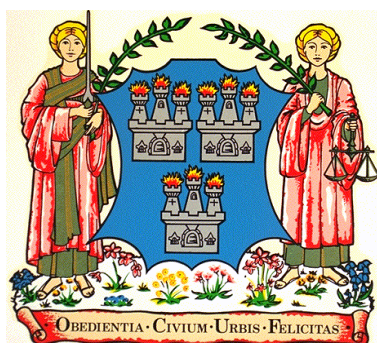


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 2 Feabhra 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  
Aine Clancy  
Anthony Connaghan  
David Costello  
Patrick Costello  
Ciáran Cuffe  
Daithí De Róiste  
Daithí Doolan  
Pat Dunne  
Declan Flanagan  
Mannix Flynn

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

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Críona Ní Dhálaigh  
Michael O'Brien  
Jim O'Callaghan  
Kate O'Connell  
Damian O'Farrell  
Ciáran O'Moore  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Larry O'Toole  
Cieran Perry  
Noeleen Reilly  
Nial Ring  
Noel Rock  
Éilis Ryan  
Bríd Smith  
Paddy Smyth  
Sonya Stapleton

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Brendan Kenny  
Dick Brady  
Kathy Quinn

Terence O'Keeffe  
Jim Keogan  
Vincent Norton  
Oonagh Casey

Mary Pyne  
Daithi Downey  
Lisa Kelleher  
Mary Davis

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by thanking the former Lord Mayors and Lady Mayoresses, the current and former Deputy Lord Mayors and the staff of the Mansion and everyone involved in the very successful launch of the celebrations of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mansion House as the official residence of the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin.

The City Council agreed to the following requests for permission for erection of banners on Liberty Hall as agreed by the Protocol Committee 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

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- St. Michael's House - "Bring a Book, Buy a Book" Initiative, 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Trócaire - Lenten Appeal, 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March
- ISPCC - Anti-Bullying Awareness Campaign, 9<sup>th</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> March

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor A Gilliland and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 155 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
4. Submitted Report No 52/2015 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 52/2015". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Report No. 59/2015 of the Chief Executive, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8 : Change of use and associated refurbishment works at 9/10 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin 2. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 59/2015 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
6. Appointment of one Member to the Transportation SPC – no nomination was forthcoming so it was agreed that this vacancy will not be re-listed unless a nominee is available.
7. Appointment of six Members to the S2S Joint Committee. It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Councillors O'Moore, Byrne, Binchy, Horgan Jones, Kennedy and Flynn be appointed to represent Dublin City Council on the S2S Joint Committee" The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report No. 38/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – Monthly Management Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ring "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 38/2015". The motion was put and carried.
9. Submitted Report No. 58/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Deletion of Nos. 1, 3, 5-19, 21-22, 24-32, 34-37, 39-57 Belmont Avenue and Nos. 1-8 and 10-25 Mount Eden Road from the Record of Protected Structures, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor K Binchy and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 58/2015 and approves the deletion of Nos. 1, 3, 5-19, 21-22, 24-32, 34-37, 39-57 Belmont Avenue and Nos. 1-8 and 10-25 Mount Eden Road from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

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10. Submitted Report No. 40/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 24) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017: Designating Belmont Avenue/Mount Eden Road & Environs, Donnybrook, as an Architectural Conservation Area. It was proposed by Councillor K Binchy and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 40/2015 and makes Variation (No. 24) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017: Designating Belmont Avenue/Mount Eden Road and Environs, Donnybrook, as an Architectural Conservation Area as outlined in the report”

An amendment to this motion was put forward by Councillors D Lacey, C Byrne and K Binchy. This amendment was seconded by Councillor M Flynn. Accordingly the following amended motion was put and carried “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 40/2015 and makes Variation (No. 24) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017: Designating Belmont Avenue/Mount Eden Road and Environs, Donnybrook, as an Architectural Conservation Area as outlined in the report, and will initiate by way of a variation the inclusion of 113 Morehampton Road and 115 Morehampton Road, Donnybrook into the Belmont Avenue/Mount Eden and Environs Architectural Conservation Area as adopted by the City Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015”.

11. Submitted Report No 39/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Draft Street Performers Bye Laws (Busking) 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor R Moynihan “ It was moved by Councillor and seconded by Councillor “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 39/2015 and hereby resolves to make Street Performers Bye Laws (Busking) 2015 as outlined in the report”.

### **Six Amendments were put forward to this motion as follows :-**

- (a) “That the Draft Street Performers Bye-Laws 2015 be amended as follows:
- I. Amend current Section 9 to add: “The use of amplification technology by Street Performers is prohibited” After: “The sound produced during a performance shall not exceed 80 decibels in the immediate vicinity of a Street Performer or Street Performers”
  - II. Amend Section 1 (a) to read:“A person may not perform in a prohibited place”.
  - III. Delete the remainder of Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 and all references to permits/related”.

**Submitted by The Fine Gael Group – Paddy McCartan, Naoise Ó Muirí, Kieran Binchy. This Amendment was defeated**

- (b) “That the Draft Busking Bye-Laws be approved with the proviso that:

- I. Amplication shall not be allowed in Temple Bar
- II. The Bye-Laws shall be reviewed after six months”

**Submitted by Councillors Claire Byrne, Ciarán Cuffe and Patrick Costello. This Amendment was defeated**

- (c) (i) To replace paragraph 3 with the following: A street performer shall not use amplification and (ii)To delete paragraph 3(a)

**Submitted by Councillors Deirdre Heney and Jim O’Callaghan. This Amendment was defeated**

- (d) Amendment after 80 decibels “and 75 decibels in Temple Bar”.

**Submitted by Councillors Ruairí McGinley and Vincent Jackson. This amendment was carried.**

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- (e) That Dublin City Council amend the Street Performers Bye-Laws so that the upper limit of 80 decibels is amended to reflect those operated in other internationally renowned cities for busking such as Santa Monica, 85 decibels, when measured at a minimum distance of twenty-five feet from the source of the noise, 107db when measured at a minimum distance of one foot from the source of the noise.  
**Submitted by Councillors David Costello and Paul McAuliffe. This Amendment was defeated**
- (f) That the review period for the Street Performers Bye Laws be reduced from six months to three months.  
**Submitted by Councillors Dermot Lacey and Andrew Montague. This Amendment was defeated.**
- (g) The amended motion was then put and carried "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 39/2015 and hereby resolves to make Street Performers Bye Laws (Busking) 2015 as outlined in the report subject to the following amendment - after 80 decibels, insert "and 75 decibels in Temple Bar in Item 9 of the Draft Byelaws".
12. Submitted Report No 50/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Arrangements for the Preparation of the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 50/2015". The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No. 43/2015 of the North West Area Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) – Taking-In-Charge of Riverston Gardens, Riverston Abbey, Navan Road, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor B Carr and seconded by Councillor D Costello "It is hereby resolved that we, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Road Authority for the City of Dublin declare the roads and footpaths at Riverston Gardens, Riverston Abbey, Navan Road, Dublin 7 to be public roads and footpaths as shown on Drawing R.M. 25307 in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993." The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 37/2015 of the Executive Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) – With reference to the proposal to extinguish the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of number's 34 – 47 De Courcey Square, Prospect Way, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor N Rock and seconded by Councillor P McAuliffe "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 to the rear of number's 34 – 47 De Courcey Square, Prospect Way, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 36345, 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. 42/2015 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 6 premises. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 42/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

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16. Submitted Report No 44/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Balcurris Boys Hostel, Balbutcher Lane North, Ballymun, Dublin 11 to The Peter McVerry Trust Limited. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 44/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No 45/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Units G05 – G07 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 45/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No 46/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit G04 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 46/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No 47/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit F14 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 47/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No 48/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Units F02-F10, F11 and F13 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 48/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No 49/2015 of the Senior Executive Officer (*M. Ryan*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Units S06-S10 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 49/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No 55/2015 of the Chief Executive Manager (*R. Brady*) – With reference to the disposal at 60 Belmont, Middle Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 55/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

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23. Submitted Report No 05/2015 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh*) – Breviate of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor C Andrews “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 05/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No 41/2015 of the Chairperson of the Finance and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Ruairí McGinley*) – Breviate of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015. It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor R McGinley That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 41/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No 54/2015 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2015 – *Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor A Connaghan and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 54/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No 51/2015 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2015 – *Councillor Ciarán O’Moore, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor C O’Moore and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 51/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No 56/2015 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2015 – *Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor E Murphy “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 56/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No 53/2015 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2015 – *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 53/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No 36/2015 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of January 2015 – *Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor J O’Callaghan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 36/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No 57/2015 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (*Councillor Daithí De Róiste, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. It was proposed by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhálaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 57/2015”. The motion was put and carried.
31. The Lord Mayor ruled that all submitted Emergency Motions were out of order in accordance with Standing Orders.
32. It was proposed by Councillor P Hand and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council supports the establishment of the website [livingwage.ie](http://livingwage.ie) and the work of the Living Wage Technical Group in establishing the rates of pay necessary for a decent standard of living. Additionally, this Council calls for Dublin City Council to become a Living Wage employer with all staff members including

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those who are not on direct Council contracts and that any procurement of goods and services carried out by the Council be purchased from Living Wage employers” The motion was put and carried.

33. The City Council agreed that Item No 26 on the Agenda Paper, Motion in the name of Councillor C Andrews, could be swapped with Item No 35 on the Agenda Paper with the consent of both Members. Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor R Mc Hugh and seconded by the Lord Mayor - “With the government’s decision to close St Patrick’s Institution, NCR, and the historical context of the building, this City Council requests that the building be renamed after one of the Cumann na mBan members who were imprisoned here from 1916-1923, these woman played a very important part in Ireland’s fight for freedom” The motion was put and carried.
34. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor B Smith that the following motion standing in her name at Item No 27 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 - “That Dublin City Council, in reaffirming its commitment to marriage equality in Ireland, supports and calls for a positive and progressive outcome in the upcoming referendum on same sex marriage, extending equal rights and opportunities to Lesbian and Gay couples under the law”
35. The City Council agreed to a request by Councillor K O’Connell that the following motion standing in her name at Item No 28 on the Agenda Paper be deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 - “That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to ensure a level playing field for businesses by withdrawing financial support for advertising for local markets, which hurts rates-paying, nearby, competing businesses and by ensuring the market traders are held to the same food-preparation standards as traders in fixed premises. Further to this, when market operators are being granted permission to erect stalls, that stalls that are in direct competition with existing rate-paying businesses are prohibited from being part of the market in question”
36. The City Council agreed that Item No 29 on the Agenda Paper, Motion in the name of Councillor E Murphy could be swapped with Item No 58 on the Agenda Paper with the consent of both Members. Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor G Kelly “That this Council calls on Minister Alan Kelly to liaise personally with the residents in O’Devaney Gardens and Croke Villas as he has suggested some of the vacant units be opened back up to house homeless families. In order for him to comprehend the issues and concerns these residents have about their living conditions (for example the level of dampness in these flats ), the lack of amenities i.e. no play ground facilities for their children, the high levels of anti social activity and illegal dumping to name but a few” The motion was put and carried.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

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## APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 02<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

#### **Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in respect of tenancy incomes assessed for rent how many tenancies have social welfare income only, how many have a combination of social welfare and employment income and how many are employment income only.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

<b>Income Source</b>	<b>No. of Tenancies</b>
No. of accounts with Employment Only Income:	1,210
No. of accounts with Social Welfare Only Income:	14,763
No. of accounts with mixed income sources:	7,627

#### **Q.2 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to **(details supplied)**, how many houses have been called to by City Council staff following the new bylaws introduced giving the power to Council staff to call to private and council tenants, broken down by the number of houses, the number of people assigned to the project, the number of hours committed and the number of fines arising.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Door to door waste inspections can be a standard part of a litter warden's duties in the course of their normal working day and as such it is not possible to give an account of the amount of time spent talking to residents on the door step throughout the year.

