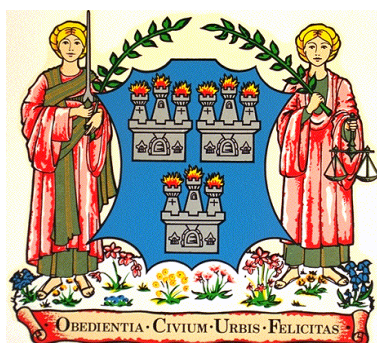


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 1 Meán Fómhair 2014 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 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
Aine Clancy
Anthony Connaghan
David Costello
Ciáran Cuffe
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Pat Dunne
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn

Comhairleoir:

Mary Freehill
Gary Gannon
Paul Hand
Seán Haughey
Deirdre Heney
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
Críona 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
Paddy Smyth
Sonya Stapleton

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Dick Brady
Kathy Quinn
Mary Pyne

Terence O'Keeffe
Vincent Norton
Oonagh Casey
Michael Gallagher

Jim Keogan
Sarah Scannell
Mary Davis
Joanna Travers

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by expressing sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the City Council to the widow and family of former Taoiseach Albert Reynolds who died on 21st August and to Assistant Chief Executive Michael Phillips on the death of his mother, Bridget Phillips, who died 11th August 2014. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The Lord Mayor then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Councillor M Flynn and agreed by the City Council "That Dublin City Council hereby resolves that the Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin be conferred on

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Brother Kevin Crowley and Mr. John Giles and that their names be inscribed on the roll of Honorary Freedom of Dublin, pursuant to the provisions of Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001, in recognition of their enormous contribution to the City of Dublin in relation to Social Justice and Sport respectively.” Some discussion took place around the gender issue of recipients over the last years. It was agreed that this be included on the upcoming Standing Orders’ Review.

The Lord Mayor then informed the City Council that Special meetings would be held in September as follows :

- **Briefing on Waste to Energy project**

A Special Meeting of Dublin City Council will be held on Monday 8th September at 6pm.

- **Budget 2015 and Local Property Tax** - A Special Meeting of Dublin City Council to be held on Monday 22nd September at 6pm. If business is not finished on this night, the meeting will be adjourned to 29th September.

The Lord Mayor then asked the Council to grant permission to the Union of Students in Ireland to have a banner on Liberty Hall for the week of the 19th to 26th of September. This was agreed by the City Council.

The Lord Mayor expressed gratitude to the Dublin Senior Football Team and Management and thanked them for a wonderful season. He congratulated the Donegal Team, the Ladies Senior Football Team and the Ladies Rugby Team.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 177 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter from the Irish Farmers’ Association in relation to Local Property Tax Rate. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried
4. Submitted Letter dated 5th August 2014 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion from their July Meeting calling on the government to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland until all hostilities are ended, unilateral peace talks are entered into, and the human rights of the Palestinian people are respected, whilst also criticising the Irish Government’s stance in abstaining from the UN vote. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 12th August 2014 from South Dublin County Council conveying the terms of a motion calling on the Minister of Foreign Affairs to ensure that Ibrahim Halawa be allowed basic civil and human rights including that he be given access to his lawyer and be given the right to a proper court hearing or that he be released forthwith into the care of his family. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

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6. Submitted Letters dated 19th August 2014 from Kerry County Council quoting 3 motions from a recent meeting:
- calling on the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to ensure the recent decision on Planning Ref 13/493 does not become a precedent that prevents the development of future playgrounds near residential properties.
 - their Council rejects the elements of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2014 which would potentially remove up to 70% of those most in need from their housing list;
 - calling on all elected Members of Kerry County Council to bring an end to all political parties holding church gate collections in Kerry as currently there are massive sums of money paid directly by the state towards the running of all political parties each year.

It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of these letters". The motion was put and carried.

7. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 7th July 2014 and the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 14th July 2014, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
8. Submitted Report No. 243/2014 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 243/2014". The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No. 259/2014: Demolition of St. Mary's Terrace, Dorset Street, a 2 storey block comprising 12 one-room units at ground floor level and 12 on the first floor (total 24 units). It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 259/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No 260/2014: The proposed amalgamation of 68 no. bedsits and refurbishment of 1 no. 1-bed apartment, into 35 no. 1-bed apartments at the Senior Citizens Complex, St. Bricin's Park. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor C Perry "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 260 /2014 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report of the Dublin City Manager in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to

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commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8 : Report No 264/2014: The Boiler House, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor P McAuliffe "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 264/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein ". The motion was put and carried.

12. To fill a vacancy on the Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. – No nominations were forthcoming.
13. To fill 3 vacancies on the Contracts Committee - It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Lord Mayor Christy Burke "That Councillor Mannix Flynn be appointed as a member to the Contracts Committee" and it was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor J O'Callaghan "That Councillor Tom Brabazon be appointed as a member to the Contracts Committee" Both motions were put and carried. One vacancy remains on this committee.
14. To fill vacancies on the following Strategic Policy Committees:
 - Finance and Emergency Services SPC - Councillor Paddy McCartan was proposed by Councillor K Binchy and seconded by Councillor R Mc Adam
 - Housing SPC – Councillor Tina MacVeigh was proposed by Councillor J Lyons and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh
 - Environment SPC – Councillor Mannix Flynn proposed himself and this was seconded by Councillor S McGrattan.All these nominations were approved by the City Council.
15. Finalising nominations to the Association of Irish Local Government – It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor N O'Muire "That Dublin City Council writes to the AILG and to confirm the appointments made so far by the City Council and to ask that the requirement that each LEA be represented by one Councillor be revised". The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh be appointed to represent Crumlin-Kimmage on the AILG. It was noted that Councillor S McGrattan was stepping down to avoid duplication of appointment from the Cabra-Finglas LEA.
16. To confirm vacancies filled to various groups by Area Committees – It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor K Binchy "That Dublin City Council hereby the nominations approved by the Area Committees and listed on the Agenda" The motion was put and carried. It was then proposed by Councillor K Binchy and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Councillors Andrews, Smyth and Byrne be appointed to the South Inner City Drugs Task Force" The motion was put and carried. The remaining vacancies to be referred back to the relevant Area Committee.
17. Submitted Report No 238/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) - Grants towards the running costs of private swimming pools for year 2014. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 238/2014 and hereby approved grants towards the running costs of private swimming pools for year 2014 as outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No 261/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Report on Temple Bar Cultural Trust. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Report No 261/2014 and the 2

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accompanying Internal Audit Reports, No R03/13 and R01/14, be referred to the Finance SPC for consideration” The motion was put and carried.

19. Submitted Report No. 233/2014 of the Executive Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over laneway to the rear of 71-91 Ferrycarrig Road and 64-78 Ferrycarrig Park, Dublin 17. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 71-91 Ferrycarrig Road and 64-78 Ferrycarrig Park, Dublin 17, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 26287, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No. 234/2014 of the Area Manager (*A. Flynn*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over a section of roadway & footpath at Darley’s Terrace (off Donore Avenue), Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over a section of roadway & footpath at Darley’s Terrace (off Donore Avenue), Dublin 8, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 26284, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 235/2014 of the Executive Manager (*R. Kenny*) – With reference to a proposal to extinguish the public right of way at Claremont Park, Dublin 4. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way at Claremont Park, Dublin 4, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M.26247, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 244/2014 of the Executive Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over underpass at Oscar Traynor Road, Northside Shopping Centre. It was moved by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over underpass at Oscar Traynor Road, Northside Shopping Centre, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 26252, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No. 262/2014 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) No. 2 Act 1978 in 34 premises. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 262/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

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24. Submitted Report No 210/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a 5-year lease of Annamore House, Canon Troy Court, Chapelizod, Dublin 20. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 210/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No 245/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 18 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 245/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No 246/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 93 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 246/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No 247/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – Proposed disposal of portion to the front of 105, Crumlin Road, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 247/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No 248/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With further reference to the grant of a lease (with necessary right of way and an easement) of a site for a substation in the Ballyfermot Leisure and Youth Centre, Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 to the Electricity Supply Board. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 248/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No 249/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Alfie Byrne Road and wayleave at Fairview Park for the East Wall to Coolock Gas Pipeline Project to Bord Gais Eireann. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 249/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No 250/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council’s fee simple interest in the properties known as No. 7 George’s Quay and Nos. 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13 and 15 Tara Street, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 250/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No 251/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in part of a laneway at

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the rear of Nos. 1-8 Johnstown Park, Dublin 12 to the residents of Nos. 2-8 Johnstown Park, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 251/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

32. Submitted Report No 252/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in the Fee Simple in the City Estate Property No. 8 Wexford Street, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 252/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No 253/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – The proposed disposal of a plot of ground adjacent to 1, Pimlico Cottages, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 253/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No 254/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed land exchange at South Circular Road, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 254/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No 255/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With further reference to the proposed lease of site at St. Helena's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 to St. Helena's Childcare Centre Limited. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 255/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried. Councillor D Costello indicated an interest in this item and withdrew from the Chamber while it was under consideration.
36. Submitted Report No 256/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of land for a community garden at the rear of Summer Street North/Seán O'Casey Avenue, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 256/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No 257/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With further reference to the disposal of the former access road at Howth Junction Cottages, Dublin 5 to the owners of No.'s 1-23 Howth Junction Cottages and the proposed disposal of a site to the rear of No. 4 Howth Junction Cottages, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Doolan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 257/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 258/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) – With further reference to the proposed disposal of site at 24/25 Moore Street/ Moore Lane/ O'Rahilly Parade, Dublin 1, to Chartered Land Ltd. The City Council agreed

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to refer this item to the Moore Street Advisory Committee for consideration. All Members to be invited to attend when this report is under consideration.

39. Submitted Report No. 177/2014 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of July 2014 – *Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor A Connaghan and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No. 237/2014 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of July 2014 – *Councillor Ciarán O’Moore, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor C O’Moore and seconded by Councillor J Boylan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 237/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
41. Submitted Report No. 263/2014 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of July 2014 – *Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor N Ring “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 263/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No. 236/2014 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of July 2014 – *Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “ That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 236/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No. 232/2014 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of July 2014 – *Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 232/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No. 242/2014 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate of meeting held on 3rd July 2014 – *Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor R Mc Adam “That Dublin City Council approves Report No 242/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
45. Submitted Report No. 241/2014 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee (*Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 30th June, 2014. It was proposed by Councillor R Mc Adam and seconded by Councillor “ That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 241/2014”. The motion was put and carried.
46. Emergency Motion – The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motions without debate. The Lord Mayor agreed that each political grouping could make a statement on the ‘Greyhound Issue’ if they so wished. The following Councillors spoke to the motions on the subject of the Greyhound dispute – Councillors P Dunne, C Perry, T MacVeigh, M O’Brien, D Doolan, C Cuffe, R Moynihan, B Carr, N O’Muirí, P McAuliffe, M Flynn and L O’Toole.

(a) *The Council requests that in light of the on-going industrial dispute at Greyhound Recovery and Recycling and the multiple infringements by the*

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company to bylaws, the Waste Collection Permit, Health and Safety and Environmental Protection legislation, which the company has committed since it locked out its workforce on 17th June and the recent statement by Justice Garrett Sheehan in the High Court that the dispute was a “public health issue”. That the Chief Executive Officer of Dublin City Council presents to the council as a matter of urgency, a contingency plan for a domestic waste collection services in the Dublin City Area if the company is deemed unfit to have its five-year Waste Collection Permit renewed (the company’s current permit expires on 8th October, 2014), or that the owners of Greyhound Recovery and Recycling, Brian and Michael Buckley, are found to be persons who do not meet the criteria as ‘fit and proper’ to operate such a permit. The Council also notes that despite claims that ‘market forces’ would lead to proper waste collection in such an eventuality the Council has reason to believe there is no operator currently capable of filling the gap that would emerge in services from Greyhound Recycling and Recovery’s removal from domestic waste collections. As the statutory authority for the oversight of public health and environmental protection in the Dublin City Area, the Council believes that the citizens of Dublin require that this contingency plan be presented in full to the Council no later than its next full meeting on Monday, 6th October.

