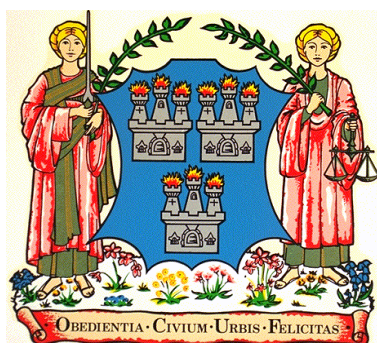


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 12 Eanáir 2015 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n.
I Láthair an tArdmheara Christy Burke sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

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

Comhairleoir:

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

Comhairleoir:

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

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Brendan Kenny
Dick Brady
Cathal Morgan

Kathy Quinn
Michael Phillips
Terence O'Keeffe
Vincent Norton

Jim Keogan
Oonagh Casey
Joanna Travers

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by informing the Members that he opened a Book of Condolences in the Mansion House and had also placed it in the Chamber for anybody who wished to sign in solidarity with the citizens of France over the recent tragic events. He said he would meet the French Ambassador in the coming days to hand it over to him.

The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree Motion in the name of Councillor C O'Moore standing at Item 56 on the Agenda Paper as it was on a related topic as follows "This Council affirms its support for the maintenance of a free press

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and freedom of expression, as fundamental to our democratic values” The motion was proposed by Councillor C O’Moore and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and agreed.

The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree Motion in the name of Councillors Kennedy, Binchy, Cuffe & Horgan-Jones, standing at Item No 59 on the Agenda Paper, as follows “That this Council, pursuant to its powers under section 52(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), resolves to establish a joint committee, with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, to be known as “The S2S Joint Committee”, consisting of a total of twelve members — six members from this Council and six members from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council— to coordinate the approach of the two Local Authorities on all matters relating to the project known as the Sutton to Sandycove Coastal Promenade and Cycleway around Dublin Bay, including, but not limited to, the design, promotion, planning, construction and completion thereof, within the functional areas of the two Councils” The motion was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson and agreed. The City Council agreed that this joint committee would be established under Section 52.2(a) of the Local Government Act 2001. The City Council agreed that the role of this body would be advisory in the context of Section 52(a) of the Act.

The Lord Mayor then expressed sympathy on behalf of the City Council and on his own behalf to the families and friends of the following :-

- Mr Vytas Virzintas, from Lithuania who died in Temple Bar
- The people of Pakistan following the killing of 148 people, mainly teenage boys, killed by the Taliban in Peshwar, Pakistan on 16th December 2014
- The people of France killed and affected by the tragic events last week.
- The four victims of the car crash near Athy, Co. Kildare : Niamh Doyle, Ashling Middleton, Gemma Nolan and Chermaine Carroll.
- Mrs Maeve Hillery, widow of former President Hillery

All stood for a minute’s silence as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The Lord Mayor then wished Stephanie Roche good luck in the Puskas Award at FIFA Ballon d’Or Gala in Zurich. He then went on to remind the Members to submit their Donation Statements by Friday, 30th January as the deadline is Saturday, 31st January.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 143 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 5th January 2015 from Carlow County Council conveying the terms of a motion adopted at their December Meeting calling on the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring forward much needed legislation in order to regulate shops that give cash for gold. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 17th December 2014 from Kerry County Council conveying the terms of a motion from a recent meeting calling on the Minister for Social Protection to amend the Social Welfare Bill to make provision for the restoration of the Respite Care Grant. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

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5. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 1st December 2014, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
6. Submitted Report No 14/2015 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) – Monthly Local Fund Statement, Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework and Payments of the allocation of the Local Fund Statement. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 14/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Report No. 09/2015 of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee (*B. Foster*) – Audit Committee Charter and Work Plan 2015. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor N Reilly “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 09/2015 and hereby approves the – Audit Committee Charter and Work Plan 2015 as outlined therein”. The motion was put and carried.
8. Appointments :-
 - Appointment of one Member to the Transportation SPC – no nomination was forthcoming. Agreed to re-list for February City Council meeting.
 - Appointment of sectoral organisation to Transportation SPC - it was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and agreed “That, following consultation with the Councillor Membership of the Transportation SPC, the Dublin City BIDS Co, be appointed as a sectoral organisation to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee”
 - Ratification of the nomination of Councillor Daithí De Róiste to St. Michael’s Estate Regeneration Board – it was proposed by Councillor F Kennedy and seconded by D Doolan “That Councillor Daithí De Róiste be appointed as a member to St. Michael’s Estate Regeneration Board” The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Report No 35/2015 of the Head of Human Resources & Corporate Services (*M. Pyne*) – Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019. It was proposed by Councillor T Brabazon and seconded by Councillor S Haughey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 35/2015 and hereby approves the Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019, subject to the amendments agreed” The motion was put and carried. Agreed amendments
 - (a) Add - *‘In acknowledgment of the city’s rich linguistic and historical ties to the Irish language Dublin City Council strives to provide the highest level of Irish Language services to our customers. Cuirimid fáilte roimh Ghaeilge i gcónaí. Leanfaimid orainn de thacaíocht a thabhairt i dtaobh úsáid agus chur chun cinn na Gaeilge agus de sheirbhísí Gaeilge a fheabhsú.’*
 - (b) Add - *‘The name Dublin comes from the Irish language dubh linn or “black pool” and the alternative Irish version “Baile Átha Cliath” also reflects the City’s historical foundations “town of the ford of the hurdles’*
 - (c) Delete - *‘Signing of the Dublin Waste to Energy Contract’*
10. Submitted Report No 04/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – Monthly Management Report – 12th January 2015. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 04/2015” The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report No 12/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Arts Funding for 2015 (Arts Act 2003). It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of

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Report No 12/2015 and hereby approves Arts Funding as outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

12. Submitted Report No. 32/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*R. Brady*) – Homeless Action Plan. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor P Dunne “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 32/2015” The motion was put and carried. Many aspects of the homeless and housing problems were discussed by Members and Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, and Mr Cathal Morgan, Executive Manager, were commended for their commitment and dedication to solving this problem.
13. Submitted Report No 33/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Report on Membership of Dublin City Joint Policing Committees. Members were reminded that a revised version of this report had been issued to them on Friday, 9th January. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 33/2015 and approves the Membership of Dublin City Joint Policing Committees as set out therein” The motion was put and carried. It was noted that many of the community & business positions were still vacant and it was agreed that continued efforts would be made to recruit the required members.
14. Submitted Report No. 29/2015 of the Executive Manager (*R. Kenny*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway at 24 Foley Street, Dublin 1. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “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 the laneway at 24 Foley Street, Dublin 1, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M.36335, 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.
15. Submitted Report No 13/2015 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 9 premises. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No13/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report No 03/2015 of the Acting Assistant Chief Executive (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed sale of apartment 26 Seagrave Way, Citygate, Dublin 11 to Fingal County Council. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 03/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No 16/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) – With further reference to the proposed grant of a sublease of the 2nd Floor of the Ormond Building, Ormond Quay, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 16/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No 17/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the Disposal of part of ground floor and first floor of Bridgewater Hall, 19/24 Summerhill Parade, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 17/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

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19. Submitted Report No 18/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site at Baldoyle Industrial Estate (known as Unit 52A & B), Dublin 13. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 18/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No 19/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site at Baldoyle Industrial Estate (known as Unit 52C), Dublin 13. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 19/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No 20/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a 20 year lease for No. 3 Pim Street, Dublin 8, to the Peter McVerry Trust. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 20/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No 21/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a 3 year Licence to the 61st Dublin Scout Group for use of an area in the OLV Building Cathedral Street, Dublin 8. Councillor D Lacey declared an interest in this Item and withdrew from the Chamber for the duration of the discussion on disposals. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 21/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No 22/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a 3 year Licence to RADE for use of an area in the OLV Building Cathedral Street, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 22/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No 23/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Maguire*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a 30 year lease of the residential units at St. Catherine’s Foyer, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8 to the Peter McVerry Trust. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 23/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried. Councillors R McAdam and C Perry wished it to be recorded that they did not support this decision.
25. Submitted Report No 24/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Licence for the use a premises in St. Patrick’s Park, Bride Street, Dublin 8 as a Tearoom. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 24/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No 25/2015 of the Executive Manager (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Licence to St Andrews Resource Centre of a premises known as The Junction, 112, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ó Muirí “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 25/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

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27. Submitted Report No 11/2015 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mary Freehill*) – Breviate of meeting held on 8th December 2014. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 11/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No 27/2015 of the Chairperson of the Planning and International Relations Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) – Breviate of meeting held on 24th November 2014. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor G Kelly “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 27/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No 31/2015 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2014 – *Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor C Carney Boud “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 31/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No 15/2015 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 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 15/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No 30/2015 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 2014 – *Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report N 30/2015”. The motion was put and carried. It was noted that Item No 5982 on the Breviate, page 240 of the Agenda, should read ‘Noted’ and not ‘Recommend to Council’. Revised copy of the Breviate to be circulated to all Members.
32. Submitted Report No 08/2015 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 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 08/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No 06/2015 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of December 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 06/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No 28/2015 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 27th November 2014 – *Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor M MacDonncha “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 28/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No 10/2015 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 5th December 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 10/2015”. The motion was put and carried.