From time to time however the waste management department carries out intensive surveys of a particular area or black spot which will see all allocated staff concentrated on door to door inspections. In 2014 a number of such surveys took place involving approximately 704 man hours which were targeted at specific areas of the city.

344 hours were spent on surveys in the north central area of the city and approximately 360 hours on surveys in the south central side of the city. On the north side 600 houses were surveyed on four separate occasions and 130 fines were issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

On the south side a total of 3528 properties were investigated with 1745 properties receiving door to door visits. This was done by three dedicated staff and resulted in 170 fines being issued.

#### **Q.3 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

To ask the Chief Executive how much Dublin City Council contributed to the sponsorship of Dublin Web Summit in 2014 and any documentation which outlines the cost benefit analysis of this sponsorship.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council provides in-kind support to the Web Summit in facilitating the use of public space for ancillary events associated with the main Summit, the use of a number of Dublin City Council JCDecaux Advertisement spaces, the flying of Banners in the City.

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In 2014 Dublin City Council's support related to:

- The Night Summit in the city centre, the Food Summit in Herbert Park for which the Parks Department received a direct payment of €20,000 from the Web Summit.
- The City Council allocated 7 x JCDecaux Digital advertisement sites from their allocation and supported 20 Light Pole Banners to fly around the RDS and George's Street area in the City at a financial cost to the City Council of €1,943.
- The LEO Dublin City office also assisted with the online promotion of the Web Summit via social media.
- The Lord Mayor hosted a welcoming reception for 100 International Scholars as part of this year's Summit at a cost of €1,260 for Catering & Service.

No cash sponsorship contribution was entered into with the Web Summit.

In return Dublin City Council received recognition as a media partner, a stand at the RDS Main venue promoting Dublin City Council services.

### **Benefits Accrued to the City:**

In 2014 the Web Summit attracted 22,119 attendees from over 100 countries to Dublin for the world's most global tech event. 680 speakers, both global and tech industry leaders spoke on 10 unique stages. 1,630 Journalist representing over 27,000 pieces of press was published. On the social media front, a total of 1,991,510 visitors was reached through facebook, blogs, and twitter with over 62.29% of those new followers. (source: Web Summit 2014 in Numbers Infographics 2014).

The Web Summit created a spin-off of €20m for the Dublin economy (source: [www.independent.ie/business/technology/web-summit-is-scaling-new-heights-with-profies-30212596.html](http://www.independent.ie/business/technology/web-summit-is-scaling-new-heights-with-profies-30212596.html))

The Web Summit brings international attention on Dublin and showcases Dublin as a vibrant tech city. Over the past three years the CEOs of companies such as Wonga, Quantcast and twitter have attended the Summit and subsequently chose Dublin as the location for their European operations. Most recently, Ryan Smith of Qualtrics spoke of how his attendance at last year's Summit helped in the decision to locate their international HQ in Ireland. [www.independent.ie/technology/web-summit/deals-dublin-and-dropbox-how-the-web-sumit-spurs-invement-30700880.html](http://www.independent.ie/technology/web-summit/deals-dublin-and-dropbox-how-the-web-sumit-spurs-invement-30700880.html)

Major international publications regularly feature stories about Ireland as Europe's digital hub as a result of the Web Summit.

Hundreds of jobs have been created through the showcasing of Dublin and Ireland via the Web Summit and it is important for Dublin City Council, given its influence in the city, continues to directly support small business through the LEO Dublin City Office and with supports from partners such as Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland, continue to promote Irish companies and Ireland as an investment location. This is in line with the rationale in the Governments "Putting People First" for expanding the economic development role of the City Council.

### **Q.4 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

To ask the Chief Executive when future stages of the Dublin City bike scheme are currently envisaged to be rolled out, and if there are any further revenue generating

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initiatives, such as the recent soft drink sponsorship, which are envisaged to expedite this?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The dublinbikes scheme has just completed phase 2 of the longer-term 14 phase development strategy expansion. This strategy was adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council in 2010 and proposes an ambitious expansion programme which will provide for 5,000 bikes and approximately 300 bike stations throughout the city. The completion of phase 2 has increased the size of the scheme to 100 stations and 1,500 bikes. This represents roughly double the number of stations and three times the amount of bikes compared to the initial scheme. There are no definite timeframes in place for the delivery of the next expansion phases after the completion of phase 2. Further expansion is subject to securing the necessary levels of substantial funding for both the initial capital costs and the annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. The Planning Department are investigating measures by which future expansion phases can be advanced. All feasible potential funding sources are being explored including central government funding, generating revenue through direct advertising provision in the public realm and generating revenue through the growth of the subscription base.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**):

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL**  
To ask the Chief Executive for (**details supplied**).

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL**  
To ask the Chief Executive to look at: (**details supplied**).

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**  
Could the Chief Executive furnish a report on the number of new estates built under the current Development Plan and provide a list thereof?

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current development plan is the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017. The total number of dwellings completed in the Dublin City Council area for the plan period are as follows:

2011 = 557 units;  
2012 = 507 units;  
2013 = 502 units;  
2014 = 914 units.

Therefore, a total of 2,480 dwellings were completed between 2011 and 2014. The residential developments commenced in this period include a range of house and apartment based schemes such as: 50 houses on the former Omega Technica site at Farnham Drive in Finglas; 69 houses at Sion Hill in Drumcondra; 57 apartments on the former 'Dollymount House' site in Clontarf; and 86 apartments on the former UCD veterinary college in Ballsbridge.

### **Q.11 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the significant parking problem for local residents at Herbert Avenue, off Merrion Road, Dublin 4, in circumstances where Pay & Display parking costs €1 per hour on Herbert Avenue, but where the car park at St. Vincent's University Hospital costs €2.50 per hour, and accordingly where car parking spaces on Herbert Avenue are invariably taken by hospital visitors, leaving local residents, who have no off-street parking, without a place to park.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The city is divided into 6 tariff zones which were defined by resolution of the members of Dublin City Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005. The zones are concentric circular zones spreading from the very high demand (yellow zone) in the city centre to the outer suburban zone (orange zone), with the parking fees for each zone agreed by resolution of the members of the City Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Herbert Avenue is located in the orange zone (€1 per hour). It is a reserved function of the City Council to amend the parking zones or increase parking tariffs.

### **Q.12 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the extremely damaged section of the footpath on Richelieu Park, near the corner with Sydney Parade Avenue. The damaged section is alongside the wall outside (**details supplied**), and is right beside the "Richelieu Park" street sign.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance have inspected the footpath outside (**details supplied**). Repair works have been added to our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.

### **Q.13 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the costs incurred by Dublin City Council arising from its having been an unsuccessful party to the Judicial Review proceedings Christian & Ors v. Dublin City Council (High Court Record No. 2011/56JR), to include the costs of Dublin City Council in defending the proceedings and the costs of the Applicant.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In relation to the Judicial Review proceedings Christian & Ors V Dublin City Council, the total costs incurred by Dublin City Council were €704,881.96.

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### Q.14 **COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are any impediments (other than the cost), including policy, infrastructural or legal impediments, to providing free WiFi for the entire Dublin City Council area, which would be a massive boost to education, tourism and enterprise in our city.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A full report which addressed this question was issued and approved by DCC on two occasions in the last number of years. To implement free WiFi for the entire Dublin Council region there would be a number of impediments to overcome. It should be noted that the cost would be very substantial with no commercial model available to fund such a venture. The cost would be on an ongoing basis as well as the initial large capital funding required. It has been estimated that a €26m cost would arise for the entire Dublin region.

The EU considers that broadband provision is the role of the private sector and state agencies should only be involved where there is substantial market failure. This is covered by state aid rules on interstate competition. While the broadband market in Dublin is not perfect there is no evidence of market failure. If DCC was to offer such a free service directly then the limits on what it could be used for under the "Prague" judgement would make such a service useless to the public.

WiFi is not a suitable technology for providing broadband services across Dublin outside of the core which is probably why it has never been used by the commercial sector for this role. It has difficulties in operating within buildings from external antennae and is only generally used for outdoor usage. In addition the number of antennae required to cover large areas increases the cost associated with this solution. The use of other technologies provided by the commercial sector, including 3G, 4G and other wireless technologies, provide a better technical solution.

The current provision of free Wi-Fi limited to designated public spaces in the City was decided on the basis of concerns raised by consultants that the EU Commission might perceive the provision of public Wi-Fi throughout the city as an unwarranted intervention by local government that could distort normal market competition. To address this concern the Wi-Fi was done on a concession basis and limited to a number of public areas/Parks. The nature of this concession arrangement was that no cost was incurred by City Council in the provision of free Wi-Fi. Despite the concerns about EU reaction to provision by public authorities of free Wi-Fi other cities in Europe have provided such Wi-Fi. This is however generally limited to the core of the city centre or to certain tourist zones within the city. The speed, extend and bandwidth of the current limited free Wi-Fi is not satisfactory.

Traditionally Wi-Fi was used to access the internet for data, email, free calls etc. Increasingly this access is being used for video, TV, you tube and film. This obviously requires additional bandwidth. The Smartphone with substantial of free data packages and the arrival of 4G is changing the Wi-Fi provision agenda as individuals increasingly have access on the move. Tourists who visit the city from outside of the Republic are at a disadvantage however because they still incur roaming charges on data usage. Within the EU this is changing and will result in an ending of roaming charges.

The future provision of public free Wi-Fi should therefore be framed and re-imagined against the changes in technology, regulation and access.

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Future provision could be extended and improved by adopting a different model and using advances in technology. The concept of free Wi-Fi could be redefined and access made dependent on the user providing data that could enrich the data resources of the city. An citywide umbrella of Wi-Fi for city services and public engagement could be developed around the gateway units to be provided under the Intel-Dublin City project.

In this scenario public access to Wi-Fi could be contingent to signing up to membership of a number of dedicated apps that are focused on a specific engagement sector. Thus individuals could sign up to a Tourist trail app, to a learning app/s, to a mobility app, to an accessibility app, to a business support app, to a citizen opinion app, etc. In becoming a member of particular app communities in the city the citizen allows location information, movement and other relevant information which enriches the data available to dublink. Also the citizen would undertake to engage with the city, post promotional material via twitter and Facebook links etc. The rationale of such an approach would be to create a digitally engaged citizen who can access the engagement on the go, 24/7, in the city. Such an approach would extend the service provision of Local Government, provide a USP for Dublin and not upset the marketplace.

Such a network could also be used to enhance the R&D eco system of the city. Thus researchers from academia or industry could use app driven initiatives on the network to undertake research and promote innovation.

The provision could be done in a co-innovation project basis with industry or by way of concession.

### **Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive inspect and repair the gullies outside **(details supplied)** as there is regular flooding when it rains?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 5 gullies on **(details supplied)** were checked and cleaned on 23/01/15. The gullies are all in good working order.

### **Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive outline what the status is for planning application number 2710/14 and how many social housing units will be made available to Dublin City Council housing allocations?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council granted permission for this proposed development subject to conditions on 16/12/2014. This decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala on the 15/01/2015 by a third party objector. The Bord will make a decision on the application in due course. Until such a decision has been made no further comment can be made relating to the allocation of housing units.

### **Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive ensure that measures are taken to stop the pigeons resting on the roofs of Conway Court and continuously destroying the pavement below and that the entire ground floor surface be power hosed clean particularly outside of **(details supplied)**?

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Estate Manager will circulate a letter to all residents requesting that they do not leave foodstuffs out that will attract pigeons and will investigate possible solutions to prevent birds resting on the roof

This area has been power hose cleaned within the past week.

