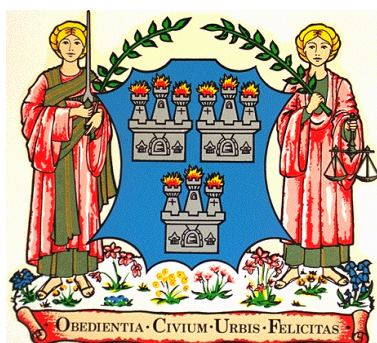


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 13 Aibreán 2015 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.
I Láthair an tArdmheara Christy Burke sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

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

Comhairleoir:

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

Comhairleoir:

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

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Brendan Kenny
Dick Brady
Kathy Quinn

Terence O'Keeffe
Jim Keogan
Vincent Norton
Oonagh Casey

Michael Phillips
Mary Pyne
Antoinette Power
Carmel Walsh

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by expressing sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the City Council to the following families :-
 - a. Lukasz and Kasia Siatka on the death of their daughter, Venessa who died in the Phoenix Park on 6th April
 - b. Former Councillor Edie Wynne on the death of her husband, Tom

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased.

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The Lord Mayor also mentioned that following the death of Venessa Siatka, he would be seeking a meeting with Minister Simon Harris regarding traffic in the Phoenix Park.

The Lord Mayor then referred to the Padraig Pearse Award 2015, saying that he had received a request to nominate a person who exemplifies the ideals of Padraig Pearse and works to promote those ideals in the fields of education, art, literature, civil liberties, the media or among the community. He informed the Members that he was nominating Robert Ballagh for consideration for this award. The members agreed to this proposal.

The Lord Mayor then referred to Item 16 on the Agenda, Report No 108/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive, Action 9 Homeless Action Plan, and proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "This City Council directs the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, under Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001, not to proceed with the proposal to provide temporary accommodation for homeless families in O'Devaney Gardens"

Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive of the Housing Department informed the Members of the background to the proposal. Following discussions during which many Members stated that it was a difficult decision for them as they supported the provision of suitable accommodation for homeless families but also had to take into consideration the needs of tenants of O'Devaney Gardens who had waited many years for its regeneration. The Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive provided clarification to the Members on issues raised and the motion was then put to a vote and carried.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 -- It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 182 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 12th February 2015 from South Dublin County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their meeting on 12th January 2015 calling on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys as Heritage Minister, and on Dublin City Council to recognise and act on their responsibilities to protect and preserve the historic Moore Street area of Dublin City, including the terrace 10/25 Moore Street which was occupied by the volunteers at the end of Easter Week 1916 and where the final meeting of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic took place. It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. Submitted Letter dated 25th February 2015 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting "that the Elected Members of Donegal County Council unequivocally support the I.N.M.O. in its campaign to have the crisis in all A & E Hospital Departments resolved". It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
5. Submitted Letter dated 25th February 2015 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting "that this Council discusses the

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urgent need for a Rural Affairs Committee in Donegal to include farming, essential services and communications, as the lack of an official voice politically on rural affairs has added to the lack of debate and is also leading to population decline". It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

6. Submitted Letter dated 4th March 2015 from The Municipal District of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their February meeting calling on the Minister for Jobs, Richard Bruton, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland that any new factories that are opened are not sold to private commercial groups but are kept in the ownership of the State Agencies. It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Letter dated 12th March 2015 from Monaghan County Council conveying the terms of a motion requesting the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government to create a newly funded co-ordinator post for the Public Participation Networks throughout each local authority, to enhance its potential for optimum outreach and success in building relations between local authorities and the communities they serve. It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Letter dated 24th March 2015 from Offaly County Council conveying the terms of a motion from their March meeting "at present parking fines issued by Council's traffic wardens and subsequently not paid and which go to court and upheld the money accruing from those is retained by the state. Offaly County Council calls for a change to allow Councils to benefit from this revenue as all the work and expense is born by the council. It was moved by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
9. The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28th February 2015 and the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd March 2015, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
10. Submitted Report No 94/2015 of the Head of Finance (*K. Quinn*) – Monthly Local Fund Statement, Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework and Payments of the Allocation of the Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 94/2015". The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report No 100/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – With reference to the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31/12/2014. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City notes Report No 100/2015 and adopts the Annual Financial Statement 2014 as outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No 99/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – With reference to Revised Expenditure for 2014 submitted in accordance with Section 104 Local

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Government Act 2001. It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 99/2015 and hereby approves the Revised Expenditure for 2014 as set out therein". The motion was put and carried.

13. Submitted Report No 119/2015 of the Head of Finance (*K. Quinn*) – Report on Rates Debtors 31st December 2014. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 119/2015". The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No 93/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – Monthly Management Report – 13th April 2015. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 93/2015". The motion was put and carried.
15. Appointment of a Member to the Board of the Grangegorman Development Agency arising from the expiration of the Board's term of office on 12th May 2015. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha "That Councillor J Boylan be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the Board of the Grangegorman Development Agency" The motion was put and carried.
16. To fill a vacancy on each of the following committees/boards:
 - The Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum following the resignation of Councillor Dermot Lacey from this Forum – it was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor C Cuffe "That Councillor M Freehill be appointed as a member on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum" The motion was put and carried.
 - Commemorative Naming Committee (deferred from March Meeting) – it was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Councillor D O'Farrell be appointed as a member to Commemorative Naming Committee" The motion was put and carried.
 - Nomination to the Dublin City Leisure Services Company Limited (deferred from March Meeting) - it was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Councillor M Flynn be nominated as a member for appointment to the Board of Dublin City Leisure Services Company Limited" The motion was put and carried.
17. To ratify the appointment of Councillor Gaye Fagan to the following Committees (as agreed at Central Area Committee):
 - (a) Dominick Street Regeneration Board (1 member)
 - (b) North Inner City Drugs Task Force (1 member)It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Councillor be appointed as a member to the Dominick Street Regeneration Board and the North Inner City Drugs Task Force " The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No 96/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Deletion of 23 Belmont Avenue, Dublin 4, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Sections 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 96/2015 and approves the deletion of 23 Belmont Avenue, Dublin 4 from the Record of

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Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000” The motion was put and carried.

19. Submitted Report No 107/2015 of the Executive Manager (*V. Norton*) – Review of Standing Orders 2015. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P McAuliffe “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 107/2015 and hereby adopts Standing Orders 2015 as set out therein”. The motion was put and carried. It was further agreed that Standing Order No 36 would be referred to the Protocol Committee for clarification and re-wording.
20. Submitted Report No 110/2015 of the Chairperson of the Corporate Contracts Committee (*Councillor Mannix Flynn*) - Corporate Contracts Committee. It was agreed that this item would be deferred and a revised report would be brought to the May City Council meeting.
21. Councillor S McGrattan took the chair during the absence of the Lord Mayor from the Chamber from 8.15pm to 8.20pm.
22. Submitted Report No 108/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*R. Brady*) – Action 9 Homeless Action Plan – this item was not taken due to the decision by the City Council taken under Lord Mayor’s Business to invoke Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001 in this regard.
23. Submitted Report No 62/2015 of the Executive Manager (*R. Kenny*) – With reference to proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over a portion of the footpath at the ‘Bicycle Shop’, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7. It was moved by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor P McCartan “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over a portion of the footpath at the ‘Bicycle Shop’, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7, as shown on the attached Drawing No SM-2014-0521, 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.
24. Submitted Report No 101/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*R. Brady*) - With reference to the disposal of property at 22 Blackhall Place, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 101/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report N. 102/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*R. Brady*) – With reference to the disposal of property at 65 St. James’s Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 102/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No 113/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With further reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year Licence for the use of a premises as a Tearoom in St. Patricks Park, Bride Street, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 113/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.

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27. Submitted Report No 114/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With further reference to the disposal of the Council's interest in a laneway to the rear of Nos. 32 - 46 Clonshaugh Crescent, Dublin 17. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 114/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No 115/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the premises located on part of the sites formally known as No's 62 and 63 Sean MacDermott Street Lower, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 115/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No 116/2015 of the Acting Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Canon Troy Court and premises adjoining at Chapelizod Hill Road. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 116/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No 117/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of lands at Dunmanus Road and Faussagh Avenue, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 117/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No 118/2015 of the Acting Assistant Chief Executive (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the fee simple in a site at Bluebell Industrial Estate, Bluebell Avenue, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 118/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
32. Emergency Motions :-
 - (a) The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following emergency motion without debate. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillors D Doolan, L O'Toole, R McHugh, J Boylan, G Kelly, N Reilly, C Andrews, E Murphy, C Carney Boud, G Fagan, D Mitchell and PBPA Group : "Dublin City Council is opposed to the handing over of local authority tenants contact details to Irish Water. The Council is deeply concerned that the council management did so without the prior knowledge of councillors or consent of tenants. Dublin City Council seeks a second, independent legal opinion to see if this contravenes data protection"
 - (b) The City Council suspended Standing Orders to debate the following emergency motion. This motion was submitted in the name of Councillors Paul McAuliffe, David Costello, T Keegan, C Perry and Anthony Connaghan "That this Council call on the City Manager for Housing, the head of Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE), the assistant Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and other senior officials to meet with W.F.T.R.A. Subcommittee for

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the Abigail to discuss the emergency situation which has arisen as a direct result of the City Council's provision of homeless accommodation at the Abigail Centre" The motion was put and carried.

33. Submitted Report No 95/2015 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh*) – Breviate of meeting held on 23rd February 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor D Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 95/2015" The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No 104/2015 of the Chairperson of the Finance and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Ruairí McGinley*) – Breviate of meeting held on 19th March 2015. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 104/2015" The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No 105/2015 of the Chairperson of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Paul McAuliffe*) – Breviate of meeting held on 13th January 2015. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor D Heney "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 105/2015" The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No 120/2015 of the Chairperson of the Planning and International Relations Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) - Breviate of meeting held on 3rd March 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 120/2015" The motion was put and carried.
37. Report No 111/2015 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of March 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 111/2015" The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No 103/2015 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of March 2015 – *Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 103/2015" The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No 109/2015 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of March 2015 – *Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by the Lord Mayor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 109/2015" The motion was put and carried.
40. Submitted Report No 106/2015 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of March 2015 – *Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 106/2015" The motion was put and carried.

