Monthly City Council Meeting 06/10/2014

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 6 Deireadh 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:

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Mannix Flynn

Gary Gannon

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 Jonathan Dowdall Pat Dunne Declan Flanagan

<u>Oifigigh</u>

Owen Keegan Philip Maguire Jim Keogan Brendan Kenny Dick Brady Alison Gilliland Paul Hand Seán Haughey Deirdre Henev Vincent Jackson Andrew Keegan Teresa Keegan Greg Kelly Frank Kennedy Dermot Lacey John Lyons Mícheál Mac Donncha Tina MacVeigh Paul McAuliffe Paddy McCartan Ruairí McGinley Séamas McGrattan

Kathy Quinn Michael Phillips Terence O'Keeffe Vincent Norton

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 Bríd Smith Paddy Smyth Sonya Stapleton

Mary Pyne Joanna Travers Carmel Walsh Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by meeting by expressing sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the City Council to the family of former Councillor and Alderman Patrick Farry who died on 5th October. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The Lord Mayor then commiserated with the Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Team after their defeat in the All-Ireland Football Final. He then reminded Members of their obligations under regulations contained in Circular Letter LG 12/2014 (Councillors

appointed to External Boards) - If appointed to an external board by Dublin City Council, Councillors must notify the Chief Executive's Department before 15th October of their attendance at the meetings of the Board and any payment received. He then asked Council to agree permission for banners on Liberty Hall to mark Anti-Human Trafficking Day and another to raise awareness of Childline. These were approved by the City Council.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated the FAI on securing three games in the European Championships 2020 and also sent congratulations to St Patrick's Athletics on their recent win. He then allowed the following motion standing on the Agenda Paper at Item No 54 in the name of Councillor G Kellv to be taken without debate as it was on a related subject "This Council welcomes the FAI success in securing 3 group games and 1 game in the 2nd round of the Euro 2020 championship. This is great for the country but in particular Dublin City. Congratulations to all who put the bid together in the FAI and Dublin City Council. We also welcome the news that the FAI are looking into the redevelopment of Dalymount Park as a part of the "Legacy" of Euro 2020, but would like to see that Legacy benefit all the clubs in SSE Airtricity league and Schoolboy football. The national team has seen an increase in players who started their professional career in the league and investment would only increase the players in the future. The growth of our national league would be a great legacy from the Euro 2020 Championship with this council liking to see investment in the 3 League clubs in our area St. Patricks Athletic in Inchicore, Bohemian's in Phibsborough and Shelbourne in Drumcondra as well as other clubs outside Dublin City Council. A strong league with top facilities will give the many players who play schoolboy football a 2nd route to try and make a living out of football instead of just have the option of trying their luck in England and Scotland"

The City Council then agreed to the Lord Mayor's proposal that the meeting would be adjourned (time : 6.50pm) to allow Group Leaders to discuss Item 19 (b) - 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 meeting resumed at 7.10pm and the Lord Mayor informed the Members that further information was pending and it had been agreed to wait 2 or 3 weeks and to either hold a special meeting then or wait to consider the matter again at the monthly meeting to be held on the 3rd November 2014. The City Council agreed to this timeframe.

Councillor B Carr then informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Minister Alan Kelly agreeing to meet a deputation of Councillors in relation to Social Housing. Councillor Carr passed a copy of the letter to the Lord Mayor and officials.

- Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 --- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council approves the Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 184 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
- 3. Submitted Letter from Chief Executive of Restaurants Association of Ireland addressed to Lord Mayor regarding supporting the jobs created in Dublin as a result of the 9% VAT rate introduced in 2011. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- 4. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st September 2014, the Special Meeting held on 8th September 2014 and the Special Meeting held on 22nd September 2014, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
- Submitted Report No 291/2014 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 291/2014". The motion was put and carried.
- 6. Submitted Report No 278/2014 of the Dublin City Chief Executive 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: Demolitions and Development at Dolphin Estate, Dublin 8. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 278/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
- 7. Vacancy on the Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by the Lord Mayor "That Councillor M Flynn be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music" The motion was put and carried.
- 8. Vacancy on the Contracts Committee. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha "That Councillor G Kelly be appointed as a member to the Contracts Committee" The motion was put and carried.
- 9. To confirm nominations by Area Committees to various groups as follows:
 - Ballyfermot Partnership (1 Member Councillor Daithí De Róiste)
 - Finglas/Cabra Local Drugs Task Force (1 Member Councillor Emma Murphy)
 - North East Drugs Task Force (2 Members Councillors Ciarán O'Moore and Michael O'Brien)
 - St Michael's Estate Regeneration Board (1 Member Councillor Daithí Doolan)

It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That the above-named Councillors be appointed as members to the committees outlined as recommended by the Area Committees" The motion was put and carried.

10. Submitted Report No 288/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) Establishment of Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and Area Sub-committees. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 288/2014 and hereby approves the establishment of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and five JPC sub-committees as outlined in the Report" The motion was put and carried.

The City Council ratified the appointment of nine councillor nominees to the Dublin City JPC selected at the City Council meeting of the 23rd June 2014. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council appoints Councillors C Ni Dhalaigh, T Keegan, A Clancy and G Gannon to be members of the Dublin City JPC" The motion was put and carried.

- 11. Submitted Report No 294/2014 of the Chief Executive (O Keegan) External Nominations to the Audit Committee. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N O Muiri "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 294/2014, hereby establishes a Dublin City Council Audit Committee and appoints members to that committee as recommended in the report" The motion was put and carried.
- 12. Submitted Report No 239/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) Report on predraft Public Consultation for the Amended Local Area Plan for Phibsborough/Mountjoy. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 239/2014 and hereby approves the recommendations as set out therein" The motion was put and carried. The timeframe for the current LAP and the procedures involved in the current proposals as outlined in the adopted report were detailed by the Executive Manager and accepted by the City Council.
- 13. Submitted Report No 269/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) Addition of St. Agnes Church, including the central gates with associated six granite piers and railings, St. Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor P Dunne and seconded by Councillor J O'Callaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 269/2014 and approves the addition of St. Agnes Church, including the central gates with associated six granite piers and railings, St. Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 14. Submitted Report No 270/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) Deletion of 10, 10a & 10b Temple Lane South, Dublin 2 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 270/2014 and approves the deletion of 10, 10a & 10b Temple Lane South, Dublin 2, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 15. Submitted Report No 271/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) Deletion of 7 Fownes Street Upper, Dublin 2 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 271/2014 and approves the deletion of 7 Fownes Street Upper, Dublin 2, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 16. Submitted Report No 272/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) Deletion of 6 Benburb Street, Dublin 7 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. . It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 272/2014 and approves the deletion of 6 Benburb Street, Dublin 7, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

- 17. Submitted Report No 276/2014 of the Executive Manager (*R. Kenny*) With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway to the rear of 1-6 Henry Street and 16-11 Liffey Street (Proby's Lane off Liffey Street), D 1. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "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 over the laneway to the rear of 1-6 Henry Street and 16-11 Liffey Street (Proby's Lane off Liffey Street), D 1 as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 26306, 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.
- 18. Submitted Report No. 293/2014 of Executive Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over laneway to the rear of 80-118 Collins Avenue and 25-59 Collins Park, Donnycarney, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor S Haughey "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 80-118 Collins Avenue and 25-59 Collins Park, Donnycarney, Dublin 9, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M.26293, 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.
- 19. Submitted Report No. 289/2014 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 13 premises. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No /2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 20. Submitted Report No 281/2014 of the Executive Manager (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of the front garden of 25 Coburg Place, Dublin. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 281/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 21. Submitted Report No 282/2014 of the Executive Manager (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's Fee Simple interest in the site at Davitt Road close to intersection with Benbulbin Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 282/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 22. Submitted Report No 283/2014 of the Executive Manager (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of the Fee Simple in the City Estate property known as No. 106 Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 2983/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 23. Submitted Report No 284/2014 of the Acting Chief Executive Manager (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of 13A Merrion Row, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That

Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 284/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 24. Submitted Report No 285/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of the premises at 1-4 Portland Square, Dublin 1 (CASPR). It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 285/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 25. Submitted Report No 286/2014 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of the premises at Nos. 1-4 Portland Square, Dublin 1 (Cavan Centre). It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 286/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 26. Submitted Report No 287/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*D. Brady*) With reference to the proposed grant of a 5 year Lease of a crèche facility at Sillogue Avenue, Ballymun, Dublin 9 to Our Lady's Nursery Ballymun Limited,. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 287/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 27. Submitted Report No 292/2014 of the North West Area Committee Breviate for the month of September 2014 Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor A Connaghan and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 292/2014". The motion was put and carried.
- 28. Submitted Report No 279/2014 of the North Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of September 2014 Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 279/2014". The motion was put and carried.

The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders at this time to agree the following Emergency Motion without debate "That no permanent parking ban be implemented on Dollymount Beach and that full consultation with local representatives, the public and vulnerable beach users takes place prior to any changes to vehicular access" **Submitted by Councillors Naoise Ó Muirí and Deirdre Heney**

- 29. Submitted Report No 280/2014 of the Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of September 2014 Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor J Dowdall "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 280/2014". The motion was put and carried.
- 30. Submitted Report No 290/2014 of the South Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of September 2014 Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Hand "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 290/2014". The motion was put and carried.
- 31. Submitted Report No 268/2014 of the South East Area Committee Breviate for the month of September 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 268/2014". The motion was put and carried.

32. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motion without debate :

"The Council notes that at the May Council Meeting, Councillors agreed the Part V111 planning application for St Teresa's Gardens with the following conditions attached, that this council agree the following re planning application for Part V111 no 2033/14 – St Teresa's Gardens, Donore Avenue and 23, 24 and 25 Eugene Street as follows:

That the residents of Eugene St could enter into negotiations with the council to purchase private open space for a nominal fee, length approx 3.8m long between back gardens of Eugene Street and the new boundary wall. That this council agree the following re planning application for Part V111 no 2033/14 – St Teresa's Gardens, Donore Avenue and 2324 and 25 Eugene Street as follows

That the proposed bin storage for the Apartment block be discharged to the front of the building (and not at back as in plans

That a secure bike storage area for the residents of Cork Street Buildings be provided (ideally in this same area off Darley Terrace)

That the poor drainage/foul system on Eugene Street be improvedThat the existing trees on Donore Avenue at the recycling bins and in St. Teresa's Gardens be retained.

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The agreement to the planning application in May was based on these conditions being fulfilled. We now call on the Chief Executive Officer to intervene to ensure that this agreement entered into in good faith by Councillors and residents is now fulfilled. This Council also calls for independent technical expertise to be provided to the residents if needed".

Submitted by Councillors Rebecca Moynihan and Criona Ni Dhalaigh

It was agreed that the Assistant Chief Executive will arrange a meeting with the residents to discuss the issues at hand and to report back to a future Area Committee meeting.