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36. Submitted Report No 02/2015 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 24th November 2014 – *Councillor Larry O’Toole, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor L O’Toole and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No”. The motion was put and carried.
37. Submitted Report No 07/2015 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 8th December 2014 – *Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor S Mc Grattan and seconded by Councillor E Murphy “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 07/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No 34/2015 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of the meeting held on 15th December 2014 – *Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor J Boylan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 34/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
39. Emergency Motion(s) – The Lord Mayor informed the Members that he had ruled the two received emergency motions to be out of order.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm 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 2nd February 2015.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2015

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY,12th JANUARY 2015

Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that in view of the positive results achieved by Intensive Inspection Programme in raising the standards of private rented accommodation and helping to fulfil Local Authority responsibilities in this regard that he will continue programme throughout 2015 and beyond. In his response, the Chief Executive might deal with the growth in private rented accommodation in recent years in Dublin City and his view as to the current standard of accommodation on offer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date the Intensified Inspection Programme has been very successful and we are currently examining how this programme can continue. The DoEC&LG have indicated that they will make good any shortfall in funding for 2015 with a view to assimilating the programme into mainstream funding from then on.

The Intensified Inspection Programme (IIP) is a three year programme from March 2012 to 2015. Six Environmental Health Officers were recruited to undertake the inspections. The aim of the programme is to inspect pre 63 multi unit buildings in areas of the city with high concentrations of this type of building.

To date two reports on the programme have been produced.

In the three years of the programme it was planned to undertake between 8,400 and 12,000 inspections. Up until the end of October 2014 a total of 9,954 inspections have been undertaken and 3,596 rented units have been brought into compliance with the legislation.

In 2012, there were 64,689 in Dublin City registered with the Private Residential. In 2013 the numbers was 68,486 and at present it is 69,731.

The IIP proposal estimated that there were 30,000 tenancies that required an inspection. Of these it was estimated that in the region of 15,000 required an inspection in the short term (1 to 5years) as they were likely to be substantially non compliant.

In 2013, both the Intensified Inspection team and the Environmental Health team inspected 4,389 rented dwellings. Of those inspected, 3,624 were found to be non-compliant with the private rented housing standards legislation. Overall they undertook 7,615 inspections. Enforcement action resulted in landlords bringing 2,066 rented dwellings into compliance with the legislation.

The current economic situation has seen an increase in people living in the private rented sector. The Social Housing Strategy 2020 aims to support 75,000 (est. 25,000 in Dublin City) households nationally in the private rented sector. The current legislation the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2008, as amended, ensures that rented house meet minimum standards. As there is now a greater reliance on the private rented sector in providing long term homes for households it would be prudent and appropriate for the Department of Environment to undertake a review of the current legislation.

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Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the relationship between commercial rates and commercial rental values that apply when Rates Valuations are being set by Valuation Office.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Commercial rates are based on the valuation of the relevant property determined by the Valuation Office which is an independent statutory body. Dublin City Council has no function in the determination of valuations and the matter should be directed to the Valuation Office.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many bins have been removed in the City centre core area over the previous two years and what plans are there to replace them? To further ask how many bins are in storage with Dublin City Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no figures available for the number of bins removed from specific different areas of the city over the past 3 years. We are in the process of upgrading our computer records systems and electronically tagging all our litter bins so such information should be available in the future once this process is complete. There are currently approximately 3,360 litter bins in place across the city.

We do not have plans to replace any bins previously removed in the city centre or any other area. We continue to monitor usage of our litter bins and when necessary, most frequently following complaints from residents regarding illegal dumping, remove a litter bin. Requests to remove or install a litter bin are made on a case by case basis. Local councilors are now informed of any proposal to remove a litter bin and the reason for such a proposal.

We do not normally maintain large quantities of litter bins in stock but instead for economic reasons purchase them in batches as required. The current cost of the standard class B type litter bin is €400.00 (Type used at most bus stops in suburban areas and Type A black cast iron type used in city centre is €500.00).

We currently have 3 type B and 2 Type A in stock as at 16th Dec 2014.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive, that it is envisaged that the depot at **(details supplied 1)** may not be sustainable into the future, when it becomes available, can Dublin City Council make this area available to **(details supplied 2)** for the creation of a hurling wall for the club, the club is prepared to build the wall and have their own surveyor, or can Dublin City Council identify a suitable site in the area for the building of this hurling wall, which is badly needed to train young children in the art of hurling?.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present there are no definitive plans for the area occupied by the depot in **(details supplied)** and the location is still currently used as a working depot. The creation of a hurling wall can be considered together with other possible uses of the area to enhance the park in any future redevelopment plans.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of litter bins at the dressing rooms of the new synthetic pitch at **(details supplied)**. Litter is becoming a problem for this area and one or two bins would resolve this issue for the Club.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park Services will contact **(details supplied)** to discuss the issue with litter in this area. Bins are no longer provided in the park due to the problem of dumping of domestic rubbish and also the burning of bins by vandals. There may be the opportunity for bins to be provided within the building or the confines of the pitch and Park Services can organise the disposal of this rubbish with the Club.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of bollards at the exit of **(details supplied)**. Vehicles exiting this estate find their vision is blocked by cars parked on double yellow lines. While I accept this is illegal, the problem for vehicles exiting still exists, and the placing of bollards would resolve this issue for residents and prevent accidents at this exit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above matter has been referred to the area traffic engineer for attention. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.8 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.9 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.11 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council voices its objection to the recent planning application lodged by Petrogas Group Applegreen Service Station, Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10. This application is lodged with SDCC as the site is just inside the County boundary. However, its impact will be seen in the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard Area. In addition, the area is already well served by off licence sales with Lidl across the Road and a large number of establishments selling alcohol in the Ballyfermot Area. Our development plan, which this application is outside its remit, stated the fact that off licences should not be located in close proximity to others 1 km. The idea of garages selling alcohol is something which as a society we must seriously question the ethics of.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site is located on the northern corner of Ballyfermot Road adjacent to Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate opposite a Lidl Discount licensed food store. The site comes one quarter into the area of Dublin City Council and three quarters into the area of South Dublin County Council (SDCC).

A planning application was lodged originally to Dublin City Council. The area of the shop unit as part of the service station garage is situated within the area of SDCC and therefore, the application was returned to the applicant.

Subsequently, a planning application (Reg. Ref. SD14A/0272) was lodged with SDCC on 10th December 2014. The proposed development is for a change of use from retail use to retail and ancillary off-licence. The floor area of the shop is 155 sq. metres and the area of the proposed ancillary off-licence is 4.03 sq. metres (2.6% of total floor area).

As the proposed development i.e. the shop unit, would be based within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council it would be a matter for South Dublin County Council to determine this application.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can Dublin City Council please tell me what action they have/are taking against those responsible for the 'Cars Wanted' signage which is all over the city on public signs, bus shelters etc. The signs identify a mobile phone number so it must be possible for action to be taken against those responsible for same. I have seen these signs stuck to chevron signs etc. Business people who pay commercial rates etc must be questioning what we are doing to deter/stop this practice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This office has been aware for some time 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. You may have heard the advertisement on Radio Nova advising people not to engage with any person connected to the "Cash for Cars" signs.

We are also working with the Gardaí 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.

In one instance, we received information which led to the issue of a fine which was unpaid. We then experienced difficulty in serving the summons and when we eventually succeeded, the case then came to court and it was struck out by the Judge on the day in lieu of payment to a charity and a contribution to DCC's costs.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following issue: **(Details supplied).**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.14 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on proposals for a Library in Drimnagh.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The plan to provide a library service for the people of the Drimnagh and adjacent areas has long been identified as a key objective for Dublin City Public Libraries.

As part of the search for an appropriate location, Libraries Management have considered a number of options in the area, however a site that meets best practice criteria for the location of a public library has yet to be identified. These criteria include: being a focal/central point of broad-based community activity, accessibility by public transport, proximity to primary streets and transit routes and having a high level of traffic and pedestrian flow. The criteria are aimed at maximising potential usage of the library from as wide a geographic area as possible and usage by the community at large, therefore presenting value for investment of public monies. Final location of the library also requires consideration of the likely impact on the existing libraries Walkinstown and Dolphin's Barn.

Further considerations apply in respect of the current financial restrictions. Ministerial sanction for partial grant-aid under the terms of the Public Libraries Grants scheme involves compliance with procedures commencing with the acceptance of a business case for a library service in an area. Sanction is subject to the availability of financial resources in the national Capital Grants Scheme and is predicated on the Council being in a position to meet the greater proportion of the costs overall. No monies are available for this purpose in the current budget.

This site at Mourne Road/Curlew Road was acquired for housing purposes and it remains the Council's intention to develop housing on the site.

In the meantime the Drimnagh area will continue to be served by the mobile library service and by branch libraries in the adjacent areas of Dolphin's Barn and Walkinstown. Libraries will also explore provision of deposit collections in key community locations and the development of a co-operative outreach programme of story reading, homework support and educational and recreational activities in the area.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise on current status of €5m Budget Contingency Fund and whether Dublin City Council are in a position to reallocate this amount

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council awaits confirmation of the allocation of funding for homeless services in 2015. Pending this confirmation by the Department, the contingency fund of €5.1m will not be re-allocated.

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Q.17 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to agree to place a Large Framed Proclamation in the Chamber at City Hall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following request will be referred to the January meeting of the Protocol Committee meeting for their consideration. The Lord Mayor will be informed of their decision in due course.

Q.18 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if homeless services would hold the winter initiative bed for the year giving the fact there is 168 homeless personal on the streets of Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A total of 271 additional beds have been put in place to respond to the major challenge of rough sleeping in the Capital. The DRHE is monitoring uptake of these beds on a daily basis and the early indications are that there is almost full occupancy of the totality of beds available. There is also very strong evidence to support the service provider's view that there has been a very significant reduction in rough sleeping as a direct result of this measure. The monitoring of bed capacity and usage will remain throughout the year.