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41. Submitted Report No 97/2015 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of March 2015 – *Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 97/2015” The motion was put and carried.
42. Submitted Report No 92/2015 of the Protocol Committee (*Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 26th February 2015. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor R McHugh “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 92/2015” The motion was put and carried.
43. Submitted Report No 98/2015 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub-committee (*Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 9th March 2015. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor T Keegan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 98/2015” The motion was put and carried.
44. Submitted Report No 112/2015 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub-committee (*Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 24th March 2015. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor P McCartan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 112/2015” The motion was put and carried.
45. The City Council agreed to defer the following motion in the name of Councillor K O’Connell standing at Item No 32 on the Agenda Paper to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 11th May 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”
46. It was proposed by Councillor S Haughey and seconded by Councillor P McAuliffe “That a comprehensive review of waste management services be carried out given on-going complaints in the regard” 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 11th May 2015.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 13th APRIL 2015

Q.1 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether the City Council will re-install all the original granite paving around Trinity College and the College Green area following completion of all the Luas Cross City works?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The works on the Luas Cross City (LCC) Project are the responsibility of the Railway Procurement Agency (RPA). They sought and were granted a Railway Order in October 2012 from An Bord Pleanála. However, under this Railway Order the RPA have been conditioned in Schedule 13 and 14 to carry out a wide variety of works affecting assets of Dublin City Council; one of these assets is the heritage flags and kerbs throughout the city centre. To this end, LCC operate a separate heritage contract. The aim of this contract is to lift/sort/reinstall all of the items in question as well as statues and other heritage items. Although it will be the main contractor that reinstates all of these items, they are being stored in a secure facility so that they can be delivered to site at the appropriate time for placement. Dublin City Council staff of the LCC Liaison Office have witnessed the removal and storage of these items to date and will witness their reinstatement as the project progresses. I can confidently state that it is the RPA's intention to carry all of these works out as per their conditions.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have an application for a walk in shower in a tenancy property expedited **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.3 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.4 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.5 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.6 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.7 **COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Foreman reports that this is a corner house with a wall two and a half feet high to the front and eight feet to the back. It is not normal practice to build this front wall higher, therefore this work will not be carried out. The Foreman will call and explain to the tenant.

Q.8 **COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the footpath outside **(details supplied)**. Arrangements will be made to temporarily repair and make the footpath safe. A permanent footpath repair will be carried out when we have a concrete crew available to carry the works.

Q.9 **COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is on-going monitoring of the radial routes into the City, if these are "scored" in any way and if statistics for any recent period for the various radial routes can be given in order of speed for motorists during morning peak, if he will say in particular how Drumcondra - Whitehall - Swords is performing; in addition can he say what use is made of the Port Tunnel inwards by motorists during the am peak, if any analysis of payment methods/type of client/ individual or corporate is available and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The annual cordon counts undertaken in November each year are concerned with the number of people travelling into the city by each mode of travel.

Morning peak speed monitoring and measurement is not carried out on a network basis anymore, so a ranking of the radial routes based on speed is not possible.

Improvement works currently underway at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, are affecting the route in question.

The Dublin Port Tunnel is under the control of the National Roads Authority so Dublin City Council do not have the information requested. It is noted that the toll regime is prohibitive for inbound a.m. peak motorists. This is because the Port Tunnel can carry more cars than the city can accept. This would cause queuing of traffic back into the tunnel, this in turn would require closure of the Port Tunnel, moving HGVs back through the city centre to access the port. Previous closures of the Dublin Port Tunnel have almost caused gridlock on the M50.

Q.10 **COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to North Central Area Committee questions number 68 of November 2014 and number 50 of April 2014 and now say if he can arrange to have the matter resolved as nothing has been done to date?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services have contacted Eircom on a number of occasions to examine and address the problem referred to above. As previously indicated the ducting which appears to be giving rise to the problem is Eircom infrastructure and Parks and Landscape Services can only advise that utility of the problem and is not

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in the position to directly carry out works on the ducting. Contact will be arranged again to advise Eircom of the Councillor's concerns regarding this issue. Contact will also be made with Environment & Transportation Dept to assess methods to minimise the impact of the problem on the footpath.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to North Central Area Committee question number 69 of November 2014 and now say if he can arrange to have the matter resolved as nothing has been done to date?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was a delay in manufacturing this nameplate. The supplier has advised that this will be delivered in early May so Road Maintenance Services has scheduled this for installation before the end of May.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive whether the City Council would be prepared to undertake an extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway between Connaught Street and Norfolk Road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The procedure for the closing of a laneway, which is an Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way, is contained in Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993.

Procedure

1. Initially a request is submitted to the City Council by residents affected by the right of way and should be accompanied by written evidence of general support for closure.
2. A map is obtained showing the public right of way in question.
3. A report is made to the Area Committee seeking approval to initiate proceedings for closure. If approved the 1st public Advertisement is placed in the press advising of intent to extinguish the public right of way. The advertisement allows a minimum of one month for display of proposals and a further 2 weeks for submissions to be made in writing by any interested party.
4. Signs advising of intent to extinguish the right of way are erected on site.
5. A utility service check is arranged.
6. An oral hearing is arranged if requested.
7. Following all submissions a report is made to the Area Committee outlining the case for and against closure.
8. The Area Committee's recommendation, for or against extinguishment, is referred to the City Council as the extinguishment of public right of way is reserved function.
9. If City Council declines to extinguish the public right of way the file is closed.
10. If the City Council agrees to extinguish the public right of way, arrangements for closure are made with applicants. Applicants are responsible for costs incurred in carrying out the closure and for all future maintenance of the area.
11. A 2nd public advertisement advising of outcome.

All persons who made a submission or an objection are notified of outcome.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive whether the City Council would consider initiating a removal of the public right of way process on the laneway between St. Peter's Road and Cabra Park?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The procedure for the closing of a laneway, which is an Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way, is contained in Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993. A copy of the procedure has been sent to the Councillor.

Q.14 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if his department would reject the HSE plans to take over the ambulance service and to enter into talks with HIQA and trade unions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) carried out a comprehensive review of pre-hospital emergency care services and published a detailed report on 2 December 2014. As part of its review HIQA examined the provision of emergency ambulance services in the Dublin region by both the National Ambulance Service (NAS) and Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB). HIQA identified potentially serious weaknesses, especially in the areas of emergency ambulance call taking and dispatch.

HIQA called on the NAS and on DFB to address the operational inefficiencies identified in its report and to publish a joint Action Plan, outlining proposed steps to improve individual and collective performance in the areas of call-handling, address verification, dispatch, ambulance deployment, mobilisation, navigation and the coordination of calls between both services. HIQA also recommended that State-funded emergency ambulance services should be operated as a clinical service embedded in the unscheduled care system, under the remit of the Acute Hospitals Directorate of the Health Service Executive (HSE).

At the time HIQA was conducting its review DFB and the NAS shared a Control Centre in DFB headquarters Townsend Street although, as HIQA reported, both sets of staff worked independently and both used different information technology systems. In January 2015, NAS staff moved to the new NAS Operations Control Centre in Tallaght. While an interim protocol has put in place between DFB and the NAS to mitigate against identified risks associated with the transfer of emergency ambulance calls from Townsend Street to the NAS Operations Control Centre there is an urgent need to address the weaknesses identified by HIQA on a long term basis.

Following the publication of the HIQA report there was correspondence and a meeting between senior HSE management and the Chief Executives of the four Dublin local authorities. Recognising the urgent need identified by HIQA for greater cooperation at all levels between the NAS and DFB in order to ensure a seamless, responsive and safe emergency ambulance service in the Dublin region and in particular the need for the NAS and DFB to work collaboratively to provide a safe emergency pre-hospital care service and to put in place risk mitigating measures to achieve this, agreement in principle was reached between the HSE and the Chief Executives of the four Dublin local authorities to pursue the following changes:

1. the NAS Operations Control Centre in Tallaght will assume responsibility for call taking in respect of all emergency ambulance calls in the Dublin region,
2. the NAS Operations Control Centre in Tallaght will assume responsibility for the dispatch of the emergency ambulance resources of both the NAS and DFB and
3. DFB's emergency ambulance resource will be subject to an integrated clinical governance structure under the NAS.

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It was also agreed to establish a joint DCC/HSE Implementation Group to prepare an Emergency Ambulance Control Centre Reconfiguration Project Action Plan and to oversee the implementation of Plan measures in order address the issues of concern identified by HIQA. The Group will also deal with the proposal to create an integrated clinical governance structure for DFB's emergency ambulance resource under the HSE. A 6 month timescale has been agreed for the implementation of these projects.

At a meeting on 6 March 2015 between senior representatives of DCC, SIPTU and IMPACT agreement was reached on the establishment of a Joint DCC/Trade Union Emergency Ambulance Forum. The role of the Forum is to address all matters arising from the Emergency Ambulance Control Centre Reconfiguration Project and also the proposal to make the DFB emergency ambulance service subject to an integrated clinical governance structure under the HSE. The Forum will advise the DCC members of the joint DCC/HSE Joint Implementation Team.

The work of the Joint DCC/Trade Union Forum will be guided by the following principles agreed between representatives of the Trade Unions and DCC:

- the Control Centre Reconfiguration Project, as recommended in the HIQA Report, and including integrated emergency ambulance call taking and dispatch will be pursued,
- Dublin Fire Brigade will continue to be fully involved in emergency ambulance service delivery as part of this reconfiguration project and
- there will be no diminution in emergency ambulance service delivery to the population of the Region.

The Forum will be chaired by Mr Stephen Brady, former Chief Fire Officer, Dublin Fire Brigade. The objective of the Forum will be to achieve consensus between Management and Trade Union representatives on the key issues.

I have nominated Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive, Pat Fleming, Chief Fire Officer and Brendan Hayden, Senior Executive Officer DFB to represent the City Council on the joint DCC/HSE Implementation Group and on the Joint DCC/Trade Union Forum.

I am conscious of the fact that there is very strong public, political and staff/trade union support for the DFB emergency ambulance service. I am personally committed to maintaining the service and I know I have the support of the other Dublin local authority Chief Executives in this regard. However, there are major challenges to be overcome if this shared aspiration is to be realised. The main challenges are as follows:

1. the very real weaknesses identified by HIQA in their report need to be addressed and
2. a satisfactory and sustainable funding model for the DFB ambulance service needs to be place.