- 33. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motions without debate:
 - (a) "That the Council strongly oppose the Traffic Department's proposal to make McKee Avenue Finglas 'entry only' from Finglas Village and call on the Chief Executive to direct the Manager responsible to cease the tender and procurement process in relation to the upgrade without delay" Submitted by Councillor David Costello
 - (a) "That this Council requests the Government Chief Whip to ensure that the Equality (Amendment) Bill 2014 (which will provide the legislative base necessary to end the practice of discrimination in the private housing market in relation to tenants in receipt of Rent Allowance) be heard next"

Submitted by Councillor Tina MacVeigh

34. The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to debate the following Emergency Motion :-

"That Dublin City Council

- a. deplores the recent excessive mobilisation of Gardaí including the Public Order Unit into housing estates in Ayrfield, Edenmore, Donaghmede and Clare Hall in order to enforce the installation of water meters in the face of mass, peaceful opposition from the communities concerned.
- b. furthermore deplores the arrest of residents under the Water Services Act and notes with concern that Garda deployment and their forcible removal of protesters is taking place in close collaboration with a private company carrying out installation work on behalf of Irish Water.
- c.calls on the Lord Mayor to make representations to the Garda Commissioner on the matter
- d. declares its support for peaceful resistance to water meter installation and calls for a mass turnout on the 11th OctoberRight2Water demonstration as initial steps in the struggle to force the abolition of this unjust charge

Submitted by Councillors M O'Brien, G Gannon, C Perry, P Hand, J Lyons, A Keegan, M MacDonncha, L O'Toole, P Dunne, B Smith, D O'Farrell, J Dowdall, T MacVeigh, E Ryan and D Mitchell

Councillor Jim O'Callaghan declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber for the duration of the discussion and vote. Following a lengthy discussion, the motion was put to a roll-call vote and carried. For full details of the vote, please see attached **Appendix B.**

35. The City Council agreed that Motion No 26 could be swapped with Motion No 34. Therefore, it was proposed by Councillor A Connaghan ad seconded by Councillor C Andrews "That Dublin City Council calls on the Government to repeal the Health (Fluoridation of Water supplies) Act 1960 and to make it an offence for anyone to add fluoride or any derivatives to the public water supply" The motion was put and carried.

The City Council also agreed that Motion No 56 could be taken at this time as it was arelated matter. Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor D Costello and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That the Chief Executive and City Council recognise the importance of water fluoridation as a necessity for maintaining dental health in our city and that scientific and medical expert opinion be presented to DCC prior to any vote on the issue. There is solid scientific evidence to support the fact that fluoridation is a safe, cost effective and most importantly effective way of reducing dental decay in our children" The motion was put and defeated.

- 36. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor D Heney on the following motion standing in her name at Item No 30 on the Agenda Paper "That the Chief Executive gives a detailed report on proposed improvements to the city's cycle lane infrastructure and specifically carries out improvements to the cycle routes/lanes from:
 - a) Howth Road, Clontarf to Amiens Street,
 - b) Griffith Avenue down Drumcondra Road to Dorset Street, onto Temple Street and into the City Centre and
 - c) Tara Street and Butt Bridge

as local cyclists complain of very poor quality and a quite dangerous road surface at these locations.

- 37. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor T Brabazon on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 44 on the Agenda Paper "That this Council calls upon the Chief Executive to produce a Fire Plan for approval by Dublin City Council that includes a detailed Risk Assessment with the intent that any future Fire Plan will not undermine safety of either the public or fire fighters in any way"
- 38. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor C Byrne on the following motion standing in her name at Item No 57 on the Agenda Paper "That the CEO update the Councillors with full details of the decision made to proceed with the Poolbeg Incinerator and to specifically include the following information:
 - The terms and conditions of the contract with Convanta
 - Confirmation that the CEO is satisfied that the data provided by the RPS and PWC reports is accurate
 - The transport and traffic management plan for both the development phase and operational phase of the Poolbeg incinerator
 - The agreed waste thresholds that were set beyond which Dublin City Council are financially liable
 - The projected carbon emissions and potential carbon savings associated with the development and operation of the incinerator

and to make a statement on these matters.

39. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor P McAuliffe on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 58 on the Agenda Paper "That this Council prepare a report to Members regarding the current system of Development Levies. This report should outline the current charges, the legislative basis for these charges, the manner in which these levies are spent and how they are reflected in the budget. The report should comment of how the current system might be improved based on the experience of the past decade"

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 3rd November 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, 6th OCTOBER 2014

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive what action he will take to reduce the proliferation of illegal signs offering "Cash for cars" and similar such signs all pasted on road signs throughout the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This office has been aware of the issues surrounding the "Cash for Cars" signs. Waste Management staff and Litter Wardens have been instructed to remove the signs. However, once removed the signs are replaced almost overnight. Staff have witnessed people removing and replacing signs and have noted the registration number of the vehicle used in the commission of the offence. When details of the vehicle are obtained they do not match the make and model of the vehicle witnessed, therefore we cannot proceed with a prosecution on the evidence provided.

It has also come to our attention that the signs are now stuck on to the poles etc which are proving very difficult to remove.

We are liaising with the other Dublin Local Authorities in order to gain as much information as possible but they also seem to have the same issues as Dublin City Council.

We are also working with the Gardai to identify the people involved. The signs in place advertise a mobile phone number which is not registered and therefore it is not possible to link any person to the offence in order to initiate a prosecution.

We have received some important information on one person which lead to the issue of a fine which remains unpaid.

We are in the process of attempting to issue a summons, but as the registered post containing the summons has not been accepted or collected, this office in conjunction with the Law Dept propose seek permission from the courts to sub-serve the summons.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the approximate cost of moving from a shared water supply in the case of 2 houses to separate water supply. While the work is apparently due to be carried out by Irish water, the application process to the point of providing a cost quotation is being administered by Dublin City Council and is the reason for submitting this question to the Chief Executive for response. The Chief Executive in his response should set out any cost ranges that be applicable and equally set out the timescales for such works to be completed in a typical case.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New water connections are a matter for Irish Water and the Councillor's query will be sent to Irish Water for direct reply.

While DCC, Water Services Division as Agents for Irish Water continue to carry out inspections for water connections all contact going forward with regard to costing of connections will be via Irish Water and the Customer under new protocols issued by Irish Water.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the number of people on the homeless list for each of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and to set out the same data for homeless people housed in temporary accommodation within the Dublin Region.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Every three years in accordance with Section 9 of the Housing Act 1988, housing authorities are required to undertake a housing needs assessment in their functional areas.

Local Authorities are obliged to carry out an Assessment of Housing Need every three years. The number of persons on the 2008 and 2011 homeless housing lists are further outlined, while the Assessment of Housing Need 2014 is underway.

2008 number of persons on Dublin City Council homeless list – 1,123

2011 number of persons on Dublin City Council homeless list – 966

The number of presentations made to Dublin homeless services in Qtr 2, 2014 were **2,413 during the quarter.** Of these persons, 500 were individuals who were new to homelessness. This represents a presentation of approximately 5.4 new individuals per day for Qtr 2.

The total number of beds available across the Dublin region on 30/6/14 was 1,417, the total number of beds occupied was 1,414

Q.5 <u>COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY</u>

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the current level of public toilets and public showers in Dublin City and to indicate plans to increase capacity having regard to increase in both the level of homeless people and the number of visitors to the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council provides temporary facilities for major events in the City and at night to cater for people attending late night events/activities. Updated tenders for the provision of the temporary/portable toilet facilities to cater for major events and to address the night time requirements in the City Centre will be sought in the near future.

The City Council also currently has two Automated Public Conveniences (APC) in Sandymount & Clontarf.

Having regard to the current financial constraints there are no further plans for the development/operation of permanent facilities.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the housing void rate for the total Dublin City Council senior citizen housing complexes and to ask the Chief Executive if he considers this void rate to be acceptable on an ongoing basis and as to whether new management techniques are required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The housing void rate for Senior Citizens is 1.8% of the total housing stock.

A policy decision (circa 2008) was taken to suspend the refurbishment of zero-bed units (usually 26 square meters) as they were low demand due to their size and considered no longer compatible with standards set by government for one bed units or the City Council's Development Plan (the only reference to studio apartments in the Development plan is in Appendix 3 and relates to student accommodation). By January 2014, 585 of the zero-beds were void (classified as Void Pending Refurbishment). The intention, at the time, was to embark on a programme of amalgamating the two zero-bed units into one one-bed units, on a phased basis. The

programme was based on the premise that a critical mass of empty units would be required to allow for the logistics of de-tenanting half empty blocks so that the works could take place with the least amount of disruption to the remaining tenants. It was also recognised that the net effect of amalgamating "two into one" would be to reduce the overall number of units available.

On February 27th 2014, this policy was rescinded and the City Council agreed that empty zero-bed units were to be reintroduced to the housing stock, refurbished and re-let, according to demand. In order to ensure that the push to refurbish these extra units, did not negatively impact on the existing Void turnaround programme, it was decided to target the refurbishment of 250 units, on a phased basis, between March and December of 2014. Works on refurbishing zero-bed units started in March. Of the initial target of 250 units, 189 have been turned around to date and it is anticipated that the remaining 64 will be complete by year's end.

It is still the intention to proceed with the "two-to-one" programme and while a number of isolated units have been amalgamated, a pilot programme in St Bricin's Park to amalgamate 68 zero-bed units into 34 one-units will commence in the final quarter of this year. A submission for funding for other complexes is currently with the DOELG.

It should also be noted that refurbishment works are being carried out on units in Ballygall Road East by an Approved Housing Body (AHB) Fold, where they are again converting zero bed units into one beds and that negotiations are ongoing with other AHBs to carry out refurbishment works on void unit in Canon Troy and Jamestown Court amongst others.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this Councillor with an update on the request for replacement windows and door at (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tree's on **(details supplied)** be trimmed or cut back as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To request the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of arranging Road calming measures on **(details supplied)**, this road is used as a rat run and is a danger to playing children and senior citizens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Could the Chief Executive please state when the gully on **(details supplied)** will be repaired. It has been reported on several occasions. This part of the road has now become very dangerous during heavy rain especially for cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will initiate the orderly removal of the National Development Plan signs that are dotted around the City and are now, and always were, pointless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the National Development Plan Dublin City Council received funding for a number of road projects throughout the city. One of the conditions attached to the drawing down of funding for these projects was that appropriate NDP signage was erected. Road Design and Construction Division will review its NDP funded schemes and make arrangements for removal of signage as appropriate.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on appeals lodged against the clamping service to;

- 1. Dublin Street Parking Services and
- 2. Dublin City Council's independent appeals officer

for any recent period e.g. 2013 or first half of 2014 and to give statistics on the number of appeals in each case, the number and percentage of appeals granted and refused in each case, any analysis of categories of cases involved, the levels of fines imposed, say if different levels of fines apply for parking in clearways as opposed to parking in a quiet suburban road; what the number of enforcement vehicles now used is and if he can give a full report on the current clamping policy as my constituent feels the entire operation has changed from trying to keep busy clearways free during peak commuter times to a money making practice with serious enforcement of minor parking infringements in quiet suburban areas and if a statement can be made on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further to request for number of appeals and analysis, please find attached Report of the Parking Appeals Officer 2013 which addresses all of these queries.

Different levels of fines do not apply. The €80 clamping charge is set in primary legislation and has not increased since clamping commenced in the Dublin city area in 1998.

Our Parking Enforcement Contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, currently have a fleet of 16 enforcement vehicles. DSPS roster fleet and staff on-street to ensure an adequate level of enforcement is carried out at all times.

With regard to policy, enforcement of parking by DSPS on behalf of Dublin City Council is aimed at encouraging members of the public to park safely and legally in accordance with the legislation, therefore, also ensuring that parking is available for all road-users on an ongoing basis, thus assisting with traffic flow in the city.

DSPS would not have the resources available to regularly patrol all quiet suburban areas and their presence in such locations is usually in response to a specific request for enforcement at that location. DSPS receive in excess of 200 requests for enforcement action on a weekly basis.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the advertised sale of both All Hallows College and St. Joseph's (Rosmini Fathers) Childvision premises on Gracepark Road, if he will list the protected listed buildings in both establishments, say when they were listed, when premises were last inspected/researched and if, in view of sale and resulting doubt regarding future, it would be appropriate for an updated inspection to see if any revised listing proposals are recommended and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The RPS entries are as follows.