### **Q.18 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what the definition of a void is? Is it a unit that has no live rent on it? What status have units that tenants have abandoned but are paying rent on? What status have units that are boarded up by the council due to abandonment by tenant or tenant has had to flee due to severe intimidation? There seems to be a growing amount of our units that are boarded up but not deemed voids.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Units are deemed to be void only when the rent account has been closed. Properties that have been apparently abandoned by the tenants but where the rent is still paid are not deemed to be void as the tenant is deemed to have legal possession. Similarly units that have been abandoned but where Dublin City Council has not obtained legal possession are not deemed to be void. Abandoned units may be boarded up to secure the property in anticipation of the resolution of the legal issues.

### **Q.19 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the scheme of lettings and the lettings list, why is the time on list or position on list not stated on the lettings list? In order to gauge the length of time each list is allocating from and to know that the list is operating on a time on list basis the lettings list should have the position on list of the applicant. The previous lettings list when operated under points had clearly stated the points of the applicant.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Computer system is currently being adapted in order to produce the weekly lettings lists directly from the system.

Consideration is also being given to include details on the lettings lists regarding how long an applicant has been on the waiting list at the time of their allocation.

### **Q.20 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.21 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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**Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**  
Since the establishment of Irish Water how many pipes have been replaced by Dublin City Council, in areas Dublin 1, 3 and 7? With the public outcry recently in relation to the lead in some of the pipe systems this question is quite relevant.

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

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

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: [LocalRepSupport@water.ie](mailto:LocalRepSupport@water.ie).

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive when the policy changed in relation to the housing welfare section. For example, I as a Councillor requesting information about the status of welfare applications have been informed that I cannot be provided with this information. What prompted this change and when did it happen?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
Dublin City Council is subject to the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003. It is also subject to protecting service user confidentiality by nature of the ethics of social work. Sensitive personal service user information will only be given or discussed with any third parties if written consent is received from the service user. This is in compliance with the guidance issued by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

There is no change with regard to giving a City Councillor who requests it information regarding the status of an application under the Exceptional Social Grounds (ESG)



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Scheme – whether an application has been received, is under review or whether or not a recommendation for Overall Priority has been made. Currently any City Councillor writing in to the ESG Scheme on an applicant's behalf is informed in writing of the outcome of the decision made.

### Q.27 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**

Can the Chief Executive provide a list of approved voluntary housing bodies that work with Dublin City Council in allocating homes to people?

How many such units per site are there currently in Dublin 1, 3 and 7 that people from the Dublin City Council housing list have been housed in?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please see below list of all Voluntary Housing Bodies that operate in the Dublin City Area and location of the units in Dublin 1, 3 and 7

<b>Vol Body</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Units</b>
Alone	O'Sullivan's Ave., Ballybough, D.3	3	3
Alone	Synott Row, Dublin 7	7	4
Alone	Belvedere Road, Dublin 1	1	3
Alone	Doyles Cottages	7	2
Alone	Benedicts Gardens	7	2
Alone	Rutland Cottages	1	1
Circle VHA	Richmond Hall, Dublin 3	3	7
Cluid Housing Association	Lower Rutland Street, Dublin 1	1	17
Cluid Housing Association	Killarney Court, Dublin 1	1	105
Cluid Housing Association	Wolfe Tone Street	1	1
Cluid Housing Association	The Richmond	7	1
Conference of Immaculate Heart of Mary	Lower Dominick St., D.1	1	4
Cuan Mhuire Teoranta	Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1	1	45
Cunamh Teoranta	Phibsboro Rd., Dublin7	7	8
Daughters of Charity of St.Vincent de Paul	St.Vincent's, Nth.William St., Dublin 1	1	20
Don Bosco Teenage Care	Fairview Strand, Fairview, D3	3	5
Dublin Simon Community	Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1	1	23
Dublin Simon Community	Chester House, Dublin 7	7	22
Dublin Simon Community	Capel Street Dublin 7	1	5
Dublin Simon Community	Moss Hall, Parnell Square, Dublin 1*	1	12
Focus Ireland Housing Association	Presentation Convent, George's Hill, Dublin 7	7	73
Focus Ireland Housing Association	North Circular Road, Dublin 7	7	4
Focus Ireland Housing Association	North Circular Road, Dublin 7	7	13
Focus Ireland Housing Association	Stanhope St., Dublin 7	7	25

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Focus Ireland Housing Association	Clonmore Villas, Dublin 3	3	6
Focus Ireland Housing Association	Buckingham St., Dublin 1	1	3
Focus Ireland Housing Association	Clonliffe Avenue	3	1
Gheel Training Group Ltd	Griffith Ct., Philipsburgh Ave., Dublin 3	3	8
Gheel Training Group Ltd	North Circular Rd., Dublin 7	7	4
Hail	Belvedere Rd., Dublin 1	1	5
Hail	Seville Pl., Dublin 1	1	3
Hail	Belvedere Pl., Dublin 1	1	4
Hail	North King St. Dublin 1	1	8
Hail	Jervis Street, Dublin 1	1	1
Hail	St. Peters Square	7	2
Nabco	Queen Street, Dublin 7	7	14
Nabco	Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1	1	32
Nabco	Island Quay, Dublin 3 phase 1 & 2	3	73
North & East	Malton House, Custom House Square	1	1
O.N.E.	Queen St., Dublin 7	7	20
Pace	Belvedere Place, Dublin 1	1	6
Peter McVerry Trust	Bolton Square, 33 Lower Dominick Street, Dublin 1	1	1
Peter McVerry Trust	The Court, Bolton Street, Dublin 1	1	1
Peter McVerry Trust	Marlborough Court, Dublin 1	1	1
Peter McVerry Trust	109 Parnell Street, Dublin 1	1	1
Respond	Teeling Way, 3 - 4 East Road	3	58
St. Michael's House	Malahide Rd., Fairview Dublin 3	3	6
St. Michael's House	New Cabra Rd., Dublin 7	7	5
St. Vincent de Paul	Nth.Cir.Rd., Dublin 7	7	7
St. Vincent de Paul	Primrose Street, Dublin 7	7	4
The Aids Fund	Granby Lane, Dublin 1	1	27
The Aids Fund	Temple Ct., Upper Dominick St., D.1	1	1
The Catholic Housing Aid Society	St. Anne's Ct., Grenville St., Dublin 1	1	22
The Catholic Housing Aid Society	Fr. Scully House, Dublin 1*	1	99
The Irish Wheelchair Assoc.	Blackheath Dr., Clontarf, D.3	3	6
The Line Project Ass.	North Circular Road, Dublin 1	1	4
Tuath	The Lighthouse, East Wall, Dublin 3	3	15
Tuath	Canon Hall, Sheriff Street, Dublin 1	1	4

\*allocation of tenants ongoing

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### **Q.28 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**

What is the Chief Executive's intention for the remaining residents of O'Devaney Gardens should the decision to house homeless families in the vacant units be passed? Is the Chief Executive aware of the current living conditions the tenants left there are living in? If families from the homeless list are indeed housed in O'Devaney where does this leave the master plan for the area? Can the Chief Executive provide further information on the amount of monies the Minister is intending of giving per unit?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council have been requested by the Minister to prepare cost estimates for the refurbishment for units in O'Devaney Gardens with a view to providing short term accommodation for the many homeless families presenting on a daily basis. It has indeed been the case that very little investment has been made in the complex over the past number of years as the intention was to demolish the blocks with a view to providing new housing on the site. In this context we have been endeavouring to source alternative accommodation for the remaining residents and indeed have made several valid offers of alternative accommodation to all of the remaining tenants.

The direction of the Minister requires that the proposed use of the blocks be on a temporary basis and as such it remains the firm intention of the City Council to proceed with the regeneration of the area as soon as funding is identified.

We have had no indication as yet of the amount of monies the Minister will make available for any improvement works to the development.

### **Q.29 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the planning controls / relevant legislation on the operation of gaming machines in Dublin City and to supply any data available on the number of gaming machines in operation in the city in 2014 and how this compares to the number in operation 10 years ago?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The relevant legislation is the Gaming and Lottery Act 1956.

In 1987 Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) rescinded their previous resolution adopting Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 in respect of the whole administrative area of the Corporation. In 1989 Dublin County Council (now South Dublin and Fingal County Councils) also rescinded their previous resolutions adopting this part of the Act.

The result of these two revocations effectively means that "Gaming" is not allowed in Dublin City and County.

Some premises would have been licensed prior to these revocations.

There would also be other premises that purport to be amusement arcades and not gambling/gaming operations and these are outside the terms of the 1956 Act.

The enforcement agency under the 1956 Act is the Garda Síochána.

I understand that there have been a number of cases over the years from the Department of Justice to review legislation in this area.

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The control of gaming machines and their operation is not specifically addressed in planning legislation or policy. However, planning legislation provides the following definition of amusement arcades in Article 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2013:

*“amusement arcade” means premises used for the playing of gaming machines, video games or other amusement machines”*

In land use terms, amusement arcades are generally considered to be sui generis i.e. in a class of its own and planning permission will usually be required for the development of such a use.

Chapter 17 of the Dublin City Development 2011-2017 sets out criteria for the development of amusement centres :

*Amusement centres will not be permitted in residential areas and will only be appropriate in mixed use areas where the proposed use is in keeping with both the scale of the building and the pattern of development in the area. It is an objective of Dublin City Council to prevent an excessive concentration of amusement centres.*

In this respect, amusement centres are only permitted in the city centre zone (Z5) but excluding the Category 1 Shopping Streets, district centres (Z4), and are open for consideration in mixed use zones (Z10) and employment zones (Z7).

Licences are required for gaming machines and must be obtained from the Revenue Commissioners. All details relating to licencing requirements for gaming machines are contained on the following web page. <http://www.revenue.ie/en/tax/excise/excise-licensing/gaming-licences.html>

### **Q.30 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following home repairs carried out. **(Details supplied)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regard to the status and plans for the Ship the Jeannie Johnson which is in charge to the Dublin Docklands Dev. Authority which is now under the control of Dublin City Council. This report to include what future plans and usage have been made for the Jeannie Johnson? Whether the ship will be brought out to sea as an active vessel? Whether the ship will remain tied up and remains a tourist attraction etc? What programs if any have been made for the Jeannie Johnson? What contractual arrangements with any entity, organization or individual are in place around the Jeannie Johnson? What department within Dublin City Council will have managerial control of the Jeannie Johnson? Are there any plans to sell the Jeannie Johnson to a private individual?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority is in the process of being dissolved and until dissolution the roles and responsibilities of the Authority will continue to be set by Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

As directed by the Minister of the Environment the Authority is to wind up in an orderly manner, its functions transferred to Dublin City Council and its assets liquidated in order to satisfy its liabilities. One of these assets is the Jeanie Johnston and it is considered that in the interests of promoting tourism in the City and to

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animate the river that ownership of the Jeanie Johnston would transfer to the City at a valuation to be agreed by the parties.

The operation of the Jeanie Johnston is currently being managed by the Killary Cruises on behalf of the Authority. It is envisaged that pending an agreement on the transfer of the asset that the management control will rest with the Dublin City Council Docklands Office in close co-operation with the Culture & Recreation Department to ensure coherence with tourism polices within the City.

The future programming of the Jeanie Johnston is under consideration. It is felt there is great potential to grow the visitor numbers significantly and to bring an added dimension to the tourism attractions in the city.

There are no plans to sell the Jeanie Johnston to a private individual.

### **Q.32 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full statement and report regarding the use of E cigarettes in public buildings and Dublin City Council administrative buildings? This report to include whether Dublin City Council have issued banning notices for the use of vapour cigarettes in, on or around its premises and public offices etc? And what ban's if any, Dublin City Council are enforcing on premises throughout the city? E cigarettes are fast becoming the norm, there has been very little by way of public information regarding the long term health effects of these products and in effect it is still the continuation of smoking in another form. It is still the use and consumption of nicotine. This report is to include what bans if any, in terms of advertising such products on Dublin City Council's infrastructure?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As an employer, Dublin City Council, having regard to the health, safety and welfare of employees, has banned the use of e-cigarettes both by staff and public in all Dublin City Council Workplaces.