Q.19 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that once and for all that Dublin City Council address the bird dropping at (**details supplied**); droppings are landing on the door area and there are 6 children at the address.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no measures that Housing Maintenance can take to prevent bird droppings. There are substances that tenants can put on outside surfaces to prevent birds landing, however this is the responsibility of the tenant.

Q.20 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if funding or alternative accommodation are available for residents at (**details supplied**), and how long works may take place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager reports that alternative accommodation is available for the six tenants that will have to move for the duration of the first phase of remedial works. All affected tenants have been informed and have viewed this alternative accommodation. They are all happy to accept this offer of accommodation for the duration of the works

The proposed timeframe to carry out these remedial works to the affected dwellings will be in three 10 week phases, Phase 1 works to commence on 12th January 2015, Phase 2 to commence mid April with Phase 3 to commence mid July 2015.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

To ask the Chief Executive the following (**Details Supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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Q.22 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.23 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.24 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY

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Q.25 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide **(details supplied):**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate **(details supplied):**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.28 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.29 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to address the conflict between clearway signage on bicycle lanes and the prohibition of parking in cycle lanes. Many people abiding by clearway parking times for the street are clamped and equally the signage is causing people to park in cycle lanes thereby completely blocking the cycle lanes. The removal of clearway signage and strengthening of cycle lane visibility appears to be the best means of addressing the situation. The impact is particularly apparent on some narrow city centre streets and needs immediate attention. The situation is part of low priority attached to cycle lanes which in turn causes cyclists to revert to cycling on footpath rather than roadway. The Chief Executive should outline the remedial program to be adopted.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two types of cycle lane in use in the City and these include Mandatory and Advisory Cycles Lanes.

Mandatory cycle lanes are marked with a continuous white line and vehicles are not permitted to enter the lane except for access. Furthermore parking is not permitted on mandatory cycle lanes. Mandatory cycle lanes are 24 hours unless accompanied by a time plate.

Advisory cycle lanes are marked by a broken white line which allows vehicles to enter or cross the lane. Parking is not permitted in an advisory cycle lane other than for set down and loading. Advisory cycle lanes are used where space restrictions prevent the provision of mandatory cycle lanes and at junctions where traffic will turn across cycle lanes. The vast majority of cycle lanes in Dublin City and particularly in the city centre are advisory cycle lanes.

Where cycle lanes in Dublin City are time plated, then the prohibition on parking as set out above is only applicable during the time for which the cycle lane is in operation.

The City Council's Traffic Division believes that the use of clearway signage along some routes with cycle lanes is required and particularly so for advisory cycle lanes. This particularly may apply for example for inbound traffic in morning peak when a clearway may be applied from 07:00 to 10:00 to prevent set down or loading which is permitted in an advisory cycle lane. The same may apply for outbound traffic with regard to the evening peak where a clearway sign may be introduced from 12:30 to 19:00 within the canals or 16:00 to 19:00 if outside the canals. This is required to minimise traffic congestion by preventing un-necessary stopping/loading during these periods.

In many cases, the cycle lanes time plates correlate to the clearway time plates. However, cases could exist whereby a cycle lane from 07:00 to 19:00 exists with a clearway from 07:00 to 10:00. The expiry of the clearway does not mean drivers are permitted to park in the cycle lane as this is prohibited during the operation hours of the cycle lane. However, in this case, loading could be permitted after 10:00 provided the cycle lane is advisory.

A particular issue may be lack of understanding of the regulations that relate to cycle lane use and an information campaign on this may prove useful and will be considered by the Traffic Division for the coming year. Furthermore the Traffic Division will endeavour to review the situation on the ground with a view to ensuring that all signage provided is as per the intended use.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the amount paid by Dublin City Council to legal firms in the year to date, specifying the nature of the advice sought/work done and in particular, to detail the background and tendering process relating to the recent payment of €3.4m to a legal firm for work/advice relating to Thomas Davis Street West.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Law Department will supply the Councillor with the information in relation to legal firms within the next two weeks.

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The payment of €3.4m referred to was not in relation to legal work or advice received. The position is as follows.

In December 2014 the Council completed the acquisition of 36 apartments and 26 car parking spaces at Tyrone Court, Thomas Davis Street West, Inchicore. The total acquisition cost of these units was €5,577,500.

However the developer had to pay the outstanding cost of the site to the Council together with interest thereon which amounted to €2,187,226.75. This amount of €2,187,226.75 was set off against the acquisition cost leaving a net amount of €3,390,273.25 to be paid for the units.

The €3,390,273.25 was paid to Mason Hayes and Curran Solicitors on behalf of their client in respect to the net purchase cost of the 36 units and 26 car parking spaces.

Q.31 **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

In relation to public "Health Stations" / Exercise Machines can the Chief Executive detail the amount and location of such equipment, the cost of procuring and installing a station, the planned number of stations to be rolled out in 2015 and finally to ask the Chief Executive if any figures/evidence is available as to the acceptability, usage and benefit of the equipment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has a number of outdoor gyms installed in parks throughout the City. Each installation is different depending on its location and its intended users. However, the following information in relation to the projects to be commenced in 2015 is a useful indication of the costs involved.

Dublin City Council was successful with a number of Sports Capital applications in 2014 of which seven parks were allocated monies towards outdoor gyms under the programme as outlined in the table below:

Location	Cost of Project	Expected Completion Date
Ellenfield Park (Whitehall)*	€16,000	Quarter 3, 2015.
Bunting Road (Walkinstown)	€37,000	Quarter 4, 2015.
Lansdowne Valley Park (Drimnagh)	€37,000	Quarter 4, 2015.
Albert College Park (Ballymun)	€37,000	Quarter 3, 2015.
Belcamp Park (Coolock)	€37,000	Quarter 3, 2015.
Dartry Park (Rathgar)	€37,000	Quarter 4, 2015.
Mellowes Park (Finglas)	€37,000	Quarter 3, 2015.

With the exception of Ellenfield Park, all Outdoor Gyms will be positioned as one 'stop shops' in relation to activity (i.e. all the equipment will be beside each other in one area). The one stop shop gyms will consist of the following equipment (please see below).

Outdoor Gym Equipment

- Chest Press & Seated Row
- Leg Press & Abdominal Bench
- Dips and Leg Raise Equipment
- Outdoor Cross Trainer
- Shoulder Press and Lat Pull-Downs

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Outdoor gyms have been part of the sporting infrastructure in countries such as Australia and Canada for a number of years. They are seen as providing new opportunities for individuals to burn more calories, build muscle strength and contribute towards their general health and well-being. In recent years, outdoor gyms have become a feature of parks within the United Kingdom. They have also started to feature in parks and open spaces throughout the country. Dublin City Council has seen the success of similar Outdoor Gyms across other jurisdictions and would like to replicate this success across Dublin City.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

In relation to the highly effective and successful Intensified Inspection Programme, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, confirmation has been received from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government that funding will be made available to continue and/or expand this programme when the current funding ends. Also, in relation to the latest report and its findings that 66% (3,375) of the 5,105 units inspected were non-compliant on Fire Safety grounds, can the Chief Executive confirm the role and action of the fire officer in the case of such findings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date the Intensified Inspection Programme has been very successful and we are currently examining how this programme can continue. The DoEC&LG have indicated that they will make good any shortfall in funding for 2015 with a view to assimilating the programme into mainstream funding from then on.

Inspections by Environmental Health Officers are performed under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, as amended.

Article 11 in relation to fire safety requires that:

- Each rented house shall contain a fire blanket and either a mains-wired smoke alarm or at least two 10-year self-contained battery-operated smoke alarms.
- Each self-contained house in a multi-unit building shall contain a mains-wired smoke alarm, a fire blanket and an emergency evacuation plan.
- Emergency lighting shall be provided in all common areas within a multi-unit building.

Any requirement, under Article 11 of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008, as amended, does not relieve the landlord of their responsibilities to comply with the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003. Where necessary and appropriate Environmental Health Officer refers properties to the Chief Fire Officer.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how much it is costing Dublin City Council on an annualised basis to collect, examine and dispose of dumped rubbish bags and to further detail how much it is costing the council to collect and dispose of bulk items dumped in the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The estimated annual cost for the removal and disposal of illegally dumped bags is €669,676.42.

The estimated annual cost for the collection and disposal of bulky items is €360,554.97

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Q.34 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for **(details supplied)**:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for **(details supplied)**:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.37 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.38 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of locations in the Dublin City Council area and dates Irish Water or companies acting on their behalf will break ground to install water meters from the 12th of January to the 12th of April 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the City Manager 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 also a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors:
LocalRepSupport@water.ie

Q.39 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive give a breakdown of the standing charge fee for heating to the residents of York Street and detail exactly what labour and 'man-hours' are entailed into justifying the 17.80 standing charge and confirm or deny for the

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residents of York Street that even if the heating radiators are turned off securely, that there is still a heating charge if the heating meter clock is turned on centrally?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The standing charge for the provision of heating in these apartments is €7.75 per month plus 13.5% VAT. This charge is calculated in line with average/standard standing charges for the provision and maintenance of a utility.