St. Joseph's: including lodge, entrance gates, piers and ironworks.

All Hallows College: original mansion and "Temple".

Conservation Section is currently assessing additional buildings on the All Hallows site, to establish if they should be added to the RPS. A survey of the site has recently been undertaken by the section.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the serious rodent problem at (details supplied) and say;

- 1. If he is aware of same
- 2. If the problem/source of the rodents has been/can be identified as local residents are very worried about the consequences of rodents continuing to enter their homes under their floorboards/tiles etc through sub ground level
- 3. What measures have been/can be taken by Dublin City Council to eliminate/alleviate the problem
- 4. If the HSE have been contacted by Council officials in this matter in recent days and if so, say what action was taken
- 5. What action was taken in recent years to reduce/eliminate the rodent problem in St. Anne's park and if same could be done in or in the vicinity of Naniken River as residents believe the problem could be coming from the Naniken in recent times
- 6. If he can have an official directly contact residents at **(details supplied)** and advise them in the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Pest Control Section of the Health Service Executive should be contacted directly by the residents of **(details supplied)** with regard to rodents on private property. They can be contacted at 8605860. Dublin City Council has no role in the control of rats on private property.

The problem of rodents in the vicinity of the **(details supplied)** River is the responsibility of Irish Water. As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the Chief Executive which was sent to all Councillors, water/drainage queries should be forwarded directly to Irish Water.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

Telephone:	1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web:	www.water.ie
Twitter:	@IrishWater
Postal Address:	Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

There is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie

The river (details supplied) in (details supplied) Park is monitored on an ongoing basis by Parks & Landscape Services for rodent activity, and appropriate control measures are put in place as required. No specific action has been required in (details supplied) Park in recent times as the rat population seems to be at low numbers at present. Where a problem arises it tends to associated with food source and/or disruption arising from works.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately arrange for the Dublin City Council to remove the Japanese knotweed growing on their property beside **(details supplied).** The weed is a serious threat to the structure of the buildings and needs immediate attention.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection was carried out on this site recently and arrangements have been made to have the Japanese knotweed removed.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the process for adding a building to the record of protected structures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A written request should be made to the Conservation Section, Block 3, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay. There is an application form available if required.

A reason should be given as to why the building merits addition to the Record of Protected Structures and any background information or photographs should be included.

The building will be inspected and assessed and if it is deemed to comply with the criteria for listing a report will be sent to the Area Committee and the Elected Members will be asked to initiate the procedure to add the building to the Record of Protected Structures. If agreed with the Elected Members a statutory process begins which includes advertising in the National press, a display period, submissions and a final report and recommendation being brought to the Elected Members at a full City Council Meeting. The listing or delisting of a building on the Record of Protected Structures is a reserved function of the City Council.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a more suitable accommodation for **(details Supplied)** this is a 75 year old, wheel chair bound lady, this apartment is not wheelchair friendly and this lady is very ill and this problem is adding to her stress.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Castleforbes apartments, specifically the following:

- a. How many units will be made available
- b. What type of units will they be (i.e. two bed/three bed etc)
- c. What is the contract price for the total units being purchased.

d. Are these funds available immediately and ring fenced in respect of the Castleforbes purchase.

e. What further works, legalities remain before they are available for occupation.

f. In light of the answers above can the Chief Executive give either a definite or approximate date for when will the units be ready for occupation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal under the existing Part 5 Agreement is that the Council will purchase 21 units at this location.

They will be a mix of unit size but the precise mix has not yet been agreed.

The Council is in discussions about the location of the units which are available or could be made available for purchase, ideally in a single block rather than spread throughout the scheme as this would allow the Council to appoint an approved Housing Body to manage the units for the Council.

The price is not yet agreed. The DOECLG have indicated that they will provide funding.

The reason for the delay in purchasing the units is that the project was not completed because the developer went into receivership. The units are not currently in compliance with the planning permission for the development and cannot be sold for this reason.

The project received planning permission from An Bord Pleanala earlier this year and the receiver has indicated that the building works should commence shortly to make the units and scheme compliant with planning.

As soon as the receiver/developer provide details of the units which are available to purchase negotiations will recommence about the specific location within the scheme as well as the type, number and price of units to be purchased by the Council.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the NPPR:

- a. Amount received from this charge in each financial year and year to date since its introduction.
- b. The above amount split between charge and late fees.
- c. The amount of new declarations made in the run up to August 31st before the revised late penalties came into force.
- d. Amount collected/collectable under c above, again broken down into charge and late fee/penalties.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council – NPPR Collection Analysis 2009 – 2013

The total NPPR bureau receipts to the 30/9/2014 are €84.056M.

Table A as below outlines for each year the total payments and the analysis between charges and late penalties.

Table B as below outlines those properties registered and that an additional 13,561 properties were registered in 2014 and the total number of registered properties is 335,652. The additional payments in 2014 are €10.059M of which €2.7M relates to charges and €7.346M relates to penalties.

In addition to the above, Dublin City Council has invoiced €1.8M in respect of payment plans primarily resulting from correspondence received in August / September 2014 for those individuals who are liable and cannot discharge their full liability in payment to the NPPR bureau. Additional payment plan arrangements are progressing to agreement. As the fully liability of payments plans is discharged, the NPPR bureau is notified accordingly.

		Value of NPPR Payments Processed											
Period	Payment Type		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		TOTAL
Up to 31/12/2013	Total Payments	€	15,849,760	€	15,612,720	€	15,024,460	€	14,399,320	€	13,111,280	€	73,997,540
	Charge	€	12,541,400	€	12,766,000	€	12,922,400	€	13,331,600	€	12,856,800	€	64,418,200
	Late Penalties	€	3,308,360	€	2,846,720	€	2,102,060	€	1,067,720	€	254,480	€	9,579,340
Up to 31/08/2014	Total Payments	€	17,674,140	€	17,311,840	€	16,546,680	€	15,759,520	€	14,381,420	€	81,673,600
	Charge	€	12,839,000	€	13,083,200	€	13,285,400	€	13,779,600	€	13,545,600	€	66,532,800
	Late Penalties	€	4,835,140	€	4,228,640	€	3,261,280	€	1,979,920	€	835,820	€	15,140,800
Up to 30/09/2014	Total Payments	€	18,311,040	€	17,874,920	€	16,999,770	€	16,128,640	€	14,742,190	€	84,056,560
	Charge	€	12,938,400	€	13,183,600	€	13,388,200	€	13,894,400	€	13,725,800	€	67,130,400
	Late Penalties	€	5,372,640	€	4,691,320	€	3,611,570	€	2,234,240	€	1,016,390	€	16,926,160
Year to Date 2014	Total Payments	€	2,461,280	€	2,262,200	€	1,975,310	€	1,729,320	€	1,630,910	€	10,059,020
	Charges	€	397,000	€	417,600	€	465,800	€	562,800	€	869,000	€	2,712,200
	Late Penalties	€	2,064,280	€	1,844,600	€	1,509,510	€	1,166,520	€	761,910	€	7,346,820
01/09/14 - 30/09/14 (September)	Total Payments	€	636,900	€	563,080	€	453,090	€	369,120	€	360,770	€	2,382,960
	Charge	€	99,400	€	100,400	€	102,800	€	114,800	€	180,200	€	597,600
	Late Penalties	€	537,500	€	462,680	€	350,290	€	254,320	€	180,570	€	1,785,360

Table A - NPPR payments processed for years 2009 - 2013

Table B - NPPR properties registered for years 2009 – 2013

	Properties Registered for NPPR									
Period	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL				
Up to 31/12/2013	62,707	63 <i>,</i> 830	64,612	66 <i>,</i> 658	64,284	322,091				
Up to 31/08/2014	64,195	65,416	66,427	68,898	67,728	332,664				
Up to 30/09/2014	64,692	65,918	66,941	69,472	68,629	335,652				
Year to Date 2014	1,985	2,088	2,329	2,814	4,345	13,561				
01/09/14 - 30/09/14 (September)	497	502	514	574	901	2,988				

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the important role of Dublin City Council in Dublin securing group and knockout stage matches in UEFA European Championship 2020 and to further detail the costs incurred by Dublin City Council in the process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The successful bid for the UEFA European Football Championships 2020 was a joint collaboration between Dublin City Council and the Football Association of Ireland with the full support of Government and many other stakeholders.

Dublin City Council had a key role on the Bid Project team as joint bid sponsor. The bid structure required submissions across a broad range of category headings. Dublin City Council contributed to these submissions with particular emphasis on Mobility (transport and logistics), City Promotion/ Legacy (fan zones and supporters) and Commercial Matters (branding and signage).

Dublin City Council played a critical role and co-ordinated with other key stakeholders including An Garda Síochána, Dublin Airport Authority, National Transport Authority, National Roads Authority, Dublin Port Company, Railway Procurement Agency, Dublin Bus, Irish Rail and other airports and ports throughout the country.

The direct cost incurred by Dublin City Council was €13,310.84. This does not include salary costs of Dublin City Council staff across a large number of departments who worked on the bid.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, there is still an amount of €3m due to Dublin City Council from the Dublin Docklands Development authority arising from the construction of the Samuel Beckett Bridge and if so, what is the up to date situation regarding recouping of this amount especially given that the DDDA is winding down.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No money is owed to Dublin City Council from the Dublin Docklands Development Authority arising from the construction of the Samuel Beckett Bridge. In recent weeks Dublin City Council received payment from DDDA in settlement of all payments due arising from the provision of public infrastructure and facilities that benefited or facilitated the development of the Grand Canal Docks Area.

The winding up of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority is proceeding in an orderly manner. It is expected that the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill 2014 will be enacted at the end of the year.

The key remaining wind-up issues being addressed by the Authority include the completion of remaining asset sales, discharging the Authority's remaining liabilities, formal transfer of infrastructure and certain assets to Dublin City Council and the completion of the final statutory accounts.

The liability of the Authority regarding the Samuel Beckett Bridge has been discharged in full.

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) made a payment to Dublin City Council in September of €1.3m. The balance of €1.7m is met through a credit

due to the DDDA from Dublin City Council in respect of development contributions. This amount (i.e. €1.7m) will be transferred to Roads Department to meet the incurred costs of the construction of the Samuel Beckett Bridge.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive please state if he is satisfied that it would be safe to build on planning decision 4783/06 (Hospice grounds Harold's Cross) given the level of flooding that occurs on this field on a regular basis. Furthermore will he state that he is satisfied that such construction would not have a deleterious effect on the surrounding area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Condition 5 of the grant of Planning Permission requires that the detailed drainage plan for the site must be submitted to the Drainage Division for written approval. A stipulation of the condition is that surface water discharge shall be limited from the site in accordance with the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study's 'Technical Document on New Development' and the development shall incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems which are two of the main mitigation measures for any flood risk.

Condition 5 (h) of the grant of permission for plan number 4783/06 contains a requirement that "the developer shall submit two revised copies of a detailed site drainage plan directly to the Drainage Division of DCC for written approval. These plans shall be submitted not later than the submission of the commencement notice for the development and drainage works shall not under any circumstances commence prior to the issuing of such written approval."

There is a further requirement within that Condition that "the Developer shall limit surface water discharge from the site in accordance with the requirements of the Drainage Division as set out in the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study's Technical Document on New Development. In particular all new developments shall incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems. Full details of these shall be agreed in writing with Drainage Division prior to commencement of development."