Councillors Brendan Carr, Dermot Lacey, Rebecca Moynihan, Daithí Doolan, Nial Ring, Alison Gilliland, Cieran Perry, Gary Gannon, Teresa Keegan, Michael O’Brien, Paul Hand, Mannix Flynn, Éilis Ryan, Vincent Jackson and Damian O’Farrell

(b) That Dublin City Council notes with deep concern the ongoing dispute whereby the management of Greyhound Recycling & Recovery have locked out 79 workers since June 17th. Dublin City Council calls on: Greyhound management to immediately reinstate the workers and to utilise the state’s industrial relations apparatus to negotiate with the workers and their union any changes to the workers terms and conditions, The Chief Executive to provide Dublin City Council with a full report on the review of work practises among the licensed service providers and update on negotiations with Trade Unions.

Councillor Daithí Doolan, on behalf of the Sinn Féin Group

(c) Dublin City Council reaffirms its support for the locked out SIPTU workers in Greyhound Recycling, and notes with concern that this dispute which commenced on the 17th June is still ongoing with health and safety issues also a concern. Furthermore this council deplores the public statement made by the CEO of Greyhound Recycling on the RTE Radio Drivetime show broadcast on the 26th August during which he referred to the SIPTU workers and their supporters as criminals engaged in criminal activity. That given the manner in which Greyhound Recycling has locked out its workers and replaced them with so called agency workers, and has been reported to have breached EPA and RSA standards, this Council calls upon our Chief Executive to suspend all contracts with this company including our Housing Section communal waste collection service, until this industrial relations dispute is resolved and the locked out workers are reinstated.

Councillors Pat Dunne and Tina MacVeigh

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(d) To ask the CEO to state whether Greyhound current operation in relation to pay and conditions complies with the contract agreed by DCC Management with Greyhound. Furthermore was there a clause in the agreement regarding minimum terms and conditions of employment.

Councillors Mary Freehill, Dermot Lacey, Alison Gilliland and Brendan Carr

(e) Dublin City Council call on the Directors of Greyhound Waste to immediately reinstate those workers locked-out of their employment, to their current terms and conditions and to begin talks with workers and their Trade Union regarding any changes. We also call on the City Council to ensure there is no breach in Bye-laws by Greyhound during the period.

Councillor Paul McAuliffe and the Fianna Fail Group

(f) Welcoming the ceasefire, but notwithstanding the fact that the death toll following Israel's latest onslaught on Gaza stands at over 2,100, with more than 500 of those children and on account of recent revelations that export licences for €6.4m worth of military goods for Israel have been approved by the Government in the past three years, this Council joins the international call from Palestinian civil society and human rights organisations like Amnesty International for an arms embargo of Israel.

Councillor Tina MacVeigh

An emergency motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Keegan was ruled out of order by the Lord Mayor and two motions submitted by Councillor Mannix Flynn were withdrawn.

47. It was proposed by Councillor J O'Callaghan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "This City Council recognises and supports the cultural and literary significance of Sweny's historic pharmacy, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2 and calls upon the Chief Executive to engage with the operators of Sweny's to ensure that it is not closed because of a large rates bill" The Chief Executive's report on this motion was accepted by the City Council.

48. It was proposed by Councillor A Keegan and seconded by Lord Mayor Christy Burke "This Council is in agreement that a serious housing crisis has unfolded and demands that Government immediately invest funds to enable Dublin City Council both to commence an emergency social house building programme and to recruit more maintenance staff to repair existing unused social housing units and bring them into immediate use" The motion was put and carried.

49. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Lord Mayor Christy Burke "That this Council agrees that the rent assistance as represented by Rent Supplement or Housing Assistance Payment or any other form of subsidised private accommodation does not constitute adequate social housing and does not end the housing need of any applicant in receipt of such assistance and that those in receipt of such payment should not be removed from Dublin City Council Housing list" The motion was put and carried.

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50. It was proposed by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Lord Mayor Christy Burke "That Dublin City Council seeks an urgent meeting with the Minister for Environment, Alan Kelly TD, to discuss the city's housing crisis and to seek funding for a local authority house-building programme that meets the needs of those on our local authority housing list" The motion was put and carried.
51. It was proposed by Councillor J Lyons and seconded by Councillor T MacVeigh "This Council believes that water is a human right, a public good, one of life's essentials and that the introduction this Autumn of an austerity charge for water will be disastrous not only to people's financial well-being but to their health also. This Council believes that the most efficient and fair way to pay for water is through general taxation, as it is at present; consequently, this council stands firmly against the introduction of water charges and will bring as much pressure as possible to bear on both Irish Water and the present Government to ensure that their plan to double charge the people for water from 1st October is defeated" Councillor Lyons requested and was granted the permission of Council to add an addendum to his motion as follows " In pursuance of these demands, this City Council pledges to support a major protest against water charges called by a coalition of trade unions and political parties to be held on 11 October 2014 to Dail Eireann" The amended motion was put and carried.
52. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor D Costello on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 38 on the Agenda Paper "That That the CE carries out a full investigation and report into the recent chemical spills in the Tolka river. Such an investigation should emphasise the following:
- a) Details of incident.
 - b) Type of chemicals
 - c) source of pollution.
 - d) previous similar incidents and actions taken.
 - e) Containment of spillage
 - f) cooperation between IFI, DCC, EVA
 - g) short term effect on fish stock i.e fish, invertebrates, angling, spawning fish, their eggs etc.
 - h) Long term effect of the spillage on fish stocks, salmon, sea trout, brown trout and other species?
 - i) monetary compensation angling clubs"
53. The City Council agreed to refer the following motion, No 50, in the name of Councillor P Mc Auliffe to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on the 22nd September 2014 "We, the elected members of Dublin City Council, formally resolve to vary the basic rate of Local Property Tax in respect of residential properties situated in Dublin City Council's administrative area. We propose a local adjustment factor (LAF) of -15% for the year 2015. We call on the City Chief Executive and the Minister for Environment to put in place all necessary arrangements which will allow this Council to notify Revenue Commissioners of our intentions prior to the September 2014 Deadline"
54. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor V Jackson on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 51 on the Agenda Paper "That That Dublin City Council requests from Dublin Bus the positioning of good quality bus shelters outside St. James Hospital of the both sides of James Street with seating to facilitate the hundreds of patients/visitors who visit /use St. James

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Hospital on a daily basis. I have spoken to people suffering from various illnesses that have to stand in all weathers for 10 to 20 minutes waiting to get home”

55. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor G Kelly on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 59 on the Agenda Paper “This Council asks for Dublin City Council to Twin the City of Dublin with the City of Gaza and that the Palestinian Flag should be flown over City Hall”

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 6th October 2014.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2014

Q.1 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if the gates that used to be at the base of Nelsons Pillar are still held in storage by Dublin City Council, if there are any proposals in relation to them and if he will add any other comment or information that he may feel relevant to this matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The gates which surrounded the base of Nelsons Pillar have been placed on a plinth are currently on display upon request at Ringsend Pumping Depot along with the Lord Mayor's carriage. There are currently no proposals in relation to them but the matter will be referred to the Commemorations Committee for their consideration.

The wrought and cast-iron gates salvaged following the destruction of The Nelson Pillar in 1966 are now on display in the Dublin City Council Lift Pumping Station, Ringsend.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of average weekly numbers entering and exiting the Homeless services for each of the months of April , May, June, July, & August 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The data requested is currently being finalised for submission to the DECLG as per under the Protocol on Section 10 funding between DECLG and DCC and lead authority on homelessness for the region to issue quarterly reports on the extent of homeless in Dublin and trends in service use.

The Qtr 2, 2104 data will be available by end of September 2014.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To request the Chief Executive to give an update on a request from **(details supplied)** for replacement windows and doors.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the structure of **(details supplied)** as this house was bought from Dublin City Council the cracks in the structure were evident at the time of purchase and were to be addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update from TAG on a request dated 22/4/2014 for a yellow box outside **(details supplied)**. This lady has a disabled child who needs constant attention and is wheel chair bound for life, she has ongoing parking problems outside her home and this is very frustrating for mother and child.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive that the hole in the footpath remaining after Dublin City Council removed a tree from outside **(details supplied)** be filled in and levelled with the footpath as it is a danger to pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query from residents of **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the cost of, and time period for which, licences granted for outside pavement seating apply? I am told that licences paid in May 2014 are being presented with a full year bill again in August which does not seem correct.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Cost of a Licence is €200.00 per m² for the first 4m² and the cost for each additional m² depends on the location of the premises. There is an additional cost of €125.00 per table and a renewal fee of €50.00. These are annual licences, and a licence due in May 2014 will not be due again until 2015. If a licence fee was paid in May 2014 and another renewal Notice was issued in August 2014, it is possible that the premises were nine months late paying their 2013 – 2014 Licence fee.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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.12 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with any policy document used to decide on acquisitions and disposals of the city estate, and could he make available a publicly accessible register and map of all lands owned by the Council?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council in carrying out its functions in relation to the Disposal and Acquisition of lands has due regard to achieving the policies and objectives of the City Development Plan.

The policy document used to decide on acquisitions and disposals of the city estate is contained in the Revenue Budget (extract attached):

D04 Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities

This section is involved in the marketing and disposal of mixed-use sites for development. It also involves the management of the City Council's own property portfolio.

Progress in 2013

- The digitisation of Dublin City Councils Property Register is now complete. The refinements have been made to the SQL database and the system is now operating at its optimum level.

Objectives for 2014

- The section will continue to seek out any opportunities that may arise, to strategically optimise the City Council's property portfolio.

The following legislation also governs Acquisitions and Disposals of the City Estate:

The Planning and Development Act 2000 Part XIV - Acquisition of land

Housing Act 1966 - Acquisition of land

S.183 L.G. Act 2001 – (Proposed Disposal of land which is held by a local authority)

Disposals are also governed by the various Landlord and Tenant Acts whereby in certain cases a lessee may have an entitlement to purchase the fee simple in a property under these Acts.

Under the Public Bodies Order 1946 every local authority is obliged to keep a register of lands and this register is available in the Development Department of the City Council.

The Finance Department also maintain an Asset Register of all the properties owned by the City Council.

Should you have any queries regarding specific properties we will be more than happy to provide detailed information of the City Council's interest in these properties.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he would carry out a condition survey of all council owned housing in the city with a view to putting in place a revised Cyclical Maintenance Scheme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance operate a cyclical maintenance scheme for the servicing of gas central heating boilers which is on a twelve to eighteen months, and painting of flat complexes on a five to seven year programme, subject to available resources. We carried out a desktop survey of our flat complexes in the past two years which together with local depot intelligence supported an application the Department of the Environment and Local Government for European funding. In addition the City Council takes advantage of Central funding schemes to upgrade and enhance the refurbishment and energy efficiency of our units. This together with the comprehensive knowledge that the Area Maintenance Officers in each of the 8

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depots have of the 3000 units or so for which they have responsibility allows us to prioritise both ongoing maintenance and repairs in an efficient and effective manner.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the City Executive to state when a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan might be put in place for the Constitution Hill Flat Complex in Dublin 7 and to ask what measures he intends to take to address the following concerns:

1. persistent leaks and the need for a new roof for the entire complex
2. the lack of any green space or play space available to residents and their children
3. problems of rodent infestation
4. holes under kitchen sinks that connect between flats
5. common areas require resurfacing
6. manhole/drain covers need to be reinstated or replaced, and
7. an absence of community facilities

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Engineer and Area Maintenance Officer report the following:

1. A contractor has been engaged to lay a new roof membrane and this work is nearing completion at present
2. & 7. This complex is included as part of a funding proposal made to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government. If successful, discussions will take place with the local community about enhancing the grounds of this complex and other issues.
3. Our Cleaning Crew have laid bait in all vacant flats, shores, old bin chutes and courtyards of this complex.
4. Holes under the sink have been reported in flats 71 and 96 and works to repair these are planned for next week. Tenants should report any further holes and the complaint will be logged on the Anite system for repair by the depot.
5. Some resurfacing works were carried out last year. There is further work to be done, however this is subject to funding being made available.
6. The depot have recently replaced 2 AJ covers and 2 gully covers but this is an ongoing process as the covers are continually removed. Tenants should report any missing covers and the complaint will be logged on the Anite system for replacement by the depot.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the windows application of **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following road signs at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 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.19 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location **(details supplied)** and say if, in light of difficulties being experienced by residents on both sides of this site over a number of years now and also the fact that the area has been let run down over recent years, he will give every consideration to