The issue of e-cigarettes is currently the subject of a major public consultation process by the Department of Health, with a view to introducing legislation at the earliest possible juncture. When this process has concluded and legislation is introduced, the Council will review its guidance and procedures in this regard.

<http://health.gov.ie/blog/press-release/public-consultation-on-legislation-in-relation-to-the-sale-of-tobacco-products-and-non-medicinal-nicotine-delivery-systems-including-e-cigarettes/>

### **Q.33 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report and update with regard to the Digital Hub. This report to include full list of all members on its board and its structure and its relationship with Dublin City Council

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Based on the findings of the McCarthy Report and the Government's Programme for Public Sector Reform, it was decided that the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA) would no longer exist as an independent entity. Following protracted negotiations between DHDA, Dublin City Council (DCC) and the Departments of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) and Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) throughout 2013 and 2014, the possibility of transitioning the DHDA into DCC was explored and considered. Subsequently, this decision was agreed by Government with the recent announcement by The Minister for Communications Mr. Alex White T.D., confirming formally that the DHDA, known as

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The Digital Hub (TDH) is to merge with DCC. The TDH will be established as an independent corporate entity under DCC in order to retain the unique identity and branding that has been an important ingredient in its successful development of digital entrepreneurship in Ireland.

Pending the drafting and enactment of enabling legislation the Agency will continue to operate as a State Agency under the Digital Hub Development Agency Act 2003.

Currently the DHDA has an excellent working relationship with DCC and is co-operating successfully in a number of areas including: the management and operation of property, urban regeneration, enterprise development and promotion and community relations.

Membership of the Board of DHDA at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 was as follows:

**Mr. Paul Holden**, Chairman

**Mr. Gerry Macken**, Interim Chief Executive Officer

**Mr. Owen Keegan**, Chief Executive, DCC

**Ms Katherine Licken**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources

**Ms Clare Duignan**, Ministerial Appointee

**Mr. Brendan McDonagh**, Executive Director, Industrial Development Authority

**Mr. Seamus Ratigan**, Community Representative.

### **Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report detailing how many families, individuals have been transferred or moved from Dublin City Council Housing accommodation as a result of racism.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have no records of anyone being transferred or moved on grounds of racism.

### **Q.35 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of installing public lighting on the laneway from **(details supplied)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.36 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)** this area is extremely dangerous for our senior citizens and young mothers with prams

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.37 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the area at the end of **(details supplied)** to be planted or covered in as this area is covered with weeds etc, and there are reports of rodents there.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area at **(details supplied)** will be reinstated with grass before the end of March.

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**Q.38 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to request our Housing Allocation Section consider the transfer of **(details supplied)**. This lady and her 2 children (a 7 year old boy and a 13 year old girl) are desperately in need of a 3 bedroom house where each can have some privacy.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.40 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.41 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.42 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.43 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the necessary repairs carried out to the bathroom at: **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

Can the Chief Executive please investigate the following **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive for the total revenue from the East Link Toll Bridge and the net gain for Dublin City Council from it in 2014?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The final accounts and distribution from East Link for 2014 are not as yet available however the estimated revenue for 2014 is €8,517,000 and the net gain to DCC from the toll scheme is €750,665. Please note this excludes the community contribution and the amount paid in rates.

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**Q.46 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether double yellow lines can be put outside the entrance to Ranelagh Close on Ranelagh Road as people are parking there preventing residents from driving into the Close.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Repainting of line markings at the above location has been referred to The Traffic Officer and will be carried out at the next available opportunity when renewals are scheduled for the area.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the footpath outside the TSB in Rathmines (where an elderly woman fell recently) which is uneven can be resurfaced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside the TSB in Rathmines and have made arrangements to have repair work carried out at this location.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether a safety latch can be placed on the yellow gates into the playground at Neagh Road as the spring in place is not sufficient to deter toddlers from opening the gate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The railing and gates were installed around the playground at Neagh Road to deter dogs. The gate is not designed to keep children inside and complies with relevant safety standards for playground facilities.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the bollard which was previously in place on the footpath on Neagh Road in 2008 and which was knocked over and removed during the development of the playground can be put back in place to stop cars from mounting the footpath to travel down the road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Neagh Road was inspected to locate the position of the missing bollard. Road Maintenance will erect the missing bollard back to its original position.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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



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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.53 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.54 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update concerning the illumination of the Spire, which has now been dark for a number of weeks? Is maintenance being carried out? When will it be switched back on?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Maintenance is being carried out on the Spire on an ongoing basis. The present difficulties with the aviation light are expected to be resolved by mid March with the installation of a replacement aviation light which is currently being fabricated.

#### **Q.55 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed joint initiative by Dublin City Council and Croke Park/GAA to examine, report on and bring forward proposed solutions to the constant flooding problem at Jones' Road and environs. In particular, can the Chief Executive confirm that both parties are still financially committed to sorting out this problem once and for all?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2013 following meetings between the GAA and Dublin City Council the GAA appointed consultants to develop a solution to the flooding problem at Jones Road. No report has issued from the consultants to date.

Presently Irish Water has employed consultants to complete a hydraulic model of the City Centre drainage catchment which includes the system on Jones Road. The model is expected to be completed towards the end of this year. The consultants will then use the model to produce an options report on the required improvements to the drainage network at locations such as Jones Road. It is expected that this report will be completed within the next two years. At that stage Irish Water will be in a position to advise on the appropriate timelines within which improvements to the network will occur.

#### **Q.56 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if, during the course of the negotiations with Croke Park/GAA/PACT in relation to Croke Villas, the ongoing issue of the Handball Centre was taken into account given that Central Area Councillors passed a motion at their meeting of 13th March 2012 which included agreement that "any proposal (on Croke Villas) forthcoming from Croke Park for the development of Croke Villas must include an agreed solution to the ongoing issue of the Handball Centre".

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The GAA has informed the Council that it is their intention to provide a Sports Centre in their proposals for the site at Croke Villas.

#### **Q.57 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the current situation regarding Social Housing in the Docklands area required to be provided by the Dublin Docklands Development

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Authority, as part of the Section 25 Social Housing requirements set out in the DDDA Master Plan, as follows:

- A. To detail the number of housing units built during the tenure of the DDDA and to detail what social housing has been provided to date and what social housing is outstanding under the DDDA Section 25 obligations.
- B. To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all outstanding Section 25 social housing will be delivered to the docklands area notwithstanding the transfer of DDDA functions to DCC.
- C. To ask the Chief Executive to outline the proposed role of the Dockland Housing Trust in the delivery and/or management of such social housing units.
- D. To confirm that, notwithstanding the transfer of the DDDA functions to DCC, social housing requirements in Docklands developments will remain at similar levels as under the DDDA regime and will be delivered and to confirm that the amount of housing units anticipated to be built under the SDZ is in excess of 2,600 with 260 social units included.
- E. To detail the proposed role of voluntary housing associations in delivering social housing units in the Docklands area and to confirm that the ownership structure will be such that ownership remains with DCC in perpetuity.
- F. To ask the Chief Executive to specifically detail the current situation regarding delivery of social units at Spencer Dock, Block N.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An analysis of the social and affordable units as part of Section 25 Social and Affordable Housing requirement is contained in the table below. In summary 466 social and affordable units have been completed since 1997.

The Strategic Development Zone's Planning Scheme for North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock notes the impact the major downturn in the Irish economy had on the development sector and on the regeneration programme within the Docklands. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government are currently drafting legislation that will make provision for historical non-implemented permissions. In the interim, the Dublin Docklands Development Authority will continue to work with relevant stakeholders to ensure the maximum delivery of social and affordable units for developments that were commenced but are not completed. The Authority is actively in discussion regarding 37 social and affordable units. 6 of these units are located in the Grand Canal Square area and 31 are in the North Wall area.

Upon dissolution of the Authority, the delivery of social housing in the SDZ area and the wider Docklands Area will be a function of Dublin City Council. It will work with approved voluntary and co-operative housing bodies to implement the City Council's Housing Strategy. It is envisaged that 2,600 residential units will be created in the SDZ area, with 800 and 1,800 units being created in the Grand Canal and North Wall areas respectively.

The quantity of social housing will be a function of the relevant planning policy. At present, Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires each planning authority to include in any development plan a strategy for the provision of housing for the existing and future population of the area. The City Council can obtain up to

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20% of land zoned for housing development at “existing use value” rather than “development value” for the delivery of social and affordable housing. When submitting a planning application, developers must specify the manner in which they intend to comply with their Part V obligations.

In October 2014, Mr. Alan Kelly T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, announced major reforms of the planning system. The new Part V proposals will require developers to provide up to 10% of their housing units for social housing and the legislation will remove the ability of developers to account for their social housing commitments through cash payments to local authorities. The proposals will furthermore ensure that the social housing units will be located predominantly on the site of the original developments. Legislation is currently being drafted to give effect to these proposals. Notwithstanding, the Housing and Residential Services Department will adhere to the prevailing national policy regarding the delivery of social housing.

Spencer Dock, Block N

Block N was certified in DD167 by the Authority as part of the overall development of the Spencer Dock site. It was never developed. The SDZ notes the existing context of the block and one of the specific objectives for city block 2 includes ‘an opportunity to address the social housing legacy issues associated with blocks STUV’.

DDDA - Analysis of Section 25 Certificates	
Section 25 applications as at January 2015	667
Not granted or superseded	-143
Net effective applications granted	524
Completed	-466
Incomplete	58
Minor / amendments	-19
Non commenced/ commenced but incomplete	<b>39</b>

	Grand Canal 27	North Wall 12	Total 39
<i>S &amp; A Housing in "completed" S.25 Certs</i>			
- Delivered	287	66	353
- In progress	6	31	37
	293	97	390
<i>Housing component in S.25 "Incomplete" Certs:</i>			
- Residential (not S & A)	492	639	1,131
- S & A - not commenced	118	304	422
	610	943	1,553
Housing envisaged in SDZ	800	1,800	2,600

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### Q.58 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

In relation to the ongoing development at Grangegorman, can the Chief Executive confirm the exact locations where the workers compounds and workers car parks are meant to be situated in accordance with the Grangegorman planning scheme. In relation to the same, it was always the Grangegorman Development Agency's position that the planning scheme made specific provision for workers car parking and compounds. However, it is unclear where those compounds and workers car park were meant to be located and therefore I am asking the Chief Executive to clarify and confirm the situation regarding same.

Also, residents report that the work going at the moment is very noisy, loud trucks etc from 7 a.m. and can the Chief Executive supply the following information for passing on to them:

- what works will be going on from now going forward for the short medium and long term 5 years on the Eastern quad,
- Is the Eastern Quad going to be used for workers compounds and parking, after the stabilisation works have finished?
- If so where will these areas be situated, will they be in accordance with the Planning Scheme ie by Broadstone and
- If not, how near will they be to residential homes?
- If work is going on to the Eastern Quad will this work be undertaking on Saturdays? If so what type of hours?
- If so has any consideration being given to restricting weekend working given the length of the project (10 – 15) and its impact on residential amenities when working so close to residential homes
- Will there be work going on Sundays also?
- What measures are being considered to protect residential amenity in the context of the answers you given above?

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The provision of construction compounds and temporary car parking is set out in **Grangegorman SDZ Planning Scheme Chapter 8 Phasing and Implementation.**

Figure 8.2 'Anticipated location of construction compounds' indicates a compound on the eastern side of Grangegorman Lower close to the Broadstone boundary.

The area immediately adjacent to Broadstone is a wayleave area for the construction of Luas Cross-City by the RPA. A number of construction compounds related to separate building contracts are required on the eastern side of Grangegorman Lower. There are two compounds for developments currently on site as follows:

**Reg. Ref. GSDZ3516/13** Replacement Bus Garage Structure adjacent to Broadstone / Phibsborough Dublin Bus Garage.

**Reg. Ref. GSDZ 2730/14** Stabilisation works to the Lower House former Richmond Lunatic Asylum (Protected Structure)

In accordance with Planning Scheme 8.2.3.2 compounds are selected for proximity to key construction sites they will serve whilst also being readily accessible from the primary entrances to the site and also in locations where there will be minimal effect on residential amenities.