In view of the above stringent requirements, flood risk will be thoroughly addressed prior to approval being given by Drainage Division to the revised drainage proposals.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive please state the current planning status regarding the field that lies to the west of Mount Argus Rd between Mount Jerome Church and Lower Kimmage Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The land is located to the south west of Kimmage Road Lower and is some 1.8 hectares in size. The land use zoning objective is Z1 (Residential). The address is Lot 1, Kimmage Road Lower & Mount Argus Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W.

The land has an extant grant of planning permission with an expiry date in March 2016. Under Plan No. 2966/10, planning permission was granted in April 2011, and upheld on appeal, for 6 number residential buildings ranging in height from 3 to 5 storeys, over a basement car park. The approved development would consist of 158 apartments, a crèche, a single storey community building, car and cycle parking. Vehicular accesses would be from Kimmage Road Lower and Mount Argus Road. The approved development included extensive landscaping works to the River Poddle, including opening up the 10 metres long culverted section, to provide public open space.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many times the blocked off lanes in the Dublin Northwest area have had to be accessed, to work on the services contained within, since being blocked off?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When a public right of way is extinguished over a laneway, gates are erected and an agreement is put in place with the residents/key holders that access is to be given to utility service providers. No records are kept of these access requests.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the sewer issues at (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpaths on (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an outline of the process involved in the review of the Development Plan, how Councillors and members of the public can take part in such a process and what the timeline is for the consideration of a new Development Plan?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached a "time-line" which gives an outline of the process involved in the preparation and making of the new Development Plan as discussed at the Councillor's Information meeting held on the 30th September, 2014.

In essence, the preparation of the Development Plan is a 2 year process, beginning with the launch of an Issues Paper on the 10th November, 2014. There are 2 main formal consultation periods, on the draft Plan, the first in the autumn of 2015 (6 weeks) and the second in relation to any material amendments in the early summer of 2016. The Chief Executive will bring reports at all stages of the consultation process, including the Issues Paper, for consideration by the City Council.

Q.31 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.32 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.33 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.34 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.35 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for the number housing transient homeless and senior citizens applicants on the housing waiting list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

See table attached below:-

Housing List

	Area										
Waiting List	В	D	E	Η	J	K	L	Μ	Ν	Р	TOTAL
Band 2 Housing											
List	1422	293	1029	794	613	622	541	386	565	150	6415
Band 2 Older											
Persons	38	5	42	35	28	12	30	27	77	13	307
Band 3 Housing											
List	2975	475	1892	916	1011	936	734	456	895	185	10475
Band 3 Older											
Persons	110	11	93	66	46	62	43	37	78	13	559
Tied											
Accommodation								1			1
Traveller											
Priority	76	21	30	2	35	7	2	2		1	176
Medical Priority	38	3	25	21	16	8	8	11	7	3	140
Medical Priority											
Older Persons	5	2	5	4		1	3	2	3	1	26
Welfare Priority	28	6	8	9	13	4	7	5	1	2	83
Welfare Priority											
Older Persons				1		3		2	2	1	9
Homeless	326	64	174	176	119	80	97	37	44	19	1136
TOTAL	5018	880	3298	2024	1881	1735	1465	966	1672	388	19327

Transfer List

	Area										
Waiting List	В	D	Е	Н	J	K	L	Μ	Ν	Ρ	TOTAL
Band 2											
Transfer List	186	46	173	201	144	212	203	132	45	48	1390
Band 2 Older											
Persons	70	7	67	29	20	28	9	26	31	3	290
Band 3											
Transfer List	622	130	467	368	345	322	432	247	111	90	3134

Band 3 Olders											
Persons	40	23	51	41	46	16	57	32	34	10	350
Surrendering											
Larger	11	10	20	9	18	7	13	7	3	5	103
Medical Priority	18	5	18	14	12	9	17	22	3	5	123
Medical Priority											
Older Persons	3	5	3	7	3	1	3	4	2	1	32
Welfare Priority	44	12	28	18	38	27	19	16	4	2	208
Welfare Priority											
Older Persons	4		3		3	1	1	2	1		15
TOTAL	998	238	830	687	629	623	754	488	234	164	5645
Grand Total											24972

Q.36 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if any further progress has been made with (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to request information from Irish water as to how they will charge senior citizens at Dublin City Council complexes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Dublin City Council tenants will be customers of Irish Water as the water provider. All matters pertaining to this are between the parties with no involvement from DCC. *Contact:* Lorraine Brogan,

Tel: 222 3867

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

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

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

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

Q.39 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have repairs carried out or replacement brickwork to the base of the statue of General Michael Collins in Merrion Square. Recently the brickwork and stones have been dislodged and some are missing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location in question has been inspected and has been listed for repair. The repairs will take place over the next few weeks.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to repair or replace the bench/seating outside Donnybrook Church which is at this stage in an advanced state of decay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to inspect the bench and any remedial works required will be carried out.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the issue of the pooling of water outside the main gate of St. Patrick's Church, Ringsend addressed. After heavy showers there is a regular build-up of water at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footway at the entrance to St. Patrick's Church in Ringsend and noted that the presence of a blocked gully. This issue has been referred to DCC's drainage department.

The Gully Cleaning Section has cleaned both the footpath gullies and the road gullies at this location as of 02/10/2014.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following issue at the entrance opening to Wilfield Estate on Sandymount Ave, Dublin 4. Residents are concerned about the height difference between the roadway and the footpath as it is proving difficult for them to navigate their vehicles in and out of the Estate. Their main concern is that their wheels may buckle or they may damage some bodywork on their vehicles due to the height difference. Residents feel that a sloped kerb at the entrance would alleviate these issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has inspected the entrance at Wilfield Estate on Sandymount Avenue and noted the height difference between the carriageway and the dished entrance to Wilfield Estate. This issue has been added to our works list for repair.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for a full architectural or other expert examination of the roof of both complexes at Beech Hill Villas as the number of individual reported incidents of water seepage and significant damage to flats would at least anecdotally indicate a full repair job is required rather than the piecemeal approach to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our Housing Maintenance Engineer has confirmed that re-felting the roofs of both blocks at this location has been included in our works list. Work is estimated to commence end 2014 to early 2015.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the future maintenance, upkeep and plans for the Croppies Acre site Ellis Quay. This report should include what negotiations if any have taken place with the Civil Defence to vacate this important site. Also, whether this land bank is protected under the protected structures act and the National monuments and heritage acts and if not can the managers immediately initiate a process of protection at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In June of 2013 Dublin City Council Parks Services entered into a maintenance agreement with the Office of Public Works (the owners of the property) to maintain the park and open space for public use. Since that time the Park has been maintained on a weekly basis, the grass is cut, litter picked, weeds treated and the trees/shrubs pruned when necessary. Before the park can be reopened for public use the issue regarding accessibility has to be addressed and this involves the upgrading of the existing access/egress gates and the provision of a new circulatory pedestrian footpath system within the park. The proposed upgrading work is currently being discussed with the Office of Public Works with a view to opening the park to the public in 2015. The Park itself is classified as Z9 in the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2011-2017 (to preserve, provide and improve recreational, amenity, open space and green networks)

There have been no discussions to date with the Department of Defence or Civil Defence in relation to the lands currently occupied by the Civil Defence operation adjacent to the actual park.

We will discuss the whole issue of protection, under the various Acts with the Office of Public Works who own the site.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the IPA sites that are used throughout Dublin for advertisement? The report to include what planning permissions if any this company has to erect advertisement structures on buildings. What contractual arrangements are between the company and Dublin City Council? What revenues if any does the company pay to Dublin City Council? Has this service ever gone out to public tender contract? Has the situation ever been operated other than by the IPA Company? This report also to include evidence that the IPA Company has got permission from the owners of the properties that it places its advertising structures on. Also evidence of the amount of Dublin City Council properties that this advertising company uses. It is also noted that this company on occasion has used infrastructure under the control of other State agencies. Can Dublin City Council provide proof of permissions for planning? Have Dublin City Council any plans in the future to put this entire contract or service out for public tender and expressions of interest

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issues raised by the Councillor are under consideration and a reply will issue in due course.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the upsurge in the use of many buildings throughout the Dublin City administrative area that are now being used as Church's and places of worship. The report to include how many planning applications have been made for such buildings? How many have been granted? How many of these places of worship are operating in breach of planning?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There have been 15 Planning applications applied for in respect of change of use of buildings in the Dublin City Council Administrative Area to places of worship/churches since 2004. Of these applications 14 were granted and one refused. Since 1999 there have been 35 enforcement files opened relating to alleged unauthorised use of premises as churches/places of worship. 29 of these cases have been closed/resolved. There are six current live enforcement files relating to alleged change of use of buildings to churches/places of worship currently under investigation.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full list of all of those throughout the Dublin Administrative area who have an up to date license for street furniture. This report to include the full size of the given area in the license and all revenues that Dublin City Council receive for this facility. More and more of the public domain is now being cluttered up and clogged by inappropriate, oversize street furniture and sandwich boards. For elderly and those who have mobility impairments or people with visual impairments, to navigate these obstacles is now becoming major issue in our city streets. The cluttering up of our streets in a willy nilly fashion is in direct breach of the principles of Universal access and accessible cities. Dublin City Council recently launched its 'age friendly city' initiative - unfortunately with the streets cluttered with chairs, tables, barrels, sandwich boards and signage, not to mention barriers it is fast becoming far from age friendly.

Can this report kindly include a full list of those who were in breach of the criteria for street furniture and a full list of footpaths and public domain areas where street furniture was removed from and also where unlawful street furniture continues to be placed.

What warnings have been issued and to what premises? This whole request to cover one calendar year from Sept 2013-Sept 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Every city in Europe has a certain level of outdoor dining which is seen as integral to the hospitable atmosphere of a city. Dublin City Council is mindful of catering for businesses/diners/tourists in conjunction with the interests of vulnerable pavement/road users. Applications for street furniture licences are dealt with under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Prior to formally submitting a street furniture application, an on-site consultation meeting takes place between a member of The Street Furniture Unit and the applicant. The purpose of this meeting is to establish if capacity exists on the pavement to accommodate the proposed tables/chairs/screens, taking into account the existing street furniture and the convenience and safety of road users, including pedestrians. There are currently 127 licences issued to businesses in the Dublin City Council administrative area. A list of these premises is attached along with the area of each and whether each location has a private landing adjoining the licenced area. Planning permission is required for street furniture on private landings and not licenced under section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The income from the 127 street furniture licences is €492,186.76 for the last twelve months.

It would not be feasible to furnish the Councillor with a list of those allegedly in breach or served with notices as the situation is constantly changing and as such would be out of date as soon as it was issued. However, if the Councillor has specific queries he should make contact with the Street Furniture Unit and specific queries will be investigated by the Street Furniture Officer who enforces Section 254 for the Dublin City Council administrative area.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 <u>COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 <u>COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

- Q.51 Question withdrawn
- **Q.52** <u>COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN</u> 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.53 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.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 <u>COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN</u> 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 DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to support the following please (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.57 <u>COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.58 <u>COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH</u> To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to the following residents request (details supplied);

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

Q.59 <u>COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.60 <u>COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

> <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:</u> A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 <u>COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

> <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:</u> A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 <u>COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

Ask the Chief Executive to outline how many houses have been provided directly to Dublin City Council through Part V of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 for both social and affordable housing since the Act became law and how much money was paid as contributions in lieu during the same period.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested is being complied and a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR BRID SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive what if any representations have been made to the Gardai and other social services in respect of the below reports of anti social behaviour in the newly opened Walkinstown park/playground. (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An analysis was carried out in 2012 to identify areas within Dublin City that did not have convenient access to a children's playground.