A substation is installed in each apartment in York Street. The meters are installed inside the substation in each apartment. The invoices which the tenants receive are calculated as per the downloaded readings from the BMS (Building Management System) which is the standard billing unit used for heat energy. The amount of energy used comes directly from the meters through the BMS and is not an estimate as would be the case at times with an electricity bill, therefore the tenants can track energy use from their bills. Only units used by the individual tenant are charged for.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive grant access to the residents of York Street to the heating meters in the complex so as they can monitor their usage of heating for themselves?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A substation is installed in each apartment in York Street. The meters are installed inside the substation and to get access to these meters an engineer has to remove the cover to the substation which requires the use of hand tools and exposes the heat exchanger, pump, meter, temperature sensors & pipe work. This is live & rotating machinery and should only be accessed by a qualified technician. Therefore general access is not possible.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive consider the installation of a 'pay as you go card' heating meter system so as to enable the residents of York Street to manage and conserve their usage of the gas heating meters in a more efficient way?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no scope to install pre-paid (pay as you go) meters in these units.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive give an update on the application for traffic calming measures on Lansdowne Park at the junction of Haddington Road reference 12863/BOR and if a traffic audit has been carried out in order to evaluate the problems faced by residents in Lansdowne Park face as a result of rat running by motorists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for traffic calming measures on Lansdowne Park at the junction of Haddington Road is still listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify this matter (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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Q.45 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive Officer to respond to this housing maintenance matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.46 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive look into the following situation **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if suitable housing can be allocated to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what the implications are for Dublin City Council housing lists following on from the Minister's order to allocate 50% of all allocations to the homeless list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is awaiting directions from the Department of Environment in relation to the implementation of the above measure and until such time as these directions are made, it is not possible to respond in clear terms.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when **(details supplied)** will be housed? He is desperate to be suitably housed by Dublin City Council. His present accommodation will cease the end of January and he is desperate not to go to a homeless unit as he has spent a considerable amount of time and energy on addressing his alcohol addiction and has been alcohol free for some time now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant applied for housing in 2010 and is seeking single person accommodation. Unfortunately, there are many other applicants ahead of him on the waiting list that must be considered as vacancies arise. In October last, the applicant contacted the Allocations Section to advise he had changed address. He was asked to bring in confirmation but to date has not done so. The applicant should ensure details regarding his new address are submitted at the earliest opportunity.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the impact of the increased level of articulated trucks using **(Details Supplied)** in light of local residents' concerns about the damage this level of usage is having on the road and vehicles parked nearby?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The level of traffic is unlikely to have any real impact on the carriageway. The carriageway is undulating in profile for some time now.

A complete reconstruction of the carriageway is envisaged in 2016/2017 which will require the setts being removed and which will result in an even carriageway surface.

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Q.51 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give reasons for the rates write-off amount of €26.2 million, as compared to the previous year's figure of €18.1million, given the general improvement in the economy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figure supplied in relation to your previous question included a coding error identified following further analysis of the individual financial expenses. An amount of €5.1m was incorrectly coded to the rates current year write off instead of bad debt provision. The table below has been revised to take account of the coding error. The revision has no effect on the total amount of financial expenses as reported in 2013 Annual Financial Statements, as the individual breakdown of expenses is not shown separately in the AFS.

	2013	2012
Financial Expenses		
R20010 AP REALISED GAIN/LOSS	38,477.23	3,680.17
R20012 COST OF GOODS SOLD ACCOUNT	-	44.28
R20014 BANK CHARGES	808,903.11	808,298.10
R20017 STERLING BANK CHARGES	493.89	503.75
R20140 LOAN INTEREST REPAYMENT	10,700,239.15	13,356,433.19
R20141 MARP REPAYMENT	1,290,486.94	239,154.75
R20158 RAS PROVISION	-4,016,955.00	2,385,009.08
R20159 BAD DEBT PROVISION	52,123,959.39	51,996,751.54
R20160 BAD DEBT WRITE OFF	1,103,861.85	2,129,864.92
R20170 RATES CURRENT YEAR WRITE OFF	21,097,301.14	18,139,016.71
R20171 RATES REFUND VACANCIES	1,866,006.90	1,654,556.28
R20172 RATE BOOK AMENDMENTS	-618,727.03	946,800.85
R20200 COMMISSION TO AGENTS	845,666.79	975,629.84
R27570 LEASING CHARGES	17,179.65	3,867.47
	<u>85,256,894.01</u>	<u>92,639,610.93</u>

The increase in the rates current year write off is due to an increased level of €2.3m vacancy credits in 2013 compared to 2012. The economic improvement referred to in your question is reflected in the 2013 cash collection being €5.5m in excess of the 2012 cash receipts and the reduction of the rates debtors in 2013 by € 2.3m on the 2012 outturn

Q.52 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the increase in Dublin City Council's legal fees of 70% on the preceding year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report will be issued to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

In relation to the Intensified Inspection Programme Private Rented Housing Standards Report and the "Next Operationally" on page 29 of that report, can the Chief Executive outline how it is intended to carry out those next steps – particularly in relation to the retention of the necessary staff?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date the Intensified Inspection Programme has been very successful and we are currently examining how this programme can continue. The DoEC&LG have indicated that they will make good any shortfall in funding for 2015 with a view to assimilating the programme into mainstream funding from then on.

Each active file will be reviewed with the Environmental Health Officer to review the action taken to date. In each case the next enforcement action will be determined and scheduled. These actions may include re-inspections (to determine that notices have been complied with), the service of Prohibition Notices and the initiation of legal proceedings. Where notices have been complied with the file is closed.

The third report on the Intensified Inspection Programme to be drafted in the first quarter of 2015.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to implement the following changes in order to address the dangerous and illegal behaviour of some cyclists on the dedicated bicycle lane on the north side of the Grand Canal from Clanbrassil Street to Grand Canal Street, particularly breaches of pedestrian green lights by cyclists when the cycling lights are red:

- The imposition of speed limits on cyclists when using dedicated "closed-in" cycle lanes. There could be two such limits: the first, a general speed restriction; the second, a lower speed limit in the vicinity of bridges where pedestrians and cyclists cross-over against one another. (Bycyclists travelling at excessive speed are a problem elsewhere where pedestrians are not

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separated from cyclists. An example is the Samuel Beckett Bridge where the dual pathway becomes a single pathway at its southside end and cyclists come around a “blind” down-sloped corner at speed.)

- Secondly, at those bridge junctions, low-rise ramps could be placed to ensure cyclists slow down; two could be placed at each side of the road crossing where there currently is a through-path marked for pedestrians. As much as anything this may reduce the number of cyclists who block this area without regard to it being for the use of pedestrians. The area between the two ramps could be marked in the same amber criss-cross manner that occurs at many urban cross-roads.

These two suggestions could be implemented at a low cost to the Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The issue of a separate speed limit for cyclists cannot be addressed by Dublin City Council as it would require changes to existing Traffic Legislation. This is further complicated by the fact that there is no requirement for bicycles to have speedometers. Notwithstanding this, Dublin City Council will raise the matter with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Dublin City Council has been assessing the possibility of introducing physical measures to encourage cyclists to cycle at lower speeds. To date, no satisfactory ramp design has been developed.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to erect “Drive slowly - Children at play” on the public road on the entrance to Lansdowne Village, Dublin 4, and in particular at the approaches to the two bends on the public road, in circumstances where children have recently been restricted from playing on the green common area and now play on the road as a result. This signage is necessary to reduce the serious risk of injury which now exists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 25th April, 2013, reported that Lansdowne Village does not meet the warrant for the provision of Children Crossing signage. Lansdowne Village is a cul-de-sac, and also does not have a play area adjacent to the road.

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

- ‘Children Crossing’ signs are only to be recommended where there is a particular risk that children could be injured by vehicular traffic. This would include for example roads where there is a green/open space or play area adjacent to the road. Signs may be provided at the entrance to a housing estate from a main traffic route. Signs should only be erected on roads that are primarily residential in character with continuous frontage. Repeater signs are not recommended on all roads within an estate.
- ‘Children Crossing’ signs should not be recommended for main roads, traffic calmed roads or cul-de-sacs.

The Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that as at January 2015 that there is no change in the above recommendation.

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Q.60 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce appropriate traffic safety measures (which could include bollards) to address the following health and safety concern at Hanover Street East.

Hanover Street East is in parts not wide enough, especially with parked cars, to allow two vehicles to pass each other simultaneously. Pedestrians, often parents with young children, are regularly faced with impatient drivers mounting the footpath to progress down the street, especially after they enter the street from Macken Street but also at various points along the road. These drivers also drive quickly in order to get away with their illegal manoeuvre. This adds to the danger and it is also very frightening for pedestrians to see a car speed towards them on the footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue is listed for examination by the relevant Area Engineer. Councillors will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.62 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.66 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive address **(details supplied):**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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Q.67 **COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive provide an explanation of **(details supplied)**:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.68 **COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive provide me with the details of annual totals for grants paid out under the home grants scheme for the years 2006 to 2014 under the following headings:

- The Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme
- The Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme
- The Housing Adaption Grant Scheme

In addition can the Chief Executive provide details of the number of people waiting on grants at the end of each of the years 2006 to 2014?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability, the Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme and the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme were only established at the end of 2007 so the annual totals for grants paid are from 2008 to date.

Total value of grants paid for years 2008 to 2014.

