of the City Council and the powers available to Dublin City Council under the various Housing Acts when dealing with tenants who are involved in anti-social behaviour. The Gardaí and Dublin City Council work in partnership to deal with anti-social behaviour reported in Dublin City Council properties. A number of local policing fora are in place to deal with issues of anti-social behaviour at a local level. However, it is ultimately the Gardaí's role to use its powers to investigate reports of anti-social behaviour and criminality and take appropriate action. Therefore, the City Council has no role in patrolling public areas to deal with issues of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

The City Council employ a range of staff in Area offices who liaise with both the Community and the Gardaí. These include both Housing and Community staff as well as Sports officers, Parks staff and others. All of these work at community level to address anti social activity but equally importantly to build up community networks that can support local communities and give ownership of areas back to the local communities.

Additionally there are Area JPCs., Local JPCs and Safety Fora in all Areas. The Area JPC considers strategy in relation to anti social behaviour amongst other things, whilst the local Fora more typically look at specific issues and possible solutions. The use of private security would appear to go against all community development aspirations whereby local communities work together to create a safe environment. This, before the cost of such a service is considered, at a time where we are prioritising expenditure on the provision of City Council services to our tenants. To suggest that local communities need to have private security to ensure that they function would appear to be a retrograde step at a time when the creation of

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community capacity is so important. We do not have any information on jurisdictions where Local Authorities employ private security companies to patrol Local Authority developments.

Q.168 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive make a full report with the regards the Literary Impact award. This report to include all expenditures on the award and the administration of this award – including all fees to individuals, organisations, caterers, etc. Also why, if Impact no longer sponsors this award, why are we continuing to use the Impact name? What arrangement has been made if any by DCC to secure sponsorship for this event? Please include all attempts and efforts that have been made in the past year or since it was known that Impact would no longer be in a position to financially support this award. What plans have been made with regards this whole event going forward? What evaluation has ever taken place regarding this event and its benefit to Dublin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The budget for the administration of the 2014 Award is €90,000. The expenditure on the 2014 Award to date* is as follows:

Administration, including fees, catering, etc.	€74,487.06
Prize money	€90,000

The total prize money for 2014 was €100,000 of which €10,000 came from the Award trust fund: this fund is now closed.

**Some invoices for the 2014 Award are outstanding.*

If the Council comes to an agreement with a new title sponsor then the name of the Award would need to be changed. We see significant value in keeping IMPAC in the title until such time as a new arrangement is reached. The Award is widely known internationally as 'the IMPAC' and we see no benefit in losing that name recognition in the short term. When Booker ceased its sponsorship of the Booker Prize the organisers and new sponsors kept the name 'Booker' in the title for that same reason. We produced new branding for 2014 which reduced the prominence of 'IMPAC' in the title and gave more prominence to 'Dublin'.

We began exploring the possibility of agreeing a new sponsorship deal in 2013, preparing an information leaflet and sponsorship property document for presentation to potential partners. In preparing to approach potential partners we have had discussions with and received support from a number of agencies including the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Business to Arts.

In conjunction with commissioning a video presentation for use at the 2014 award announcement we commissioned a longer video piece for presentation to potential partners, to accompany the leaflet and sponsorship property document.

In 2013 and 2014 we have had preliminary discussions with a number of potential partners. These discussions are ongoing and it would be premature and damaging to the outcome of the discussions to divulge any details at this time.

The International Dublin Literary Award as a key element of our UNESCO City of Literature designation and the international promotion of Dublin's literary reputation.

Research and experience have shown that Dublin's outstanding literary and cultural heritage are core brand strengths that attract leisure visitors and heighten the appeal of Dublin for worldwide business and conference visitors, as well as for businesses seeking to locate in Ireland. The City Council's development plan includes a commitment to the enhancement and promotion of Dublin as a 'City of Character and Culture', promoting an active artistic and cultural community at city-wide and neighbourhood level, which are central to making a vibrant city that is an attractive

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destination for tourism and the creative industries, and adding to the quality of life of Dubliners. Our investment in the Award is a small part of our overall investment in the future of the City.

A review of the worldwide print and broadcast and online media (excluding social media) coverage of the 2014 Award announcement shows that the event reached a potential audience of 520 million around the world. The purchase cost of such coverage is €12.5 million which we regard as an excellent return on investment.

Q.169 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive install "Children at Play" signs at the entrance to Magenta Crescent?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group previously recommended a 'Children Crossing' Sign on Magenta Crescent at the junction of Swords Road. The Traffic Officer has confirmed that 2 'Children Crossing' Signs are in place at this location.

Q.170 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive fix the depression/sinking in the road on Glencloy Road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor from the area office early next week.