Walkinstown was identified as such an area and works to install a playground to the rear of the Church of the Assumption in Walkinstown commenced earlier this year. This selected site is centrally located within the Walkinstown area. Improvements to the surrounding footpaths took place at the same time.

Over 100 circulars were delivered to surrounding houses in January this year advising residents of the planned playground. Objections were received from 3 households, and a result of this representation, the location of the playground was moved to an area approximately 40m northwest of the original location.

The playground has proved to be extremely popular with children and parents alike since its opening in July.

I would like to confirm that there are <u>no</u> plans to install any play facility for older children in this area.

The Crumlin Area Office and the Parks Division will continue to liaise the Gardaí in relation to matters affecting the playground and the users of the facility.

Incidents of criminal activity and anti social behaviour in the area should be reported directly to the Gardaí.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to responded to the email attached below and provide a report on the situation (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to responded to the issue (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full breakdown of statistics on the fines that have been issued as a result of the new waste bye-laws since their introduction, comprising a schedule of every fine issued, the identity of the entity or individual fined, the reason for the fine, whether or not the fine has been discharged, and, if the fine has not been discharged, what follow up action has taken place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details as requested are being compiled at present and will be forwarded to the Councillor when they are available.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a pilot scheme in the Hume Street area of Dublin requiring the usage of specialist bird proof rubbish bags of the kind successfully deployed in Tenby, Pembrokeshire, UK with a view to eradicating the

problem whereby waste left for collection in plastic bags is ravaged by cats and birds, in particular seagulls, see (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council exited the waste collection business in January 2012 and it is therefore not possible for the City Council to introduce a similar waste collection scheme to that outlined in the reports. This scheme is operated by Cornwall District Council in England and effectively it requires the selling of heavy duty bags by the Council directly to the public for their use as an alternative storage unit for the standard black refuse sacks. It is still the preferred option of Cornwall Council that resident's use bins at all times and the primary advantage of this scheme is that it allows those premises which are not suitable for bins to have an easily transported and reusable bag that can be utilised in the same manner as the standard black bin.

However unlike Dublin City, in Cornwall the waste collecting service is contracted out by the council and it is therefore possible for them to direct their contractor to accept such bags and to deal with the associated problems which they create. It would not be possible for Dublin City Council to instruct all private waste contractors to introduce a service such as this to their customers. All queries regarding customer service issues with private waste contractors must be addressed directly to the relevant contractor and if this is a service that customers would like to have provided they would need to raise this matter directly with their respective contractors.

In addition, such a service would not address the issue of illegally dumped plastic bags which would still be open to wild animals and the elements as they are now. Cornwall does not have this problem to anything like our extent as their refuse charges are incorporated into their rates.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to substantially improve the quality of the street lighting on Synge Street, Dublin 8, in circumstances where (a) it is inadequate, and (b) there has been a spate of crime in that locality over the past twelve months and where I have been contacted by one individual who has been personally subjected to six incidents of criminal behaviour during that time, and much of which, in particular break-ins, is facilitated by poor street lighting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have investigated the existing lighting here and consider that the light distribution may be partially blocked by trees. We will contact Parks to request pruning of the trees and will arrange for the lamps to be replaced, and for the lanterns to be cleaned, in the coming weeks, which will increase the overall light output.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the precise sequence of events which would be required, including any necessary amendment of legislation by the Oireachtas which would enable Dublin City Council to ensure that the waste collection sector was serviced in Dublin by an entity which had won a competitive tender competition for the market and would be a contractual counterparty with Dublin City Council as opposed to the current situation where the competition exists within the market.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In order for Dublin City Council to regulate waste collection in its functional area, the government would have to introduce amending legislation to appoint the local authority as Waste Regulator for the city council area. This would then enable the authority to provide competition for the waste collection market through a competitive

tendering process. As it currently stands, government policy is for competition in the market.

Q.71 <u>COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.72 <u>COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.73 <u>COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please ensure the ongoing problems with the sewage at the large open strip of land on Belgrove Park, Chapelizod Dublin 20 next to 14 to 18 Belgrove Park be looked at and sorted out. I saw at first hand human waste coming out over the missing manhole cover a few weeks ago. Local residents have told me the land which was left over from the builder who developed the estate over 40 years ago is used by local children to play kick about is a real danger with human health. I am asking for an onsite meeting at this location if we cannot repair the problem it is a local authority issue as the problem will impact & impacting on all in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area in question was inspected by the drainage division and the drainage manhole located in this area is private and doesn't fall under the remit of Dublin City Council. The drainage division will be sending a letter to the residents whose houses utilise this manhole informing them that It is the responsibility of each household attached to the manhole to maintain the manhole and the sewer line coming into it. Dublin City Council will be removing the plate and cones currently sitting over the manhole at the end of October 2014.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please ensure that the door that was ordered 8 years ago for (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please have the following looked into (Details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.78 <u>COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON</u> To ask the Chief Executive to look at the following (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the method of billing and payment of water charges for tenants in flats complexes and senior citizens complexes and any other relevant matter to enable tenant's maximum clarity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Dublin City Council tenants will be customers of Irish Water as the water provider. All matters pertaining to this are between the parties with no involvement from DCC.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.83 <u>COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY</u> To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate parking on Rathgar Place which is apparently causing difficulties to residents of York Road whilst attempting to use their garages at the rear of their homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for the issue of parking on Rathgar Place to be investigated is currently listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether a dead tree outside (details supplied) can be removed and replaced with a new small tree. There is tarmacadem there which is very unsightly and is a trip hazard and needs to be levelled out when a new tree is being put in.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter of the tree has been referred to Dublin City Council Parks Department to investigate. Road Maintenance noted the presence of the tarmacadam – which is an opening from waterworks and is on our list to be reinstated. It was unclear to Road Maintenance where the trip hazard is.

The dead tree will be removed and a new replacement will be planted here over the winter period. Park Services will refer the request to investigate the repair of the path to The Roads Maintenance Department following the planting

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether a pedestrian crossing can be put in at College Park just up from Fortfield Road, Terenure as there are a lot of young children going to school in the area and are finding it difficult to cross there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Clarification was received from Councillor O'Callaghan in relation to this request. Councillor O'Callaghan is requesting a pedestrian crossing on College Drive near the junction with Fortfield Road. As the location concerned is within South Dublin County Council's administrative area, the request has been forwarded to South Dublin County Council for examination and direct reply to Councillor O'Callaghan.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether bins left at Mountpleasant Square, Ranelagh at the entrance to the Linear Park (opposite the Hill Pub) and black bags at the exit on the north side of the park can be removed and a sign erected stating that waste cannot be abandoned there and that fines will be imposed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South East Area Office will arrange for a no dumping sign to be erected at the location outlined. The local Litter Warden will also monitor the area and take the appropriate action regarding illegally dumped refuse

Q.88 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Would the Chief Executive be able to prevent illegal parking to the rear of houses on Lombard Street East where cars are parking in a pedestrian area by placing a collapsible bollard to allow for emergency access?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office will examine the area in question and discuss the issue with the residents affected with a view to finding an agreed solution.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive ensure that the shower is repaired and a new vent is installed in the bathroom of (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive have the double glazing installed in (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Could the Chief Executive address the following issue; In light of the peer reviewed academic paper published in Environmental International, Dec 2013, highlighting the serious risks to the health of the Residents of the Coastguard Station, (details **supplied**)from the night-time activities of Dublin Port/MTLs un-authorised gantries, and given the continuous complaints to Councillors, backed up by You Tube videos, what steps are the Air and Noise Section taking to assess and evaluate the situation and Given that Dublin Port are recording, with a microphone placed outside (details supplied), on a 24/7 basis for the last 3 years, and given that they have supplied these recordings to the Air and Noise Section previously, can a formal request be put to Dublin Port for this continuous data, because it seems that the DCC Air and Noise Section are incapable of getting personnel to the site at the times of the worst nuisance? Given that this data is held by a State Company, it would seem prudent and expedient to share the data?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Matters referred to in this question are *sub judice* as they are *inter alia* currently the subject of proceedings before the High Court. The most recent hearing on these matters was before the August and September summer court recess 2014 and a further hearing is scheduled when the Courts reconvene in early October.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 <u>COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 <u>COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the proposal by his colleague Mr Dick Brady that furnished containers by purchased by the council as a form of emergency accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mr. Brady did not propose that furnished containers be purchased by the Council as a form of emergency accommodation. However, he did say that the Council was considering the use of Modular Housing as a possible short term solution to housing

homeless households as an alternative to the current practice of unsustainable hotel accommodation. The use of hotel accommodation is cause for concern from a child welfare and quality of family life stand point. A report on modular housing will be brought to future S.P.C. for discussion.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on how many homeless people to date have been removed from the social housing list because they are deemed eligible for the pilot Housing Assistant Payment scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Individuals who are homeless have not been moved from the social housing list to the pilot Housing Assistance Scheme, as the pilot for homeless households has not yet been initiated on an operational level.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive on how many people to date have been engaged by the Council under the Gateway Scheme and to which departments and locations have they been assigned and have any people placed subsequently left the scheme.

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 19 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 – 6

Finance Department Dublin City BID Company – 2

Ballymun Area Office Dublin North West Citizens Information Service - 1 Aisling Project Ltd - 2

One person left the scheme in July 2014 following disciplinary measures.

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.98 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the charge to Industry and 1,000 litres of water and per 1,000 litre of effluent? How do these rates compare to the rates Irish Water will charge domestic users?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All queries from Councillors relating to Irish Water should be sent directly to **localrepsupport@water.ie** for a response.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive

- 1) What the average rent (in euro) is for DCC accommodation (separated by 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed etc dwellings).
- 2) Average occupancy rates for dwelling with more than one bedroom.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The average rent charge for DCC accommodation is as follows:

(1) 0 bedrooms:	€33.78
(2) 1 Bedrooms:	€39.56
(3) 2 Bedrooms:	€55.99
(4) 3 Bedrooms:	€68.11
(5) 4 Bedrooms:	€76.89
(6) 5 Bedrooms:	€90.96

There is a 75% occupancy rate for dwellings with more than one bedroom.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive put traffic calming on Griffith Avenue between Ballymun Road and Ballygall Road East? A lot of the road is an old concrete road with the grooves in the concrete going against the flow of traffic, which makes the road very noisy for the residents. There is also a new bus route on the road which has also increased the noise from the road, and the width of the road encourages drivers to speed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for traffic calming measures on Griffith Avenue between Ballymun Road and Ballygall Road East has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Manager please refer to request from constituent who requires the reinstallation of filter light at location as per (details attached);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 <u>COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive if he will ensure that the park at Clareville is inspected weekly for dumped items; that these items are removed immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The open space at Clareville is currently maintained on a weekly basis whereby the litter is removed and the grass cut. Both weed control and tree maintenance is also undertaken when required. To date issues associated with illegal dumping on the open space have not been a problem.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

When does Dublin City Council plan to complete the Boundary wall at **(details supplied)** which is in compliance with the permission granted on section 3 of the Blackhorse road improvement scheme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the tarmac at the side of the shops at Ashtown have been taken in charge and in light of the health and safety issue at this land when does Dublin City Council intend to resurface it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The private landings to both sides of the commercial premises at Ashtown Grove are in the ownership of Dublin City Council and are maintained by the Council's Development Department, Property Management Section.