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Construction of the Eastern Quad building is due to commence in 2015 and is to be completed before the intake of students for the academic year September 2017.

The preferred bidder for the Eastern Quad building is to be selected in the near future. The exact location for the construction compound for that project will be identified when the preferred bidder applies for planning permission for the development. The compound to service the East Quad PPP will not be put in place until the project is commenced.

The permitted hours of work are governed by conditions of the planning permissions for each development. The hours of work are a standard condition which applies across developments in the Dublin City Council area. Weekend working is restricted to Saturday mornings only. Requirements for noise control on construction sites are also governed by conditions, and subject to ongoing monitoring procedures.

Other developments on the eastern side of Grangegorman have not yet been brought to Dublin City Council for pre-application consultation. Future developments in this part of the SDZ Planning Scheme area include student housing and mixed-use development. The programme for their delivery is a matter for the GDA having regard to the Phasing and Implementation requirements of the SDZ Planning Scheme.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**  
That the Chief Executive outlines (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**  
To ask the Chief Executive if he can clarify who appoints the membership of the Children's and Young Peoples Services Committee and why the Committees contain no representatives of the Voluntary Youth Sector, carers, foster parents and other ongoing carers of young people in care or elected representatives and if he will provide a full report on these committees to the relevant Strategic Policy Committee.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
The membership of Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSCs) is directed by the Children and Young People's Services Committees National Steering Group, which advises that the membership is to include Senior Managers from the major statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to children, young people and families in their area. The two Dublin City CYPSCs are chaired by the Area Managers from Tusla/Child and Family Agency, and are deputy-chaired by Dublin City Council. One of the functions of CYPSCs is to ensure that professionals

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and agencies work together to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services, and, within its supporting role of young people in care and their carers, Tusla/Child and Family Support Agency represent this group on CYPSCs.

The Dublin City CYPSCs liaise with, and support, the inclusion of children and young people through ongoing engagement with Comhairle na nÓg. This is a valuable opportunity to strengthen the voice of the Comhairle na nÓg structure and work with the elected young people, including those from seldom heard groups.

The Dublin City CYPSCs provide regular update reports to the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee.

### **Q.63 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of community services provided by the Griffith Community Hall in Finglas East. There is a concern that the facility is underutilised.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Griffith Community Hall is currently used by a number of locally based community groups and support agencies.

Butterflies Community Pre-school Play Group uses the hall Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Karate takes place in the centre each Monday from 7.00pm to 10.00pm

On Thursday a youth club takes place from 4.00pm to 6.00pm with Alcoholics Anonymous using the facility from 7.00pm to 10.00pm.

A youth club uses the facility on Saturdays 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Griffith Community Pre-school Play Group uses the building from 9.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday. However the section of the building they use is a purpose built facility separate from the main hall.

The Community Hall is free Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday afternoon and evening.

The vacant times are a result of EFFORT which is a Garda Juvenile Diversion Project for Finglas East restructuring their programmes.

### **Q.64 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the numbers on waiting lists for disability adaptations to their home, in the form of:

- a) Extensions
- b) Bathroom adaptations
- c) Stair Lifts
- d) Wheelchair accessible ramps.

Could the Chief Executive also confirm the average waiting period? In some cases, completion of these works is essential for patients to leave the hospital. Given the crisis in the Health Sector, could these works be prioritised in cases such as this?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following details the applications on our waiting list for adaptations to City Council owned dwellings under the 'Scheme for Persons with Disabilities',

- a) 30 applications approved for extension. 12 of these applications are at the various

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stages of the building process, architect stage, tender stage or on site dependant on funding.

- b) 14 applications approved and surveyed for bathroom adaptations.
- c) 1 approved application for a stair lift. Quotes for same are due in the next few weeks. A further 7 applications for stair lifts are awaiting assessment.
- d) 7 applications approved for ramps/wheelchair accessibility. These applications are at various stages of the process, survey stage, tender stage. It is expected that these applications will be allocated to a contractor in the near future.

25 adaptations have been completed to City Council units to date in 2015.

Applications for extensions approved and awarded a high priority have an average waiting timeframe of two years. Applications for adaptations approved and awarded a high priority have a waiting timeframe of six to nine months depending on available funding.

All applications are assessed and prioritised on medical grounds and at present only applications that merit a high medical priority are considered. This would normally include cases where discharge from hospital would be expedited if the works were carried out. As funding for this scheme is allocated on an annual basis, and the demand for alterations/adaptations is high, it would not be equitable if an applicant who has been identified as a high medical priority for adaptations but not hospitalised was not dealt with due to the demand for works to a tenant's home to facilitate hospital discharge.

### **Q.65 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.66 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive if WiFi could be provided in the Senior Citizens complex at Glasanaon Court.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council in partnership with Age Action supplies broadband access, equipment, content filtering and training at nineteen sheltered housing locations. This is done from common areas and includes WiFi access in that room. This has been extended in a pilot site sponsored by Google beyond the common room. The current locations are:

1. Cambridge Court, Ringsend, Dublin 4
2. Beggars Bush Court, Beggars Bush, Dublin 4
3. *Heskin Court*, Merrion Road, Dublin 4
4. Raheny Court, Raheny Road, Dublin 5
5. Mount Dillon Court (off Malahide Road) Artane, Dublin 5
6. Woodstock Gardens, Ranelagh, Dublin 6
7. St Peter's Court, Phibsborough, Dublin 7
8. Memorial Court, Sth Circular Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8
9. Bulfin Court Day Centre, Bulfin Court, Inchicore, Dublin 8
10. St. John's Court, Donnycarney, Malahide Road, Dublin 9
11. Domville Court, Santry, Dublin 9
12. Rossaveel, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10
13. Riverview Court, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10

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14. Claddagh Court, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10
15. Fr. Lemass Court, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10
16. Mellowes Court, Mellowes Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
17. Burren Court, Balbutcher Road, Poppintree, Ballymun, Dublin 11
18. Merville Court, St. Helena's Dr, Dublin 11
19. Lorcan O'Toole Court, Lorcan O'Toole Avenue, Kimmage, Dublin 12

### **Proposed Actions**

This service could be extended to other locations based on the availability of budget and support resources from DCC and Age Action. The current costs per site are about €5,000 to establish the service and €1,500 per annum thereafter. This covers the service based in a common room.

To extend the service into all units at a locations would be additional and would depend on the results of a site survey. It is likely to be at least €5,000 extra per site to establish the service. Upon completion of the current pilot in Cambridge Court the effectiveness of this type of solution will be evaluated.

### **Q.67 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of clamping revenue by postcode.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The attached spreadsheet gives a breakdown of the number of enforcements on a street by street basis carried out in 2014. In general the income generated on each street is the number of enforcements multiplied by the €80 declamp fee (with some exceptions which should not affect an overall analysis). Total income for 2014 was €4.24M.

An analysis of the top 10 most clamped streets accounting for 11% of all enforcements (6334) shows that Dublin 2 had 1933 enforcements, Dublin 4 had 1921, Dublin 1 had 1824 and Dublin 7 had 656.

### **Q.68 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the population of each postal district within the city's boundaries and to state the revenue received and number of dog licenses that have been issued for each district in the last year for which figures are available.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A total of 8,862 dog licences were issued in the administrative area of Dublin City Council during 2014. The income from dog licences during 2014 was €164,000.

An analysis was undertaken in October 2014 of all current licences in that month and the following is a breakdown of those licences by postal district:

Dublin 1	88	Dublin 8	473
Dublin 2	65	Dublin 9	1044
Dublin 3	778	Dublin 10	299
Dublin 4	441	Dublin 11	871
Dublin 5	1213	Dublin 12	1353
Dublin 6	437	Dublin 13	411
Dublin 7	928	Dublin 17	477



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Dublin City Council would not hold information on the total population of each postal district, however this information may be obtained by the CSO, please see the attached link.

<http://www.cso.ie/en/census/interactivetables/>

### **Q.69 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the installation and use of red light running cameras linked to An Garda Síochána and to comment on their efficacy and cost?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and with funding from the National Transport Authority managed the procurement and installation of Red Light Running Cameras at two locations in the Dublin City Area. The Operation of the Red Light Running Cameras and their use for enforcement by An Garda Síochána is being managed by the National Transport Authority.

These cameras are now at the commissioning stage and we understand that shortly they will be permanently linked with the Garda Síochána Back Office system for prosecutions. Once this has been successfully accomplished we will be able to comment further on their use and efficiency.

### **Q.70 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of the locations of any billboards controlled by the local authority and in each case give the exact address, and the current rent received.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no billboards (48 sheet outdoor advertising panels) under the control of Dublin City Council.

### **Q.71 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive request that our Derelict Site Section investigate **(details supplied)** with a view to including it on the Derelict Site Register or issuing a conformance notice to the property owners. This house was badly damaged by fire last year and no remedial works have been carried out since the fire. The house in its present state is an eye sore and has vermin infestation problem which is of huge concern to neighbours.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This property will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section within two weeks and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

### **Q.72 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive request that our RAS section work with our RAS tenant **(details supplied)** to ensure that she is offered suitable alternative accommodation as she received notice to quit from the receiver who is currently in charge of the property. The termination date of the tenancy is 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Can the RAS section also advise the tenant regarding her need to stay in the property pending a suitable transfer? Can our Housing Allocations section also advise where the tenant currently is regarding our housing list?

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is aware that the applicant (**details supplied**) has a termination notice from the landlord to vacate the current property. Dublin City Council are endeavouring to source alternative RAS accommodation for the applicant and her family. Unfortunately the applicant has never had an application for inclusion on the Housing list and would be advised to contact Housing Allocations & Transfers to discuss her housing need.

### **Q.73 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive arrange with our Housing Maintenance Section to either build a wall or provide suitable fencing between the rear gardens of our tenants' houses (**details supplied**). These houses are back to back and there is no fencing between them.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that there is a fence dividing these to properties. A wall will not be built at this location; however arrangements will be made to have repairs carried out to this fence.

### **Q.74 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive make contact with the Manager of the Charlemont Street Regeneration Board and ask can they arrange to have the front and back of our tenant's house (**details supplied**) painted. Our tenant reports that the painting of the house was promised to him prior to him accepting the transfer which was as a result of the de-tenanting programme. The local area depot maintains that this is an issue to be dealt by the Charlemont Street Regeneration Board.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I have been informed by the Charlemont Street Project Office that there is no record of a commitment having been made to paint the exterior of this house. Substantial works to the property were carried out before (**details supplied**) took up occupation in 2011.

### **Q.75 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive when essential road markings such as 'look left' and 'look right' will be instated at the new pedestrian crossing at the gyratory at Camden Street.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Look left and look right road markings are generally intended to warn pedestrians of approaching vehicular traffic at locations where traffic may be approaching from an unexpected direction, such as on a one-way street or between channelizing islands. (Traffic Signs Manual, 7.5.11)

The issue of 'look left' and 'look right' road markings is being reviewed at the location of the pedestrian crossing at the gyratory at Camden Street. It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to put English only markings on the road and there is insufficient carriageway space to put in both the English and Irish Markings. It may be possible to put the Irish only road markings in. This will be investigated.

In the interim small signs with look left and look right in both languages have been attached to the signal poles.

I will revert to the South East Area when a decision is made in relation to the road markings.

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### Q.76 **COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process of how licences are awarded for street food vendors in Dublin City, in particular those trading at night, how many licences are issued per year, what criteria has to be met in order to obtain a licence, how does the process determine what areas vendors can trade at night and what type of food will be traded?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Four daytime and ten night-time locations are designated for Food Trading in the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2013. These locations were chosen following consultation with the Gardai.