I am confident that the structures that have been put in place involving both the HSE and DCC and DCC and the Trade Unions will facilitate all parties working together to address the issues raised by HIQA. I am also convinced that this is a necessary precondition to overcoming the serious financial challenges that DFB's emergency ambulance service is facing.

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Q.15 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are now in place to develop **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.16 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to person at **(details supplied)** whose appeal against a litter fine was refused and say?

1. if he can, in the circumstances, re-examine this decision as **(details supplied)** says that he in no way intended to leave a cardboard box at the recycling centre and that he must have been distracted at the time, (as can be seen from a viewing of the CCTV (according to the official who looked at the CCTV at the time))
2. if the fact that **(details supplied)** was involved in the setting up of a recycling programme at his place of work over 5 years can be taken into account in terms of his credibility
3. why a person such as **(details supplied)** who genuinely did not wish to leave any litter behind him is being punished in such an unfair manner
4. if he can grant the appeal in this instance and forgo the €400 fine

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has followed due process in this case and having examined the evidence presented, is satisfied with its decision following the appeal.

It will be open to the person concerned to contest the case for non payment of the fine of €150 should the case proceed to Court.

Q.19 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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is noted that Q.19 above is a repeat of Q.10 presented at the Council Meeting on the 2nd February 2015 (copy below). The reply to Q.10 was based on the most relevant information available within the Planning Department which is the total number of dwellings completed under the current development plan. The total number of dwellings figure is derived from DECLG website which contains completions data based on the number of ESB connections.

The Planning Department does not collect specific information on the number and name of 'new estates' built under the current development plan. The Building Control Management System (BCMS) has summary information on the number of houses,

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apartments and duplex units that form part of multiple unit developments. The LGMA are developing the statistical reporting module side of the BCMS in order to make information more readily available.

2nd February 2015 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?

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.20 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing matter, (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider introducing a ramp to facilitate wheelchair users at the new footpath at Beechlawn Way, Terenure which is beside Lidl and at the back of St. Josephs Church?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Engineer for attention. The Councillor will be advised of the recommendation in due course.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive the number and location of Dublin City Council properties including houses, apartments, public buildings that failed fire safety assessments in 2012, 2013, and 2014 and therefore were deemed in breach of fire safety regulations; to outline the frequency of fire safety assessments conducted by Dublin City Council fire inspectors; to outline the measures undertaken and associated costs to address identified fire safety deficiencies in Dublin City Council properties in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

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Q.24 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether some traffic calming measures can be introduced at the junction of Wasdale Road and Wasdale Park as there are none there presently and cars are coming in off Bushy Park Road when they are not supposed to.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that there are traffic calming measures on Wasdale Park at the junction with Bushy Park Road. There are further speed ramps on Wasdale Park. There are traffic calming measures also at the junction of Wasdale Park and Wasdale Grove. (Note: there is no Wasdale Road).

Q.25 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if all Dublin City Council properties are fitted with Carbon Monoxide detectors; to ask the Chief Executive the number and location of Dublin City Council properties including houses and apartments that were in breach of recommendations concerning Carbon Monoxide detectors in 2013 & 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In all new and upgrade works carbon monoxide detector alarms are being fitted as standard under 'Part J' Building Regulations, effective since September 2014. There is no requirement to retrospectively fit these alarms in all dwellings. There are no breaches in recommendations.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the carriageway at **(details supplied)**. The large pothole at No's 106/107 and the smaller potholes between No's 107/113 have been filled in and made safe.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Traffic Advisory Group to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive give an update as to who is responsible for the development of a playground on the vacant site on Ross Road?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South East Area, Housing Area Manager and the Play Officer are engaged in examining the site at Ross Road. However, the development of 2 playgrounds at York Street and Bishop Street are the immediate priorities for South East Area playgrounds in flat complexes.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive indicate how many years has the Moss Street/Luke Street block of flats been empty and how much has been spent on this site in terms of health and safety and security since the last tenant was moved out and can the Chief Executive state definitively whether this development can be knocked under the planning regulations or does the facade have to be preserved and if so can the Chief Executive indicate the regulation or legislation that compels retention of the facade?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The property at Moss Street has been vacant since 2009. Any works that have been carried out on the property have been minor in nature. It is not a simple site to redevelop. NABCO was asked to bring forward proposals in relation to this property and following discussions with the Planning Department and the City Architect's Department the preferred option is to preserve the façade of the building. As it is not a listed building the property could be knocked. It is considered that the proposal put forward, retaining the façade of the building, takes cognisance of the significant social value of the original development in terms of social housing within the city. A submission is being made to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government seeking approval in principle to this redevelopment.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive install traffic lights at the junction of Creighton Street and Hanover Street as this is a very dangerous junction with significant developments happening in the area which will also add to the amount of traffic and can he say who is responsible for deciding if the traffic lights are installed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive advise what, if any, progress is being made on the Dublin House 2 project proposed for Fishamble St. Dublin 8, and can the residents of Smock Alley be kept informed throughout the process as it will impact on them by way of the building process and the complex being overlooked if the project does go ahead?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin House Project for the site at 29 - 30 Fishamble Street was publicly launched on 21st July 2014, having previously been approved by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in June 2013. The project is being delivered by the City Architects Division.

Six applications in total were received for the project, of which five were deemed eligible to enter the lottery. The lottery for the site was held, using a web based random number generator, on 19th November 2014. Dublin City Council (DCC) is currently in the process of negotiating with the first group of households on the panel to establish if they can develop the site in accordance with the aspirations of the Dublin House Project. To this effect, DCC is providing advice on design issues,

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agreeing the memorandum and articles of association for them to form a legal entity, and confirming the terms of the Development Licence for them to develop the site. If these negotiations fall through, then DCC will liaise with the next group on the panel. In these discussions, DCC is cognisant of issues that may affect the residents of Smock Alley Court housing.

It is anticipated that the site would be disposed to the successful group through City Council in the Summer of 2015, after which they would submit a planning application soon thereafter. It is intended that the residents of Smock Alley Court housing would be consulted at the planning application stages.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a replacement door at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the door has been inspected. It is a PVC door. A new panel and a new lock will be fitted to the door within the next week.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to give this Councillor an update as to when **(details supplied)** will be housed. This lady is on the housing list for 14 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on band three of the housing list for two bed accommodation with the following positions:

3rd for Area K ((Crumlin /Walkinstown / Drimnagh)

4th for Area N (Ranelagh / Rathmines / Harolds Cross)

The applicant was contacted in 2013 regarding maisonette accommodation in the Drimnagh area but did not wish to consider this option. While the applicant has a high position on band three, it may still be some time before a suitable offer materialises as other applicants longer on the list and in the other bands must also be considered as vacancies arise.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the footpath and laneway **(details supplied)** cleaned on the 23rd March 2015.

The open space on **(details supplied)** is cleaned by contract on a weekly basis. I have asked contractors to focus on cleaning the pathway through the area on their next visit.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the hole in the footpath remaining after Dublin City Council removed a tree, outside **(details supplied)** be filled in, I requested this last year at the Dublin City Council Meeting of the 1/9/2014 but to date nothing has been done.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpath **(details supplied)** was reinstated by a road maintenance crew over the weekend of 11th / 12th April 2015.

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Q.38 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive, regarding enforcement of the recently approved busking bylaws, what hours do the environmental health officer's work, as I assume it is they who will carry out the enforcement? Furthermore, how many officers are there and how many functioning decibel meters do the council own?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Street Performers Bye-Laws 2015 came into effect on 7th April 2015. The Bye Laws will be administered by the Licensing Unit of the Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department where staff will process application forms, issue permits, deal with queries and investigate complaints/reports.

A member of staff has been assigned on a full time basis to enforce the Bye Laws and other members of staff have been designated as Authorised Officers to assist her. While it will not be possible to monitor all street performers at all times we will have staff on inspections as often as is practicable including after hours and at weekends.

The Licensing Unit has purchased three decibel meters for the purpose of monitoring sound levels.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a complete list of all vacant properties and sites owned by the Council and a similar list of all properties and sites being rented by the Council on behalf of others.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive to review the position of the disability parking space outside the Rathmines Post Office. The reason is that cars can park in front or behind it and disabled drivers find that they have insufficient space to manoeuvre into this parking space. They have requested that the disability space be either closest to the bus stop or furthest away which would ease access.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider implementing a waste byelaw to make it mandatory for fast food outlets to have bins placed immediately outside which are the responsibility of the outlet.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter which deals with Take-Away and Licensed Premises provides that:

- The occupier of a premises shall keep the public domain free from all litter and stains during the opening hours of the premises.
- The occupier of a Take-Away premises, shall monitor the vicinity of the premises during the opening hours of the premises to ensure that the area is maintained free of litter and shall remove or ensure that all such litter is

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removed forthwith. This monitoring and removal shall be carried out at opening time, at closing time and at least once during each hourly period during opening hours.

- The occupier of a Take-Away premises shall ensure, at the occupier's own cost, that an adequate number of litter bins are in place in the public domain. The occupier must obtain the prior written approval of The Council for the number, specification and location of such litter bins.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how it can take 9 weeks at least (to date) to renovate what was an exceptionally well maintained flat at **(details supplied)** and what is the cost of same? While they are at it could the shore outside this flat be cleared?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that work on this flat is due for completion at the end of this week. As units become void they are refurbished/upgraded to current standards. There were electrical and gas issues to be addressed in the works required. The shore has been cleared. Estimated cost of works is €21,400.00.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the number of residential housing units for which

- (a) Zoned land exists
- (b) valid planning permissions exists
- (c) commencement notices have been received
- (d) number constructed in past 12 months

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) Zoned Land

The 2012 Housing Land Availability study indicated that there were c.440 Ha of zoned undeveloped land available for residential development in the Dublin City Council area which could provide c.52,000 residential units.

The 2014 Residential Land Availability survey indicated that there were c.300 Ha of land available with a residential zoning objective in the Dublin City Council area which could provide c.30,000 residential units.

The 2012 study considered the potential on lands with a residential zoning objective and mixed use zoning objective whereas the 2014 survey only considered potential on lands with a residential zoning objective. Therefore, much of the variation between the 2012 and 2014 results arise because the 2014 study excluded the potential for residential development on lands with a mixed use zoning objective such as the Z5 city centre zoning objective.

(b) Valid Planning Permissions

The Q4 2014 Housing Taskforce return for Dublin City Council indicates that extant planning permission exists to construct 3,553 residential units in Dublin City comprising of 939 houses and 2,614 apartments.