- a) Marking out parking bays to eliminate appalling parking practices at location **(details supplied)**
- b) Resurfacing **(details supplied)**
- c) Contacting **(details supplied)** directly in view of the years of difficulties he is experiencing in relation to details attached

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to pedestrian traffic lights at location **(details supplied)** and say if he will consider request from local resident to relocate these traffic lights to **(details supplied)** as currently pedestrians still have to navigate the road between the bank and the shops which constituents say is a hazardous journey in itself.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to the road surface of location **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to either repair or resurface same as local residents say the road surface is in very bad condition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to trees at locations as per **(details supplied)** which are in need of serious pruning, so much so that (A) pedestrians have to walk out onto the road to avoid the overgrowth and low hanging branches and (B) the directional road signs are totally covered, posing a danger to motorists and pedestrians alike and say if he will agree to prune same as soon as possible

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.23 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how many Traffic Wardens (Brown Suited Wardens) operate in the Dublin City area, who they are functionally responsible too, what powers they have and what are the long term plans in relation to such wardens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Traffic Wardens in the Dublin City Council administrative area operate under the auspices of An Garda Siochana. The question has been forwarded to An Garda Siochana Press Office and a reply is awaited. Details will be forwarded to the Councillor when a reply is received. While confirmation is awaited it is understood that there are only a handful of Traffic Wardens operating mainly in suburban villages and that they can issue parking fines and fines for non-display of tax. It is understood that as they retire they are not being replaced.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following issue on graffiti raised by Ballsbridge residents (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if it would be possible to have a similar traffic system of overhead traffic lights as exists at Donnybrook Fair applied to the crossing point at Spar on the Donnybrook Road in the interests of safety and slowing down traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site assessment will be carried out by a Traffic Officer in relation to the installation of cantilever traffic signals and an update issued once the assessment is completed.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have an Eircom pole, situated adjacent to 75 Gordon Street, Ringsend, cemented. The surrounds of the pole are currently tarmaced and have become a target from passing dogs fouling. All other poles in the vicinity have been cemented.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Eircom PLC have been notified to investigate and repair the footway as necessary at 75 Gordon Street.

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**);

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive who authorised the act of vandalism that was the demolition of the former a Public Toilets on Anglesea Road, why such action was taken without reference to Councillors and in particular why such action was taken in defiance of repeated expressions by Councillors of the need for a refurbishment plan for same and finally if the Chief Executive could outline why such a destructive act of vandalism was carried out in Mid August when many Councillors where on annual leave?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The toilet block on Anglesea Road was demolished as part of the Dodder Flood Alleviation Works Phase 2c, 2d and 2e which were approved by Dublin City Council through Part 8 procedure on 1st July 2013, (Report No. 252/2013). It is impossible to build the new flood wall without the demolition of the existing toilet block as there is insufficient room in front of it or behind it. Attached are photomontages included in Part 8 Documents and various references to the toilet block.

The toilet block was in poor repair with large cracks in it. The proposed new flood retaining wall is designed to carry a two storey building with possible light roof loading. The area surrounded by the proposed flood retaining wall is 150% of the floor area of the demolished toilet block.

The demolition works were carried out as part of the contractor's programme which is dependent on resource availability for various aspects of the project and has no bearing on holiday periods.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

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.34 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to give me a report on this issue **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.35 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive what consideration Dublin City Council has given to re-opening the bridge under the North Circular Road at Phibsborough Road? In responding, the Chief Executive should provide an indicative costing towards the re-opening of such a bridge and indicate whether this proposal could be considered in the context of the Royal Canal Premium Cycle Route?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bridge in question (once known as Blacquiere Bridge under which the Broadstone Branch of the Royal Canal ran under) has been filled in for some time.

This section of the former canal is indicated as a cycle track in the NTA's Greater Dublin Cycle Network Plan, and as such is also indicated in the Local Area Plan Issues Paper, which was recently on public consultation. The cycle track has not been designed or costed at this early stage. Many submissions were received in relation to the Issues, including a number about the cycle track – some supportive, other fearing that it would detract from the linear park.

All the submissions are currently being analysed and other Chief Executives Report and recommendation in relation to the Draft Amended Phibsborough Mountjoy LAP, will be brought to the October City Council meeting, following an update meeting with the Area Councillors.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive whether the City Council or the Regional Homeless Executive have made arrangements for a feasibility study of St. Bricin's Military Hospital as use as a homeless facility? If such a study has already been undertaken, can he indicate whether the complex is suitable for such use?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An assessment of a number of state owned premises and facilities, put forward for consideration for use as homeless accommodation, is currently being undertaken. A report to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government will issue in early September.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately investigate the traffic light sequence at **(details supplied)**. I have raised my concerns about these lights previously but no improvements were made. This junction is very dangerous and I am concerned that someone will be killed here. There is a local primary school beside the junction and parents have raised their concerns with me. The problem is that those coming up from **(details supplied)** and turning right on to **(details supplied)** are breaking the lights and continue to turn on the red light. A full safety audit needs to take place at this junction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a full audit of Council land in Dublin City, detailing what land is available for housing and the possible number of units that could be built on this land?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is currently involved in a number of surveys and audits to identify vacant and underutilised lands which could be brought forward for residential and commercial development in the City.

The first report of the Housing Supply Co-ordination Task Force for Dublin, produced by the 4 Dublin LA's as an action of the government Construction 2020 Initiative, indicated that was sufficient zoned and serviced land in the DCC to provide for 9,513 residential units in the short to medium term. This report does not specifically identify land in Council ownership.

However, the 2012 Housing Land Availability returns to the DECLG indicates that there are some 99 Ha of local authority owned land, zoned for residential and mixed use purposes in the DCC area, with different levels of constraints applicable to them. Allowing for density variations and open space needs, these lands have the potential to provide some 6,000 residential units, of different tenures and incorporating an element of mixed use. It is to be emphasised that this Return includes all City Council owned land in the city, for both its short and long term needs.

A proposal seeking expressions of interest from parties for the development of a number of City Council sites, for high quality mixed tenure private and managed social housing units of various types will be brought before the next Housing SPC. A number of sites were selected for this initiative, with a total area of some 34Ha. These sites, again subject to site specific circumstances, have the potential to provide for circa 1,700 residential units (out of the 6,000 identified city-wide above). The City Council has also recently carried out a Vacant Lands audit of the Inner City. These sites amount to 65Ha, and it is estimated about 25% of this land is in the ownership of DCC. However not all of the land is zoned for residential – some is zoned for City Centre commercial and other mixed uses (Z5 and Z14). Allowing for these considerations, City Council land within the canals has the potential to provide for up to 1,000 residential units of mixed tenure, (out of the 6,000 approx identified only under above).

Q.39 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to give an indication in the reduction of the number of bed sit units following on recent changes in housing standards and to indicate any observations on the Regulations that can be made after 12 months of such changes in the particular context of rental and supply pressures for lower end of private rental accommodation market in Dublin City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Action on Private Rented Accommodation Standards Programme was launched in 2006 to promote improvement in the quality and standard of private rented accommodation through regulation and enforcement. New Regulations entitled the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 were enacted. These Regulations came into force in their entirety for all new lettings on the 1st February 2009. For existing rental properties Articles 6 (Sanitary Facilities), 7 (Heating Facilities), & 8 (Food Preparation & Storage & Laundry) of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 came into effect on the 1st February 2013. This means that all rented accommodation must have its own separate sanitary facilities within the habitable area of the rented property. In addition updated requirements in relation to heating and facilities for cooking, food storage and laundry will apply to all rented accommodation. There is no definition of "bedsit" in the legislation.

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The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, as amended, now apply to all private rented properties. This legislation is enforced by Dublin City Council through its Environmental Health Section, Housing & Residential Services.

The aim of Dublin City Councils inspection programme of private rented houses is to improve housing standards in the private rented sector thus improving the quality of life for all tenants in this housing sector. Environmental Health Officers believe that this legislation has made a significant positive impact on the quality of private rented accommodation in the City and is allowing tenants to live in safer, healthier homes. The Environmental Health Section has no data in relation to any reduction in the number of private rented accommodation following the introduction of articles 6, 7 & 8 of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 to all rented properties in February 2013.

Q.40 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can request that the licence granting to Greyhound Waste Service be put on hold until all sides attend unconditional talks?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Greyhound Recycling operate their waste collection service under a Waste Collection Permit. 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.41 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has being made to date regards **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that every possible step be made to get progress on the development of **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the fence between **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The damage has since been repaired.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive what proposals do the city council have to address the traffic congestion at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive when does the City Council propose to complete **(details supplied)**;

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive to supply a name plate for **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many litter wardens are in place in the North Inner City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are three Litter Wardens assigned to the Central Area Office.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing rent accounts have made no payment in past 12 months, how this compares to same time last year and to outline at what stage the debt recovery and housing unit recovery is at.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has an extensive and proactive early intervention system in place that monitors accounts and issues letters to alert tenants whose accounts are in arrears. The process is as following:

- i. A **first** warning letter is issued to tenants if no payments are received for 3 weeks.
- ii. If there is no response from the tenant, a **second** warning letter is issued 2 weeks later.
- iii. If there is still no response from the tenant, a **third** warning letter is issued after another 2 weeks followed by a personal visit or telephone call to tenant.
- iv. Failure to respond to the warning letters results in a Notice to Quit being served on the tenant.
- v. Instruction given to Law Agent to arrange court date and notify tenant in question
- vi. Any agreements subsequently made between the Executive Housing Officer & Tenant are noted once court date has been arranged
- vii. Eviction will usually take place in the event of an agreement not being made

The above arrears recovery strategy is deliberately initiated at an early stage in order to protect the income of the authority and to ensure that the debt is kept at a level that tenants can realistically afford to repay.

Leaving aside accounts in credit, as of the 25th August, 2014, there are only 37 accounts where there has not been a payment for more than 12 months. This represents 0.0015% of total let stock. For the same period last year there were 34 accounts representing 0.0014% of total let stock. The Rent Section is aware of all 37 accounts and has taken action in all cases. The majority of these accounts highlight other social issues that the housing and residential services are trying to resolve with the tenant. For example, some of the tenants are being taken to the high court for estate management reasons. The Allocations Section is pursuing a significant proportion of the 37 for succession/illegal occupier reasons. Another proportion of the 37 are tenants who have been hospitalised, died or abandoned their properties. There are a number of properties at an advanced stage with the Eviction Office.

Q.54 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.55 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.56 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.57 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRI

Can the Chief Executive please organise for the following issues to be actioned in relation to the Beresford Estate:

- a) 3 lighting columns have been installed on the southern side of Griffith Avenue to the east of the entrance to the estate - (i) can the lower foliage on the trees at this location be pruned back in order to maximise the impact of the lighting and (ii) can some equivalent lighting columns be installed on the western side of the Beresford entrance
- b) There is a pathway worn across the green area just outside the pillar on the western side of the entrance - can this be tarmaced/turned into an actual path
- c) The lower foliage on the trees just inside the main entrance (on both sides) needs to be pruned
- d) The southern section of Griffith Avenue between Beresford entrance and Grace Park Road needs to be put on a regular litter pick/cleaning schedule
- e) Can the trees/shrubbery on the right hand side of Beresford Green be pruned back - can it also be clarified if the trees there are the subject of a preservation order
- f) The trees on All-Hallows land facing Beresford Lawns need to be pruned back again - can DCC liaise with the relevant land-holders on this

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a. The provision of additional lighting to the western side of the entrance to Beresford Estate will be considered for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to the necessary finances being made available.
- b. Parks and Landscape Services will include the location at (a) above for consideration in the preparation of the tree maintenance programme for 2014/2015 dormant season. Tree pruning in the North Central Area is carried out on a priority basis. Parks & Landscape Services have no plans at the present time to construct a pathway across the open space at this location. There is a paved pathway close by to the area of worn grass.
- c. This location will also be included for consideration in the preparation of the tree maintenance programme for 2014/2015 dormant season, subject to confirmation of availability of required resources.
- d. Waste Management Services had this section of **(details supplied)** cleaned on the 26th August 2014 and we will ensure that it is on a regular cleaning schedule.
- e. Minor pruning is considered to be required at this location which will be addressed during the dormant season.
- f. Road Maintenance Services will issue a Hedge Cutting Notice to **(details supplied)** College regarding the tree opposite 44 **(details supplied)** Avenue in the coming 2-4 weeks.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRI

As per my previous correspondence to Dublin City Council officials can the Chief Executive please organise an onsite briefing for interested local residents in relation to up-and-coming road/footpath renewal works at The Demesne, Killester; local residents are very supportive of the works in principle but no substantive details have been provided in relation to what is planned, timelines etc.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has begun repairs of the temporary asphalt Reinstatements on the footpaths on Demesne, Killester following the Water rehabilitation scheme. It is estimated that this work will take 4-6 weeks.