Q.171 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive fix the pot holes at the back of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.172 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive install railings on the wall at **(details supplied)** to prevent kids sitting on the wall and to help prevent dumping in the garden.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.173 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that street cleaning at Gilford Avenue, Sandymount on a quarterly basis is adhered to. Residents say the Avenue is being neglected in this regard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will ensure that Gilford Avenue receives the quarterly street cleaning service when it is scheduled to do so.

Q.174 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpaths adjacent to Bethany House, Gilford Road, Sandymount repaired as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpaths adjacent to Bethany House are in a safe and serviceable condition.

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Q.175 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following issues arising from the transfer of the Molly Malone statue to a site on St. Andrew's St. to facilitate Luas works:

- a) Why was no planning permission required?
- b) Why was there no public consultation?
- c) How long will this temporary arrangement last?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) It was a condition of the Railway Order that the Molly Malone statue was to be removed for safety reasons from its current site and placed in storage for a temporary period of two to three years. The temporary placement of the statue in storage was not considered desirable. Therefore, having regard to the Railway Order and the necessity to find a temporary location for the statue on a site with good public access and with due regard to pedestrian safety, an alternative location in close proximity to its current home was found. Since, the relocation is temporary, it was determined that planning permission would not be required. The Railway Order provides for the reinstatement of the statue in its original location on completion of the Cross City works.
- b) The temporary location of the Molly Malone matter was considered by the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group which was in favour of the proposed location at St. Andrews Church. The artist, Jeanne Rhyhart was also consulted and she favoured the proposed temporary location.
- c) The statue will remain in place until the Luas Cross City works are completed which is scheduled for 2017.

Q.176 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on **(details supplied)** and the current status of dampness in the home of this family. This is certainly not acceptable and needs to be repaired with the utmost of urgency and if he will provide a report on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.177 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to look into installing traffic calming measures on Hughes Road and erecting Children At Play signs. Many new families have moved onto this road with young children and there is nothing to indicate this to traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 27th September, 2012, reported that "Children Crossing" signs are only recommended where there is a particular risk that children could be injured by vehicular traffic. This would include for example, roads where there is a green/open space or play area adjacent to the road.

The Traffic Advisory Group did not recommend a 'children crossing' sign on Hughes Road East as there is no green/open space adjacent to the road.

In relation to the request for traffic calming measures on Hughes Road East please note that the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 26th July, 2012, did not recommend traffic calming measure on Hughes Road East as a speed survey carried out on the road recorded little movement of traffic.

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The criteria used to determine the need for traffic calming measures are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed 50km/h.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

Q.178 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate illegal parking in St Laurence's Grove, Chapelizod. Yellow lines were installed two years ago, but now people seem to be abandoning their vehicles in the Grove, and either heading to the apartments nearby or to utilise public transport, causing congestion to residents of the Grove.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, has been instructed to monitor this area for illegal parking and to take enforcement action as necessary.

Q.179 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the overgrown ivy, plants and trees tidied on the Old Lucan Road (across from the west county). The top of this hill needs to be repaired also, but may well be the jurisdiction of South Dublin County Council. Can he please advise?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A tidy up of the ivy and vegetation at Glenaulin Estate, on The Old Lucan Road, was carried out earlier in the year. The area West from this point, along the slip road, is not under the responsibility of Park Services. DCC will try to ascertain who the owners of the wall are, and we will issue notices to the owners requiring them to cut back any foliage that is encroaching onto the public footpath. There is enough available footpath at present so as not to categorise this as a serious problem requiring DCC to carry out the pruning. There is one pot hole on the one way section of road as you approach the West County Hotel from the west. Arrangements will be made to have this filled in the coming days.

Q.180 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive further provide clarification on the answer provided to Q.80 at the May Council meeting? During the council discussions on the proposal to name the Dublin Fire Brigade HQ after Willie Bermingham the Chief Executive referred to advice given to him by a senior Fire Officer. Can a copy of this advice be given to me?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The decision not to rename Tara Street Fire Station was based on the policy and criteria on naming/renaming which was approved by the City Council in December 2012.

There was no advice given on this issue by any Senior Fire Officers and they were not involved in the decision making process.

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Q.181 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide a list of planning applications for Off Licences or Part Off Licences submitted citywide since the introduction of the current Dublin City Development Plan? Can he also detail if the application was granted or refused?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

14 Planning Applications received from 2011 to date.
10 Granted - 7 by Dublin City Council and 3 by An Bord Pleanala.
3 Refused – By Dublin City Council and An Bord Pleanala.
1 current planning application at Additional Information stage.