Fourteen licences to trade at these locations are issued in accordance with the Bye-Laws and the sale of hot/cold food, tea/coffee and non-alcoholic drinks is permitted.

In addition, a small number of licences are issued to street food vendors to trade in the vicinity of one off events such as matches at the Aviva and Croke Park stadia.

Prospective traders must submit evidence of public liability insurance, tax clearance and registration with the HSE as a food vendor.

### Q.77 **COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider making improvements to the allocation of allotments process to speed up the process, provide more transparency to the system and if the waiting list for each allotments in every area could be published on the City Council Website?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services currently administer two allotment sites within the Dublin City Council area. All other allotment sites are administered by the area offices.

Parks and Landscape Service at present have a waiting list for people wishing to take up an allotment in St Anne's Park. Dublin City Council has recently taken on the Meakstown allotments, which were until recently, part of the Ballymun Regeneration Project.

Due to data protection requirements it would not be possible to publish the waiting list on the Dublin City Council web-site.

The process of allocating allotments is slow because there are not enough allotments available to meet the demands of the growing waiting lists.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA**

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>No. of Plots</b>	<b>Waiting List</b>
Braithwaite Street	19	18
Weaver's Square	27	19
Grattan Crescent	40	33
Blarney Park, Crumlin	12	10
Springvale, Chapelizod	36	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>180</b>

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Allotments in the South Central Area are allocated to people on a waiting list. The list was compiled when the allotment site was initially advertised. Where there were more applicants than plots available, a draw took place and the unsuccessful applicants were put on the list and allocated a plot when one became available. The City Council are active in taking back plots which are not being maintained, as per license agreement and some are handed back voluntarily at the end of the year.

A new allotment site is currently being developed on part of a site on Bridgefoot Street, and we are looking at other sites in the area which may be suitable.

In May 2014 the North Central Area officially opened 112 Allotments on Dublin City Council lands in Belmayne, Dublin 13. The allotments are designated for residents of the North Central Area, with over half allocated to local residents in the immediate vicinity of Belmayne and Clongriffin. The lottery for the allotments took place on Tuesday 28th 2014, which included individuals from St. Anne's Allotment waiting list. We expect to renew the licences in March 2015, and any returned allotments will be offered to those on the current waiting list. We expect a small number to be reallocated, again over half will be allocated to local residents. We believe displaying the waiting list would contravene Data Protection.

The South East Area Community Team manage two Allotment Schemes, in Ringsend Park (34 allotments) and Herbert Park (13 allotments). All the sites are currently in use and licensed to local users on an annual basis and there is a considerable waiting list for any vacant allotments that become available.

There are 2 community garden schemes located on vacant housing sites in the Finglas area.

The site at Prospect Hill is managed by the Fingal Centre on behalf of Dublin City Council. Licences for allotments in this garden will be renewed in March 2015. Interested parties should contact the Fingal Centre directly on 01-884 5228 .

There is also a community garden project located on Tolka Valley Road and this garden is managed by the Tolka Area Partnership. Interested parties should contact the Tolka Area Partnership directly on 01- 836 1666

### **Q.78 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive how much money Dublin City Council contributed to the development of Culture Fox, how much money has been spent on the website since it has been in operation, whether there is any evidence of additional revenue generated to the City by the website and if there are any data reports available detailing the success of the website.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Culture Fox is entirely an initiative of and funded by The Arts Council. The City Arts Officer has made inquiries with the Arts Council and will receive a report on the performance of the site as appropriate. During the discussions the Arts Council spoke of their intention to create a Dublin version of Culture Fox and will announce details of this new initiative shortly. Dublin City Council has not financially contributed to the development of Culture Fox.

### **Q.79 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.80 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.81 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the insulation of (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.82 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the Inspections of Homeless facilities used by Dublin City Council. Can the Chief Executive also include details of areas which are found to be substandard?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Homeless Services Facilities Management work to ensure that all homeless service providers meet the necessary standards to make certain that the welfare and safety requirements of residents are managed.

Each accommodation unit must meet health standards as outlined by the Environmental Health Officer (EHO). This includes the approval of the number of persons who can occupy the unit.

The Facilities Management also work to ensure that all accommodation providers are compliant with all health and safety regulations including fire safety. Inspections are also conducted on a routine basis to ensure that the accommodation provided complies with the standards as outlined by the EHO.

There is an official complaints process in place, which is managed by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive. If a complaint is received by the local authority in relation to the physical standards of a building or if a service is found to be substandard, these are immediately followed up by Dublin City Council Homeless Facilities Management.

- Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.86 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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.87 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.88 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.89 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me an update on the following housing case **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.91 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to my question Q.104 to the January council meeting can the Chief Executive confirm the location of the units under consideration?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Reviews are currently being carried out on the units in Croke Villas and in O'Devaney Gardens. These are the only units currently being considered.

#### **Q.92 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to the Homeless Action Plan report presented to the January council meeting can the Chief Executive answer the following questions?

- a) How many people used the transport service since its introduction?
- b) Can I have a copy of the review of the Homeless Freephone service?
- c) Was there a review of the safety and security of the people using the Emergency accommodation? Many homeless people are still too afraid to use emergency accommodation for fear of violence, intimidation and theft. The service user views section of the report of the Task Group on Homelessness and Addiction confirms this.

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- d) Do the Managers of such emergency accommodation have the right to exclude residents for violence, drug dealing, theft or any other types of anti-social behaviour?
- e) How many people per night have used Nite Cafe since its introduction?
- f) How many calls on a weekly basis have been logged with the Threshold “Stay in your Home” service since its inception?
- g) Are we aware of when the planned evaluation of the homelessness sector by the Department of the Environment will take place?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

- a) The only available verified data relating to this question shows that approx. 15 people have utilised the transport element of the Housing First Intake team during the Month of January.
- b) DCC Homeless management conducted its own review of the Free phone service for which the following represents the conclusions reached. The review involved the taking of views from the staff of the service and the examination of the volume of calls made and placements provided for. The overwhelming conclusion reached related to the fact that additional capacity (which was already planned for in the final ¼ of 2014) was much needed in order to address the delays in being able to respond to callers seeking emergency capacity. Additionally, it is the case that presentation to homeless services for some considerable amount of service users is dynamic and does fluctuate on a daily basis. Therefore, the making of an emergency placement on any given day cannot be taken as a guarantee that people will show up to their bed. In order to respond to the issue of people presenting on a one night only basis, three assertive engagement programmes have been established whereby staff will work with people in an intensive manner to achieve stability in their emergency accommodation placement.
- c) Each funded organisation is duty bound in accordance with a service level agreement to have in place service programmes, risk management/ health and safety processes to protect the welfare of the client and the staff of the service. To be clear, it is the duty of a funded organisation to review their own safety and management processes / procedures and to deliver the agreed Pathway to Home model of service delivery which is our policy and that of the sector. Whilst the above referred to aspects (i.e. violence and intimidation, etc) undoubtedly arise given the complexity of homeless presentation, it is critically important to note that the state funds organisations on the basis that there is a basic a level of staffing qualifications to be able to manage complex and challenging behaviour patterns. Whilst it is a condition that staff working in the sector hold a recognised third level qualification or equivalent, the DRHE also sponsors a third level qualification in ‘Homeless Interventions’ via the School of Mental Health Nursing at Dublin City University. That is, it should be clear that the standard of staffing in the sector must be of good quality and standing.

In further respect of the concern regarding perception as raised and to ensure there is a balanced view of this specific matter, it is important to point out that sometimes there is a ‘perception’ of the referred to attributes which does not necessarily mean that this is the actual reality as experienced within homeless services.

It is further noted that the DRHE and HSE are currently introducing the HSE “Safety Incident Management policy and system”, to improve prevention,

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management, responses and oversight of incidents across all homeless services. This will be a comprehensive safety management system taking into account the National Quality Standards Framework for Homeless Services, which is being developed by DRHE for homeless services, the recent HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults policy, a vulnerability index to escalate responses and awareness of particularly vulnerable persons, and also the existing Death notification Policy.

- d) Exclusions can and do happen. Each organisation operates within a framework of STA/ TEA/ ONO/ PEA services, and each has house rules to maintain the safety and security of residents and staff. A sectoral Placement Sustainment Policy is in place, which seeks to ensure that exclusions are effectively managed and that as far as possible an alternative placement is established for any person needing it.
- e) Numbers that used the Nite Cafe since its introduction
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jan = 24, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan = 25, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan = 21, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan = 20, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan = 32, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan = 45.
- f) The Tenancy Protection Service is the key provider in ensuring families at risk of homelessness in Dublin can remain in their current accommodation and avoid having to access homeless services. Over the first five months of the service 2910 people have contacted the service.

### **Successes in 2014**

Since the inception of the service on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the TPS has achieved the following:

- 2910 Callers helped in total
- 1607 Clients required early intervention (Families advised on their rights)
- 1303 Families identified as being at risk of homelessness
- 344 Tenancies protected through TPS interventions
- 615 Children remained at home

- g) There is no information available to DCC or DRHE in respect of the above action.

### **Q.93 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to the YMCA/DePaul facility at Peters Place off Aungier Street can the Chief Executive answer the following?

- a) Was there a Change Management plan put in place prior to the Reconfiguration of the service in the facility? If so, can I have a copy?
- b) Was there a Risk Assessment carried out prior to the reconfiguration of the service in the facility? If so, can I have a copy?
- c) Was there a Contingency plan in the event of serious issues arising from the reconfiguration?



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- d) How many Incident Reports have been filed in the first month of this year in YMCA-De Paul and how many were filed last year in total? What was the nature of the incidents recorded?
- e) Have there been any service user feedback through YMCA service user structures and also where letters of complaint received by YMCA from residents or verbal complaints. Can I have a copy of the Service User policy and also a copy of any letters or complaints received?
- f) Do staff in YMCA have staff welfare and support plus supervision and what has the turnover of staff been there in the last year?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) As with any change in a service they have a detailed implementation plan in place, this is an internal document and so will not fully make sense to external parties due to language abbreviations etc. By way of providing context we however highlighted the main areas that were covered within this document the areas covered are:

- Service users risk assessment, support planning and move on plans
- Staff induction
- Grant and service contract management
- Housing management
- Policies and procedures
- External stakeholder communications
- Development of the new STA model
- Physical design and the impact on service users
- Financial issues
- Training for local management
- Communications and IT
- Pathway to home model

Most importantly they worked in partnership with the YMCA in the lead up to the transfer in management with particular regard to the 35 young people's needs who transferred across. 28 of the 35 have been successfully resettled with a further 2 moving in the incoming few days.

b) Depaul had ongoing conversations with the YMCA in relation to the identified risks and associated actions. They discussed this in several meetings with the YMCA during the long period they worked on the amalgamation of the Depaul service and the YMCA service.

From the outset there was sharing of information and collaborative working between Depaul and YMCA in order to ensure the risks with the existing residents were managed. Please find attached a copy of Depaul Ireland Risk Assessment in relation to working with the young people.

Additionally an external consultant was used to undertake a risk assessment of the building and agreed building work between Depaul , YMCA and DCC was put in place. The young people had been informed of the work to be undertaken. This has caused some upheaval for the young people but has been necessary to complete the areas as highlighted in the assessment.

c) As with all STA accommodation, Depaul have a series of policies and procedure (overview attached) in place to manage the issues associated with young people and their support needs. The outline of the nature of the service is in attached again for reference.

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DePaul also have an interagency transfer policy in place to move people between services if this is in their best interest. There have been no transfers between STA's at this time. This has also been at the request of the other external agencies supporting the young people.

- d) Please find attached Depaul Ireland incident reporting policy for reference. They define their incidents as level 1 and level 2. Level 1 being considered a serious incident as defined in the policy.