Full carriageway resurfacing is scheduled to take place from on Wednesday 3rd September- Friday 5th September and Monday 8th September – Wednesday 10th September. Roadstone Wood Ltd will carry out these works on behalf of Road Maintenance Services.

Footpath reinstatement works will be suspended for the duration of the carriageway resurfacing works.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRI

Can the Chief Executive please organise for "cul-de-sac"/"children at play" signs to be erected at the entrance to Copeland Grove to ensure the protection of young children playing on the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 24th June, 2014, did not recommend a 'Children Crossing' on Copeland Grove as Copeland Grove is a cul-de-sac.

The guidelines for the provision of 'Children Crossing' signs are as follows:

- 'Children Crossing' signs are only to be 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. Signs may be provided at the entrance to a housing estate from a main traffic route. Signs should only be erected on roads that are primarily residential in character with continuous frontage. Repeater signs are not recommended on all roads within an estate.
- 'Children Crossing' signs should not be recommended for main roads, traffic calmed roads or cul de sacs.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRI

I visited the new playground in Fairview Park recently and there was an obvious build-up of general litter and cans/bottles/broken glass; can the Chief Executive confirm:

- a) Which section with Dublin City Council is responsible for cleanliness of the playground
- b) The frequency of cleaning and approach/tools used
- c) Who in Dublin City Council the public should contact to report a litter build-up in order for it to be dealt with swiftly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Parks & Landscape Services, is the service responsible for management and maintenance of the children's playground at Fairview Park.
- b) Litter is removed on a daily basis from the playground at Fairview Park. This playground is visited on a number of occasions during the day by the park ranger for Fairview Park, whose duties include litter removal operations and using appropriate hand tools in accordance with the site specific risk assessment and ancillary safety statement of Parks & Landscape Services. There is also an active voluntary group that are active in this park on Saturday mornings who also carry out cleaning and litter pick up operations.
- c) Contact can be made with the parks supervisory staff at 2226786 and 2226784.

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Q.62 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline

- a) what recourse, if any, a resident has if dissatisfied with the waste collection services provided by those operators permitted to collect waste (if, for example, waste is not collected on the stipulated collection date),
- b) what penalties, if any, Dublin City Council can levy on private waste operators for failures to honour their waste collection obligations,
- c) what recourse, if any, is open to Dublin City Council if dissatisfied with the service provided by a particular operator and
- d) what governance and/or authority does Dublin City Council retain in respect of residential waste collection in the aftermath of having outsourced day to day collection to private operators?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Waste Operators can only collect waste on a designated day in a particular area under the Waste Bye-Laws. If an operator fails to collect on that day and subsequently collects on a non designated day they can be fined by the Council under the Bye-Laws. If a resident is dissatisfied with the service being provided by their waste operator they have the right to cancel their contract and move to another operator of their choice.
- b) The City Council currently does not have powers that govern the customer contract with an individual waste operator. The City Councils powers under the Waste Bye-Laws in respect of waste operators covers issues such as the day on which a waste operator can enter an area to collect waste, the times for collection and the manner of the collection (3 bin system). A failure to meet obligations in respect of these issues can lead to a fine for breach of the Bye-Laws and/or direct prosecution.
- c) See b
- d) The City Council did not outsource, contract or lease the waste collection service. The City Council exited the waste collection service by means of an Asset Purchase Agreement with Greyhound Recycling & Recovery Ltd. The City Councils obligations with regard to waste collection is through the enforcement/monitoring of waste permit conditions and Waste Bye-Laws.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a mechanism in areas of the City Centre (such as, for example, Ely Place/Hume Street, which is on the route of both the Viking Splash tour and the Dublin Hop on Tour) which eradicates the problem whereby waste left for collection in plastic bags is ravaged by cats and birds, in particular seagulls. The effect is that clean ups are necessitated giving rise to additional costs, as well as presenting a very unsightly image of the capital for visiting tourists and local residents. A possible solution might be the requirement that such waste be left for collection in solid plastic bins rather than plastic bags. In the event that this proposal is not acceptable will the Chief Executive provide an explanation as to why not and what alternative mechanism he proposes to introduce to address this problem?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The storage presentation and collection of waste is governed by Dublin City Council's Bye-Laws the latest of which were only adopted at the beginning of this year. Within these bye-laws provisions are made for the legal presentation of waste in bags by householders or commercial premises so it is not currently possible or practical to insist that only plastic bins are used in the central commercial district. The City Council is well aware that the presentation of waste in bags has the potential to lead

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to litter and spillage and would prefer it if all waste was presented in plastic bins as suggested. However, we must also be mindful of the practicalities involved in every household or commercial premises using only bins. A large number of premises do not have the facilities for storing such bins and the adopted bye-laws are the result of a widespread consultation process between the City Council, waste collectors and all persons and premises presenting waste for collection. In addition, it must be pointed out that very large numbers of bags presented on the street within the city centre and subsequently torn open are in fact illegally dumped bags and the introduction of plastic bins would have no impact on these bags.

The problem of burst or torn open bags is not a new one and existed when the City Council itself was responsible for the vast majority of all waste presented for collection throughout the city. The only workable solution to ensure that such spillages are kept to a minimum is to remove illegally dumped bags from the streets as quickly as possible and to enforce the existing bye-laws with regard to legally presented bags which are presented at the wrong time or on the wrong day. We do pay special attention to high profile tourist routes such as outlined above in order to minimise the impact that dumped and spilled refuse can have and will continue to do so in the future, resources permitting. This is our current policy and practice.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive whether those traders who operate at temporary markets such as those in Herbert Park and on Merrion Square are required to provide Tax Clearance Certificates prior to being permitted to trade at these markets in circumstances where the traders are the effective beneficiaries of a subsidy from Dublin City Council in the form of reduced or no commercial rent and print and radio advertising and where, in contrast, to local commercial traders at fixed premises, they do not pay commercial rates?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Service procured and engaged with professional market operators who deal with all aspects of the market. They fulfilled all procurement requirements including submitting their tax clearance certificate, insurance requirements and ensuring correct adherence to HSE regulations and Fire regulations. These market operators arrange, manage and ensure compliancy of individual traders.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive, in anticipation of winter 2014/15 to introduce a strategy to enable the prompt collection of sandbags provided for flood cover from those residents in flood risk areas such as Ringsend, Sandymount, Ballsbridge and Clontarf who are not in a position to physically return them to designated points, such as elderly and disabled residents

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council maintains stocks of sandbags at a number of locations throughout the city to be deployed for strategic purposes. Owners of properties that are at risk of flooding are encouraged to keep, where possible, their own stock of sandbags. Preferably, owners should invest in the provision of suitable proprietary flood gates and covers to protect openings such as doors, windows and vents.

When the City Council deploys sand bags for strategic reasons it will endeavour to remove them when appropriate. Attached is the City Council Policy on Sandbags that outlines in greater detail the Council's position on this matter.

Dublin City Council Sandbag Policy

The City Council does not provide or distribute sandbags to individual premises at risk of flooding. The prime responsibility for the protection of such premises rests with the owners of those properties.

The primary role of the City Council during pluvial events is to manage the drainage network in order to minimise the extent of flooding to the general public. The supply and distribution of sandbags would present a considerable impediment to this task. In addition the inevitable increase in telephone requests for sandbags to emergency call centres would seriously interfere with the ability of those centres to cope with major flooding events.

The use of sandbags has become established in the public's mind as an effective flood protection measure. This is reflected in demands for the City Council to make sandbags available to householders and businesses at risk of flooding.

The Council maintains strategic stocks of sandbags at a small number of locations. These amount to around 9,000 at various locations including Clontarf, Sandymount, Glendhu Park, and the drainage depots at Marrowbone Lane and Bannow Road. The stocks at these sites are maintained for strategic purposes and play a useful role in areas when dealing with flood events which have sufficient advance warning.

General advice to property owners on dealing with floods is provided by the OPW in booklet format and on the website www.flooding.ie. The OPW advice recommends property owners at risk of flooding to have a supply of sandbags close at hand. The advice notes also acknowledge that sandbags can be difficult to deploy during flood events and can also pose health risks if contaminated with sewage.

A major report on of the serious pluvial flooding that occurred in the UK in 2007, known as The Pitt Review, concluded the following with regard to the role of sandbags as a means of protecting individual properties during flood events:

- *While it is clear that sandbags have a useful role in certain types of floods when used strategically, their benefits are less clear when they are used by householders to protect individual properties. This weakness is further heightened by their relative inefficiency when compared with alternative dedicated flood defence products that have been developed in recent years, such as floodgates and airbrick covers.*
- *Extensive evidence of public over-reliance on sandbags which often proved of little value in protecting against flooding.*
- *Many householders and business owners put time and energy into obtaining and installing sandbags which would have been better spent on other activity such as moving possessions to safety and deploying door boards.*
- *Sandbags can be effective when it is marginal, as to whether water enters a house or not, but in relation to large volumes of water they are largely ineffective, contrary to public perception.*

To supply sandbags to all properties at risk of flood during sudden rainfall events would require a level of resources that is much greater than is currently available to the City Council. Even if such resources were provided the deployment of sandbags in sufficient time to prevent significant flooding of properties, particularly during monster rainfall events, would be logistically impossible. During a flood event, invariably the transport network is very busy, which means that DCC crews have great difficulty in reaching certain areas to deploy pumps, close flood gates, or deliver sandbags. If there is little notification that an event will occur, delivering sandbags would not be possible.

The provision of sandbag stores at specific locations around the City that could be accessed locally by residents on foot of flood warnings would require considerable investment by the City Council to manage and maintain. The unpredictable nature of

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flood warnings which can average 4-5 a year would result in sandbags being deployed more often than required, leading to the unnecessary expense of maintaining the required stock of bags at each location. The transportation and placement of sandbags from local containers would still require a considerable effort by local residents and they would be unlikely to be in position in time to prevent flooding to most properties subject to sudden rainfall events. Furthermore, if sandbags were deployed at certain locations, there is no guarantee that the people who need them will get them. During a flood, panic generally sets in, and those who are not in risk of flood could easily exhaust the supply of bags at the expense of those in need.

Owners of properties that are at risk of flooding are encouraged to keep where possible, their own stock of empty sandbags together with sufficient stocks of sand to fill bags at times of potential flooding. Preferably owners should invest in the provision of suitable proprietary flood gates and covers to protect openings such as doors, windows and vents.

There is a general expectation by the public that during periods of flooding the City Council will make sandbags available to properties at risk of flooding. Other than for exceptional circumstances this is not the case. The prime responsibility for protecting premises lies with the property owner.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

Would the Chief Executive consider preparing a new Climate Change Plan to replace the strategy that expired in 2012, with a target of reducing carbon emissions under the control of the city by 3% per year; working with the City of Dublin Energy Management Agency and other bodies; and encourage low carbon housing and transport solutions, and provide new blue and green layers to the city to reduce flood risk and encourage biodiversity?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The last Climate Change Strategy for Dublin (2008-2012) was an initiative of the Environment & Engineering SPC who set up a working group to develop the strategy in association with CODEMA (City of Dublin Energy Management Agency). When the new Environment SPC is established, this proposal can be referred to it for consideration.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive, in the event that a member of the public is injured on a footpath due to damage following the installation of off-street parking for which planning permission was granted (specifically due to inadequate dipping of the curb), if the liability lies with the Council or with the owner of the premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Liability for incidents such as outlined are determined on an individual basis depending on individual circumstances. Determination for liability for such injuries is a matter for the courts.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an estimated completion date for the pedestrian crossing in Rathgar village from the 108 Pub to the Bijou Restaurant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The full scope of works for the pedestrian crossing in Rathgar Village has not yet been finalised. Councillors will be kept informed of developments regarding these works and a more comprehensive update will be provided to the October 2014 meeting of the South East Area Committee.