A decision was taken to resurface both landings but due to the costs involved which were substantial and given the resources available it was decided that the resurfacing work would have to be done in two phases. A decision was taken to resurface the Park Road side of Ashtown Grove first as this side was deemed to be most in need of urgent repairs and the works were completed in June of 2014.

Provision is being made in the 2015 budget for the works to the Kinvara Grove side of Ashtown Grove and it is hoped that these works can be completed in early 2015 once the Council's budget has been approved

Q.106 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR

In light of the deteriorating of the tarmac on the main Navan Road and the danger it is putting on cyclists and motorists to ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to resurface this road between Cabra cross and the halfway house roundabout.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance have inspected the above-mentioned section of carriageway and confirm that, generally, this is in a satisfactory condition. A repair in the bus lane outside no. *** will be carried out by contract in the following month

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ask if the area manager can give consideration to (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City Council to carry out works (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the transfer of **(details supplied)** as soon as possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on progress made on the establishment of a housing trust for Dublin City Council and to ensure that the chair of the Housing SPC is included in any meetings with the Department of Environment?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council wrote to the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government some time ago requesting a meeting on this matter. A response was received which advised that the Department is clear that such innovative solutions must be explored to address the matter of housing supply. They also advised the Department is examining a number of mechanisms whereby local authorities might deliver housing stock by establishing specific entities for the development of new stock or the refurbishment of older stock and that this will be examined in the context of the Social Housing Strategy which is to be brought to Government by the end of Q3 2014. We therefore await a further response on the matter from the Department

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposed insulation of Dublin City Council properties in Ballyfermot and has City Council made any applications to the Department of Environment for further funding for insulation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date under Phase 1 (cavity wall insulation) of the Retrofitting Programme one thousand and fifty properties in the Ballyfermot area have been insulated. A further one hundred properties have been identified as suitable for this insulation in Phase 1 and are estimated to be completed by mid 2015.

Application for further funding is being made

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

Can the Chief Executive please advise when (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

Can the Chief Executive please advise when the footpath on the green space side of St Martin's Drive, Kimmage will be repaired. It is breaking away and is a danger to elderly pedestrians in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the footpath adjacent to the green area in St Martin's Drive, Kimmage. This footpath was repaired in the past with a layer of Ecoflex, however the Ecoflex is lifting off the concrete footpath in some areas. Arrangements will be made to carry out localised repairs on this footpath when a concrete crew becomes available

Q.114 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

Can the Chief Executive please advise when funding will be available for railing at the Poddle River at the St Martin's side. This is a hotspot for illegal dumping

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans to install a railing along the Poddle River at this location. A railing would not be considered an appropriate solution to deter illegal dumping and would hinder the maintenance of the river bank.

The proposed Poddle flood alleviation scheme, which is at preliminary feasibility stage, proposes a 1m high flood wall along a portion of the upstream section of the open Poddle River on the St. Martin's side. It will be a number of years before this scheme can be brought to construction assuming it passes a number of planning procedures.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

Can the Chief Executive advise how he intends to increase security at Pearse Park? Perhaps the insertion of more CCTV cameras?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is presently reviewing the security arrangements in relation to the current redevelopment of the sports complexes in (location supplied). This review will include the installation of monitored CCTV.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the re-surfacing of (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for repairs to be carried out on a pothole just over Broombridge which has been in place for over a year. There is significant damage done to the road which in turn is damaging cars. Cars are also swerving to avoid it which could cause an accident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will carry out the repairs to the above-mentioned potholes

Q.121 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the street cleaning schedule in Finglas. There are areas that are complete litter & dumping black spots & streets are left in a state until they are back up on the schedule, after 12 weeks. There are few areas in Dublin where streets are left in such a state & Finglas is one of the places where it seems to be acceptable to live in a "dump", it is not acceptable & residents should not have to put up with this because of a tiny minority. There is a large elderly population in Finglas & residents who are working so they are unable to do the job of the council & clean the street themselves & have the waste removed free of charge as I have been previously told.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A detailed review of all aspects of Waste Management Services is currently underway. This review will look at the adequacy of our street cleaning schedules. At the moment the main routes and shopping areas in Finglas are cleaned on a daily basis and the residential areas are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. In addition to this schedule, the Public Domain Unit investigate and remove dumped rubbish from the Finglas area when it is necessary to do so.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive when exactly a pedestrian refuge will be in place on Ballybogggan Road & Broombridge Road. It has been included in The 2014 Minor Works Programme. It is a dangerous road to cross & safety measures are needed asap.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pedestrian refuge at Ballyboggan Road and build out at Broombridge Road are on the current Minor Works program. It had been intended that these works would be implemented in Autumn 2014, however unforeseen delays have been incurred due to the publication of new procurement procedures on 27 January 2014 by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. Contract documents are now being prepared for tender in line with the new public procurement procedures. It is now envisaged that these works will be completed on site in the first half of 2015.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can contact the management company of the Maple Centre on the Navan Road & ask that the complex is cleaned. The complex has overflowing bins, litter throughout it & a strong smell of general rubbish. The litter spills out to the Navan Road & the dirt of the complex is an eyesore on the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will arrange for a litter warden to contact the management company of the Maple Centre on the Navan Road and remind them of their responsibility to keep the area in front of their complex as clean as possible. He will monitor this location to ensure that this happens.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of the number of whole time equivalent staff employed by the Council; their respective grades and the median wage and pay bands for each grade

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following table sets out a breakdown of whole-time equivalent employees of Dublin City Council at 31st August 2014.

Staffing Category	Whole Time Equivalent of Employees		
Managerial	37.00		
Clerical/Administrative	1,703.70		
Professional/Technical	410.20		
Outdoor	2,382.90		
Fulltime Firefighters	876.00		
Contract Posts	64.20		
Temporary/Seasonal	32.00		
Total	5,506.00		

All employees of the City Council are remunerated on Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government approved pay scales which are available to view on the Council's Intranet site at Dubnet/HR Info.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state the value of the school meals contract; the amount and types of food involved and to state what nutritional content is specified in the conditions and to make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The School Meals Section operates three schemes – the Urban School Meals Scheme, Soup Scheme and Hot Meals Scheme. The combined cost of these Schemes, excluding administration, for the period September 2013 to June 2014 was €1,177,730.60. During the school year 2013-2014 there were 181 national schools in the Urban School Meals Scheme with approximately 21,000 pupils receiving some or all of the above items on school days. This equates to over 3,000,000 meals per school year. Dublin City Council recoups 50% of the cost of the Schemes from the Department of Social Protection.

Under the Urban School Meals Scheme each child can avail of the following:

Monday:Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese Sandwich - MandarinTuesday:Milk (189ml carton) – Half Chicken Sandwich – AppleWednesday:Milk (189ml carton) – Half Corned Beef Sandwich - Banana

Thursday:Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese SandwichFriday:Milk (189ml carton) – Half Ham Sandwich - Apple

Under the **Soup Scheme** approximately 150 pupils in four national schools receive a cup of hot soup on school days between October and April of each school year.

Under the **Hot Meals Scheme** a subsidy of \in 1.27 per pupil is paid towards the cost of providing hot meals in 11 special national schools. On average 720 pupils received a hot meal on school days during the 2013-2014 school year.

Under the urban School meals Scheme and the Soup Scheme the nutritional content is governed by the size/weight requirements as set out in the tender documents (Specifications) the relevant parts of which are quoted below:

Sandwiches

- Bread provided must contain a minimum of 6.0% dietary fibre.
- The meat shall be good quality and the natural gristle and gelatine content shall not exceed 8%. Cereal, if used, shall not exceed 10%. The use of offal is prohibited.
- The butter shall be Sweet Cream Butter containing not less than 80% milk fat.
- Cheese Sandwich: 4.0 gms butter and 10.0 gms sliced mild flavoured cheese e.g. Emmental or equivalent in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 50.0 gms.
- Chicken Sandwich: 4.0 gms butter and 14.0 gms slice of chicken in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 54 gms.
- Corned Beef & Ham Sandwich: 4.0 gms butter and 14.0 gms slice of meat in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 54.0 gms.
- Bread & Butter Sandwich (Alternative to cheese or meat sandwich): 4.0 gms butter in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 40.0 gms.

Fresh Fruit

Minimum Requirements.

All fruit shall be:

- intact & practically free from bruising
- firm
- free from rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for human consumption
- free from pests and damage caused by pests
- free form fungal or mould damage or desiccation
- free from abnormal smell or taste

Specification & Quality Requirements

Banana Specification

Colour:

- Full Yellow. Green tips and traces of green are acceptable.
- Grade 4.5 to 5 at delivery

Appearance

- Clusters of clean, fresh bright bananas.
- The crown should be sound and cleanly cut.
- Fruit should be ripened to a uniform colour.

Texture

- Fruit should have a fresh moist pulp with characteristic banana flavour.
- Firm to peel, sweet / starchy flavour.

Length: range: 140mm – 220mm

Apple Specification

- Fruit variety: Royal Gala (minimum 33% blush)
- Size: 60 65mm
- Quality: Eating quality
- Brix: 12% minimum

Orange Easy Peeler Specification

- Fruit type: Satsuma or Clementine. Fruit must be seedless & easy peel.
- **Colour**: Full yellow to orange colour
- Size: Calibre 3: 55 60mm
- **Quality**: Eating quality
- Brix: 8% minimum

Milk

- Pasteurised milk as required for this tender shall be understood to mean homogenised, pasteurised, fresh cows' milk with a fat content of not less than 3.5%. UHT or other extended life milk products will not be considered suitable for this contract.
- Pasteurised milk shall be produced in accordance with the Milk and Dairies (Special Designations) Regulations 1938 and not otherwise. In the case of non-Irish Tenders the pasteurised milk shall be produced in accordance with the corresponding regulations in the country of the tenderer.

Soup

- The soup supplied shall be of good quality and of low salt/sodium type. The soup, ideally, should be prepared at the contractor's premises from fresh meat and vegetables, appropriate stock and additional ingredients, which may be pureed. Where suppliers do not manufacture soup themselves details of the manufacturing company, their premises and product must be provided. In either case the company must comply with all food preparation hygiene regulations.
- The contractor shall provide a range of popular varieties e.g. Oxtail, Vegetable, Chicken, Beef & Vegetable, and Tomato. The same variety of soup should not be supplied on more than two occasions in any one week.
- The soup shall be brought fresh daily to the school or as otherwise agreed with the schools. Other than heating, the soup shall require no other preparation; powdered or condensed soup will not be acceptable. Heating arrangements will be taken care of by the schools but the contractor shall supply disposable beakers suitable for individual servings. The average individual serving is 200mls.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to give the total figures for mileage (or kilometres) travelled for staff and allowances paid out in each the last three years for which figures are available - Full years please for 2013/12/11.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning, Property, Enterprise &	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Economic Development Department			
Car Allowance	€117,670.80	€106,643.84	€103,096.8
Mileage & Subsistence	€133,447.79	€123,430.75	€118,521.35

IS Department	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€8,471.58	€8,585.88	€7,461.83
Mileage & Subsistence	€730.41	€934.97	€1,513.30

Finance – F Moran	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€69,649	€63,270	€61,480
Mileage & Subsistence	€12,142	€8,150	€8,467

Finance – A. Power	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€9,938.11	€10,427.68	€12,479.04
Mileage & Subsistence	€619.86	€604.03	€955.93

Dublin Fire Brigade	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€179,819.00	€175,287.00	€175,287.00
Mileage & Subsistence	€59,543.93	€65,670.84	€47,846.08

Housing and Residential Services	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€467,190	€352,010	€305,583
Mileage & Subsistence	€405,744	€448,952	€447,349

Culture Communi	Recreation	Amenity	and	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allow	-			€23,111	€22,415	€18,910
Mileage 8	Subsistence			€156,699	€189,438	€171,290*

*(2013 figures include Community and Social Development)

Corporate Services	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€18,465	€14,828	€7,152
Mileage & Subsistence	€3,812	€1,944	€3,988

Road Transport and Safety	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€311,591	€261,028	€221,847
Mileage & Subsistence	€174,543	€177,048	€189,129

Water Services	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€228,829	€204,935	€196,887
Mileage & Subsistence	€115,401	€157,002	€173,231

Environmental Services	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€269,656	€216,803	€184,535
Mileage & Subsistence	€182,587	€151,163	€148,573

Human Resources Department	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€25,815.93	€29450.33	€34,580.93
Mileage & Subsistence	€2,528.57	€4,067.72	€2,079.31

Chief Executive's Department	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013
Car Allowance	€6,439.78	€6,216.70	€5,949.90
Mileage & Subsistence	€287.66	€507.10	€211.28

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he might consider providing public toilets (or even showers) in the city centre as is common in other capital cities so that more vulnerable people in Dublin and tourists can have access to decent sanitary facilities without relying on the goodwill of private establishments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council provides temporary facilities for major events in the City and at night to cater for people attending late night events/activities. Updated tenders for the provision of the temporary/portable toilet facilities to cater for major events and to address the night time requirements in the City Centre will be sought in the near future.