	Housing Adapation Grant Scheme	MobilityAids Housing Grant Scheme	Housing Aid for Older People
2008	€2,192,470	€68,277	€525,694
2009	€8,719,955	€284,394	€1,621,922
2010	€6,670,158	€183,370	€1,417,368
2011	€8,605,276	€299,990	€1,177,058
2012	€8.723,942	€351,476	€848,652.42
2013	€6,062,722	€184,283.60	€450,297.80
2014	€3,543,243.31	€166,136.56	€176,725.65

In the period 2008-2014, the grant scheme was closed for two periods in 2009 and 2013 respectively and these were the only times that applicants would have been waiting on grants at the end of the indicated years. The number of applications awaiting approval at 31st December 2009 was 1371 and the number of applications awaiting approval at 31st December 2013 was 257.

Q.69 **COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.70 **COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

In relation to windows that were supposed to be installed at **(details supplied)**. Can the Chief Executive give an installation date for the windows?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.71 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

How many houses in St. Ann's in Raheny have had their water tested for lead levels since last March?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Questions dealing with water supply, water quality and wastewater should not now be submitted for responses to the City Council or Area Committees, but 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 also a specific email address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie

Q.72 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

How many of these houses in St. Ann's, Raheny tested had levels of lead above the EU permitted level?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Questions dealing with water supply, water quality and wastewater should not now be submitted for responses to the City Council or Area Committees, but forwarded directly to Irish Water.

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Q.73 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

Minister Richard Bruton has informed me that a detailed study has been carried out to evaluate the extent of lead pipes in the St. Ann's, Raheny area. This study has been carried by Irish Water with the co-operation of Dublin City Council. May I have the results of this study?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for the following information (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

What negotiations or discussions have taken place concerning the contract for the domestic waste collection of the sheltered housing and will the Chief Executive give a legal update on the issue of a TUPE being included in any future contracts?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Draft documentation has been prepared for the tendering of the Waste Collection Service to Dublin City Council's flat complexes. It is anticipated that this can be tendered in the coming two months. No negotiations or discussions have taken place to date with any company. The application of TUPE will be a matter between the current employer and the successful tender bidder.

If the contract is transferred then it is solely a matter between the current contractor and the incoming contractor whoever that might be. The legal requirement falls on the incoming contractor and therefore it is not at any stage the responsibility or indeed within the power of Dublin City Council to ensure the Greyhound Staff are covered by the terms of TUPE in this instance.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how many tenants are in rent arrears, how much in total is owed to Dublin City Council in rent arrears and to break it down in tabular form eg less than €500, €500-€1000, €1000-€2000, €2000-€3000, over €3000 in arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Information regarding rent arrears owing to Dublin City Council as at 8th December, 2014 is outlined below.

It is worth noting that the principal cause of arrears is not the non-payment of rent but the failure of tenants to inform the Housing and Residential Services Department of changes in their personal circumstances in a timely manner. This has resulted in retrospective debits being applied once the change in circumstances has been identified. Tenants with back dated arrears are encouraged to enter into an agreement. The details of the rent arrears repayment will vary depending on the size of the debt and the personal circumstances and vulnerability of the individual tenant.

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<i>Profile of Arrears as at 8th December, 2014</i>			
<i>Level of Arrears</i>	<i>No. of Households in Arrears</i>	<i>Total Amount of Arrears Owing</i>	<i>Average Arrears per Household</i>
€0.01 - €499	7,114	€1,102,172	€155
€500 - €999	1,800	€1,304,534	€725
€1,000 – €1,999	1,787	€2,564,297	€1,435
€2,000 - €2,999	1,020	€2,528,860	€2,479
€3,000 +	2,470	€15,420,843	€6,243

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, to outline in tabular form how much is owed in commercial water rates for years since 2010 and if collected will this money go to Irish Water or will it remain with Dublin City Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have set out commercial water

Non Domestic Water Debtor	
Year	Debtor
2010	€22,188,966.00
2011	€17,243,779.00
2012	€15,970,773.00
2013	€16,502,531.00
2014	No yet finalised

below the debtor for for the years 2010 – 2013.

Dublin City Council is acting as an agent in relation to the billings and collection of commercial water since 1st January 2014. All payments received are netted against the operating cost of the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water on a monthly basis and the balance is forwarded to them. The sale of the debtor at year end 2013 has yet to be finalised with Irish Water.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive what measures are in place to deal with the possibility of the cold snap which has been forecasted for January. Should it occur, is the council prepared, and to what extent?

- a) How many tonnes of grit do we have and how many weeks would that last if there is prolonged icy weather?
- b) Is there a sufficient number of staff on standby to cope with the possible demand should it arise?
- c) Are there any other measures the council have in place that they could advise us on?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Salt in Stock – a) above

- Following a delivery of salt this week Road Maintenance Services will have 1690 tonnes in stock
- This amount would normally last three weeks going out every night
- As stock are used they are replenished from DCC's 2700 tonnes annual allocation under the National Salt Management System operated by the NRA
- The NRA also has strategic salt stocks which can be used in periods of prolonged cold weather

Measurers for Severe weather events (snow) – b) and c) above

- Salt bins (1100 litre) located at 25 high risk locations (hills and bridges) for spreading by hand on the roadway. Different locations allocated to Waste Management Services, Parks Division and Dublin Bus.
- 143 personnel from road maintenance services with equipment for spreading salt primarily on roadways
- Snow ploughs
- 345 personnel from Waste Management Services with associated equipment for clearing footways
- 150 personnel from Parks Division with associated equipment for clearing footways
- 50 personnel from Drainage Division
- Severe Weather Group (Road Maintenance engineers and superintendents, representatives from Waste Management Services, Park and Drainage Division and other sections such as customer services and media relations) to coordinate response and handle communications

Measurers for Normal Winter Maintenance (frost and ice) – c) above

- Road Maintenance Services treat (with salt) 300km of roads in the city council area using up to nine demountable spreaders. There is a tenth spare demountable spreader to supplement the other spreaders during severe weather.
- Regional roads, important bus and commuter routes
- Accesses to major hospitals, fire stations, bus and rail stations

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive are there any plans to increase the amount of small bins for dog foul collection in parks and along streets, throughout the city, where the larger bins have been taken away. It is difficult to see how we can encourage dog walkers to collect the dog's foul if they have nowhere to dispose of it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Discussions will take place between Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscape Services regarding the provision of bins in public parks, and green spaces, details of which will be published early in the Spring 2015.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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Q.81 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of any instances in which Section 35 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 has been used by this Planning Authority and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has not to date invoked Section 35 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether the City Engineer might enter into discussions with Celtic Anlian Water (the operator of Dublin's Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant) on the feasibility of retrofitting a hydro-electric power generation unit to the upper tier of the Sequencing Batch Reactors at Ringsend to provide renewable electricity for the city of Dublin and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question should be referred to Irish Water (localrepsupport@water.ie) as the contract with Celtic Anlian Water for the operation of the Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Works has been transferred 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.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he has been asked to nominate any older areas of the city for the Living City Initiative as outlined in the Finance Bill and to provide copies of any correspondence and maps generated by the city relating to same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council was invited by the Department of Finance to make a submission which identified areas of the inner city which would both benefit from and qualify under the proposed Living City Initiative as outlined in the Finance Bill.

The City Council made a submission which included the following areas:

- 1 - The Thomas Street-James Street Corridor (Dublin8) – (Land Zoned Z5 – “City Centre”)
- 2 - Dublin's “North Georgian Core” (Dublin 1) - (All Lands Zoned Z8 “Georgian Conservation Area” - North of the Liffey)
- 3 - Dublin's “South Georgian Core” (Dublin 2) – (All Lands Zoned Z8 “Georgian Conservation Area” South of the Liffey)
- 4 - Dublin's Key Radial Routes (“Street windows to the city”) – (Majority of lands Zoned Z4 “Mixed use” inside Dublin Canal Ring)

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5 - The Case for sustaining Dublin (National Tourism) - Extending the Living City Initiative to key pedestrian corridor routes. - (Land Zoned Z5 – “City Centre”)

I understand that this submission together with submissions from the other qualifying city authorities is currently being reviewed by the Department of Finance.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he might consider a pilot scheme or trial of one or more public water fountains in parts of the city most frequented by tourists and to enter into discussions with Irish Water with a view to providing same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The possibility of providing public water drinking fountains was discussed at the December meeting of the Public Realm Co-ordination Group. There are three drinking water fountains in existence currently in the city; the heritage fountains at the Rates Office, Marshals Library and the Rutland Monument. These were decommissioned some time ago by Dublin City Council due to the health/safety issues of ensuring the required quality of the drinking water being provided. The lack of use and insufficient volume being drawn led to stagnant water and health issues in addition the antisocial use of the font, and other issue dictated they be decommissioned.

The provision of public fountains is a norm in hotter European countries but there is no identified need in Dublin and indeed the culture is to drink bottled water even where there is a provision, for example our leisure centres. It was felt that parents in particular would not allow children to use such provision for drinking. Teams using Dublin City Council playing pitches in parks bring drinking water and, it was felt, would favour continuing such practice again for quality control and safety reasons.

If was felt that such a provision should be across the city if deemed necessary. Appropriate locations may be problematic given current transportation projects, pedestrian space requirements and the current competing demands for space on the city streets. The underground works needed would require survey and metering as well as quality control and a service system. The group advocated a research piece to validate the need for such provision in advance of conducting feasibility on a project of this kind.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

Following the Housing Minister's announcement in July 2014 of funding of €7.1million to bring a total of 371 vacant Dublin City Council homes back into stock this year, could this Councillor please be supplied with:

the number of these units that are located within each of the City Council local areas
the number of these vacant units that have been brought back into use to date
the number that are currently under renovation
the schedule for renovation of remaining number with expected dates for completion

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor within 2 weeks.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to explain Public Participation Network (PPN) and its role in replacing the Community fora.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Section 46 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 enables local authorities to take all appropriate steps to consult with and promote effective participation of local communities in local government. Prior to this a Working Group on Citizen Engagement was set up which proposed a Public Participation Network (PPN) be established in each local authority area to take an active formal role in relevant policy making committees of the local authority.