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Q.69 **COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL**

To ask the Chief Executive

- a) when the Council intends to be compliant with EU and Irish law regarding the publishing of Award Notices for all procurement/tenders above the required limit as set out in Circular 10/14,
- b) what information would be provided in such an Award Notice, and
- c) to offer an explanation as to why an Award Notice might not be published.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) Circular 10/14 5.2: Publication of Contract Award Notices

Buyers are required to publish all Contract Award Notices over €25,000 on the eTenders website on completion of the award. This is a separate step to publishing on the OJEU and will facilitate measurement of SME participation in public procurement. This provision will be effective from 1 August 2014.

Section 5.2 refers to the new requirement to publish Contract Award Notices for contracts with values over €25,000 but below the EU threshold, i.e. for:

- Supplies and Services - €25,000 - €207,000
- Works - €25,000 - €5,186,000

Prior to this, it was obligatory only to publish Contract Award Notices (on OJEU) for contracts above the EU thresholds.

Dublin City Council has arrangements in place to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 5.2 (Circular 10/14) to publish Contract Award Notices on etenders for contracts valued over €25,000. The Central Procurement Unit coordinates the publication of Contract Award Notices and is in continuous liaison with purchasing departments to facilitate compliance with the requirements of Circular 10/14.

It should be noted that, in order to maximise the transparency of the procurement process, Dublin City Council has, as a matter of best practice, prior to the introduction of Circular 10/14, voluntarily published Contract Award Notices on etenders for contracts below the EU thresholds.

- b) The following Information is required for Contract Award Notices below the EU threshold, (i.e: Supplies and Services - €25,000 - €207,000/Works - €25,000 - €5,186,000)
 - Name of Successful Tenderer/s
 - Date of Award
 - Number of Tenders Received
 - Value of Contract
- c) Contract Award Notices are not published where:
 - The value of the contract is below €25,000
 - Where a competition has been cancelled
 - Where a contract has been advertised but has not been awarded

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Q.70 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to have the tree outside number **(details supplied)** removed or made safe. It has damaged the footpath and residents inform me that it is dangerous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to list in tabular form the following information **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive when will **(details supplied)** be provided housing? He has been homeless for a significant time yet in the neighbourhood around him are a variety of empty flats.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the situation in relation to **(details supplied)** and the ongoing work being done by the Council to improve the situation here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will act on the high volume of derelict phone boxes across the city and use the powers available under the derelict sites act as these broken phone boxes serve no purpose and in many areas are an eye sore and are detracting from the amenity of the city thus qualifying them for action under the legislation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Six disused Smart Telecom pay phone kiosks were removed by The Dangerous Building Section of DCC in June 2014. A contract is currently being drawn up by Roads Maintenance to remove the remaining Smart Telecom Kiosks and pedestals in the Dublin City Council administrative area. While a full survey of every site is not yet fully complete, it is estimated at 16 kiosks and 16 pedestals.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive organise a review of the housing application for **(details supplied)** and arrange a meeting for **(details supplied)** with housing section?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive investigate and find a solution for the pooling of water on the pavement outside **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the road surface be repaired at the entrance to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Will the Chief Executive use the full extent of the powers given to Dublin City Council to deal with the owner of the derelict property at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the possibility of establishing a housing trust to access funding to build social housing in Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have arranged meeting with the Department to discuss this further and will report to the SPC and the City Council following that meeting.

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Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask Dublin City Council to explore the cost and possibility of introducing traffic calming in Cherry Orchard in order to curtail speeding cars.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.86 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the review of waste management services being carried out in line with July's Emergency Motion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A full report on these matters will be given by the Chief Executive at tonight's meeting.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on plans for Jamestown Court flats?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is very committed to refurbishing/ redeveloping Jamestown Court. The use of an Approved Housing Body to achieve refurbishment at an early date is highly desirable. Alone had expressed an interest in developing one of the blocks in this Senior Citizens Complex and had completed a preliminary feasibility study. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has highlighted to the City Council the need to demonstrate a clear process for selecting any AHB for such projects. To progress Jamestown Court, the Council will need to seek expressions of interest from the relevant organisations. We expect to advertise this process in the autumn

Q.88 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that Part B of the answer given to me in relation the Poolbeg project (Q39 at the City Council Meeting of February 3rd last) is correct (question and answer reproduced below) and that, specifically, the statement "Dublin City Council does not intend to review the business case associated with the procurement of an alternative solution for the treatment of municipal waste" is still the official position of Dublin City Council.

Question to City Manager

Council Meeting 03/02/2014

Q.36 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

In relation to the current situation regarding the proposed Waste to Energy Project being considered by Dublin City Council, and having regard to the contents, details and questions arising from:

a) The Manager's report to the City Council on the Waste to Energy Project (Report 400/2013 - November 2013).

b) The further information supplied regarding expenditure to the Finance SPC meeting of 16th January 25014 (item 7 on the Agenda), c. The pending EU Commission findings regarding complaints regarding to State Aid and Procurement.

c) The report of the Dublin City Council audit Committee.

d) The Manager's appearance at and information given to the Oireachtas environment committee and e. The general public disquiet regarding expenditure to date on the project,

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Can the City Manager indicate the following:

A. When will DCC make a decision on whether, or not, to proceed with the project in its current form?

B. If other Waste to Energy processes have been or will be examined, given the advances in such technology in the period it has taken to get the Poolbeg project to this stage?

a. If he and the relevant executives/departments of DCC are aware of Energy Recovery from Municipal Waste processes such as the Irish Vaporolysis system which has already been granted planning permission by a number of UK Councils?

C. Have processes such as the above been evaluated given that a method such as the Irish designed Vaporolysis system is a relatively new energy recovery system that facilitates the full recovery of clean biomass fuels from Municipal Waste?

D. Is the Manager aware that such new systems remove any requirement for landfill or incineration, and could offer DCC a system that:

- Reduces carbon footprint and is carbon neutral. Meets national landfill reduction targets.
- Enables 90% recycling levels thereby ensuring that DCC targets are met.
- Can be constructed within 12 months as part of a fixed price contract and at a fraction of the budgeted cost of the Poolbeg project.
- Can be located, if deemed necessary or recommended, in up to four different locations with a capacity of 150,000 tons per location.
- Would produce 13MW of electricity per hour per plant, equivalent to just under 100,000 MWh of renewable electricity per annum per plant for supply to the national grid, thereby creating a separate income stream of approx. €11.7M per 150,000 ton capacity plant for DCC based on the Government's incentives available under the Renewable Energy Feed In Tariff scheme (REFIT 3), and VII. Could be financed either privately, on a joint venture basis or by way of a PPP arrangement

E. Given that the capital (plant cost, construction and commissioning) cost of each 150,000 ton capacity plant would be in the region of EUR 40m (excluding land cost for 1.5 hectares per plant) but would also have potential diverse income streams for DCC including electricity sale, gate fee (income and/or cost saved) which would offset the running cost of the plants, can the Manager undertake a cost benefit exercise (including saved funding costs) on such alternative system or other such systems?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A. The current status of the project is that the PPP Company has put in place a funding package which is acceptable to the Dublin local authorities. The Project Agreement has been renegotiated to reflect the new funding package and the removal of the 'put or pay' clause in the original Project Agreement. DCC is awaiting the outcome of the complaints to the EU Commission. Assuming a favourable outcome to these complaints from DCC's perspective and that the project can proceed to construction phase DCC will proceed as follows:

- the revised Project Agreement will be finalised,
- a detailed suite of reports including the revised Project Agreement will be submitted to both the NDFA and Project Board for approval,
- the views of the Elected Members of the four Dublin local authorities will be sought and
- subject to the necessary NDFA and Project Board approvals a final decision will be made to proceed or not with the project by the Dublin City and County Managers.

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B. Dublin City Council's Engineering team keep themselves fully informed of all developments in technology within the thermal treatment sector. The technical proposal associate with the Waste to Energy project will be subject to a technical review prior to a final decision to proceed with the project.

Dublin City Council on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities has entered into a Design, Build, Operate and Finance contract with a PPP Co. for the development of a Waste to Energy facility until such time as a decision is made in relation to progressing with this project, Dublin City Council does not intend to review the business case associated with the procurement of an alternative solution for the treatment of municipal waste.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Yes. Dublin City Council on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities has entered into a Design, Build, Operate and Finance contract with a PPP Co. for the development of a Waste to Energy facility until such time as a decision is made in relation to progressing with this project, Dublin City Council does not intend to review the business case associated with the procurement of an alternative solution for the treatment of municipal waste.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for details of the proposed "Liffey Cycle Route" referred to in his reply to my question No 80 in July 2014. Specifically to ask for details of the route and if the decision on the route is subject to Councillors approval.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The "Liffey Cycle Route" project is in the preliminary phase of design. The Council is expecting an interim report to be available at the end of September at which time the Councillors could be briefed. The proposal, as stated in the reply to Question 80, July 2014, will then continue to progress through the various stages in line with the requirements of the National Transport Authority.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive what would be the impact on Dublin City Council if the proposal to have the collection of Motor Tax allowed at post offices were to go ahead. In particular, if the collection was transferred to post offices, what would the impact on DCC staff numbers, office costs, overheads etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No such proposal is under consideration by the Finance Department. Motor Tax services are provided at Smithfield and Ballymun offices. The 2014 budgeted total cost of the motor tax service is €13.1M of which €9.4M is direct costs and €3.7M is the overhead apportionment of service support costs. The proposal would not materially reduce the service support costs, but would impact on increasing the service support allocation to other city council services.

The number of staff operating the service is 108 personnel and in the event of the transfer of service would be reassigned within the City Council. An amount of €2.8M of the direct costs refers to non payroll operational costs of the service of which €1.6M provides for rates, rents and service charges, such costs would not realise savings until subsequent occupation by 3rd parties.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council if there are any provisions in the contract negotiated with Greyhound for the transfer of waste collection in Dublin to that company which referred to the protection of workers pay and conditions and to again as the Chief Executive to give elected members details of the contract.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has no contract with Greyhound. It exited the waste collection service in 2012 by means of a Asset Purchase Agreement with Greyhound Recycling i.e it sold its customer base to Greyhound.

The issue of workers pay and conditions did not arise as no City Council staff transferred to Greyhound.

As previously indicated to the elected members the Asset Purchase Agreement is not being released as it commercially sensitive.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the acquisition by Dublin City Council of Ballymun Town Centre/Shopping Centre. This report to include all future plans for this property. How this property is being managed at the moment, a list of all tenants and all financial accounts. A list of occupied and unoccupied properties and also the management plan of DCC going forward. Also, who will be ultimately responsible for the management and maintenance of this property portfolio and what section of DCC and SPC will it be accounting to.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ballymun Shopping Centre is jointly owned by Dublin City Council and NAMA. Following extensive negotiations the Chief Valuer has reported on terms and conditions for the acquisition of Ballymun Shopping Centre from the Receivers appointed by NAMA. The legal conveyancing to give effect to the transaction is being progressed by our Law Department with the solicitors for the Receiver.

There are 60 units in the shopping centre of which 19 are currently occupied. The existing shopping centre is out dated and in a state of significant disrepair. It does not meet the needs of a modern town such as has been created in Ballymun. The Council proposes to actively engage with existing tenants to buy out the remaining interests in the centre with a view to demolition and making available a cleared site for town centre development.

The centre is managed by management agents appointed by the Receiver and it is intended to continue with such an arrangement post acquisition. The proposed acquisition is in line with the City Council's strategy for the regeneration of the Ballymun area and the promotion of job creation and economic development in the area.