(c) 98 commencement notices have been received between 01/03/2014 and 31/03/2015 for provision of new residential housing units. The number of new units described on these notices totalled 308.

(d) Certificate of Compliance on Completion Certificates have been received for 9 units. The Building Control Amendment Regulations came into force on 1st

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March 2014. Developments commenced prior to this date do not require completion certificates so a higher number of units would have been completed as in excess of 250 commencement notices were received in the 1st 2 months of 2014 i.e. under the old regulations no obliged to serve completion certificate.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this applicant's name will be put forward for voluntary housing as per **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** was nominated previously for accommodation with an Approved Housing Body but was not successful. The applicant will be considered for other offers of accommodation when suitable vacancies become available.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive what planning zone does the recent land that was sold by St Pauls College Raheny come under?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We do not have any first hand information concerning media reports that land was recently sold by St Pauls College Raheny. The lands at St Pauls College are zoned for Z15 purposes in the current City Development Plan "to protect and provide for institutional and community uses".

The new draft plan will go on public display on 2nd October 2015 for 10 weeks, at which stage submissions may be made, which will then be considered by the Elected Members of the City Council.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to NAMA housing units **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the rising numbers of families presenting as homeless, could he please state;

- a. How many families have presented as homeless and no emergency accommodation available for them in the last 3 months?
- b. Of the families who are homeless and on the emergency accommodation waiting list how many are children?
- c. If a family with children present as homeless and there is no emergency accommodation available for them what if any duty of care do the council have with regard to the children?
- d. What is the average length of time a family are on the waiting list for emergency accommodation (I am dealing with families who are 2 months on the waiting list for emergency accommodation)?
- e. How many people are now on the homeless list and how many of them are children?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

During the first quarter of 2015, 201 families were not able to be accommodated in emergency accommodation upon presentation. 106 of these families were accommodated subsequently as emergency accommodation became available, therefore a net figure of 95 families were not placed in emergency accommodation.

Our street outreach team, Housing First Intake, run by Peter McVerry Trust/MVT/Focus Ireland are on street every night and have not encountered any families that were forced to sleep rough during this period.

A protocol is in place between DCC and the Housing First Intake team to ensure that in the event that a family with dependent children was discovered at night that they would not have to sleep rough.

Of the families who are homeless and on the emergency accommodation waiting list how many are children?

Emergency accommodation is provided on the basis of assessed need for emergency shelter. A waiting list for access to emergency accommodation is not maintained.

On average there are two to three children per family in emergency accommodation.

If a family with children present as homeless and there is no emergency accommodation available for them what if any duty of care do the council have with regard to the children?

In relation to the duty of care specifically re: homeless children, the Child Care Act 1991 refers this duty to the HSE, or Health Board as it was at the time.

Note section 5 of said act: 5.—Where it appears to a health board that a child in its area is homeless, the board shall enquire into the child's circumstances, and if the board is satisfied that there is no accommodation available to him which he can reasonably occupy, then, unless the child is received into the care of the board under the provisions of this Act, the board shall take such steps as are reasonable to make available suitable accommodation for him.

The local authorities are placing homeless adults that present with children into emergency accommodation under sections 2/10 of the Housing Act 1988. This emergency shelter response is invoked to ensure that families with dependent children are not forced to sleep rough.

What is the average length of time a family are on the waiting list for emergency accommodation (I am dealing with families who are 2 months on the waiting list for emergency accommodation)?

PASS does not record waiting lists so cannot determine these figures.

How many people are now on the homeless list and how many of them are children?

The report to the DECLG on the "Breakdown of Emergency Accommodation Usage between March 23rd and March 29th 2015 in the Dublin Region" provides the following detail:

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Total number of adult individuals using Emergency Accommodation during the week March 23rd and March 29th 2015: 2,059

Of these, 571 adults (411 families) had dependent children with them.

There were 911 dependent children accessing emergency accommodation during the week of March 23rd and March 29th 2015.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this Councillor with the following information:

- What exactly the Liffey Siphons Refurbishment Plan entails?
- When will it commence?
- When will it finish?
- For what purpose does Fingal County Council or any contractor acting on their behalf on this project, need to use the area known as the "the Pitch" in Bulfin Estate?
- How long to they intend to use the Pitch for?
- What machinery or materials will they be placing on the pitch?
- How do they intend to secure this space?
- What will be the impact of this project and works associated with it on the Bulfin community?
- What commitment have Fingal County Council given to advance the plans that DCC has given them for the refurbishment of the Pitch area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per previous correspondence from the Chief Executive, questions dealing with water supply, water quality and wastewater should not now be submitted for responses to the City Council or Area Committees. They should be referred directly to Irish Water. The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)

Web: www.water.ie

Twitter: @IrishWater

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

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.

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

Q.50 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to explain how the new printing arrangements for Councillors fits with the decision taken at the Protocol meeting where the limits were agreed as no agreement was made on excess of 2,000 copies being sent to the Civic Offices for printing. To further ask the Chief Executive what is the current status of the tendering for the copying contract and if as suggested by this councillor the manager has considered Riso printing as a far cheaper option for multiple copies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the Protocol Committee meeting on 26th February 2015 a report was circulated to Members outlining the excessive use of the City Hall printers which had resulted in

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significant financial charges, increased downtime for maintenance and the lack of availability of the machines for all Members due to large print runs by certain Councillors. The Members acknowledged that it was necessary to impose a limit on the use of the printers so as to prevent their misuse and recommended a limit of 5,000 copies per councillor per month.

In order to ensure that the facilities in City Hall are available to all Councillors and that the machines are not operated beyond their capacity, the limit of 2,000 copies per month is being kept in place. Councillors who wish to print material in respect of their Councillor work beyond the 2,000 copies available to them in City Hall will be facilitated in the printing facility in the Civic Offices.

Riso printing is a subset of the digital duplicator production equipment. No tender has ever offered such a solution as part of their bids to date over many tenders. The current tender will run until July 2016. The digital duplicators are based on a stencilling approach that is designed for volume printing of a single image. This would have a limited number of uses and would not be suitable for general office printing. The costs claimed for these devices are quite similar to that charged for standard office photo copiers available to DCC under volume contracts. The digital duplicator devices are also limited to single colour or a second spot colour. They are most suitable for monochrome fliers or handouts of around 5,000 copies but if substantial volumes are needed then an offset printer is the most economical. Offset printing can be arranged under the print management contract. The central print room operated by IBS for DCC have the freedom to operate any technology that they wish but do not currently use digital duplicators due to their inflexibility. They are capable of printing large documents and large volumes.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to reinstate the Loan Share Scheme for Dublin City Council and to provide as much detail as possible as to when and how this may be introduced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Shared Ownership Scheme closed in 2010 and there are no current plans to reinstate the Scheme.

The Affordable Housing Scheme closed in late 2009, however, Dublin City Council can offer the House Purchase Loan to eligible applicants who wish to buy a home.

To be eligible for a House Purchase Loan for new and second hand homes, the applicant must be a first time buyer, be in continuous permanent employment for at least two years in the case of the primary applicant and in continuous permanent employment for one year in the case of the second applicant, earning under €50,000 as a single applicant or under €75,000 as joint applicants. All loans must be discharged by the age of 70. The maximum loan amount which may be advanced for the acquisition or construction of a house is €220,000.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following;

- How many complaints are on record for dampness and mould in the DCC housing properties?
- What are the frequency of such complaints?
- What actions have been taken by management to deal with such complaints?
- What if any future actions management propose to take in respect of such complaints?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were one thousand four hundred and ninety one repair requests logged on our Anite computer system within the past year where the tenant complains of dampness from a total Housing Stock of 25,384 units. This represents 5.9%. However it should be noted that 97% of requests in relation to dampness are identified as condensation (please see below)

In general, maintenance requests from tenants in which they refer to "dampness" or "mould growth" are responded to in the following manner:

- An inspection of the area in question by an inspector/foreman to determine if the damage is caused by a leak, flooding from above or condensation. This inspection to include a protometer (sometimes referred to as a "dampmeter") check of the area along with a measure of the ambient water vapour in the room.
- If the readings indicate dampness (water ingress through leaks, flooding, etc) then the foreman can take other standard remedial action as appropriate and arrange to repair any leak and to have the affected area remediated.
- If the readings indicate that the mould/damage is as a result of condensation then the inspector will check if there are vents already installed and if they are operating properly (i.e. not covered up or blocked in such a way as to reduce air movement and ventilation).
- If there are no vents or an extra vent is deemed necessary, then the inspector will offer the tenant the option of the installation of a passive vent in the affected wall (or nearest point to an external wall).
- The inspector will also check the condition of the windows and assess if they are in working order, capable of being opened, vents operational, etc.
- Other issues which might add to condensation (presence of washing/drying machines, etc) will also be noted.
- The inspector will also offer the tenant an info leaflet on methods of mitigating condensation and other advice.

WATER VAPOUR / CONDENSATION / MOULD GROWTH

97% of maintenance requests to Dublin City Council which refer to "dampness" are eventually identified as being due to condensation.

Condensation is excess water vapour in the air turning back to liquid water on a cold surface.

Water vapour is created by generating steam (cooking, baths, showers, drying clothes, etc) it is even exhaled by residents, for example the breath of four people will produce 2.5 litres (5 pints) of water a day.

The generation of water vapour which leads to condensation (and in some cases mould growth) is not due to the way the building is constructed but to the way the building is used.

While the minute water droplets on a wall might not be visible the mould growth which thrives on wet surfaces will. The mould will take the form of unsightly black patches and will grow as long as the wall is moist.

The best way to get rid of water vapour / condensation / mould growth is to:

- attack the source
- Turn on extractor fan when cooking.
- Keep the kitchen door closed.
- Open windows after a shower or a bath.
- Don't block the ventilators
- Ventilate the flat by opening windows for a short period in the morning especially on dry windy days.
- Spray the affected areas with a propriety mould remover (available in most stores) or a diluted bleach product.

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It is the City Council's policy not to intervene in cases of condensation – in fact it stipulates that damage to a property as a result of condensation (such as mould growth) is solely to responsibility of the tenant.

If the Councillor or any tenant wishes to identify a specific unit/address where there are concerns over dampness/condensation this will be investigated.