Due to time constraints of when this request was made Depaul were not able to review all the detail and provide figures for 2014. However in Jan 2015 there were 15 incidents with 2 assessed as level 1 and 13 as level 2.

For context in other STA's for this same time frame the number of incidents in one service was 16 (1 at level 1 and 15 at level 2) and in another 23 (5 at level 1 and 18 level 2).

Depaul have provided the policy to indicate the level of severity of incident rather than the detail of each as this is considered to be confidential.

- e) This would not be through YMCA structure as YMCA no longer manages the service and have a joint management agreement in place with Depaul with regards to the building.

Depaul has had extensive consultation with young people in groups and one to one settings. Indeed prior to the takeover of the service this was managed in partnership with the YMCA. Of the 35 young people who transferred into Depaul management, 28 have been successfully resettled with a further two moving on in the incoming days.

Of the 12 new people who arrived in the service between April and November 2014 all of them have been informed of the transition to and STA this is also true of the further 7 before Christmas and the 2 young people post Christmas.

Depaul has a service user's survey on an annual basis and the service users of Peter place would have been invited to complete this. Following the report in the Irish times, which they strongly believe to be inaccurate, they are also drafting an anonymous survey for the young people to return to central office in the incoming weeks. They have had meetings with young people and senior management also with the DRHE during the planning and transitional phases.

From November 2014 to January 2015 there have been 4 residents meeting in the service with local staff members and a further one with senior management in December to hear and respond to their views. There has also been a one to one with each young person since the publication in the Irish Times. They are aware that young people have concerns about the service changing and continue to manage this. Also they have worked to support young people who have relapsed in this period whilst maintaining them in the service, following a principle that they must engage with staff in order to return to recovery.

- f) The staff are not employed by the YMCA but by Depaul. This is not an inexperienced team, indeed many of the staff have worked in this field with young people with complex needs for a very long time. The team has a mix of Depaul and previously employed YMCA staff.

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Depaul have a comprehensive package of support in place for staff and have undertaken an exercise to ensure they are favourable in this in terms of our employment and support conditions.

Staff are supervised on a 4 -6 weekly basis depending on annual leave/rota's etc Management are on site Monday – Friday. There is an on-call system in place for evening and weekends. There was a two week comprehensive induction training for staff when the management transferred to Depaul.

In the last 14 months of managing the service the staff turnover has been low with one person going on maternity, a manger moving for another job outside of Dublin, 1 member of staff being promoted internally and another moving from a part time role into a full time role within the organisation . All positions have been filled by people through a recruitment process to ascertain their suitability to undertake the job.

### **Q.94 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to the current Irish Water program of installing water meters can the Chief Executive answer the following questions?

- a) How many incidents of damaged water infrastructure have been reported to Dublin City Council by month since Irish Water began the project?
- b) What percentage of the workload of DCC water repairs has this additional work Accounted for?
- c) Has this extra workload had an impact on the resources allocated to DCC water repairs?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

**Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)**

**Web: [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie)**

**Twitter: @IrishWater**

**Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.**

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: [LocalRepSupport@water.ie](mailto:LocalRepSupport@water.ie).

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

### **Q.95 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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**Q.96 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why a homeless family (**details supplied**) of mother, 2 sons and 1 daughter cannot be considered for a bed unit? I realise that their need is a 3 bed but given how scarce 3 bed units are, it could be some time before they are housed from their hostel accommodation. The mother is more than happy to take a 2 bed unit and share a bedroom with her daughter. At present they are all in one room and have been homeless for nearly a year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

If the applicant wished to be considered for 2 bedroom accommodation she will need to put this in writing to Homeless Allocations section. However It is hoped that with the increase in allocations to Homeless that there will be increase in 3 bedroom accommodation to Homeless Applicants.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR**

To ask the Chief Executive when does Dublin City Council propose to resurface the tarmac at the side of the shops at Ashtown.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements to resurface the area are currently in hand and it is hoped that a contractor will be in a position to undertake the work in the Spring.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full consultation process with the residents of Old Cabra Road and the residents on the main Navan Road prior to the implementation of the UCD Blanchardstown Bus Rapid Transit Scheme being implemented.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The National Transport Authority are currently in the process of identifying the emerging preferred route for the Blanchardstown to UCD Bus Rapid Transit through a Route Selection Study. Following the completion of this study a non-statutory public consultation period of six weeks will be carried out prior to the statutory planning process. The non statutory public consultation will include displays in Dublin City Council Civic Offices and Fingal County Council Offices in Blanchardstown. In addition, public displays, including a manned session may be provided in local

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community halls or Dublin City Council local area offices. Council may wish to recommend local community display areas. This non statutory consultation should take place during the second half of the year.

### **Q.102 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the current status of the proposed Ashington Train Station.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for the proposed station at Pelletstown on the 7th October 2014. The timetable for construction, etc. is a matter for Iarnród Éireann.

### **Q.103 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR**

To ask Chief Executive to review the decision on the proposal to put a pedestrian crossing at the end of Glenbeigh Road across the Old Cabra Road

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that there is no change to the recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Group of 16th December, 2014 i.e. as this location is on the Emerging Preferred Route for the proposed Blanchardstown - U.C.D. Bus Rapid Transit Scheme, it is not recommended to introduce any traffic calming measures or improvement to pedestrian facilities at this time.

### **Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

Can the Chief Executive investigate this matter, **(details supplied)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.105 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.106 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.107 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.108 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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### **Q.109 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive can special consideration be used to review the place on the housing list for **(details supplied)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.114 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the charges for street furniture on footpaths outside cafes, bars and restaurants, the number of applications and the revenue generated by these charges.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The charges for a licence are as follows:

- Application for a licence, fee = €100.
- Annual Renewal Fee = €50
- Annual fee per table = €125.

For space on a pedestrianised street in the core of the city centre (Yellow Zone):

- Less than 4 square metres = €200 per m<sup>2</sup>
- Greater than 4 square metres = €500. per m<sup>2</sup>

For space on a non-pedestrianised street in the core of the city centre (Yellow Zone):

- Less than 4 square metres = €200 per m<sup>2</sup>
- Greater than 4 square metres = €400 per m<sup>2</sup>

For space on any other street in the city centre (Red Zone):

- Less than 4 square metres = €200 per m<sup>2</sup>
- Greater than 4 square metres = €300 per m<sup>2</sup>

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For space on any other street in the entire city

- Less than 4 square metres = €200 per m<sup>2</sup>
- Greater than 4 square metres = €200 per m<sup>2</sup>

In 2014, 120 premises had licences and the total revenue was €451,619.13

### **Q.115 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive the current waiting time from initial application to allocation of housing for council housing for each of 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed and 4 bed units.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within one week.

### **Q.116 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.117 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.118 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL**

To ask the Chief Executive if card payments are accepted at all Dublin City Council recycling facilities. If not, why is this the case? And can a timeframe be given for the implementation of this sensible measure?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services recently awarded the contract for the replacement of existing cash/coin machines at the City Council's two Civic Amenity Sites in both North Strand and Ringsend to Thomas Engineering.

New more user friendly machines are now about to be installed and in use by mid February and the option of card payment will be available to members of the public.

The option was previously unavailable due to the cost involved. The cost of putting in a credit card option in our two **Civic Amenity** sites together with more user friendly machines to replace the antiquated pay machines is nearly € 25,000. This will give a greater range of payment options at Civic Amenity Sites and the new machines will improve the service to members of the public. There is currently provision available to make this change.

We also take payments in respect of garden waste at a number of Bring Centres however there are no proposals at this time to introduce the credit card option at these locations.

In 4 of our **Bring Centres** we use parking machine type pay machines to accept monies for green waste and there are only two tariffs. The question of putting in a credit card option in Bring Centres will be considered when we consider the costs involved. The Civic Amenity changes were much more of an imperative at this time.

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### **Q.119 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY**

To ask the Chief Executive to submit an application for Dublin to be a 'European Youth Capital' (EYC), a title which is awarded by the European Youth Forum <http://www.europeanyouthcapital.org/> in order to further the city's goals in relation to youth policy and European integration.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is prepared to consider an application for Dublin to be a European Youth Capital but the process will have to be fully investigated to see what this entails, and what Dublin City Council is required to do to apply to be considered for this title. We will need to consult with youth organisations, existing youth policies and European integration policy to ensure that Dublin City Council fulfils all the criteria.

### **Q.120 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.121 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.122 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.123 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.124 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.125 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.126 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if a report can be compiled, for the calendar year 2014, on all the Dublin City Council local area offices, regarding the amount of people that use them locally, staffing levels and whether there are any rental costs involved in any of the buildings used for local area office.



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**REPORT ON LOCAL AREA OFFICES FOR 2014**

AREA	NO. OF VISITORS	RENTAL COSTS	NUMBER of STAFF
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	1,500 approx	Nil	31
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL Ballyfermot</b>	6259 approx	Nil	20
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL S.W.I.C</b>	6472 approx	€90,000	35
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL Crumlin</b>	5065 approx	Nil	11
<b>CENTRAL</b>	9,100 approx	€31,650	56
<b>NORTH WEST Ballymun</b>	19,000 approx	€370,000	41
<b>NORTH WEST Cabra</b>	1,830 approx	0	6.6
<b>NORTH WEST Finglas</b>	7,000 approx	0	25.9
<b>NORTH CENTRAL BUNRATTY</b>	2,400 approx	Nil	27
<b>NORTH CENTRAL Darndale Village Centre</b>	6072 approx	€10,403.52	16
<b>NORTH CENTRAL Kilbarrack (closed and amalgamated with Bunratty since Nov '14)</b>	N/A	€16,550.32	0

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive the amount of flats in Dublin City Council's housing stock, including all voids and the amount of DCC controlled flats that have dampness or condensation issues.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply will be forwarded directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

Can the Chief Executive Office please provide me with an up-to-date report on the very welcome plans to provide a route for the S2S cycle-way through to Amiens Street?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Environment and Transportation Department has appointed a Consultant to design a high quality cycle route to link the existing cycle track in Clontarf to Amiens Street. It is anticipated that public consultation on the proposal will commence in March/April 2015.

#### **Q.132 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress on the piloting of the Housing Assistance Payment in Dublin City Council among people in emergency accommodation.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has put a team in place to manage and co-ordinate the HAP homeless pilot across the Dublin region. The operational processes for the HAP pilot are currently being finalised across the four Dublin local authorities. The pilot is aimed at homeless households in accordance with the Housing Assistance Payment regulations, specifically in reference to two statutory instruments made by the Minister on 18 December 2015:

- Housing Assistance Payment (Section 50) (No. 3) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No.575 of 2014)
- Housing Assistance Payment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 576 of 2014).

Under these regulations, homeless households that fit the criteria will be identified and eligible to apply for the Homeless HAP pilot.

Voluntary homeless service providers will be notified when HAP will become operational. This is anticipated to be earliest mid-February 2015.

#### **Q.133 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people have been engaged to work for DCC under the Gateway scheme and for which department and location?

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

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

Following notification by Department of Social Protection of the names of eligible people, the Council interviews potential participants and then arranges for Garda

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Vetting of those deemed suitable. The Council has a rolling programme of planned start dates for those who have been cleared through Garda vetting.

There are currently 32 people engaged by DCC under the Scheme, who are assigned as follows:

- Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department
  - Parks - 9
  - Recreation/Leisure/Community Centres - 7
- Dublin City BID Company – 1
- Ballymun Area Office (local projects) – 5
- Environment & Transportation - Parking Enforcement – 4
- Housing & Residential Services - Housing Maintenance – 6

From the 36 engaged to date, 4 participants have exited the scheme for various reasons.

Following recent interviews a further 65 have been found suitable and following Garda vetting, participants will be assigned to various work locations across the Council. HR has scheduled further interviews following receipt of names from the DSP and this will lead to an increased number of assignments.