The property following the completion of the purchase and pending demolition will be under the control of the Development Department.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the licensing, leasing or letting of DCC property at South Great Georges Street. This site has laid vacant for a number of years it was formally licensed for an outdoor café which was refused planning permission. It has since not been put on the market and there has been no further public tendering process. This site will be an ideal secure location for City bicycle parking etc that is much needed in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This site was examined in the context of use for the Dublin Bikes scheme however it was deemed unsuitable. It is intended to market the site with a view to developing it

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for a use consistent with the Development Plan and cognisant of the recent Bord Pleanala decision. Options for a shorter term use are also currently being investigated.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the sale of property on Merrion Row that was part of the DCC estate. This report to include all details of the price paid for the property and intended use by the new owner of the property and also where the process of this sale is to be allocated or spent? i.e. will this money be solely spent in the South East Area

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following public advertisement for the disposal of 13A Merrion Row, Dublin 2, twenty one offers were received and all offers were considered by an assessment panel. Discussions are still ongoing with the preferred bidder and when agreement is reached a S183 Report will be brought in the first instance to the Area Committee for approval and if approved subsequently to a meeting of the full City Council. The money will be allocated to the Capital Investment Programme to fund works as set out in this programme.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report as to how many of DCC staff were employed in the Count centres at the recent local election. Also what were the work arrangements, contractual arrangements and fees paid for such work and workers? What public process or public recruitment or opportunities were given to those on the live register – the unemployed – to access such work. This report also to include whether any employee of DCC took leave of absence, holiday during the course of the count in the polling stations. Can the Chief Executive include how many employees were absent from their employment in Dublin City Council during the count and the administration of the count.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total number of staff employed by the City Sheriff and the Dublin City Returning Officer at the Count Centre for the Local Elections on the 24th & 25th May 2014 was 363. This does not include staff employed on catering or security duties or other ancillary staff. The gross cost of employing the count staff was €323,415.34. This includes an amount of €1,496.45 Employers' PRSI. Deduction of income tax, PRD, PRSI and USC were made in accordance with regulations.

Count Staff were recruited through several different routes, applications directly from members of the public, applications from DCC staff (both current & former) and staff recommended by the City Sheriff. Many of the staff recruited through the City Sheriff were members of the public who had applied to the Sheriff instead of the Dublin City Returning Officer. All applications from members of the public were accommodated and these persons were appointed to the count. No public procurement process was undertaken for this as it would not be feasible or cost effective for a job that lasted one day for most staff, 2 days for some. Also it is important that the majority of the count staff are experienced enumerators in order to accurately count and transfer the votes in the PR system of election.

The number of the Count Staff who are also currently employed by Dublin City Council is not available as count staff were not required to declare their other employment to the Returning Officer before appointment or if indeed they did actually had any other employment at all.

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Staff reported for duty at 8.30am on Saturday, 24th May and were paid a basic rate up to 9pm that night. Hours after 9pm were paid at an hourly rate. Some staff were required to attend for duty on Sunday, 25th May and these hours were paid at the same overtime rate as applied on the Saturday. There were no contractual arrangements in place for Count Staff – they were appointed for the duration of the Count by letter from the Returning Officer.

As the Count took place over the weekend, any DCC staff who were employed on the Saturday or Sunday were not required to take leave.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he could please outline the Council's response to Greyhounds removal of services in certain areas of the city, how this created a lack of waste collections for many householders during the summer, how Greyhound have not honoured the value of bags that customers had purchased before 11th July deadline, how the removal of such services has increased the cost of waste collection for householders, and how the Council plan to address these issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Greyhound 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 service providers available to these customers. Any issue regarding pricing and payments for services is currently a matter between the customer and the waste operator.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he is confident that Dublin City Council are playing their role in meeting recycling targets and whether they monitor the activities of domestic waste collection service providers operating the city to ensure they are compliant with current waste legislation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The legislation in relation to dog fouling offences is contained in the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009.

There are 18 Litter Wardens employed by Dublin City Council to enforce the Litter Pollution Acts. There are two Dog Wardens who have powers under Section 22 of the Act - dog related offences.

Details of fines issued:

Year	Fines issued	Paid	Unpaid
2011	5	1	4 1- Case dismissed in court 1 -Witness not willing to give evidence 1- insufficient address 1 – returned by an Post – no longer at address
2012	3	2	1 - insufficient address
2013	2	0	2 – insufficient address
2014	2	1	1 returned by an Post – not known at this address

There is an adequate number of Litter Wardens for the city, the issues are in relation to powers given to Litter Wardens and Dog Wardens in the Litter Pollution Acts. Litter Wardens have powers only to seek names and addresses of alleged offenders.

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At present Irish law does not require people to carry identification so therefore, it is very difficult to enforce the legislation.

This results in the majority of “on-the-spot-fines” that are issued having insufficient addresses and returned by an Post.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if arrangements have been made for a meeting between Dublin City Council and ESB regarding the fate of the Poolbeg Chimneys and if he could indicate when a meeting of such nature might take place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The ESB Property Division has agreed to facilitate site visits to their Poolbeg property, including the chimneys, to enable an assessment to be carried out.

The industrial and maritime heritage of the Poolbeg Area is recognised in the Development Plan and the ESB has agreed to facilitate site inspections of their site(s), including the chimneys to enable an assessment to be carried out. A date has not yet been confirmed for these inspections.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive the number of staff who are responsible for enforcement of dog fouling bye laws and the issuing of fines in relation to this issue, the number of fines they have issued in the last three years, the number that have been paid to date and to make a statement on the adequacy of this number of staff to deal this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

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Q.100 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask Dublin City's Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask Dublin City's Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask Dublin City's Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the social dividends that have been discussed at the pre-planning application stage of the process with Westhill developers on the 'Old Smurfit Site'. Considering the housing crisis in the city, can the Chief Executive confirm how many units of social housing will be provided in this development.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the pre-application consultation process, the developer has been requested to demonstrate how the proposed development would comply with the Phibsborough LAP and its requirements for social and community infrastructure including the provision of a crèche and school.

In the event of planning permission being granted for the proposed development, the applicant will be requested to comply with Part V - Social Housing of the Planning and Development Act (2000-2013), in relation to the provision of social and affordable housing, in accordance with the Planning Authority's Housing Strategy unless the applicant has applied for and been granted an Exemption Certificate under Section 97 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive if the footpath at (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise gardening works at (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive if it could be arranged to have the grass verge at (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.107 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE ROISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE ROISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE ROISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE ROISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide bike stands at Leonard's Corner which is heavily populated with shops but has no bike stands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request to provide bicycle stands at Leonard's Corner has been allocated to the Area Traffic Engineer for inspection. A report will be provided for the councillor when this inspection is complete.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to reply with detail to my question regarding properties owned by DCC in Dolphins Barn.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council owns properties at the corner of South Circular Road and Dolphins Barn Street (No's 33-37) and properties at 25-26 St James Terrace, and the former public toilet and 27-40 Dolphins Barn.

Work has been carried out recently removing signs that were considered dangerous on the buildings from No's 27-40 and No.25 was recently demolished and the site around this was secured.

There are no recent planning applications on these sites.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the housing need of (**details supplied**);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.114 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the housing situation of **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is happening on the other side of the boundary of Oldtown Road, Ballymun? Is it going to be developed or left as open space?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This land is being reinstated/landscaped pending its redevelopment.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive who agreed the pedestrian gap from Oldtown Road into Ballymun and do they have planning permission for that?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The redevelopment of the pedestrian gap at Oldtown Road into Ballymun was provided by Ballymun Regeneration Limited as part of the adjoining housing development. Planning Permission for this development was granted on the 16th October 2008. Planning Reference 3635/08. Treatment of the gap was subject to consultation with the adjoining residents.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form for each year up to and including 2014:

- How many tenants have applied successfully for RAS,
- How much rent has been paid to landlords for each year,

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- How many landlords signed up to RAS,
- How many landlords are currently signed up to RAS,
- How many tenants are currently are availing of RAS?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue directly to the councillor within two weeks.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

To ask the Chief Executive what is the total amount of annual housing rent paid to Dublin City Council for the years from 2004 to 2014?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council operates a Differential Rent Scheme, which reflects a tenants' ability to pay. In simple terms this means that if the tenants' income increases, the rent will increase and vice versa if the tenants' income decreases, then the rent will decrease. The table below outlines the rent payments received from 2005 to 2014. The Council introduced a new Housing IT system in 2005 and information prior to this date is not readily available.

Total Rents Payments 2005 to 2014	
2005 (From 21/03/05)	44,208,374.80
2006	60,347,875.63
2007	64,826,141.14
2008	71,912,638.16
2009	73,291,673.41
2010	73,590,784.11
2011	71,429,133.22
2012	73,555,721.08
2013	72,282,042.35
2014 (To 28/08/2014)	47,423,087.59

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive undertake a comprehensive survey and schedule of works that will ensure that the forecourt/play area in Markievicz House does not flood up every time it rains.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the choke car has cleared a blockage in this play area on a number of occasions and are scheduled to clear this area again. Arrangements are being made for our engineer to inspect.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.133 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Waste Management, to answer the following queries?

- a) Can he confirm that Greyhound have informed Dublin City Council of over 300 streets where they have withdrawn their bin collection service?
- b) Was this decision made in consultation with the Waste Management department of Dublin City Council?
- c) Have the affected residents been informed of this withdrawal of service?
- d) If Greyhound are offering a bag collection service in these areas rather than a bin collection service is that not counter to the proposals from the North Inner City Litter Action Group which recommended replacing bag collection services with bin collection service in an attempt to tackle the growing problem of illegal dumping?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Greyhound formally notified the City Council last June of their intention to withdraw services from approx 40 bin customers in the Central Commercial District. The City Council is satisfied that there were other waste operators available to those customers affected.

The City Council has not received any other formal communication from Greyhound re any further withdrawal of services in the City nor any changes to bag/bin arrangements.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Homeless report given to the City Council meeting in July can he provide updates on the following?

- a) Can I get a progress report on the planned 134 units to be financed by CAS funding? How many units are intended to be new builds compared to purchases? Have we identified lands for building and have we identified units to be purchased?
- b) Has the additional €22m for the extra 158 units been approved by the DoE? If so, How many units are intended to be new builds compared to purchases? Have we identified lands for building and have we identified units to be purchased?
- c) How many of the proposed 758 units to be supplied by NAMA have been identified? How many of these are for the housing list and how many are for homelessness?
- d) Have the 200 long term leasing units under control of the mainstream banking institution been identified? How long is the proposed lease?
- e) How many casual voids are currently listed? What funding has been approved for returning these units to stock and how many units will be refurbished with this funding?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A response will issue directly to the councillor within two weeks.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the following?

- a) The number of families in homeless accommodation by accommodation type (hotel, hostel etc...)?
- b) The number of homeless families who would be considered homeless for economic reasons?
- c) The number of long term homeless families?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive reports quarterly on the extent and trends in homeless service use across the Dublin region on behalf of all relevant local authority, HSE and voluntary sector provided services established under the Dublin model of service, Pathway to Home.

Quarterly reports are required under the Protocol agreed with DECLG on the delegation of Section 10 funding to DCC as the lead local authority for the region.

In addition, DREH prepares a number of other 'point –in-time' reports to give a 'snapshot' of trends related to particular homeless service user cohorts. This is the data provided below. It will be supplemented by the forthcoming report for Qtr2, 2014 currently being finalised for submission to DECLG.

(a) The number of families in homeless accommodation by accommodation type (hotel, hostel etc...)?

Relevant available data confirms the following details for to all unique adult individuals accessing homeless accommodation **between August 18th and August 24th 2014** against the following criteria:

- 1.) Gender
- 2.) Age group (as per CSO)
- 3.) Accommodation type
- 4.) County
- 5.) Family Breakdown

Table 1: Gender

Gender	Total
Male	985
Female	613
Total	1,598

Table 2: Age Groups

Age Group	Total
18-24	269
25-44	990
45-64	316
65+	23
Total	1,598

Table 3: Accommodation Type

Accommodation Type	Total
Private Emergency Accommodation (Including hotels) (PEA)	823
Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA)	760

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Temporary Emergency Accommodation (low support)(TEA)	72
Subtotal	1655
- Minus people accessing multiple accommodation types during the week	-57
Total Unique Individuals	1,598

Table 4: Families with dependent children in all Emergency Accommodation (incl. Hotels)

Family Breakdown	No. of families with dependent children	No. of Individual Adults	No. of Dependents
Individuals with dependent children	201	201	370
Couples with dependent children	93	186	270
Total	294	387	640

On Monday 18/8/2014, there were 154 homeless families with dependent children in commercial hotels in Dublin

(b) The number of homeless families who would be considered homeless for economic reasons?