- Q.53 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.54 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.55 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.56 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.57 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.58 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.59 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.60 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.61 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Dublin City Council sports centre on Clogher Road will remain open, despite reports to contrary, for the current range of sporting and community activities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Inchicore Community Sports Centre and Clogher Road Community Sports Centre are the property of the CDETB. These halls are managed on behalf of the CDTEB by Dublin City Council. This agreement has been in place since 2008. The halls are dual purpose. The local CDTEB schools and colleges use the facilities during the day. In the evenings and weekends the centres facilities are used by a variety of groups and clubs. This includes programmes run by Dublin City Council Sports Development Officers. The halls are open seven days a week. The CDETB have use of the halls during schooltime and the local community and groups have use of the halls outside schooltimes and at the weekend. Funding for the centres is made up of a grant from Pobal through its CSP scheme which is currently to be terminated on 1st July 2015 and funding / staff through Dublin City Council and the CDETB. The CDTEB are currently appealing the decision to withdraw the grant from Pobal. Officials from DCC and the CDETB are in discussion with officials from the Department and Pobal to address issues in relation to the grant application. It is hoped that these issues will be addressed satisfactorily and that the grant will be reinstated.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the amount included in Dublin City Council budget 2015 for commercial rates from Irish Water and to indicate the amount now expected and to make a statement on any changes evident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2015 Budget provides for rates income of €17.5m in respect of commercial rates on the water & drainage network. A letter dated 26th February 2015 was issued to the DoECLG seeking payment. To date no monies have been received.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please indicate to me the level of rent arrears in the Dublin City Area, percentage of tenants in arrears, percentage paying off arrears and percentage making no effort to pay? Is it possible to provide details if the arrears built up from failure to supply details of household income or just no payment of any rent over the years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report will issue directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please indicate if it is possible to seek, from the owners of the Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot Shopping Centre, some responsibility for the maintenance, both cleansing and surface of their car park? The current situation is that the area is never cleaned and the area is peppered with large pot holes causing a lot of problems for the elderly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Le Fanu Shopping Centre is not in the charge of the City Council. The maintenance and upkeep of the area including the car park is the responsibility of the management company. We will contact the company with a request that the cleansing regime be improved and that any necessary re-surfacing of the car park be undertaken.

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Q.65 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive ensure that Eircom be held responsible for the poor state of telephone boxes in the city area many of which are never cleaned, have missing glass, are full of graffiti? In addition advertising has now become a feature of the same telephone boxes, so can the Chief Executive indicate if Eircom pay commercial rates on the phone boxes because of this revenue and have they planning permission to advertise on the same phone boxes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Phone boxes are subject to rates and are included in the global valuation for Eircom. Eircom have a network of payphones throughout the country and have a universal service obligation to provide this public payphone service. Eircom are responsible for the maintenance of this infrastructure. Advertising is not authorised on public payphone kiosks and Eircom have been made aware of this by Planning Enforcement. However, Eircom are in the process of removing units that are not required to provide the necessary level of service or where removal is requested by An Garda Síochána or Dublin City Council on foot of anti-social behaviour. The Councillor's requests will be referred to Eircom for action.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please give me a full report on **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 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.68 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.69 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.70 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.71 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding waste management disposal charges or fees that are charged to casual trader licence holders throughout the Dublin City Council area? Also what are the fees that are incurred by individual stall holders/casual traders? How much Dublin City Council has received from casual traders with regards fees for waste disposal? What pitches are these fees relating to

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– what streets, and what pitches? And whether these fees are statutory as per the Casual Trading Act and the granting of licence?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The casual trading fees are only in respect of licences for the pitches and do not include any payment for business waste disposal. Casual Trading permit holders do not pay Dublin City Council for the disposal of the waste associated with their pitches. Waste Management Services provide euro bins for waste in Moore Street in an effort to facilitate what is a high waste generating operation. Various initiatives have been introduced over the years to deal with what is a very difficult situation where large amounts of waste are generated by the traders and the cost of its removal falls on Dublin City Council. Waste Management Services also clean up after all the various street trading pitches throughout the city as part of our regular street cleaning schedules.

The current policy does not accord with the 'polluter pays' principle as it does not provide any incentive to casual traders to minimise the waste they generate and to manage their waste responsibly. It is proposed to review the current policy in conjunction with the Casual Trading Division and representative groups with a view to strict enforcement of the conditions of the casual trading permits.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the provision of free school dinners? This report to include all schools and educational facilities where the free service is provided, financial breakdown of the cost, the type of menu and foodstuffs that are available, and whether these foodstuffs constitute balanced diet and healthy eating.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

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

Monday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese Sandwich - Mandarin
Tuesday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Chicken Sandwich – Apple
Wednesday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Corned Beef Sandwich - Banana
Thursday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese Sandwich
Friday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Ham Sandwich - Apple

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

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

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

Sandwiches

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

Fresh Fruit

Minimum Requirements.

All fruit shall be:

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

Specification & Quality Requirements

Banana Specification

Colour:

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

Appearance

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

Texture

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

Length: range: 140mm – 220mm

Apple Specification

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

Orange Easy Peeler Specification

- **Fruit type:** Satsuma or Clementine. Fruit must be seedless & easy peel.
- **Colour:** Full yellow to orange colour

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- **Size:** Calibre 3: 55 – 60mm
- **Quality:** Eating quality
- **Brix:** 8% minimum

Milk

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

Soup

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

Q.73 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the intended future of the Garda Station at Kevin Street? This building and entire site is a listed national heritage site of great significance (The Palace of St. Sepulchre) and its future needs to be considered going forward as that station is to become vacant when the new divisional headquarters, which is being built next door on Bride Street, comes on stream. Also can the Chief Executive include in the report what meetings have taken place with other stakeholders OPW, Civic Trust, DCC Conservation and DCC Arts Dept, etc. and give details?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This property is under the control and ownership of the Office of Public works (OPW) on behalf of the State. The building dates back to the 13th century (Archbishop of Dublin) and it has been occupied by the Police/Gardaí since the early 19th century.

On the basis that this very important structure and site will become vacant when the new Garda Station at Kevin Street is constructed and open the OPW has begun a consultation process on the future sustainable use of the property which is known as 'The Palace of St. Sepulchre'.

The first meeting arranged by the OPW as part of this consultation was held in Dublin Castle on Friday 20th March. Brendan Kenny Assistant Chief Executive was invited to the meeting and he attended. Other attendees included representatives from the

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Civic Trust, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fáilte Ireland, Gardaí Síochána, An Taisce, Department of Arts and Heritage, The Iveagh Trust and others. The purpose of the meeting was simply to encourage ideas for the future use of St. Sepulchre and certainly the OPW has a very open mind on the issue. The meeting in question included only some of the stakeholders and there will be further consultation arranged. In the meantime the OPW would welcome written submissions of ideas from all interested parties including Councillors.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report as to how much the estate agents Savills and other estate agents have been paid in the past year for the sale and letting of Dublin City Council property? This report also to include the procurement and tendering process, if any, for the engagement of estate agency firms by DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the past year (1st March 2014 to 28th February 2015) Disposals Section, sold 2 properties through Estate Agents.

1. St. James Terrace, 20-20a, Dublin 8, through Ken Kilbride Auctioneers Ltd. for a fee of €2,091.00 being 1% of sale price of property €155,000 plus marketing budget of €184.50
2. Knockfield Manor number 25, Knocklyon, Dublin 24 through Lisney Chartered Surveyors for a fee of €5,940.90 being 1% of sale price of property €405,000 plus agreed Marketing Budget of €959.40.

In both cases the lowest tenderer was selected to sell the property.
Selection Process:

1. Chief Valuer recommends 3-5 Agents that he considers suitable to handle the marketing of a specific property.
2. Disposals Section seeks Fee Proposal Submissions from recommended agents.
3. All Fee Proposal Submissions are assessed under the criteria – Price, Experience/track record.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information (with relation to housing maintenance) in tabular form for the years 2007-2015.

- (a) Total number of Housing Maintenance Staff with a breakdown of different areas contained within.
- (b) Total number of Housing Maintenance staff per Local Electoral Area and number based centrally in Civic Offices.
- (c) Total number of calls to housing maintenance.
- (d) Total number of DCC housing units in each electoral area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) to (c) inclusive. A report will be forwarded to the Councillor within the next three weeks.

- (d) The number of live DCC tenancies in each area is as follows:
- Central – 3,887
 - North Central – 3,463
 - North West – 5,815
 - South Central – 7,090
 - South East – 3,435

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Q.76 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the arrangement Dublin City Council has with Irish Water to provide an out of hours service to citizens. I dealt with a case recently where Irish Water referred me to DCC who told me that all they would do is email Irish Water in the morning. What kind of service is this to provide to citizens?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water (IW) took over responsibility for customer service in the area of domestic water services from Local Authorities from April 2014. However, as with all aspects of water services, IW and the 31 Local Authorities are in a period of transition and there is, of necessity, some variation across the country, based on the existing out of hours arrangement in the particular Local Authority.

The IW position, as set out in their Customer Charter (available on the IW website), is that IW Customers should ring LoCall 1890 278 278 or +353 707 2828 for Emergency Queries (including faults and interruptions to supply). This number is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

However, IW still relies on the Local Authority, under the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with that Local Authority, to respond to such calls. If the IW call centre considers that an out of hours call requires an immediate response, the IW Call centre will contact the DCC out of hours number. It is also open to IW customers to contact the DCC out of hours number directly and DCC's own website indicates that "To report an issue between the hours of 6pm and 8am Monday to Friday or at weekends, please continue to contact Dublin City Council on 01 6796186."

In accordance with the SLA, DCC Water Services will respond to such calls using the existing on call service, whether received through IW's call centre or through DCC's own out of hours number, in the normal manner.

However, if a call, received out of hours, is not considered by IW or by DCC to require an immediate out of hours response, such a call will be forwarded to Irish Water's workflow team on the next working day. All works arising from customer calls are routed through this workflow team in order to ensure effective and consistent workflow management. For any further information on IW's customer care policies and procedures please contact Irish Water Head of Customer Care at IW's offices at Colville House, Talbot St. Dublin 1.

Q.77 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the gap in railings at **(details supplied)** to be removed and for the steps to be removed also. The other similar pedestrian entrances in the estate have been removed and consist only of railings with no gap for access.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In late 2001, as part of the Finglas South Action Plan, railings were fitted at this location. Residents at the time requested that a pedestrian gap be left in the railings as it was a short cut to the bus stop and shops.