Dublin City Council is currently in the process of establishing a citywide PPN and to-date over 500 groups and organisations have registered their interest. Dublin city PPN will be divided into three sectors or Electoral Colleges:

- Community & Voluntary
- Social Inclusion
- Environmental

Groups that were previously registered with Community & Voluntary Forum must register with the Public Participation Network (PPN) and self-select the Electoral College that is appropriate for their organisation. The PPN will be made up of all community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups in a local area, not just those individuals and groups who currently take a lead in local matters under the existing non-statutory structures.

The guidelines do not allow the existing Community and Voluntary Forum to become the PPN. However there is no issue with the existing Community & Voluntary Forum assisting with or facilitating the PPN set-up, which requires a Secretariat and Linkage Groups to be put in place.

When the local authority requires a representative to sit on a committee or to engage with the local authority on a specific issue the Local Authority will contact the PPN Secretariat. The Secretariat will call a meeting of the PPN and all groups with an interest in the issue will be invited to attend. These are now the Linkage Group, which selects a representative to sit on the committee or otherwise engage with the local authority on the issue. The role of this representative is to report back to the Linkage Group and the PPN so there is interaction between the Linkage Group the PPN and the Local Authority.

It is proposed to set up a PPN in Dublin City in the near future by calling a Plenary meeting of all registered organisations.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate clearly a period of time and a specific date that will apply to 50% of housing stock being allocated to homeless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is awaiting directions from the Department of Environment in relation to the implementation of the above measure and until such time as these directions are made, it is not possible to respond in clear terms.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information in respect of Dublin City Council housing lists:

- How many people are on housing list?
- How many of these people are lone parents?
- How many people have presented themselves to the council as homeless?
- How many those presented as homeless are lone parents?

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Of the homeless lone parent families, how many children does this involve?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) There are currently 20,682 applications on the social housing list.
- b) Of this figure, 6,258 are lone parents.
- c) There are currently 1,281 active homeless applications.
- d) Of this figure, 114 are lone parents.
- e) The number of children is 183.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of RAS properties that were withdrawn by the owners in 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

102 properties have been withdrawn from RAS during 2014.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of properties secured or renegotiated within the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) in 2014

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

252 properties were renegotiated during 2014 and 76 new properties were secured for the RAS Scheme.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the monthly average rent paid in respect to 1bed, 2bed, 3bed and 4+bed RAS accommodation secured from the private rental market in 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The average monthly rental paid for properties secured in 2014 is as follows:

- 1 Bed - €750 - €800
- 2 Bed - €950
- 3 Bed €1,050

No 4 bed was secured in 2014.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.94 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the contract to civic media for banners on Dublin City Council's poles. This report also to include a list of all tenders for this service within the past two years. Also, what is the make-up of the selection committee that decides on such tenders?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tenders were invited in September 2013 for Dublin City Council Lamp Post Banners and Management System to include supply, installation, maintenance and removal of city lamp post banners and related equipment for a period of two years with the possibility of extension for a further year. The invitation was placed on e-Tenders, the central facility for all public sector contracting authorities to advertise procurement opportunities utilising the open procedure. This was the first time that the contract for the Lamp Post Banners was formally advertised.

On the closing date for receipt of tenders 31st October 2013, tender submissions were received from three Tenderers. The assessment of the Tenders received was based on the following elements as specified in the Instructions to Tenderers.

- Suitability Assessment
- Assessment of Tenders (which comprised of)
 - Assessment of Works Proposals; and
 - Assessment of Notional Tender Price

Tenders were assessed in accordance with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) criteria as set out in the tender documentation. One tender was deemed incomplete and non-compliant with the requirements. Of the remaining two valid tenders, the submission from Civic Media Ltd. achieved the highest overall score of 7,100 marks out of a possible 10,000 marks. Accordingly, a recommendation was made to award the Contract to Civic Media Ltd., 10 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin 2 for a period of two years with effect from 1st March 2014.

Ove Arup and Partners Irl. were engaged to provide the technical expertise necessary to prepare detailed design specifications and tender documents and also to assist in the assessment of tenders. The tender assessment panel comprised of a representative of ARUP, and two representatives of the Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department which has responsibility for implementation and management of the contract.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive examine as to why senior Dublin City Council officials did not inform the Markets and Casual Trading sub-committee on the establishment of the Christmas Market on St. Stephen's Green and also why the South East Committee was not informed on this substantial event. Can this report also include a full breakdown of all procedures with regards permissions for such events? What financial fees were involved? What Dublin City Council received financially from the transaction? What senior officials and Dublin City Staff were involved in these negotiations? Can we also have a full list of all the companies and State agencies that were involved in this enterprise?

This event has caused great concern among local business and resulted in a downturn in trade in many local shops. This Councillor alone has received substantial representation regarding the negative effect that this market has had.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Christmas market at St. Stephen's Green was initiated by the business sector in the city with the objective of increasing city centre trade, encouraging more people to visit the city centre at Christmas and creating a new destination point for consumers, particularly families. Such attractions are very important in the context of countering competition from suburban shopping centres at this time of the year.

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Markets similar to this have always been a significant attraction in many other European cities and indeed they have been growing in popularity throughout this country.

This was the first year of this Christmas market and it appears to have been very successful in achieving its original objectives. It has received very positive international and national media attention which is very welcome for our capital city at a time when the general economy is improving and tourist numbers are on the increase but where there can be an over emphasis on the negative aspects of city life.

The market appears to have resulted in a very significant increase in footfall in the St. Stephen's Green area and this has obviously benefitted the other wide range of businesses in this vicinity.

The level of opposition to the market or complaints about it, have been minimal.

The market was formally launched in May 2014 and the Office of Public Works (O.P.W) gave approval for it to be located on its property (footpaths around St. Stephen's Green). Dublin Town (The Business Representative Group) then proceeded to work on the planning of the event with the O.P.W. and in consultation with business interests in the area.

At a later stage in October 2014 Dublin City Council Events Unit sought to be included in the process and offered to assist the O.P.W. in using our established procedures in co-ordinating the necessary inputs and approvals of a range of external statutory agencies as well as the relevant internal regulatory divisions. A key part of this process was to facilitate the safe operation of the market while minimising the disruption and impact on other city stakeholders.

Following submission of the draft event management plan on 28th October by the promoter there was a series of discussions and meetings with internal City Council divisions such as the South East Area Office, Waste Management, Building Control, Planning, Fire Brigade, Traffic and external agencies such as H.S.E., An Garda Síochána, Dublin Bus, Luas, etc.

This led ultimately to the formulation of an agreed final event management plan and our Events Unit on 14th November 2014 issued a letter of consent for the event subject to a total of 21 conditions. The fee charged by Dublin City Council to the market operator of this particular market was in the region of €34,000.

In this case and in all other situations the primary role of the Events Unit is to coordinate, facilitate and support the organisation of events and festivals in the City and consent is only given to the promoter /organiser after the necessary approvals from both the various internal regulatory divisions and external agencies have been obtained.

The staff involved from our Events Unit on this issue are the same staff that have a very strong track record and experience in co-ordinating, facilitating and supporting a whole range of major events and festivals that have brought very significant animation and cultural, social and economic benefit to the city in recent years e.g. St. Patrick's Day Festival, Bram Stoker Festival, the Pride Festival, New Year's Eve Festival, Giro d'Italia Cycling, Brian Boru Festival, etc.

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The unit is ably led by Ms. Ursula Donnellan and great credit is due to her and her small team for their efficiency, hard work and commitment in pulling together a varied and large number of stakeholders, providing a one stop shop for event promoters and for resolving a range of logistical issues that can arise in planning for the successful implementation of such events (including Markets). Without this co-ordinated work, which is not always easy, many of these very successful events in Dublin City would simply not get off the ground.

Notwithstanding the apparent success of this market at St. Stephen's Green and the overall positive reaction to it, there were a number of issues raised by different people and it is important that these issues are considered and evaluated at this stage prior to future decisions in this regard :-

- There is a need for Dublin City Council to develop and formulate a policy and a set of procedures around the establishment of "pop-up" and occasional markets (including at Christmas time) – this Department will initiate this process and bring forward proposals on same to the City Council in the coming few months.

This Policy will cover issues such as:-

- * Fees: In order to create an "equal playing pitch" with other competing businesses there should be provision for the payment of a fee which would be the equivalent of an appropriate rates bill for the period in operation. It would be important that fees are not overly high making the operation non-viable.
- * Sale of Food: There is a view that these types of markets over concentrate on fast food/tea/coffee which may affect local restaurants, etc. however for many customers including families this is clearly a strong attraction for visiting a market.
- * Congestion: Obviously markets are most successful in areas that have already a reasonably high footfall but this can also cause significant congestion as well. An appropriate balance is required with consideration for existing local stakeholders and safety.
- * Business: If the venture is being promoted by the business sector it is essential that they engage in a comprehensive consultation process with local traders and with the various other business representative groups prior to seeking DCC approval.

Overall this market was a very welcome addition to Christmas festivities in the city centre and its positive objectives appear to have been realised.

Dublin City Council is very supportive of such festivities and we look forward to working with the business sector (rate payers) in developing further such activities in order to attract customers and tourists to the city centre.