Q.182 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive confirm that Dublin City Council Waste Management are aware that Greyhound are withdrawing from the bag collection in some areas? Have Greyhound discussed this action with DCC? As the licensing authority are Dublin City Council concerned that there appears to be a lack of competition for waste collection in some areas? If Greyhound are found to be in breach of employment legislation or health & safety legislation for their behaviour during the current strike do Dublin City Council, as the licensing authority, have the power to revoke their waste collection licence?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Greyhound have notified Dublin City Council and informed circa 40 of their customers of their intention to withdraw from bin collections in the Central Commercial District. The City Council is satisfied that there are alternative arrangements available to these customers through another waste management operator.

Any issues concerning the granting, review, revoking or otherwise of a permit is a matter for the National Waste Collection Permit Office in Offaly County Council www.nwcpo.ie.

Q.183 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide an answer to Q.80 of the November 2013 council meeting in relation to private homeless establishments?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) Dublin City Council are not in a position to provide a list of the accommodation that is provided with private landlords on the basis that these details are commercially sensitive and have potential negative implications in relation to the protection and safety of those vulnerable individuals placed in the specific accommodation. In addition, if the name of private accommodation with private landlords was provided, it could damage the negotiating position of Dublin City Council with private landlords/operators and could also result in further costs and the potential loss of accommodation.

(b) The accommodation charge in temporary forms of homeless accommodated is approximately €4.50.

(c) The below is per annum cumulative expenditure on Private Emergency Accommodation from 2012-2013.

Year	Cumulative expenditure on PEA
2012	€10,346,407
2013	€9,156,108.21

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(d) All bed capacity across all forms of homeless accommodation is utilised to 99-100% capacity.

(e) A number of private emergency accommodation services provide 24 hour access and if they do not, day services are provided across homeless provision that provide advocacy and support, access to meals etc.

Q.184 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide a report regarding the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.185 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a report regarding **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.186 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a report regarding **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.187 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a report regarding the developers bond put in place by the developers of Hampton Wood, Dublin 11 and any review or requests which the council are detailing with in this regard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the information requested will take some time to compile a detailed report will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

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Name of SPC	Councillor
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Ruairi McGinley (Chair)
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Nial Ring
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Paddy Bourke
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Brid Smith
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Mícheál Mac Donncha
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Noeleen Reilly
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Larry O'Toole
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Ray McAdam
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Brendan Carr
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Dermot Lacey
Finance and Emergency Services SPC	Tom Brabazon
Transport SPC	Ciaran Cuffe (Chair)
Transport SPC	Paul Hand
Transport SPC	Teresa Keegan
Transport SPC	Frank Kennedy
Transport SPC	Paddy Smyth
Transport SPC	Paddy McCartan
Transport SPC	Larry O'Toole
Transport SPC	Ray McHugh
Transport SPC	Jane Horgan-Jones
Transport SPC	Kieran Binchy
Planning and International Relations SPC	Andrew Montague (Chair)
Planning and International Relations SPC	Éilis Ryan
Planning and International Relations SPC	Áine Clancy
Planning and International Relations SPC	Daithí De Róiste
Planning and International Relations SPC	Cathleen Carney Boud
Planning and International Relations SPC	Kieran Binchy
Planning and International Relations SPC	Dermot Lacey
Planning and International Relations SPC	Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Planning and International Relations SPC	Janice Boylan
Planning and International Relations SPC	Patrick Costello
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Paul McAuliffe (Chair)
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Gary Gannon
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Tina MacVeigh
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Deirdre Heney
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Alison Gilliland
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Brendan Carr
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Jonathan Dowdall
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Noeleen Reilly
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Kate O'Connell
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Noel Rock
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Mary Freehill (Chair)
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Vincent Jackson
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Mannix Flynn
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Damian O'Farrell

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Name of SPC	Councillor
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	John Lyons
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Rebecca Moynihan
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Jim O'Callaghan
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Kate O'Connell
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Séamas McGrattan
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Emma Murphy
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Greg Kelly
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Séan Haughey
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Áine Clancy
Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC	Claire Byrne
Housing SPC	
	Críona Ní Dhálaigh (Chair)
Housing SPC	Christy Burke
Housing SPC	Cieran Perry
Housing SPC	Pat Dunne
Housing SPC	Sonya Stapleton
Housing SPC	Ray McAdam
Housing SPC	Anthony Connaghan
Housing SPC	Chris Andrews
Housing SPC	David Costello
Housing SPC	Patrick Costello
Housing SPC	Alison Gilliland
Housing SPC	Noel Rock
Housing SPC	Daithí Doolan
Environment SPC	
	Naoise Ó Muirí (Chair)
Environment SPC	Andrew Keegan
Environment SPC	Catherine Ardagh
Environment SPC	Ciaran O'Moore
Environment SPC	Denise Mitchell
Environment SPC	Declan Flanagan
Environment SPC	Claire Byrne
Environment SPC	Michael O'Brien