The City Council also currently has two Automated Public Conveniences (APC) in Sandymount & Clontarf.

Having regard to the current financial constraints there are no further plans for the development/operation of permanent facilities.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to organise an investigation into the legality of sandwichboards being used on the (**details supplied**) and take action if deemed appropriate?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not issue Licences for advertising boards. The Street Furniture Section, endeavours to keep the footpaths clear of items that may constitute an obstacle to pedestrians. Under the terms of Section 71, Roads Act 1993, Dublin City Council is empowered to remove such unlicensed items following the issuing of an enforcement Notice*. The Regulations allow the offending owner to redeem the boards by paying the cost to DCC of removal and storage of the boards. In other cases the boards are simply replaced by the advertiser.

In practice DCC responds only in cases where there are sustained complaints about a persistent offender, or where boards clearly represent an obstacle to pedestrians.

*Section 71, Roads Act 1993 does not permit the removal of objects from private property such as private landings, keg drops, cellar lights, or pavement that is not in charge of DCC. Items on private landings are a matter for Planning Enforcement.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

That the Chief Executive reports on legality of individuals holding advertising boards on Henry Street and North Earl Street in Dublin City and take action if required?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not have the authority to deal with individuals holding advertising boards.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many litter fines have been issued and successfully collected in relation to (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if the proposed site inspections of the Poolbeg Chimneys have been completed and whether he would consider requesting that Convanta fund

any structural maintenance and redevelopment of the Poolbeg Chimneys in order to preserve them for the people of the City of Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the recent public debate surrounding the uncertain future of the Poolbeg chimneys which are in the ownership of the ESB, an emergency motion was passed by the SEAC at its meeting on the 11th July to add the chimneystacks to the Record of Protected Structures. It was decided to undertake a review of the chimneystacks with a view to determining if they warranted being added to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) – as is the case with every proposed addition to the RPS. As this decision coincided with a Heritage Plan research project called the 20th Century Architecture in Dublin City Research Project, it was decided to include the chimneystacks in the research this year. This is currently underway and will be concluded by the end of 2014. This research will enable the Conservation Office to fully consider the merit of adding the Poolbeg Power station chimneystacks to the Record of Protected Structures.

Covanta will be providing a capital contribution equivalent to 3% of the capital costs of the waste to energy facility estimated to be $\in 10$ m over a 3 year period. Thereafter it will make an annual contribution of $\in 1$ per tonne of waste accepted for thermal treatment, from the first year following commissioning of the plant (indexed linked). This money will be lodged to a Community Gain Fund, to be established by DCC, to support the provision of facilities and services which would be of benefit to the community in the catchment area of the project. A Community Gain Liaison Committee will also be established to administer the fund and agree on the projects to be financed from the fund.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of the proposed homeless shelter on Fitzwilliam Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pre-notification of intention to lodge Part 8 application will be presented to the South East Area committee at its meeting on October 13th 2014 and the formal process will commence thereafter with publication of public advertisement and site notice.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to comment of the implementation of SI number 140 of 2006, Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (transposition of EU Directive 2002/49/EC) and to outline specifically what measures he has taken or intends to take to combat traffic noise on residential streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environmental Noise Regulations S.I 140 of 2006 has been implemented by Dublin City Council since 2006. This Regulation gave effect to EU Directive 2002/49/EC. - commonly known as the Environmental Noise Directive or the 'END'. In line with the Irish Regulations and the 'END', Dublin City Council in association with South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoighaire/Rathdown and Fingal County Councils published, after public consultation, the 'Action Plan Relating to the Assessment & Management of Environmental Noise for the Dublin Agglomeration 2008 – 2013'. This plan is required to be revised every 5 years and was subsequently revised in 2013 after public consultation, and published under the title Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise action Plan December 2013 - November 2018.

It can be found on the Dublin City Council website at the following link:http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content//WaterWasteEnvironment/NoiseMa psandActionPlans/Documents/DublinNoiseActionPlan2013-2018Final.pdf

The key objective of the plan is to avoid, prevent and reduce, where necessary, on a prioritised basis the harmful effects, including annoyance, due to long term exposure to environmental noise from road traffic, rail and aircraft. This will be achieved by taking a strategic approach to managing environmental noise and undertaking a balanced approach in the context of sustainable development. The approach and measures to be taken are set out in chapters 6 and 7 respectively in the Noise Action Plan, with an implementation plan outlined in chapter 9.

In Dublin City Council the noise action plan is integrated generally into the City Development Plan and in particular into the polices driven by the Environment and Transportation Department. For example the following policies will have more than one positive environmental benefit, including a positive impact on ambient sound quality, even though it may not be the primary driver behind the policy.

Heavy goods vehicle access restrictions within the canal cordon,

The setting of speed limits at 50kph in general and 30kph at specific locations,

The designation of eight Quiet Areas,

The promotion of sustainable travel modes through the enhancement of the cycling network and the provision of quality bus corridors.

The facilitation and encouragement of car share clubs,

Facilitation of the introduction of electrical charge points for use by eco cars

The use of low noise roads surfaces where appropriate during upgrades to existing road surfaces.

The development of a permanent ambient sound monitoring network continuously measuring sound 24/7 365 days of the year.

The development of a website making the monitored ambient sound levels available to the public in near real time.

The use of social media to make near real time sound levels available to the public in order to promote awareness in relation noise and associated issues.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive

- a. How many street cleaners are employed by DCC?
- b. How much does the cleansing department pay to outside contractors?
- c. How do these contract figures break down?
- d. What is the current cost per annum?
- e. What are the historical budget amounts per year for the last 15 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (a) There is currently 463 direct labour staff employed in all aspects of the provision of our street cleaning services.
- (b) The City Council cleansing department has contracts with a large number of outside contractors who provide a wide variety of services such as vehicle rental and repair, fuel, disposal costs, civic amenity sites etc. However with regard to what can best be described as additional street cleaning services such as graffiti and gum removal and the operation of our two civic amenity sites the current budget for 2014 is approximately €1,450,000.00.
- (c) Graffiti Removal Budget for 2014 is €200,000. Gum Removal Budget for 2014 is €350,000. Civic Amenity Sites Management budget for 2014 is €900,000.00
- (d) The current projected cost for the year 2014 is €1,450,000.00 for these three contracts which constitute the bulk of the additional direct labour service costs.

(e) It is not possible to readily supply historical data for the past 15 years in relation to these contracts. However data for the current year and the previous 6 years is readily available and is detailed in the table below.

Contract - Budgets	CA Site Contract	Chewing gum removal	Graffiti Removal
2008	€1,700,000	€211,500	€700,000
2009	€1,700,000	€175,000	€499,500
2010	€1,000,000	€350,000	€500,000
2011	€840,000	€350,000	€150,000
2012	€900,000	€350,000	€300,000
2013	€900,000	€350,000	€450,000
2014	€900,000	€350,000	€200,000

*The significant reduction in the contractor costs for Graffiti Removal in 2014 over previous years is due to a decision to assign existing DCC staff members from our street cleaning compliment to carry out minor works which do not require specialist training or equipment and which would normally have been previously assigned to our contractor.

**The reduced costs for the management of our civic amenity sites is due largely to a reduction in the quantity of household bulky waste deposited at these sites by members of the public which in turn leads to reduced disposal costs. In addition a revised tender for one of the sites in 2010 also contributed to a reduction in costs. The tender for the management of both sites is due for award early in the new year and it is expected that this will contribute to additional savings in this area.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive what power Councillors (or the Council as a whole) has with regard to holding Dublin City Council to account for transferring a public asset income stream to a private third party? Additionally, to substantiate the specific legal and statutory basis and rational.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive performs all of the Executive Functions on behalf of the Council. The Councillors themselves perform the Reserved Functions laid down by legislation on behalf of the Council. The Councillor may raise any issue as to the performance of an Executive Function by the Chief Executive privately with him or in accordance with the Standing Orders at the monthly meeting.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive to recognise the contribution of poet Paddy Finnegan by erecting a 'blue plaque' on his former home at 90 Beechwood Avenue Lower, Ranelagh.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Commemorative Naming Policy passed by Dublin City Council in 2013 states that:

"Proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth whichever is earlier".

As the death of Paddy Finnegan occurred in 2013, this condition is not fulfilled and therefore the installation of a Dublin Commemorative Plaque is not appropriate at this time.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has any power to influence the operation of the city's waste services or if it has been fully released (for all time) into the private domain.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council influences the operation of the City's Waste Services through the recently adopted Bye-Laws which regulate the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household & Commercial Waste. The City Council exited the waste collection market in January 2012 because it was no longer economically viable to provide such a service and there are no plans to revisit that decision.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

Q.139 <u>COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

Q.140 <u>COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.141 <u>COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.146 <u>COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE</u> Can the Chief Executive immediately resurface the road outside (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive repair the pavement outside (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to inform this councillor as to how much has been paid to the Gardai in 2013 and to date in 2014 by Dublin City Council for their assistance to Litter Wardens in enforcing Waste Management Bye-laws, citywide.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cost of Garda assistance as part of the enforcement of the 2013 Bye Laws for the Collection, Storage & Presentation of Waste was €5400, VAT is not chargeable on this figure. Gardai assisted Authorised Officers from DCC over a period of eight weeks in South Central Area as part of Health & Safety arrangements and in their own role as Authorised Officers under the Bye Laws. No other Area requested or was granted Garda assistance in this regard.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive set a date of commencement within the next two months for a process of public consultation with residents living in the vicinity of and stakeholders in the Iveagh Markets Dublin 8, so that views can be sought in relation to the development of the site, and that date be set before the reply to this question and to bring the development of the Iveagh Markets to the next Dublin City Council meeting as a headed item.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report No. 218/2004 approved revised terms and conditions for the development and disposal of the lands in question to xxx (or his nominee). Although the development has not yet taken place an extension of duration of the planning permission (1238/07x2) was granted on the 28th June 2012 which extends the duration within which the works must be completed by to 20/8/2017.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the resources necessary to ensure the timely ongoing refurbishment works in the Basin Street Flat complex in Dublin 8 will be ringfenced to ensure that there are no delays and to request of the Chief Executive that, if the resources are not already ringfenced, that this be expedited before the reply to this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Resources to carry out refurbishment works in Basin Street are included in Dublin City Council's Capital Works Programme 2014 – 2016.