In order to close this gap a request would have to come from the majority of residents and a procedure to close the public right of way would have to be initiated. Similar railings were fitted at 7 other locations in **(details supplied)** and a pedestrian gap was left in 5 of these railings.

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Q.78 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN
To ask the Chief Executive to provide (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN
To ask the Chief Executive to provide (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

Dublin City Council is seeking feedback on its (not Councillors') plans to provide an off-road cycle route along the River Liffey and has put information and an on-line survey on its website. However, the website states that "the Council will use this feedback to select a preferred route option". The clear inference from this statement is that an off-road cycle route along the Liffey will be put in place no matter what the survey results indicate. Yet Question 1 of the on-line survey is as follows:

Do you support the overall concept of a cycle track on the quays?

- Yes
- Partially
- Not sure
- NO

My question to the Chief Executive is as follows: Given the direct written indication that DCC will use the feedback to select a preferred route option, would he agree that there is an inherent bias in the wording of the proposal and that question 1 of the survey, in which a non support option is given, is therefore redundant as it is clear that the overall questionnaire and thrust of the information is inherently bias towards acceptance of one of the proposals. Furthermore, will the Chief Executive agree to change the wording on the website to remove this blatant bias?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The plan for a Liffey cycle route has been adopted by the City Council as part of the current City Development Plan. Figure 6, page 57, includes it in the Dublin City Green Cycle Network.

There are 4 options on display at present, one of which is an on-road but segregated facility. Question 1 allows for a diverging opinion in a non-statutory consultation. The preferred option will be subject to further extensive consultation.

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Q.83 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that Dublin City Council will continue to be fully involved in emergency ambulance service delivery and to further detail how the proposed reconfiguration will be monitored by DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is and will continue to provide an emergency ambulance service.

The proposal made by the HSE, agreed in principle by Dublin City Council, is under consideration by a joint DCC/HSE group and a separate Dublin City Council management group.

This consideration has recently commenced and its outcome will be advised to the Elected Members.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the recent reports that Dublin City Council were considering purchasing Dalymount Park, selling Tolka Park and leasing Dalymount Park to both Bohemians F.C. and Shelbourne F.C.:

- a. Can the Chief Executive detail the proposal and give an update on the current status of this proposal?
- b. What are the amounts involved and has DCC provision in its capital budget for such a transaction/purchase?
- c. What discussions have taken place with officials of both clubs in relation to the proposal?
- d. Has a full cost benefit analysis been carried out in relation to any proposed purchase/sale?
- e. Have the current finances of both clubs been considered and will residual debt be left with either club if the proposal is completed?
- f. How would a proposed purchase of Dalymount Park be affected or fit in with the proposed Phibsborough Centre Architectural Conservation Area Plan?
- g. What is the current ownership structure of both grounds?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is important, in the first instance to state that no agreement has been finalised on this issue and there are a number of significant obstacles to overcome before such an agreement could be finalised.

City Council officials (Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive) were approached some time ago by representatives from both Bohemians and Shelbourne Football Club.

Both clubs have a long history in Dublin City and they outlined clearly the precarious financial situation they were in and the deteriorating state of their stadia and playing areas. Indeed without some intervention both clubs could become extinct with Dalymount Park being developed and Tolka Park becoming a derelict site.

Following a significant period of tentative discussions with both clubs, the FAI and other interested parties, the following tentative proposal was put forward:

- That Dublin City Council would purchase Dalymount Park (owned by club members) and preserve it for football and facilitate both clubs to have their base and home ground there.

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- That such a transaction would be clearly contingent on Dublin City Council getting a surrender of the current lease on Tolka Park (currently the lease is assigned to a private developer) allowing Dublin City Council the opportunity to redevelop the site and in time recouping the full outlay incurred on the purchase of Dalymount.

While a purchase price (without prejudice/subject to contract) of €3.450 million has been agreed with Bohemians F.C. for the purchase of Dalymount Park Dublin City Council would require getting the property totally free from all encumbrances charges, debts etc. and there are some issues around this that the club must resolve before we could finalise the deal.

Secondly it has not been possible yet to get agreement on the surrender of the lease on Tolka Park (Dublin City Council is the landlord of the property but there is another 40 years left on the lease).

A final agreement on this issue is totally dependent on all of these issues being fully resolved.

Dublin City Council is not in a position or willing to consider dealing with debts incurred by both clubs over recent years.

Both clubs have been involved in the discussions and the proposal was progressed on the basis that both clubs were agreeable to ground sharing at Dalymount and that Tolka Park would be vacated.

The current Local Area Plan for Phibsboro/Mountjoy shows the Dalymount Park property being developed, however if Dublin City Council were successful in the acquisition then the Local Area Plan (currently under review) could be varied by approval of City Councillors.

Discussions are ongoing with both clubs (Board Directors) and other key stakeholders.

Keypoints:

- Dalymount Park is owned by Bohemians club members.
- Tolka Park is owned by DCC but it has been on a long leased out since 1967.
- Any outlay on Dalymount Park by DCC will be recouped from the future development of Tolka Park.
- The purchase of Dalymount by DCC will not proceed unless DCC retrieves the property at Tolka Park.

There are of course a number of reasonable arguments that could be made as to why Dublin City Council should not proceed with such a proposal or why Dublin City Council should not be involved at all.

The reason behind our involvement is an attempt to ensure the survival of two very historical football clubs/institutions in Dublin City.

The grounds at Dalymount are not within the ACA boundary.

The Council's Property Management Section can confirm that the property known as Tolka Park (i.e. the premises Nos. 70 to 110 Richmond Road including the house

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known as “Annsbrook”) is owned by Dublin City Council whose title is derived from City Estate. By way of an Indenture of Lease dated 28th July 1967 the property was demised by Dublin City Council to Drumcondra Football Club (1963) Limited for a period of 99 years from 25th March 1963 and subject to a rent of £1,100 sterling.

Please note that there is a further lease concerning this property (described as a plot of land to the rear of 64 Richmond Road) which is an Indenture of Lease dated 1st June 1995 and made between Dublin City Council and Donnelly Fruit & Veg Limited for a term of 77.5 years from 25th September 1991 in consideration of the payment of IR£15,000 and subject to an annual rent of IR£1.00.

The Council understands that both leases are currently held by a company called Lyttleton Enterprises Limited.

Q.85 **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that Dublin City Council will acquire 591 houses through the National Assets Management Agency (NAMA) or developers as part of its plan to provide 2,697 homes in the city in the next two years and to ask for details on the progress such negotiations and to indicate the planned roll-out of these units on a quarterly basis from April 2015 to December 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council's proposed Housing Programme for 2015 – 2017 which was brought to the Strategic Policy Committee on 23rd February 2015 contained a summary of the anticipated social housing supply in the period 2015 – 2017. It is anticipated that acquisitions in the period will be 591.

Of the 591 it is anticipated that 236 will be provided directly by the Council as follows:

Part V acquisitions at Northbank	24
Part V acquisitions at Alexandra Quay	2
Once off (Buy Backs) acquisitions 2015	90
Once off (Buy Backs) acquisitions 2016	60
Once off (Buy Backs) acquisitions 2017	60
Total	236

Additional units will be acquired through the Voluntary Housing Associations as follows:

Capital Acquisitions:

Catherines Gate	22
Peter McVerry Trust	5
Anticipated units 2016	27
Anticipated units 2017	27
Total	81

Current (Leasing) Acquisitions:

Castleforbes Square	21
Belmayne	44 (NAMA)
Rathbourne	36 (NAMA)
Calderwood	13 (NAMA)
Elm Park	8 (NAMA)
Misc Acquisitions by various AHB	52
Estimated Acquisitions by AHB 2016	50
Estimated Acquisitions by AHB 2017	50
Total	274

Overall total **591**

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Q.86 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the manager for a report on the levels of street cleaning in the days around the St. Patrick's Festival as the resources were not sufficient for the job during an important week for tourism in the city, and the litter was particularly noticeable on and around Camden Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The St. Patrick's Festival and particularly St.Patrick's Day is the busiest time of the year for the Waste Management Division. We had increased resources with a variety of plant deployed in the city centre for the festival. This is the first time that a litter problem with Camden Street has been brought to my attention and we will examine the matter in conjunction with our cleansing staff for the area.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Manager for an update on the review of speed limits in residential areas in light of the publication of 'Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits' by the Department of Transport.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the coming months, Dublin City Council will be reviewing the 'Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits' as published by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on 19th March, 2015. On completion of the draft policy, a report will be submitted to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if a report on the amount of revenue Dublin City Council has received in Planning fees for the first three months of 2015 can be compiled for this Councillor and for the report to compare the amount in planning fees received at the same time (first quarter of the year) for the previous 3 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

<i>Planning Application Fee's</i>	<i>2015 Qtr 1</i>	<i>2014 Qtr 1</i>	<i>2013 Qtr 1</i>	<i>2012 Qtr 1</i>
Total Planning Application Fee's	€376,183.43	€129,514.34	€197,576.47	€153,428.65

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Q.92 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to identify ways in which the scheme of lettings can be more proactive and work better, paying particular attention to downsizing for senior citizens. The scheme is quite strict and I just feel we need to identify ways where we look at all the options and all the outcomes to see if we would indeed be best placed to allow some of these request to go through.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council facilitates tenants in transferring to smaller properties through the 'surrendering' larger category in the Allocations Scheme where possible. This allows tenants to transfer into smaller accommodation which may be more manageable or more suitable to their needs. I attach a table below listing the number of tenants who availed of this option over the last seven years.

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
37	46	40	42	35	33	65

However, not all tenants wish to avail of the Scheme and tenants are not obliged to move into smaller accommodation or older person's accommodation after their families have grown up and left the family home. When tenants do move into smaller accommodation, more family type housing certainly becomes available. However, there does not appear to be a widespread interest from tenants in such an option.

The table below indicates the number of applicants by housing area who are currently listed on the transfer lists with an interest in transferring to smaller accommodation. However, I wish to advise you that many of these applicants have indeed already been made offers of a transfer but chose not to accept these offers. In some instances, they are very specific about the area or in some cases the particular complex they only wish to consider. On some occasions, when the tenant is actually made an offer, they realise that they do not wish to leave the dwelling that may have been their home for many years. Nevertheless, the City Council will continue to consider transfer requests from tenants who wish to downsize wherever possible.