We will formulate a comprehensive new policy and set of procedures over the coming months for submission to the City Council, following consultation with all the relevant stakeholders, in relation to the approvals of markets generally in the city and including these centred on the Christmas Period.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding what administration costs Dublin City Council rating office receives for the collection and administration of the BID levy? Also can the Chief Executive supply a sample copy of a BID levy demand. Furthermore, what administration charges does Dublin City Council receive from

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BID-DublinTown (if any) for the administration of their election process which is carried out by Dublin City Council management staff

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Rates Office receives €30,000 per annum towards the part salary of one staff member and the non pay administrative costs associated with the BID.

Dublin City Council recouped administration costs in the sum of 10,870.09 associated with the 2012 plebiscite. This included the cost of public notices, printing, postage and stationery and the cost of staff involved in the actual counting of votes.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive examine the possibility of placing an environmental levy charge on chewing gum companies and products. Chewing gum is fast becoming an environmental hazard and pollutant. It has cost Dublin City Council over a million and a quarter Euros each year to remove chewing gum from the public domain. This is unacceptable expenditure and a burden on tax payers. It is quite obvious that the recent campaign to bin chewing gum has failed and the costs are rising for private contractors who remove the product. Notwithstanding the damage that's being caused to historic paving and paving in general from the high powered water jets that are used to remove the gum. Can the Chief Executive write to Alan Kelly, Minister for the Environment, requesting that an environmental levy or tax be placed on such products that are creating such damage to our streets?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) was established in 2006 on a pilot scheme which included 15 Local Authorities among them Dublin City Council.

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) is responsible for developing and implementing an awareness campaign to reduce gum litter in the most sustainable way – by changing irresponsible disposal behavior and encouraging the public to dispose of their gum responsibly.

The GLT campaign includes a set of integrated education and awareness initiatives including a mass media advertising campaign, a schools education campaign and local authority involvement.

The 2014 Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) national environmental awareness campaign was launched in Dublin by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Oisín Quinn. Results show a demonstrable impact on behavior and attitudes in relation to gum litter. The last campaign which ran from 2012 to 2014 has just ended. The power to levy a tax/charge on chewing gum remains with the Minister.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive put up signs on St. Patrick's Parade asking people not to dump on the street? It is a common site for dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have signs put in place at St Patrick's Parade.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive clean the leaves on Larkhill Road outside the Girls School? They are causing the footpath to be very slippery for pedestrians.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the leaves removed from the above location on the 6th January 2015.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive consider a pedestrian crossing or a zebra crossing at the main entrance to St. Aidan's CBS on Collins Avenue? The pupils are crossing this busy road at this location, even though it is close to a pedestrian crossing. So there should be a crossing where the pedestrians go, even if it's not where we would like them to go.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.102 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive clear the wood and debris at the back wall of 1-11 Thatch Road within the Whitehall car park bring centre?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services clean the immediate area around the bring centre in the Whitehall car park on a regular basis. A CCTV camera is located at this bring centre to deter dumping of rubbish at this location. Arrangements have been made with the Parks Section to clean up the shrubbery area at this location.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive why the proposed project in St. Pat's, Drumcondra (planning application number 3662/14) appears to have a discrepancy between the model and the drawing, they do not appear to tally. Some of the local residents and I (I agree with them having visited this site), feel this part of the college is over developed and no consideration to the families in the neighbourhood. Please find letter from one resident impacted severely by past development on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The illustrations accompanying Q.103 would appear to relate to an earlier application for a West and East block on the St Patrick's campus. These blocks are now approaching completion, planning reference: 4245/08, the drawing submitted with this application represent the approved development.

Planning application 3662/14 is for two additional floors to be constructed onto Block E, situated between the recently completed East and West blocks. Observations were received regarding that application, and the issues raised were taken into consideration in the assessment of the proposed development. The finished height of this block would be 17.2m. It is Department of Education and Science policy to consolidate Initial teacher education provision and this is being carried out on the campus of St. Patricks College. The development is required to accommodate this.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

As part of the proposals to tackle homelessness the Minister for the Environment instructed Dublin City Council to re-examine 657 vacant properties which are currently scheduled for demolition with a view to refurbishing some of them on a temporary basis. Can the Chief Executive provide a list of these properties and comment on the proposal in relation to each property?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently under review. The outcome of the review will be communicated to the Councillor on completion.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive list the organisations working in the homeless area which receive funding from the Dublin Region Homeless Executive and the amounts allocated per organisation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following provides a breakdown of costs according to service type and to organisations funded under section 10 of the housing act.

DECLG/DCC Protocol	S.10 & DLA Funding Forecasted Outturn 2014
Homeless Prevention, Tenancy Sustainment & Resettlement Supports	€3,498,111
Emergency Accommodation	€27,575,835
Long-Term Supported Accommodation	€7,899,783
Day Services	€2,849,510
Domestic Violence/Refuges	€583,305
Housing Authority Homeless Services Provision, Frontline Services, including Administration	€6,001,061
TOTAL:	€48,407,606

Emergency Accommodation	S.10 & DLA Funding Forecasted Outturn 2014
Voluntary Bodies	€13,140,402
Private Emergency Accommodation	€13,666,668
Section 10 Voluntary Bodies	€600,765
Emergency Accommodation Total	€27,575,835
Private Emergency Accommodation	S.10 & DLA Funding Forecasted Outturn 2014
Private Emergency Accommodation	€8,439,740
Hotels	€5,226,928
Total:	€13,666,668
Non Governmental/ Voluntary Bodies/ Project Provider	S.10 & DLA Funding Forecasted Outturn 2014
Dublin Simon	€3,302,998
Focus Ireland	€4,800,413
DePaul Trust	€3,181,814
Peter McVerry Trust	€3,392,803
Sonas	€770,799
Crosscare	€3,795,086
Salvation Army	€2,010,804
Sophia Housing	€810,201
Hail	€230,907
Barka	€119,550

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Novas	€559,944
YMCA	€120,000
Aids Fund	€148,550
Sister of Our Lady of Charity	€136,929
Capuchin Day Centre	€348,668
Failtiu, Merchants Quay	€889,411
Access Threshold	€314,226
Saoirse, Tallaght	€60,000
Aoibhneas	€268,180
Total	€25,261,283

Section 10 – Voluntary Bodies	
Teach Mhuire	€167,999
Iveagh Hostel	€268,180
Bru na Bhiann	€182,850
Ana Liffey	€70,500
Life	€42,665
Vergemount	€36,570
Total	€768,764.00

Q.106 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the provision of any extra housing units by location, temporary or permanent, for homelessness or for regular social housing since the last update?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following provision was made as part of Dublin City Council's responsibly to respond to the accommodation needs of homeless households.

- A total of 286 social housing tenancies were provided by Dublin City Council via its own stock, that of approved housing bodies and the use of NAMA stock in 2014. It is noted that this figure is separate to other tenancies achieved via the private rented and in long-term supported accommodation. A process of reconciliation is being undertaken on verifying the full quantum of tenancies achieved and will be published by end January 2015.
- In terms of additional emergency capacity, a further 271 new emergency beds were provided for people to avoid the need to sleep rough

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the Samuel Beckett Bridge, can the Chief Executive provide the following?

- a) Details of the procedure for requesting the closure of the bridge for maintenance or other purposes?
- b) Detail the signage used to inform motorists of the closure?
- c) The number of times the bridge has been closed over the past two years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The Samuel Beckett Bridge is managed by the Road Design and Construction Division. As part of the bridge's normal maintenance procedure fortnightly rotations of the bridge are carried out. These rotations are timetabled for every

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second Tuesday evening between the hours of 8.30pm and 10.00pm. In addition to the fortnightly rotations, on a quarterly basis, scheduled maintenance work is carried out on the bridge. When possible this maintenance work is combined with the fortnightly opening but the period of closure may extend to 6am depending on the extent of works to be carried out. A timetable of upcoming scheduled rotations is circulated to stakeholders and uploaded to Dublin City Council web site.

One-off requests to rotate the bridge are managed by the Road Design and Construction Division. If a request is received the reasons for the proposed rotation will be considered and contact will be made with various stakeholders such as Traffic Management and Control Division, An Garda Siochana and Dublin Port. If rotation is approved notification emails will be circulated to various departments within Dublin City Council, An Garda Siochana, Emergency Services, Dublin Bus, Air coach, Bus Eireann, Local Theatres, and Dublin Port Tunnel Office.

As with all roads and bridges, An Garda Siochana have the authority to restrict or prohibit traffic from using the Samuel Beckett Bridge when they consider it appropriate to do so.

- b) Local signage is erected in the vicinity of the bridge to direct traffic away from the bridge when it is not open to traffic. Advance warning Variable Message Signs (VMS) are located at Clontarf Road, Ballsbridge, Amiens Street, Lesson Street, Merrion Gates, North Strand Road, Pearse Street and Sherrif Street. These signs are used to advise motorists when bridge is closed to traffic.
- c) The Samuel Beckett Bridge was closed to traffic on the following number of occasions:
 - 2013** – 32 occasions (including retensioning works to bridge)
 - 2014** – 21 occasions (inc Fringe Festival & filming event on the Bridge in August facilitated by an Garda Siochana)

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the impact of any transport changes in the city that he sees arising from the national strategy tender document for Intelligent transport systems.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Strategy Tender was for the procurement of a consultant to assist the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in the formulation of a National ITS strategy. Dublin City Council are represented on the DTTAS steering group for the formulation of this strategy. Dublin City Council have engaged with the consultants appointed and have presented their views on a range of issues.