Q.151 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to inform this Councillor what steps can be taken to temporarily suspend the regulations in relation to the minimum size and accommodation requirements for bed sits and overcrowding in local authority housing so as to ease the current housing crisis

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, as amended is national legislation which is applicable to all private rented houses. Dublin City Council cannot suspend the legislation. The legislation covers matters in relation to: structural condition, sanitary facilities, heating facilities, food preparation & storage & laundry, ventilation, lighting, fire safety, refuse facilities and electricity & gas. There are no requirements in relation to size or overcrowding in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, as amended.

The City Development Plan (2011-2017) does not contain policies on zero bedroom studio apartments, partly due to the legacy issues associated with sub-standard bedsits and houses in multiple occupation (HMO's). The Development Plan does however provide for studio type accommodation in relation to managed, purpose built student accommodation (Appendix 23) and live-work units (17.9.13). The general policy, however, is that one bed apartments must be no smaller

Q.152 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK

To ask the Chief Executive for the travel and conference expenses to date since the most recent local elections in May 2014, including those of all the committees, broken down by committee membership, which have been undertaken to date; to provide the exact same figures broken down by the same formula for the June 2009 - May 2014 Council term; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since January 2010, all the information requested has been posted on the Dublin City Council website, <u>www.dublincity.ie</u> on a quarterly basis. It can be viewed on this link, which will be emailed to the councillor for his convenience - <u>http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-your-council/your-city-councillors</u>

The information for the period June to December 2009 will be collated and sent to the councillor next week

Q.153 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the local property tax collected in 2013 (half-year) and 2014, to be provided broken down into each price bracket category, including the total amount collected, total number of properties where payment has been made, the total number of properties where payment is currently outstanding, the number of properties that have been exempted; and if he will make a statement on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is administered by the Revenue Commissioners including care and management of LPT related information. The Revenue Commissioners have periodically issued LPT statistics based on available information at the time of issue. A schedule of updates issued is listed below.

Separately the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government have issued circulars during 2014 providing summary LPT related information.

Revenue Commissioners LPT Statistics:

- *30th* September 2013
- 6th November 2013
- 18th February 2014
- 16th April 2014
- 18th July 2014

See attached link for further details http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/lpt/index.html

Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government circulars:

- Fin 09/2014 Local Property Tax (LPT) Statistics (Appendix 1)
- Fin 14/2014 LPT Allocations 2015 (Appendix 2)
- Fin 15/2014 LPT Valuation Band Data 2014 (Appendix 3)

The July 2014 statistics published by the Revenue Commissioners indicate that €43m was collected in respect of LPT liability from households in Dublin City. This represents a compliance rate of 94.7%. This value includes amounts relating to household charge. This update provides information on the percentage of properties nationally within each LPT valuation band but not on a local authority basis. Circular Fin 15/2014 (attached) gives limited details of properties in Dublin City within LPT valuation bands. Following correspondence from Dublin City Council that greater analysis was required, specifically in relation to properties valued over €200k, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government have advised that further analysis on the numbers of properties within each valuation band (as issued on a national basis in July) is not available in respect of Dublin City.

Circular Fin 14/2014 identifies a 2014 full year estimate of LPT relating to Dublin City at \in 82,659,298. Values for exemptions/deferrals etc. are not provided. Circular Fin 09/2014 provides preliminary information to June 2014 including amounts deferred and exempt at that time.

Q.154 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK

To ask the Chief Executive as to the status of the derelict properties **(details supplied)** and what can be done to facilitate their cleaning, as vermin are now posing substantial health risk to local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.155 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK

To ask the Chief Executive when footpath repairs are expected at locations (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.156 COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To request Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.157 COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To request Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.158 COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To request Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.159 COUNCILLOR ÁINE CLANCY

To request Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.160 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can advise on the any recommendations as to how the City Council may be of service to this lady at **(details supplied)** in regards to housing maintenance and housing repair grants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.161 <u>COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE</u>

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.162 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.163 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.164 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on any discussions between Dublin City Council and Croke Park regarding Croke Villas? Are discussions still ongoing or are DCC considering refurbishing the houses on Ballybough Road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are ongoing discussions with Croke Park about the possibility of their involvement in the regeneration of Croke Villas.

The issues are complex and are taking longer than anticipated to resolve. To date while there is agreement in principle no heads of agreement are yet in place.

The matter will be brought to the Area Committee as soon as there is a definite offer available that the CE feels able to recommend to the Councillors.

In the interim it is proposed to proceed with a Part 8 for the refurbishment of the existing derelict houses at Ballybough Road specifically to provide alternative accommodation to some of the remaining Croke Villas tenants. Until such time as the blocks are completely vacant no redevelopment can take place.

Q.165 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive comment on the Industrial Relations case where a number of Dublin City Council employees were forced to go to the Labour Court to confirm their entitlement to the 'Eating On Site' allowance. Given the likelihood of losing the case was this not a waste of scarce resources and a negative move in terms of staff morale?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is actively engaged with staff and trade unions in seeking to reach agreement on a wide range of issues that ensure the ongoing delivery of services. In most instances agreement is reached between management, staff and trade unions without recourse to the third party state institutions. In other cases where agreement is not reached trade unions refer cases to the Workplace Relations Commission for agreement/determination.

Q.166 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide a breakdown of the total Homeless budget over the last 5 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below is an overview of the Dublin local authorities expenditure on homeless services 2008 – 2013.

Since 2011, the overall funding allocation has been aligned to specific categories reflect a housing–led approach. The below expenditure (since 2012) is across the following areas: resettlement, prevention, temporary accommodation, housing support (permanent & semi permanent onsite support) and day services.

The following table outlines the overall local authority expenditure on homeless service (including emergency accommodation)

Year	Expenditure on Homeless Services
2008	€43,767,214
2009	€43,227,476
2010	€41,401,626
2011	€41,604,485
2012	€43,813,711
2013	€42,562,342

Q.167 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive confirm when the Dublin City Council Commemorations committee is to be reformed with the new membership? This is an important committee as we approach the centenary of the 1916 Rising.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The re-forming of the committee will be an item on the agenda of the first meeting of the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee which will take place on Monday 13th October.

Q.168 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask our Road Drainage Section to immediately unblock the kerbside gratings along Sundrive Road from the intersection with Downpatrick Road to the Crumlin Road with particular attention to the fully blocked grating outside **(details supplied)**;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our gully crews visited Sundrive Road from Downpatrick Road to Crumlin Road on 30/9/14.

All Gullies checked 13 of 15 gullies cleaned. There was 1 omission due to parked car opposite *** and also Kerb on Gully at *** preventing lifting and cleaning. This will be sent to Drainage maintenance for repair in the coming weeks, all other gullies found to be in good working order.

Q.169 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Section to have the shower unit replaced in our tenants house (details supplied) and also to report when work on the promised garden access ramps will be commenced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Application for adaptations under our Scheme for Persons with Disabilities was received from this tenant in August 2014. The application is on our waiting list to be firstly assessed by our surveyor who will determine the feasibility of the works requested.

On completion of the surveyor's report the file will then be assessed on medical grounds.

The tenant will be notified of the outcome of the application by letter.

It must be noted however, that due to the volume of applications received under this scheme, there is a waiting period from receipt of application to a decision being made in a case.

No indication can be given as to when any works may commence at this property until such time as the survey has been completed, the case has been assessed and the medical priority ascertained.

Q.170 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Section to reinstate the kitchen floor and linoleum which was damaged by a burst pipe in our tenant's house **(details supplied)** and also report on when the promised replacement front door and windows will be replaced? The tenant is particularly anxious about the front door with the winter months quickly approaching.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The leak in a pipe in this dwelling was dealt with and resolved on 20th September by our Out of Hours Service. The Area Maintenance Foreman has made contact with the tenant in relation to claiming for replacement flooring in the kitchen.

The windows and doors in this dwelling have been inspected and deemed in need of replacement. The estimated timeframe for installation of new timber double-glazed units is May 2015.

Q.171 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive report regarding by-laws or other regulations relating to sale and reuse of old graves in Mount Jerome Cemetery Harold's Cross. Whilst this Cemetery is privately run can the Chief Executive report on what role or powers the City Council has in relation to the overseeing of the cemetery.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The main legislation dealing with the provision, management, regulation and control of burial grounds are contained in Part III of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 and Part VI of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948. All cemetery owners are required to comply with this legislation. Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department enforce these regulations with regard to cemeteries in City Council control. Since 1994, Dublin City Council also has responsibility for licensing all exhumations in Dublin City

Q.172 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please deal with the following (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.173 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please deal with the following (details supplied):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.174 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive provide me with the following details in relation to public liability claims against Dublin City Council:

- Total value and number of claims lodged for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 YTD
- Total value and number of claims settled for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 YTD
- Lowest individual claim value lodged for each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 YTD

- Highest individual claim value lodged for each of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 YTD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested is being collated and a report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Q.175 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please deal with the following (details supplied):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.176 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.177 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive (details supplied);

<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:</u> A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.178 <u>COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.179 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.180 <u>COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.181 <u>COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND</u> To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.182 <u>COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE</u> Will the Chief Executive repair the drains for (details supplied)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.183 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive replace the windows in **(details supplied)?** This family has had a new baby in the last two weeks and the house is cold and will get much colder in the winter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.184 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive cut down all the overgrown bushes and nettles between the houses at the end of Magenta Hall down the walkway to the Omni. This pathway is difficult for most people to navigate, but one of the residents at (details supplied); and finds it difficult to get through.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following recent inspection Parks and Landscape Services proposes to prune any shrubs overhanging the footpath at this location before mid October 2014

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Meeting	Monthly City Council		
Agenda Subject	Roll Call Prepared or Ad Hoc Votes		
Voting Number	001		
Name	Emergncy Motion No 3		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	06/10/2014 21:22:42	Voting end at:	06/10/2014 21:25:18
Total Results			
Voting attendants			
	Present in the vote		53
	Present and not voted		0
Answers			

Answers		
	Yes	29
	No	20
	Abstain	4
	Not voted	0/-/ P/0
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Group Results

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	Yes	29
	No	20
	Abstain	4
	Not voted	0

Individual Results

Greg Kelly Anthony Connaghan Sonya Stapleton Pat Dunne Janice Boylan Gary Gannon Michael Mac Donncha Andrew Keegan Seamas McGrattan Criona Ni Dhalaigh Damian O'Farrell Daithi Doolan Larry O'Toole Cathleen Carney Boud Cieran Perry Jonathan Dowdall **Brid Smith** Daithi De Roiste **Chris Andrews** Paul Hand **Christy Burke** John Lyons Tina Mac Veigh **Denise Mitchell** Ray McHugh Emma Murphy Ciaran O'Moore Noeleen Reilly Michael O'Brien Declan Flanagan **Deirdre Heney** Brendan Carr Dermot Lacey Paddy McCartan Ruairi McGinley Frank Kennedy Andrew Montague Naoise O'Muiri Ciaran Cuffe Catherine Ardagh Sean Haughey Kieran Binchy Tom Brabazon Alison Gilliland Aine Clancy David Costello Kate O'Connell

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	Noel Rock	Dublin City Co.
	Paddy Smyth	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
	Mannix Flynn	Dublin City Co.
	Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
	Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
	Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.