### **Q.134 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans by council management to redeploy Parks Department staff away from their current depots in Edenmore, Ellenfield and Belcamp?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location and distribution of staff of Parks & Landscape Services is being examined in the context of a work force planning proposal that will be negotiated through the Public Service Agreement Procedures with the Trade Unions concerned.

This process has yet to begin officially.

### **Q.135 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can the Chief Executive please indicate the following Annual Dog Licences issues, Revenue Collected, Cost of Collection, what are these fees used for, % level of compliance i.e. have we any idea of the number of dogs in the City.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A total of 8,862 dog licences were issued in the administrative area of Dublin City Council during 2014. The income from dog licences during 2014 was €164,000.

The majority of licences issued (84%) were purchased through An Post. The cost of this service to Dublin City Council in 2014 was €26,134.

The fees collected contribute to the cost of engaging a contractor to provide a Dog Warden and Pound service.

No statistics are available on the number of dogs in Dublin.

### **Q.136 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

That Dublin City Council assists **(details supplied)**

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.137 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the laneway backing onto Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Partnership offices which allow access to Rossmore Avenue to be swept clean on a weekly basis. The current situation means waste is left for weeks at this location without being collected. As I write waste is here since the 21st of December last - over 4 weeks.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have laneways generally cleaned on a twelve week cycle. However we remove dumped rubbish from laneways when necessary between scheduled cleanings.

We had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 26th January 2015 and we will monitor this laneway with regard to illegal dumping.

### **Q.138 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

That Dublin City Council look upon the possibility of relocation of various services from areas like Marrowbone Lane to Council owned sites in Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot in order to release the value of these valuable lands to enable urban regeneration. The size of those sites offers many possibilities in an improving market. Relocation brings some development to areas promised regeneration which never progressed due to the downturn in the economy.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a large number of depots co-ordinating a range of services to the City including road maintenance, housing maintenance, street cleaning, traffic, parks, public lighting, flood risk management as well as water and drainage services under a service level agreement with Irish Water.

Recently a detailed review was commenced of Dublin City Council's depot network with a view to consolidating operations and modernising our service delivery models to take advantage of improvements in technology and transportation.

The review will include the depots located in Marrowbone Lane, however, the strategic locations of depots must be considered in the context of our ability to continue to provide services and respond to emergency situations in a timely manner.

The review will be completed later this year.

### **Q.139 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to housing applicant as per a detail attached whose name was removed from the housing list in error and say what action he can now agree to take to reinstate this family onto the housing list.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The correspondence/appeal is currently being assessed and both the applicant and the Councillor will be advised of the outcome within one week.

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### **Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

Can the Chief Executive confirm if the City Council has applied for funding from the Department of the Environment to insulate the older, solid brickwork council houses? If so, what was the response? If not, when will City Council make the application?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These works will form part of Phase 2 of the Retrofitting Project which will commence following the substantial completion of Phase 1, currently estimated at the end of Q3 2015. The City Council will make an application when the funding programme is announced by the Department of the Environment.

### **Q.141 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

What bye laws are in place to prohibit quads or scramblers destroying City Council green spaces? Will the Chief Executive Officer consider amending bye laws to ensure swift action can be taken?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issue of scramblers and quad motorcycles is addressed under the Dublin City Council Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2002.

Part 4.6(c) states; "No person other than employees or agents of the Council shall drive or be a passenger in a mechanically propelled vehicle in any park or open space except on authorised routes."

Part 4.6(i) states; "No person shall in any park or open space engage in motorcycle scrambling except in an area designated by the Council for that purpose."

The Bye-Laws are enforceable by both Authorised Persons and members of An Garda Síochána.

Contravention of these Bye-Laws is a summary offence.

The activity of scramblers, motorbikes and quads bikes in parks and public open spaces as well as generally in the public domain is an issue that may benefit from a referral to Joint Policing Committees to see if a joint Gardaí, Dublin City Council and community approach could deliver an improvements in the current position.

### **Q.142 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

Will the Chief Executive contact Iarnród Éireann on behalf of residents in Cherry Orchard Court, who have registered complaints of vibration and noise from trains passing through Cherry Orchard, requesting that sound barriers are inspected and upgraded?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council or its Chief Executive would have no role in a dispute between the residents of private houses and a third party, Iarnród Éireann in this case. The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit of Dublin City Council has not received any complaints from residents in the Cherry Orchard Court area relating to noise or vibration from passing trains. If complaints are made to this section then the matter can be investigated to determine if any action can be taken.

### **Q.143 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

Will City Council consider lifting the prohibition on tenants with arrears getting a housing transfer when these arrears are due to change of personal circumstances and a repayment plan is in place, rather than a refusal to pay rent?

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Allocation Scheme as approved by the Elected Members states that :

"An offer of transfer will not be made unless the tenant has a clear rent account for at least six months"

However we are currently preparing a report on arrears for the Housing SPC and will consider the issue the Councillor has raised in this report.

### **Q.144 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.145 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.146 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.147 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the implementation and outcome of the motion on the Living Wage in 2007 by Labour Councillor Eric Byrne (detailed below) including the work and report of the Steering Committee.

*"Dublin City Council resolves to do everything practicable to use its own powers of employment and procurement to implement a 'Living Wage' - a new wage floor that would be set substantially higher than the current National Minimum Wage in keeping with the needs of workers and their families, namely that*

- (a) No employee employed by Dublin City Council, and*
- (b) No employee employed by, or working on contract or subcontractor for, any company or contractor or subcontractor selling goods and services to Dublin City Council shall be paid less than the 'Living Wage' minimum as implemented by Dublin City Council.*

*Therefore, Dublin City Council shall establish a Steering Group to examine*

- (a) All issues - legal, financial, social and industrial - arising from the implementation of a new 'Living Wage' minimum and to take submissions by interested parties,*
- (b) What that new 'Living Wage' minimum shall be and what conditions shall be attached to it and, specifically, how its implementation can be monitored,*
- (c) How Dublin City Council can use additional powers to implement a new 'Living Wage' minimum, and*
- (d) How Dublin City Council can mobilise trade unions, the business sector, community organizations and the citizens of Dublin to ensure that the 'Living Wage' minimum is established for all workers in Dublin;*

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*And that the Steering Committee shall report back its findings and recommendations to Dublin City Council no later than March 1st 2007.”*

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The question refers to a Motion adopted by the previous Council in 2007.

The current position is as follows:

As an employer, the pay rates of City Council staff are determined by Government pay policy.

In procuring services, the City Council procures goods and services in accordance with all appropriate public sector procurement requirements. The Council has a contractors' agreement in place which seeks to ensure that employees of contractors and sub-contractors engaged in work on behalf of the City Council have conditions of employment and wage levels that reflect current good practice.

The Council does not have a role or function in setting employment rights. The National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) carries out duties of Information, Inspection, Enforcement and Prosecution in regard to employment rights legislation.

In December 2014, the Minister for Business and Employment invited applications for membership of a new Low Pay Commission. The Low Pay Commission is being established to advise the Government on the appropriate rate of the National Minimum Wage on an annual basis. It was announced that the Commission will be set up on a non-statutory basis initially, pending an amendment to the National Minimum Wage Act.

### **Q.148 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following with regard to Derelict Sites:

- the registration process
- the levying process including timelines
- the process enacted when levies are not paid i.e. registering a charge against the land and what in practice this means for the site owner
- when/if the site can be taken in charge by DCC particularly when it becomes evident that the owner is 'absent'
- to what extent DCC can intervene and 'clean up' a derelict site that has become an attraction for anti-social behaviour or where the foliage spills over into the public domain or into a private residence

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Derelict Sites Act 1990 defines a “derelict site” as “any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question, or the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred by statute or common law.”

If, following an inspection, it is decided that a particular site warrants action under the Derelict Sites Act, details of ownership are sought from the Law Department. When received, the owners are informed of their obligations under the Act with regard to their property and usually requested to carry out specified works.

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In the event of failure to elicit a satisfactory response from the owner and where circumstances warrant it, a notice is served of the intention to enter the site on the Derelict Sites Register. Such notice allows the owner a period of one month to explain why the entry should not be made and to commit to start works within a specified period. If no such submission is made the site will be entered on the Register on the expiry of the month.

The site is then valued by the Chief Valuer and a levy of 3% of this valuation becomes payable with effect from the following January.

In the event of failure to pay the levy the Law Agent is instructed to register a charge on the land. This charge remains a burden until the disposal of the relevant site, at which time, in normal circumstances, it is discharged in favour of the City Council.

It should be noted that, while the Act provides for the compulsory acquisition of a derelict site, for financial reasons this power has not been exercised in recent years.

### **Q.149 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Chief Executive explain how small scale contractors can tender for Dublin City Council contracts, such as fixing up voids?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform introduced Circular 10/2014 "Initiative to assist SMEs in Public Procurement" on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Circular 10/2014 is designed to enable SMEs to compete for public contracts and sets out, as a general principle, the positive measures that contracting authorities should take to promote SME involvement in public sector procurement.

The requirements of Circular 10/2014 are being applied to City Council procurement processes to facilitate the participation of small and medium enterprises in tendering for Council contracts. This includes such measures as market analysis, sub-division of contracts into Lots (where practicable), the use of relevant and appropriate capacity requirements, proportionate turnover requirements, the development of Framework Agreements (where appropriate), advertising on tenders contracts for supplies and services with an estimated value of €25,000 (exclusive of VAT) and upwards, and for works and works related services contracts with an estimated value of €50,000 (exclusive of VAT).

Please note that the City Council's Term Maintenance Agreement for the maintenance and refurbishment of existing residential stock is expected to be retendered before the end of quarter 1. The tender will be drafted in line with the requirements of Circular 10/2014 to facilitate participation by the SME sector.

### **Q.150 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Chief Executive find the source of the leaking water and repair the leak on the footpath between **(details supplied)**? The water has been leaking for years and in freezing weather it makes the footpath very dangerous.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been referred to Irish Water for response. They will reply directly to the Councillor.



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### **Q.151 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Chief Executive put a small gully in the footpath on Shanowen Road outside Ailesbury Estate? The leak has been tested before and it is not coming from the drainage system. But it spreads all over the footpath and is very slippy, especially in freezing weather.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The condition of the footpath in this area has been referred to DCC's Road Maintenance Section for repair. Repair works should assist in conveying the water to the roadside channel which is drained by the existing road gullies. Accordingly a gully will not be installed on the footpath.

### **Q.152 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Chief Executive find the source of the leaking water near Aulden Grange, that flows from Dignam's Garden Centre to Santry Court. It has been running for over 20 years. If it is natural leakage, can a gully and drain be installed to divert the water from the road and footpath?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been referred to Irish Water for response. They will reply directly to the Councillor.

### **Q.153 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to trees (**details supplied**) and say if he can arrange to properly prune same as residents say the trees have not been attended to in a long time?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The trees referred to in the above question are regularly inspected by staff of Parks & Landscape Services. These trees form group planting on the public open space at the location and in the open space environment can develop in accordance with the natural growing habit and grouped spacing of the planting. The condition of these trees is currently considered to be satisfactory and they are not considered to require general pruning operations at present. The maintenance of this type of tree planting on public open space is different to that of standard roadside trees. Tree maintenance is carried out on a priority basis throughout the North Central Area.

### **Q.154 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to the tenant family (**details supplied**) and say when they will be accommodated with a home of their own?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.155 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to my North Central Area Committee Question number 22 of January 2015 meeting and agree to repair public light that is continuously flickering on and off for 3 years now – and continues to do so after replacement lantern recently installed?

#### ***NCAC Question – Jan2015***

*“Can the Chief Executive please refer to public light outside house as per (**details supplied**) which are out of order for 2/3 years and say if he can repair same at an early date.”*

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*Reply: The lantern on Pole no.1 was replaced 13/01/15 and was operating normally on a recent night inspection*

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The light that was replaced with a new lantern was night checked again and found to be working normally.