The changes which Dublin City Council would like to see arising from any National Strategy are:-

1. Increased investment in ITS and providing budgets for maintenance and improvements of existing ITS infrastructure.
2. ITS investment being increased in the areas of safety, Multi Modal Information for ease of travel and the provision of a common Open data platform in Ireland.

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3. Recognition of ITS as a separate stream of expertise involving multi disciplinary teams.
4. Recognition by the Department of the Environment of the separate qualifications required for ITS and provision of a suitable career paths for ITS Staff in the Local Authority System.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider changing the road markings at the South Great Georges Street / Dame Street junction to allow for pedestrians to more safely cross the junction on the diagonal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue is listed for examination by the relevant Area Engineer. Councillors will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive:

- to confirm that the local authority is responsible for ensuring that a BER certificate is provided for any property advertised for sale or to let within its administrative area under SI 666/2006
- and to ask why a majority of properties offered for rent continue to be listed without any BER certificate?
- and to provide a report showing how many agents/landlords have been contacted for non-display of BER certificates and how many actions have been taken against landlords or their agents for non-compliance with these regulations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The requirement of a BER Certificate is provided under Section S.I. No. 666 of 2006 which was subsequently replaced by S.I. No. 243 of 2012.

The City Council is not responsible for ensuring a BER certificate is provided for any property advertised for sale or let. This is the responsibility of the person offering the building for sale or let and also the agent acting on that persons behalf.

Certain properties, including Protected Structures, are exempt from the requirement to obtain a BER Certificate.

Building Control Staff occasionally review advertisements of property for sale and contact agents to remind them of their obligations. However, as there is no minimum BER rating required, and with the limited resources available, the priority of the Building Control Department is the inspection of new buildings and building works on site to check compliance with current building regulations.

Prosecutions for breach of the regulations in relation to BERs may be taken by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland or the Building Control Authority. No prosecutions have been taken by Dublin City Council Building Control in the last 3 years.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the amount of finance it has received from the Private Residential Tenancy Board for each of the following years; 2012, 2013, 2014 and to provide a report on how this funding was spent and the key finds of its PRTB inspections?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

Could the Chief Executive please forward the following information **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.113 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Could the Chief Executive look into putting stronger lighting in the open area of Shangan Green/Crescent area. There is open drug dealing going on openly outside peoples gates. I saw the dealing going on the other night, with kids around outside there gardens. But is very dark around the area, maybe a trial of brighter lights could be put in place. I asked one of the neighbours and she said she constantly chasing them away with her brush.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will examine the lighting and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on future lighting improvements programme, subject to finances.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the installation of bicycle parking at the following locations in Dublin 8 **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.115 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.116 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.117 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.118 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.119 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive deal with the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.120 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive deal with the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.121 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive deal with the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.122 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive deal with the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.123 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Can the Chief Executive confirm if **(details supplied)**, who is currently residing in emergency accommodation, is on the housing allocations list, if she has selected three areas within the council and where she would accept offers of accommodation, her place on the list and finally if the council has recorded her indication of interest in obtaining accommodation from an approved housing body?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.124 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Can the Chief Executive confirm if **(details supplied)**, who is currently residing in emergency accommodation, is undergoing Garda vetting at the council's behest because of his social housing application, if the council will provide him with a copy of its file on his housing application under Freedom of Information, if he makes such a request and finally if the council has recorded his interest in obtaining accommodation from an approved housing body if becomes available?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicants is currently being vetted on Estate Management grounds as it the normal procedure with any Dublin City Council Allocation. Once this is received, the applicant can contact Homeless Allocations to find out the result. If he then wishes to have a copy of his file under Freedom of Information, he can request this if he so wishes. All Homeless Applicants are considered for all forms of Housing including Approved Housing Bodies

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Q.125 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Can the Chief Executive report on progress regarding the installation of bollards and double yellow lines at the Mace shop on Shantalla Drive which residents claim the council agreed to.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has confirmed that eight bollards have now been put in place at this location. The double yellow lines are still listed for installation and will be installed at the earliest opportunity.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Can the Chief Executive confirm if any private landlord agreed to participate in the piloting of the Housing Assistance Payment pilot and if so how many of these landlords have also participated in the RAS scheme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new pilot HAP is a regional pilot and is aimed at households that are assessed as homeless and in emergency accommodation. As the pilot is in the process of commencing operation, no Landlords have been admitted to the scheme until such time the programme is fully operational. The HAP pilot will be operational in the coming weeks.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.131 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the measures he intends to implement to deter and prevent the increasing problem of refuse bins being set on fire, and to advise when these measures will be implemented.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no plans to implement any new measures to prevent refuse bins being set on fire. All City Council bins are of an approved fire retardant standard to minimise the possibility of accidental fires from cigarette butts etc and the City

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Council believes that in this respect it has already taken all the appropriate steps available or necessary to eliminate the possibility of accidental fires.

The deliberate setting on fire of any bin be they City Council bins or private bins belonging to residential or commercial premises are regarded as malicious or criminal damage and as such are a matter for the Gardai.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he would provide more Choke Cars for the City, as in emergency cases, residents, particularly the elderly are left waiting for very long periods. These Choke Cars alleviate blocked drains, especially for emergency calls. A constituent in Stanford Green who is ill has been waiting for some time for this service.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Maintenance section receives over 5000 calls per annum in relation to blocked drains and Choke car related issues. Priority is given to cases that impact on other dwellings or to residents who are ill or elderly. The Tenant's hand book clearly states that 'paying the cost of clearing a blocked drain if you have a single drain' is the responsibility of the tenant. The matter at Stanford Green has now been responded to and rectified. Plans will be progressed this year in conjunction with staff to review the service for greater efficiency.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide double yellow lines on one side of Ravensdale Park at the junction with Lower Kimmage Road and Ravensdale. A resident of Brookfield Green has contacted me regarding the dangerous conditions caused by parked cars which completely blocks drivers vision when exiting onto Ravensdale Drive

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for double yellow lines has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a Refuse Deposit Area facility in the Eugene Street/Cork Street area to prevent illegal dumping in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council will not provide a Refuse Deposit Area facility in the Eugene Street/Cork Street area to prevent illegal dumping as such a facility would be contrary to all existing policies for the management of waste. To provide such a facility would be seen as endorsing or even encouraging the practice of illegal dumping.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive make contact with **(details supplied)**

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Q.136 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive make contact with **(details supplied)**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.137 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive upon what basis did the planning authority grant consent to a planning application by Chartered Land for the development of properties at no's 24/25 Moore Street that were not under their ownership?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The planning application Plan No.2479/08 for the comprehensive development of a site bounded by O' Connell Street, Henry Street, Moore Street and O' Rahilly Parade refers. As per the requirements for making a valid planning application, the applicants, Chartered Land Ltd stated their legal interest or estate in the site and in the case of those parts of the land not in their ownership, provided documentary evidence of the consent of the owners to the making of the planning application. At time of application, Nos. 24/25 Moore Street was in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

A letter of consent from Dublin City Council was included in the planning application Plan No.2479/08 indicating that the City Council had no objection to the inclusion in a planning application of any lands forming part of the site which were in the ownership of Dublin City Council. The letter specifically states that "in the event of a planning permission being obtained and it being deemed necessary to include the relevant lands in the development it will of course be necessary to agree terms for the disposal of the relevant lands and for the City Council to procure statutory approvals for same".

During the time period of the application, a report was brought to Dublin City Council seeking approval for the disposal of Nos.24/25 Moore Street to Chartered Land Ltd. Dublin City Council assented to the disposal at that time. On 24/03/10, planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanala for the development.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with copies of the reports compiled by Dublin City Council on the Young People's Facilities & Services for the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for each of the past five years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A full report has been issued directly to the Councillor.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.140 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if safety measures can be put in place for traffic at the Ashtown Gate as traffic is coming from 4 directions & there is no signage to give right away. There have been a number of incidents already.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic management at Ashtown Gate has been reviewed in recent months by our Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) engineer who manages traffic light operations.

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The ITS engineer assessed the possibility of adding traffic lights at this junction. Following their assessment, it was recommended not to add traffic lights to this junction due to the layout of the park gate and lack of visibility on the road approaching the junction. If traffic lights were added, each arm of this junction would have to run on a separate phase and the intergreen times (amber and red times between the phases) would have to be quite long in order to ensure all vehicles on each arm of the junction have cleared the junction before the next arm starts moving. This would most likely result in long delays to local traffic .

It should be noted that Ashtown Gate is under the charge of the Office of Public Works and any changes required within the park will be required to be agreed with them. Dublin City Council will be consulting with the Office of Public works with the view to investigating the potential for alternative traffic improvements at this junction.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.142 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive can signage poles not in use be removed from the traffic islands at the exit of Royal Canal Park Apartment on the Ratoath Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The exit of the Royal Canal Park Apartments at Ratoath Road was the proposed Gateway to the Pelletstown development as set out in the Action Area Plan 2000. With the on-set of the recession in 2008, this gateway and other aspects of the development were not completed.

The realignment of the Ratoath Road following the opening of the new Reilly's Bridge in early 2015 will effectively change the status of this junction and a review of its layout and function will need to be undertaken following completion of this realignment scheme. As part of that review, the City Council will consider the most appropriate layout for this junction and in doing so which of the existing poles if any need to be maintained. Following completion of this review, all un-necessary poles will be removed.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the following be looked at (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2015