The causes of any one incident of homelessness can be multiple. Causation is determined on a case-by-case basis with each household placed in emergency accommodation as their needs are assessed under *Pathway to Home* care and case management. Data specific to the cause of each household is therefore multiple. However, the majority of recently presenting homeless families placed into emergency accommodation (including hotels) were originally private rented tenants who were unable to maintain their tenancy due to income inadequacy and who could not secure access to alternative rental accommodation primarily due to their inability to meet rising open market rents in Dublin.

a) The number of long term homeless families?

Data on this parameter is not currently available. Data reporting the number of unique adult individuals residing in emergency accommodation for longer than six months (i.e. long-term homeless) is being finalised under the Qtr 2 2014 report for submission to DECLG and will be available thereafter.

It is important to note that in the face of increased demand for homeless services in Dublin in 2014, the DRHE has significantly expanded its Homeless Action Team working with homeless families with child dependents.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to reply to the following queries in relation to the Dublin City Council Litter Management Plan 2008 - 2011?

- Has the planned review of the current Litter Management Plan taken place and if so, what was the outcome?
- Is there a statutory requirement for a new Litter Management Plan given that the current plan was adopted in 2008?
- Has the current residential street cleaning schedule been reviewed as was suggested previously? A three monthly schedule isn't sufficient for a lot of the busier residential streets.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Litter Management Plan has been the subject of ongoing review and monitoring since it was adopted in 2008 with numerous reports on campaigns, street cleaning operations, litter fines etc produced in the intervening years.

The Litter Act requires that a Plan is reviewed at least once every three years and the Council is satisfied that it has complied with this requirement.

However the current plan has been in force for over 6 years and it is now considered appropriate to prepare a new plan.

This process will commence in late 2014 under the guidance of the Environment & Transportation SPC as the Litter Plan statutory process is a reserved function of the City Council.

Finally the Street Cleaning Schedule which outlines the baseline service for the City is kept under constant review and any additional requirements assessed on an ongoing basis. The schedule will be considered in the preparation of the new Plan.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to implement a fire strategy in conjunction with the fire department to deal with fires this Halloween with special regard to **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the past number of years Dublin City Council has adopted a coordinated approach to Halloween in an effort to minimise the damage and disruption associated with bonfires and illegal fireworks. This involves a range of Council Departments such as Local Area Offices, Waste Management, Parks, Corporate Services, Dublin Fire Brigade and Civil Defence working with the Gardaí and local community groups. In the lead up to Halloween DCC operate a Litter Hotline where citizens are encouraged to report to the Council any issues regarding the storage or distribution of bonfire material.

Each year a large media event is hosted by Dublin Fire Brigade in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, DSPCA and Dublin Bus which seeks to promote DCC's Halloween Safety message. This Halloween Safety Initiative is aimed at children aged 10-12 years, the main message of which is "Be Safe Stay Safe" during the Halloween period. It also encourages people to attend organized bonfires and festivities.

In addition to this event a Halloween Safety Pack containing leaflets and posters is sent to all primary schools in Dublin city and county. There is also a safety DVD made by DFB available for viewing on the Dublin City Council Website, via You tube.

On Halloween night Dublin Fire Brigade risk assess calls on a case by case basis. The senior operational officer will assess an incident based on the prevailing conditions, hazards, local risks, scale and imminent danger to members of the public. A strategic decision is then made by the operational officer on how to proceed.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the increase in dog fouling in Pearse Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have requested that a dog warden inspect the area for an increased dog presence/dog fouling at Pearse Park, and have ordered the placement of Anti-Dog Fouling signs at the park.

Park Services will investigate the increase in dog fouling in **(details supplied)** and will request the dog wardens to visit the park to help control the problem.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans, or if there are any plans, in place for the improvement of underground & over ground services on **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for repairs to be carried out at **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if "No dumping, CCTV in operation" signs can be erected in the lane between **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive will there be an increase in bins around the Cabra/Finglas Ward. Lately there has been a clean up after your dog campaign which had seen streets in the area plastered with such signs yet there are no bins for the waste to be deposited of. There are areas in the ward that are serious litter black spots yet there are no bins on the main thoroughfares to encourage residents, especially children, to keep their area tidy. I feel that locating more bins on some of the main thoroughfares of the ward would go some way in combating the litter issue & encourage our younger residents to take pride in their area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In recent years Waste Management Services have kept the issue of public litter bins under ongoing review. We had litter bins removed from residential areas as they were being regularly used to dump domestic waste and in fact became focal points for dumping of this nature. We have some five thousand litter bins in place

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throughout the city. We are satisfied that there is a sufficient number of litter bins at shopping areas in the Cabra/Finglas Ward at this time and there are no plans at this time to install extra bins in this area.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the number and nature of Compulsory Purchase Orders made on private properties by the City Council for each of the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and any information available for the year 2014 to date

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

title	purpose	year
Silloge Road/ Silloge Avenue Area Compulsory Purchase (Housing and Development) Order	Housing and Development	2012
Pigeon House Road Foreshore Area Compulsory Water Cooling Facility Order	Engineering	2010

There were no Compulsory Purchase Orders made to date in 2014

Q.146 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the process agreed with Irish Water by which residents will be alerted to the installation of water meters in their area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what are the development plans for the vacant sites on Bridgefoot, Bonham and Island Streets Dublin 8 and whether any planning applications have been made or permission granted in relation to any of these sites.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sites are zoned Z5 (City Centre) where it is the objective of the City Council "To consolidate and facilitate the development of the central area, and to identify, reinforce, strengthen and protect its civic design character and dignity".

Liberties Local Area Plan (LAP)

The sites are within the area of the Liberties Local Area Plan (LAP), 2009 and are designated as a significant redevelopment including a mix of uses.

Development Management

Recent planning applications and grants of planning permission relate to the Digital Hub lands to the south. A recent grant of planning permission (Plan no. 3191/13) was for 100 no. student housing accommodation units in 2 blocks fronting onto Bonham Street. The approved development includes a new pedestrian link from Bonham Street, known as Roe's Lane, terminating in a new public space known as Roe's Place. The development has commenced on site.

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A Liberties Greening Strategy was presented to the South Central Area Committee in April 2014. This strategy seeks to build on the policies and objectives of the Liberties Local Area Plan. The strategy sets out a vision for a network of new urban parks and the refurbishment of existing green spaces and play areas. The Liberties Greening Strategy has prepared a number of indicative design proposals for specific vacant sites and spaces.

As part of the strategy, indicative design proposals were prepared for the vacant sites at Bridgefoot Street and Bonham Street. The strategy identified these sites as key opportunities to make substantial improvements in the provision of enhanced parks and amenity facilities in the Liberties.

The indicative design proposals show the Bridgefoot Street site being turned into a high quality park and amenity space with allotments, community garden, multi - use games area, grass swards, swale, playground, pathways and a paved area that could be used for markets. The indicative design proposals for the Bonham Street site show a development site for a building. It is envisaged that a building at this location would provide an edge and passive surveillance to the proposed park and amenity area on the Bridgefoot Street site.

Q.148 **COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a breakdown of the total amount of sports grants awarded by Dublin City Council in 2013 by way of a list of the organisations to whom awards were granted (including name and address of each organisation) and the amount granted to each.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not operate a sports grant scheme however the Irish Sports Council's Sport for Young People Grant is administered through Dublin City Sports Network and Dublin City Council's Sport & Recreation Section. Voluntary Sports Clubs affiliated to National Governing Bodies of Sport who operate within the administrative area of Dublin City may apply, with the grant awarded to clubs who highlight the development work they do with young people (aged 10-21yrs).

In 2013 the total grant allocation fund from the Irish Sports Council was €49,405.

100 clubs were successful with 99 awarded €495 and 1 awarded €400.

21 applications were unsuccessful.

Please see list of successful clubs below:

ABC Junior Badminton Club	Dingle United FC	Oliver Bond House Tigers	St Vincents Hurling, Football & Camogie Club
AFC Belgrave School Boys/Girls	Dublin Athletic FC	Orchard Celtic FC	St Vincents Swimming & Water Polo Club
Arbour Hill Boxing Club	Dublin Kendo Kobukai	Pembroke Fencing Club	Tae Kwon Do Sean McDermott Street
Artane Beaumont Football Club	Dublin Swifts	Phibsborough Boxing Club	Terenure College RFC
Avona Boxing Club	D 10 Youth	Railway Union Cricket Club	Terenure Football Club - Schoolgirls
Ballyfermot Football Club	Eccles Gymnastics	Railway Union Football Club	The Orchard Youth Club
Ballymun Boxing Club	FC Dhulaigh	Railway Union Hockey Club	Tolka Rovers Schoolboy FC
Ballymun Kickhams U-16	Flyers Ice Hockey Club	Raven Table Tennis Club	Trinity Boys Amateur Boxing Club

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Ballymun Patriots Volleyball Club	Glasnevin Boxing Club	Rivermount Boys FC	Trinity/Donaghmede Football Club
Ballymun United FC	Glin Amateur Boxing Club	Scoil Ui Chonaill GAA Club	Trinity Gaels Camogie Club
Botanic Hockey Club	Grange Woodbine FC	SEASON	Unidare Rugby Football Club
Celtic AC	Hardwicke FC	Shelbourne FC Girls	Vulcan Amateur Wrestling Club
Champion Tae Kwon Do	Hercules Amateur Wrestling & Weightlifting Club	Shelbourne Schoolboys FC	WFTA SchoolBoys & Girls FC
Cherry Orchard Boxing Club	Irish Wado - Ryu Federation	Sheriff Youth Club	WHAD Project
CIE Boxing Club	Iveagh Trust Football Club	Smithfield Boxing Club	Whitehall Colmcille GAA Club
Civil Service Cricket Club	Killester Basketball Club	Sports Across Ireland LTD	Woodlawn Sportslink FC
Clareville Karate Club	Landen Utd Football Club	Stal-Lan-Do Mugendo Kickboxing	YMCA Criket Club
Clontarf Football Club	Larkhill Karate Club	Stratford LTC - Juniors	St Vincents Hurling, Football & Camogie Club
Clontarf GAA Club	Liberties Kickboxing Academy	St Andrews Boxing Club	St Vincents Swimming & Water Polo Club
Clontarf Swimming Club	Liberty Saints RFC	St Brendans UTD FC	Tae Kwon Do Sean McDermott Street
Corinthians BC	Lourdes Celtic FC	St Catherines Community Group	Terenure College RFC
Cormorant Swimming Club	Mallowes BDS	St Catherines Girls Club	Terenure Football Club - Schoolgirls
Craobh Chiarain Juvenile GAA Club	Naomh Fionnbarra GAA Club	St Francis Moatview Football Club	
Craobh Chiarain Ladies Football Section	Navan Road United FC	St Helenas Karate Club	
Darndale Boxing Club	Oblate Basketball Club	St James Gaels	

Q.149 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

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

Q.150 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

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

Q.151 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

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

Q.152 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**);

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

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Q.153 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive request that our Housing and allocation section immediately seek a suitable urgent transfer for our tenants (**details supplied**). This family have consistently complained of anti social issues at their current address. These issues have once again flared up and the female tenant is acutely suffering from anxiety which has resulted in long stay hospital periods. Our Housing Social Workers are aware of this case.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant (**details supplied**) is currently on the transfer list with a Welfare Priority. Both the Allocations Section and the Area Office are aware of the circumstances of this case. It is not currently possible to state when a suitable offer of accommodation will materialise.

Q.154 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive report on the progress of the refurbishment of the Crumlin Swimming Pool and give the expected date for the reopening of this facility. Can he also confirm that the public opening hours will be extended so as to provide greater opportunity for members of the public to the enjoy the new facility.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The refurbishment works for Crumlin swimming pool are due to be completed by the end of September 2014. The contractor confirmed at the August project meeting that the works are on schedule to meet this completion date. When the swimming pool refurbishment works are completed the building will be handed back to Dublin City Council. There will then be a period of a number of weeks during which the entire building will have to be extensively cleaned and the swimming pool will be recommissioned which will involve the filling of the pool, heating the water and ensuring all pumps, filters and other machinery and plant are functioning properly. The opening hours of the swimming pool will not be reduced from the level provided prior to the closure for the refurbishment works. The hours of opening are designed to maximise the usage by groups, clubs, schools and the public.