B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Total
12	8	19	10	19	8	16	7	3	5	107

Occasionally, some tenants do wish to be considered for transfers from three bed houses to two bed houses. However, it would not be possible to consider providing such applicants with two bed accommodation on a permanent basis when they have no housing need for these units. While it is accepted that grandchildren may stay over occasionally, it would be an under utilisation of the housing stock and much to the detriment of housing applicants with children who have a much higher need for permanent housing. These details are explained to such tenants and they are advised that a transfer to older person's accommodation can be facilitated more expediently.

Q.93 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to identify if both Drumalee Estate and Montpelier Park/Gardens, Dublin 7 would be suitable for a playground facility? Both areas have high numbers of young children and no playground facilities for them. In this day and age we need to be encouraging our children to go out and play instead of being cooped up all day on mobile devices, etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The suitability of available sites is being examined and the Councillor will be notified of the outcome in due course.

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Q.94 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON

To ask the Chief Executive to why the main housing deciding officer in Dublin City Council does not meet with Councillors to discuss people on the housing list? When I dropped in to speak with official regarding housing allocations, I was told she does not meet with Councillors.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Allocations Section provides a comprehensive Housing Advisory Service to members of the public regarding their housing circumstances. The Service operates Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm in the Civic Offices, Fishamble St.

There is also a facility whereby City Councillors can accompany housing applicants to the Allocations Section and speak with a Housing Advisor in designated meeting rooms when required. Many Councillors avail of this facility and generally provide prior details of the housing applicant accompanying them to ensure a more expedient service although prior notice is not essential.

The Allocations Officer is contactable by the elected Members of the Council on behalf of their constituents through various communication methods including telephone, email and general correspondence. The Allocations Officer is also happy to meet with the City Councillors to discuss housing cases if requested, and an appointment may be arranged by contacting the officer or her staff .

Q.95 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON

To ask the Chief Executive if anything has been implemented regarding my motion that was passed by City Council last year?

"That this council open a register requiring the owners of properties that have been unused/empty for a period of more than six months to register their intentions for use within three months of registration date. Where these properties remain idle, this council by the powers granted to it under section 213 (2) (A) of the Planning and Development Act (2000) will immediately requisition these properties for immediate use as emergency housing"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive clarified, at the Special Council Meeting on the 10th November 2014, the legal position in relation to implementing this motion. He informed the City Council that he does not have the power to set up a register as requested nor to compulsorily acquire properties in the manner outlined in the motion.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the damage done to a house at **(details supplied)** in the south inner city area by a contractor of Irish Water during excavating of a pathway to find an ongoing water leak at adjacent house No 35. As a result of this work the front door at **(details supplied)** will no longer lock leaving this home in danger of a break in.

Can he examine this site to establish if there is any structural damage resulting from this work? This problem has been raised with Irish Water and their contractor with no results so far. (Please see photos attached)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, Water Services carried out an excavation at No. 35 in order to identify a potential leak at the premises. A leak was repaired on a fitting at the boundary box. At the time DCC did this work there was no indication of damage caused to the structure of **(details supplied)** next door.

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Irish Water would also have excavated at this location previously to fit new meter boxes. The issues in **(details supplied)** were inspected at a later date and our Area Engineer advised the owner to get an independent structural survey and also to report the damage to our Central Claims Section (which I note has been done) who will assess any structural damage that might have been caused.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

There have been a number of recent reports ranking Dublin on quality of life indicators such as Mercer's quality of life survey and the Economist liveability index. Can the Chief Executive give the Council a report on how Dublin is doing according to these reports? What are our strengths and weaknesses and what are our opportunities to improve? In the Mercer's survey Dublin is ranked 34 in 2015, what would we need to do to get into the top 25?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While liveability and quality of living rankings are useful to monitor and track it is clear that they are extremely subjective and cater for a very specific purpose. For example the Mercer (quality of living index) and Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) liveability index are used by HR departments to calculate repatriation costs when relocating executives from one country to another. Mercer's assessment of quality of living is made on 39 quality of living factors grouped into ten categories. These factors were carefully selected to represent the criteria by which most international executives felt the standards of quality of living should be compared.

The EIU liveability rating quantifies the challenges that might be presented to an individual's lifestyle in any given location, and allows for direct comparison between locations. Every city is assigned a rating of relative comfort for over 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories: stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education; and infrastructure. Each factor in a city is rated as acceptable, tolerable, uncomfortable, undesirable or intolerable. Dublin was ranked 46th out of 140 cities in the August 2014 ranking.

The latest Mercer Quality of Living ranking places Dublin at 34th position (a decline from 25th in 2010) Dublin had the highest ranking city across the UK and Ireland. Overall, European cities dominate the top of the ranking along with major cities in Australia and New Zealand. Zurich, Auckland, and Munich are in second, third, and fourth places respectively.

Commenting on the 2015 quality of living survey results, Noel O'Connor, Consultant at Mercer Ireland said, "Dublin enjoys high standards of quality of living and remains an attractive location for business. Some of the factors placing Dublin in the top 50 for quality of living worldwide include an excellent choice of consumer goods, lower levels of air pollution and the socio-cultural environment."

There is no shortage of city quality of living rankings all developed for a specific purposes or representing a particular commercial interest. A report by Jones La Salle in 2014 entitled: "The Business of Cities 2013 - What do 150 city indexes and benchmarking studies tell us about the urban world in 2013?" discusses these various rankings in detail. <http://www.jll.com/research/jll-city-indices-november-2013.pdf>

Another useful report includes the 'UN state of the cities' where Dublin ranks an impressive 4th.

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<http://mirror.unhabitat.org/pmss/listItemDetails.aspx?publicationID=3387&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Recognising the need to better measure quality of living in cities there are a number of new initiatives underway including a recent development from the World Council on City Data (WCCD) who has pioneered the first international standard for sustainable cities, ISO 37120: Sustainable development of communities — Indicators for city services and quality of life. The WCCD and ISO 37120 were created by cities, for cities. For the first time ever, urban policymakers will have objective, verified measures to compare their services and performance levels with other cities around the world. It also gives citizens, businesses and civic organizations a new tool for holding local leaders accountable. This is a standard that the city council is hoping to participate in.

Engagement with residents is another way to measure perceptions on quality of living in cities. It is important to fuse the qualitative and the quantitative data to better understand the reality on the ground. This has been developed with 'your Dublin your voice' opinion panel (with over 4,000 members) and has gathered important information from residents on quality of living issues that are important to them. <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-press-and-news-dublin-city-councils-recent-press-packs/your-dublin-your-voice>

Other city council initiatives worth highlighting include the publishing of sustainability reporting on an annual basis – (<http://www.siliconrepublic.com/clean-tech/item/31184-dublin-city-council-launches>) and also the publication of a quarterly economic monitor for Dublin due to be published the end of April 2015.

Overview of the leading quality of living / liveability reports:

Mercer Quality of Living (Report available on request)

In 2010 Dublin City Council commissioned Mercer to undertake an assessment of their quality of living ranking to better understand Dublin's position in relation other cities (8 in total) that have a higher ranking in the Mercer's Quality of Living Index. Based on these findings Mercer identified address strengths and weaknesses, and provided recommendations to Dublin City Council for future development and improvement. The report compiled by Mercer presents the overall findings on various quality-of-living factors in these 8 cities. (A full copy of this report is available on request)

While the Mercer Quality of Living ranking is one of the most widely cited globally it is important to understand its limitations. It is essentially an index that is used by HR departments to calculate repatriation costs when relocating executives from one country to another.

EIU liveability ranking (Report available on request)

Every city is assigned a rating of relative comfort for over 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories: stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education; and infrastructure. Each factor in a city is rated as acceptable, tolerable, uncomfortable, undesirable or intolerable. For qualitative indicators, a rating is awarded based on the judgment of in-house analysts and in-city contributors. For quantitative indicators, a rating is calculated based on the relative performance of a number of external data points. The scores are then compiled and weighted to provide a score of 1–100, where 1 is considered intolerable and 100 is

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considered ideal. The liveability rating is provided both as an overall score and as a score for each category. To provide points of reference, the score is also given for each category relative to New York and an overall position in the ranking of 140 cities is provided.

Companies pay a premium (usually a percentage of a salary) to employees who move to cities where living conditions are particularly difficult, and there is excessive physical hardship or a notably unhealthy environment. The Economist Intelligence Unit gives a suggested allowance to correspond with the rating.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

A vibrant cultural and artistic life is vital for the quality of life in Dublin, but many artists, actors, performers and comedians find it difficult to get a mortgage because of the uncertain nature of their work. Even those that earn a good living often can't secure a mortgage. Does the Chief Executive have a plan or will the Chief Executive develop a plan to provide suitable support for artists' accommodation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is entirely the case that working as an artist where income may be low and or intermittent presents challenges to securing mortgages or other finance. However it is not possible for Dublin City Council to discriminate in the area of housing in favour of any particular group.

However the City Arts Office has been studying the possibility of artists forming housing associations or becoming part of existing housing co-ops and a report on this matter will be available shortly.

The current City Development Plan contains a section on "Fostering Dublin's Character & Culture" which states as follows:

FC07 To encourage and facilitate the provision of affordable live-work units and studios / workspaces for artists as part of larger mixed-use developments.

FC08 To support and facilitate the change of use of vacant commercial units to publicly accessible cultural work spaces, performance venues, art galleries etc. on a temporary basis through the development management process.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive develop and implement a plan to improve the pedestrian experience on Parnell Square, in particular Parnell Square West? The current pavement is inadequate for the volume of pedestrians using the street.

This pavement is the site of ten bus stops serving 22 routes. It is opened onto by various businesses and is close to schools, shops and all other city centre enterprises which attract a very large number of people. It is impossible to either queue for a bus or pass by on this pavement; it is both dysfunctional and possibly dangerous. The footpath is a 19th century creation, broken and completely unsuited for current need. The road carriageway needs to be narrowed and footpaths significantly widened on both sides of this street. One possible solution is to abandon the car parking on the Rotunda side and significantly widen this pavement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above matter will be referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for initial assessment and report. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

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Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive review the traffic lights at Doyle's Corner to make them more pedestrian friendly, especially outside peak traffic hours?