Q.155 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Santry village which regularly gets flooded whenever there is heavy rain. Will the chief executive issue a report on what action has been taken to date to deal with this problem and what plans the Chief Executive has to prevent future flooding?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was widespread road flooding throughout Dublin City on 2nd August last as a result of rainfall in excess of 100MM in a 24 hour period. In recent years, Dublin City Council has constructed overflow arrangements at the junction of Larkhill Road and Swords Road and also adjacent to the Comet Pub. These measures along with the construction of additional gullies have helped alleviate flooding at this location.

Q.156 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive install a taxi rank along the side of Supervalu in Ballymun?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the current taxi rank bye-laws commenced in March 2014 which involves formal consultation with the Garda Commissioner as required under Section 15 of the Road Traffic Act 2002 and publication of a notice in the public press and consideration of any submissions received.

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A request for additional taxi stands in Ballymun is being examined as part of the bye-law review, which will be circulated for consultation once the draft bye-laws are finalised. It is expected to complete the draft for circulation later this year.

Q.157 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

The Chief Executive has announced that a new cafe has opened in Harold's Cross Park and that further parks will get cafe's. Will the Chief Executive arrange for a tender to provide a cafe in Griffith Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no specific plan at the present time to provide a café at Griffith Park, however the location will be included in an overall assessment of identification of parks suitable for the provision of such a facility which will be carried out over the coming months and into 2015.

Q.158 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on coaches that are regularly parked illegally on Nassau Street. Will the Chief Executive issue a report explaining why the illegal parking is allowed to continue and what plans the Chief Executive has to address the situation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is aware of this problem and has recently provided additional coach parking spaces near to the core city centre area, where coaches can set down for extended periods of time (Moss Street, Cumberland Street North, Western Way). The National Transport Authority is preparing a project to provide an off-road coach parking facility for coach parking in the long term, (located near the Convention Centre, expected Q1-2015).

The City Council has made the Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC) aware of this recently, provided coach parking and requested them to inform their 1200 members of the requirement to ensure Nassau Street operates in accordance with the time restrictions that are in place (30 mins. Max Stay). The Council's parking enforcement contractor has been monitoring the location and has issued warning notices to coaches illegally parked or overstaying. The location will continue to be monitored by the parking enforcement contractor and warnings issued where appropriate.

City Council Traffic Engineers are also currently engaged with coach operators and the NTA with a view to regularising coach parking facilities throughout the city.

Q.159 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to accelerate **(details supplied)** as a priority;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.160 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to release **(details supplied)** as a priority

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.161 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provided a detailed timeline of **(details supplied)** as a priority;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.162 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the extent to which **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.163 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the bye-laws to combat overpowering amp-driven busking in the city centre which is currently a public nuisance and is drowning out other buskers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department have had several representations over the last few months from business, buskers, An Garda Síochána and the general public with regard to busking including the use of amplification. These representations have been taken into account and a new draft Street Performance Bye-laws will be brought to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community Strategic Policy Committee for approval in October. Following approval by SPC the bye-laws will be brought to Council prior to public consultation.

Q.164 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive please state why the Airbus sign outside 21 Templeogue Road has not been removed despite requests to do so. This bus route is no longer in operation. There was no process or application for the erection of the stop in the first instance and the ugly and takes up a considerable amount of space on an already narrow footpath. Would the Chief Executive please ensure that it is removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Aircoach has been requested to clarify by mid September the situation in relation to the Aircoach Ballinteer to Dublin Airport service, including the coach stop and signage at 21, Templeogue Road, which currently is not in use.

The Councillor will be kept informed on this matter.

Q.165 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Can the Chief Executive inform this councillor of the number and nature of the Compulsory Purchase Orders made by Dublin City Council on buildings and sites on both Moore Street and O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 over the previous six years (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were no CPOs Compulsory Purchase Orders made by the City Council on the buildings and sites on either Moore Street or O Connell Street between 2008 and Aug 2014.

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Q.166 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Could the Chief Executive provide this councillor with detailed information regarding Dublin City Council's Conservation Section and Archaeology Department's interaction with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the state archaeologist in relation to previous and ongoing works being carried out on the National Monument area of numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17 Moore Street, Dublin 1.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning Register Reference 2479/08 is the governing permission that was granted to Chartered Land by DCC and An Bord Pleanala. Phase 1 of the permission refers to the works and use of 14-17 Moore Street as a Commemorative Centre for the centenary of 1916. The four buildings in question are National Monuments and are also on the Record of Protected Structure.

A Ministerial Consent was granted in July 2013 authorising works to The National Monument. The relevant Minister is the Minister for Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Chartered Land have had meetings with the said Minister and officials prior to the Consent being finalised and the current stabilisation works are being monitored by the National Monument Service, with DCC's officials being fully informed of progress.

A letter indicating compliance with the planning conditions of the governing permission, 2479/08 has recently been issued to Chartered Land.

Q.167 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

Can the Chief Executive provide this councillor with a detailed breakdown of the monies spent by Dublin City Council on the maintenance and enhancement of the city's public parks for each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The breakdown of the monies spent by Dublin City Council on the maintenance and enhancement of the city's public parks for each of the following years: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 is as follows;

Q.168 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive please state when the footpath at **(details supplied)** will be repaired. Six months ago I received an email stating that it would be repaired within 3 months

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The original question relating to this issue was Q20 of April 2014. This is less than six months ago and the reply mentioned that repairs would be carried out within sixteen weeks, not three months.

Year	Total Expenditure	Total Income	Total Spend	Total Wages	Total Salaries	Expenditure less Wages and Salaries
2008	25,300,000	1,300,000	24,000,000	12,900,000	2,200,000	8,900,000
2009	23,000,000	1,000,000	22,000,000	12,000,000	2,100,000	7,900,000
2010	20,000,000	950,000	19,050,000	11,100,000	2,000,000	5,950,000
2011	19,500,000	1,350,000	18,150,000	10,200,000	1,800,000	6,150,000

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2012	19,000,000	1,000,000	18,000,000	10,000,000	1,900,000	6,100,000
2013	20,200,000	1,400,000	18,800,000	9,800,000	2,300,000	6,700,000

In the meantime, Irish Water has installed water meters on Neville Road. This has delayed Road Maintenance Division crews from having access to the reinstatement. The area of footpath is currently in a safe condition and reinstatement will occur as soon as possible.

Q.169 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive in light of both the passing of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2014, the resultant future transfer of recipients of the Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) from the social housing allocations list to the transfer list and furthermore the decision to alter the ratio of allocating available accommodation to applicants from the two lists, by how long does the council estimate the average waiting time of those on the transfer list will increase?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The implementation of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) will occur on a phased basis and is being introduced in a small number of Local Authorities this autumn. Dublin City Council is involved in the pilot scheme but only for those households currently on the homeless list.

Due to the high numbers of people currently in receipt of Rent supplement in the Dublin area and the resources that would be inevitably required prior to Dublin City Council administering the Scheme, it is not currently possible to indicate the timescale involved but the full transfer of HAP to all Local Authorities will not occur until summer 2015 at the earliest. Further direction and discussion with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government would be necessary in that regard.

The City Council is obliged to comply with the recently enacted legislation and any further housing regulations that may come into force. The main challenge before the Local Authorities is how we can increase supply in the social housing sector. At this point in time it would simply not be possible to estimate by how much the average waiting time of those on the transfer list would increase by as the transition period involved in the transfer of the Rent Supplement Scheme in its entirety from the Dept. of Social Protection to the Local Authorities is a factor yet to be determined.

Q.170 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive what efforts Dublin City Council have made to influence the employers at Greyhound Recycling to end their lockout of 78 of their employees since June and what further efforts will be made if the dispute continues?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current dispute at Greyhound Recycling is strictly a matter between the parties involved and appropriate Labour Relations mechanisms if required.

Q.171 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on how many people are currently engaged by the Council under the Gateway Scheme and where are they located?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gateway Labour Activation Scheme is a government initiative to reduce unemployment. The Scheme aims 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, and contribute to the Department of Social Protection's management of the live register.

The target agreed at national level was to have 3,000 participants recruited into the Gateway scheme by the end of 2014. The individual target for Dublin City Council is to engage 295 participants.

Following notification by Department of Social Protection of the names of eligible people, the Council interviews potential participants and then arranges for Garda Vetting of those deemed suitable. The Council has a rolling programme of planned start dates for those who have been cleared through Garda vetting.

There are currently 15 people engaged by DCC under the Scheme, who are assigned as follows:

Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department

- Parks and Landscape Services – 8
- Recreation Centres – 5
- Dublin City BIDs – 2

The Council is continuing to examine a wide range of projects across Departments, Areas and community schemes that would allow for further assignment of participants on a rolling basis in coming months. The interview process of those notified to DCC by DSP is also ongoing and will lead to an increased number of assignments in coming weeks.

Q.172 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if the issues I have raised in relation to the emergency accommodation facility at **(details supplied)** can be addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The practice and procedures regarding emergency exits from the building are appropriate. Matters relating to any emergency situation in the building are regularly monitored by Dublin City Council's Homeless Services section.

An unannounced entry to emergency accommodation is not appropriate. We do endeavour to maintain a courteous and sensitive standard of service to persons in emergency accommodation and regret if that standard was not adhered to in the circumstances outlined.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive operates a complaints procedure for service users and will respond directly to any individual complaints raised by a service user

Q.173 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please arrange for the pest control section to take action to resolve the serious rat infestation problem in the Rossmore Road Park at Drumfinn Road, Ballyfermot. Residents and Sisters in the in the St Louise's convent have told me they are experiencing a large amount of rodents over the past few weeks I have seen rats all along the park boundary coming into Caritas College, St Louise's Convent & St Louise's School hundreds of children attend these schools, use the

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park & this will pose a serious health problem if not sorted, the Rossmore Park was previously a land-fill dump hence is prone to this type of problem Sr. Claire Sweeney in the convent has seen half dozen rats running in groups.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area of parkland occasionally suffers incidents of illegal dumping of household rubbish, which is likely to attract rodents. Park Staff will investigate and remove any offending material to help solve the problem.

Q.174 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the current housing crisis can the planning dept /housing dept, to please look into the possibility of allowing the sub-division of 2 storey housing units this could transform the housing options for single people & persons with one child all over the UK you can see where housing units are sub - divided thus allowing greater usage of limited housing units. I am aware there would be some funding required to separate services etc however all these things are possible if the will is there in addition this model could end isolation for lots of single / older persons living alone whilst at the same time creating additional income. Just for the record a half of a house is not a bedsit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The subdivision of existing buildings into smaller units can be a source of new housing. This may be a sustainable form of development particularly when it gives a new lease of life to existing buildings which might be redundant or unviable in their current use. However, unsatisfactory subdivisions can result in poor quality accommodation which has a negative impact on residential amenities.

In this context, section 17.9.9 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 contains a development standard relating to the subdivision of dwellings. This standard allows for the potential subdivision of large family sized dwellings in appropriate areas such as main transport routes in the inner city suburbs and in the vicinity of district centres having regard to a range of factors including: architectural character; the amount of open space provided; the provision of on-site parking; and the mix of residential accommodation in the area. The standards for residential accommodation contained in section 17.9 of the development plan would apply, including a minimum floor area of 55 sq.m for a 1 bedroom unit.

The City Development Plan also allows up to 85% of new apartment developments to be for 1 and 2 bedroom units, depending on the local demographic profile. Overall, current policy is designed to provide a balance between larger and small family/single person accommodation in the city.

Q.175 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive could the Parks Superintendent please meet me to see at first hand the poor state of boundary treatment / overall parks maintenance to **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.176 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can the Planning Department please give me an indication on the following **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.177 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

Can the Chief Executive establish a forum to explore the significant lack of wet trade apprentices i.e. tilers, brick layers in the construction industry. There is a massive demand for this trade and it would be an excellent opportunity for job creations. I am asking the Chief Executive to liaise with the relevant bodies i.e. solos, the craft unions and the CIF to establish a multi task force to explore this significant issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Government's Action Plan for Jobs and Pathways to Work Strategy sets out a multi-annual approach to support job creation and job growth in the economy and remove barriers from employment. In response to the requirements set out in the Action Plan, Forfás were tasked by Government to prepare a draft strategy, 'Construction in Ireland: Outlook and Strategic Plan to 2015'. The Councillor may wish to contact Forfás in order to determine the current status of this strategy in the context of the question asked.

APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2014