At this junction the pedestrian traffic lights should allow pedestrians to cross in any direction as recommended by the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. And all pedestrian guard rails should also be removed, which is also recommended in the same publication. Our transport hierarchy indicates that pedestrians should be priority above all other modes of transport, but at this busy junction the pedestrians certainly aren't priority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request will be referred to the Area Traffic Engineer for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

That the Chief Executive arranges for the inspection of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection of the area during wet weather conditions in order to determine the extent of the pooling and the cause of the pooling. A solution to the problem will be developed thereafter.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

That the Chief Executive orders an investigation into **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

That the Chief Executive orders the Planning Department to carry out a detailed review/investigation into **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on vacant housing stock in its ownership, including how many units owned by Dublin City Council are vacant, the addresses of vacant units, the % vacancy in each estate owned/managed by the Council, and the various reasons for vacancy?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were just over 350 units void citywide at the end of March with an additional 150 zero bed units also vacant. These figures however change on a weekly if not daily basis. Refurbishment works are ongoing in 325 of these units whilst works are expected to begin in the majority of the others over the next 3 to 6 months. Reasons for vacancy include residents moved to long term care, eviction, tenancy surrender, tenant deceased, nomination to tenancy association, abandonment..

There are a further 250 units which cannot be re-tenanted in the short term as there are planned works scheduled. These include zero bed units that are programmed to be converted into one bed units and units vacant to allow de-tenanting. In a similar way there are 238 units identified for AHBs who are seeking funding to progress schemes. Finally there are 570 units that are identified for demolition.

For security reasons it is the policy of Housing Maintenance not to issue lists/addresses of vacant dwellings.

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Q.105 **COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide a report on the planned regeneration of O'Devaney Gardens, including the rationale for use of lands on Infirmary Road for the purposes of rehousing existing tenants in O'Devaney Gardens given the existing empty land available on the O'Devaney Gardens site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council remains committed to the implementation of the agreed Masterplan for O'Devaney Gardens. The Housing Supply Programme for 2015-2020 includes a proposal to develop part of the Infirmary Road site acquired for housing from the Office of Public Works. It is estimated that the part of the site that fronts onto Montpelier Hill (circa 1/3rd of the overall site) would provide approximately 30 housing units.

It is likely that this housing would be attractive to residents of the remaining O'Devaney flat blocks. The proposal to develop housing on this site is not in lieu of developing housing on the lands at O'Devaney. However, the O'Devaney Gardens lands require a mixed used mixed tenure development which can only be delivered in partnership with private investors. The Infirmary proposal is seen as a social housing only development which would be funded by the Exchequer.

Q.106 **COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN**

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.107 **COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN**

To ask the Chief Executive the estimated number of water mains leaks which have occurred since Irish Water commenced meter installation, compared with the same period last year, and the extent to which Dublin City Council has continued to incur a cost in supporting Irish Water to respond to these leaks?

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

Twitter: [@IrishWater](https://twitter.com/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.

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

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Q.108 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the number of void/disused local authority properties returned to the housing stock for use in 2014 and 2015 to date, and the number projected to be returned to the stock for the remainder of 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were 1039 properties returned to housing stock and let in 2014. To date in 2015, 327 units citywide have been turned around. It is anticipated that a combination of the remaining void stock (293 units) zero beds two into ones (100) and newly voided stock between now and years end (135) will bring a further 528 units back into housing stock. This figure does not include an undetermined number of new acquisitions which will also be included in the final number of voids.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the progress of the twinning of Dublin with Gaza City, which was referred to the Protocol Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At a Special Meeting of City Council on 20th September 2010, the following motion from Lord Mayor, Councillor Gerry Breen was considered:

“That Dublin City Council examine the possibility of twinning with Gaza City.”

The Council agreed to refer the motion to the Protocol Committee for further consideration. The matter was listed as an agenda item for discussion by the Committee for its meeting on 30th September 2010. The following report was circulated to the Protocol Members to assist them in making a recommendation.

Item 158 – Report to Protocol Agenda – Sept 2010:

Section 75 of the Local Government Act 2001 states as follows in relation to the Twinning of local authority areas:

75.—(1) A local authority may enter into arrangements for the twinning of its administrative area or a part of it or establish other similar links with any other area, whether within or outside the State.

(2) The decision to enter into an arrangement under *subsection (1)* is a reserved function.

(3) A local authority shall not enter into an arrangement under *subsection (1)* unless, having had regard to the following matters, it is satisfied that the arrangement is justified:

- (a) the benefits likely to accrue to its administrative area and the local community,
- (b) the social, cultural and general interests of its administrative area and the local community, and
- (c) the total cost involved.

An International Policy was adopted by the City Council in 2008 and I set out below the part relating to Twinning.

Twinning involves a formal commitment by both cities to each other. It should be accompanied by a formal contract of activity covering a period of five years and renewable. The twinning commitment is the highest level of bi-lateral commitment between cities. It requires formal agreement through the Protocol Committee for recommendation to the City Council.

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If it is recommended that twinning be made on behalf of the city, it should involve the negotiation of a twinning agreement that promotes linkages and practical projects not just between the respective city administrations but also between business, education, communities and others.

Recommendations on future twinning will be based upon:

- Twinning agreements that are time defined for a period of five years (renewable)
- Each twinning shall have a definite and concrete annual programme of work, which will involve key stakeholders in the city such as business, education, communities and city government itself.

In some instances a Letter of Friendship or of solidarity might be more appropriate rather than a formal Twinning Relationship. To date Dublin has only twinned with three cities, San Jose, Liverpool and Barcelona. Generally consideration to a Twinning request is made following receipt of a formal letter from the Mayor of the city/area requesting the Twinning.

N. B. Twinning will be decided by Protocol Committee in the first instance and recommended by Protocol for final decision to City Council.

At the meeting of the Protocol Committee on 30th September 2010, the Members agreed to defer the matter. It was relisted for consideration at the next Protocol Committee meeting held on 28th October 2010 but no decision was made at that meeting in relation to progressing the matter further. Since 2010 the issue of twinning with Gaza has not been referred to the Protocol Committee for consideration.

However, at the monthly meeting of Council held on 1st September 2014, the Members agreed that a report be sent to Councillor Greg Kelly on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 59 on the Agenda Paper "This Council asks for Dublin City Council to Twin the City of Dublin with the City of Gaza and that the Palestinian Flag should be flown over City Hall". A report was sent to the Councillor by the Executive Manager, Mr. Vincent Norton on 5th September 2014 addressing the issues raised by Councillor Kelly's motion.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out the following work as soon as possible, **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update, **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.114 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR GERG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR GERG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued directly to the Councillor.

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Q.123 COUNCILLOR GERG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR GERG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the current review of the Litter Management Plan, can the Chief Executive answer the following;

- a) How many street cleaning staff do DCC currently employ?
- b) How many Public Domain Officers and Environmental Liaison Officers are employed per area?
- c) What was the street cleaning budget for each of the last five years?
- d) What approximate tonnage of litter and waste was removed from the streets for each of the last five years?
- e) What was the budget for litter and waste removal for each of the last five years?
- f) How many litter bins are currently in place in the Dublin City Council region?
- g) How many Dog Litter bins are currently in place in the Dublin City Council region?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The number of DCC staff dedicated to street cleaning is 382.
- b) There are 5 Public Domain Enforcement Officers and 4 Environmental Liaison Officers employed at present. Following recent interviews, 1 Environmental Liaison Officer is due to be appointed in the North West Area.
- c) The budget for the Street Cleaning Services Operations for each of the last five years is as follows:
Year 2014 Budget - €24,903,702
Year 2013 Budget - €26,097,032
Year 2012 Budget - €23,253,128
Year 2011 Budget - €21,646,318
Year 2010 Budget - €22,548,570
- d) The tonnages for litter and waste removed from the street for the last 3 years are as follows:
2012 – 12,108
2013 – 17,770
2014 – 16,240
- e) See (c) above.
- f) There are approximately 3,500 litter bins in the Dublin City area.
- g) There are no specific dog litter bins in the City, dog owners can place dog foul in the normal litter bins.

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Q.126 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Chief Executive detail by site and date, the number of housing developments where a financial contribution was requested in lieu of Part V requirements in the last 8 years? Can he also detail by site and date, the number of housing developments where Part V requirements were met in this period?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the level of detail required, it will take a minimum of 2 weeks to compile the report.

Q.127 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to housing, can the Chief Executive detail the following;

- a) The number of houses purchased by DCC per area over the last five years
- b) The number of RAS units lost per year over the last five years
- c) The number of RAS units gained over the last five years

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) In the period 2010 to 2014 inclusive the Council acquired 548 social housing units, some of which are being managed on behalf of the Council by Approved Housing Bodies.
- b.) Of these 295 were one off acquisitions of houses or apartments and the remaining 253 were bulk purchases through PPP or Part V.

They are split by areas as shown below:

Area	One Off Acquisitions	Bulk Purchases	Total
Central	29	2	31
North Central	65	62	127
North West	74	30	104
South Central	112	153	265
South East	15	6	21
Total	295	253	548

Year	Units lost	New Units (including in situ)
2014	105	76
2013	101	117
2012	95	221
2011	50	171
2010	40	196

• A number of units gained would come with Rental Supplement tenant in-situ

Q.128 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Chief Executive confirm the current market value for the lands at Dunmanus Road in Cabra which are to be disposed to Cluid Housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no current valuation for this site. This site was valued in 2012 when required so that Clúid Housing Association could seek private finance from the Housing Finance Agency to develop the site. The valuation is used in assessing funding for the development of the site. It should be noted that there is a covenant on this site that restricts its use for social housing so market rates would not be applicable.

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Q.129 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether the City Council will re-install all the original granite paving around TCD / College Green area following completion of all the Luas Cross-city works?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The works on the Luas Cross City (LCC) Project are the responsibility of the Railway Procurement Agency (RPA). They sought and were granted a Railway Order in October 2012 from An Bord Pleanála. However, under this Railway Order the RPA have been conditioned in Schedule 13 and 14 to carry out a wide variety of works affecting assets of Dublin City Council; one of these assets is the heritage flags and kerbs throughout the city centre. To this end, LCC operate a separate heritage contract. The aim of this contract is to lift/sort/reinstall all of the items in question as well as statues and other heritage items. Although it will be the main contractor that reinstates all of these items, they are being stored in a secure facility so that they can be delivered to site at the appropriate time for placement. DCC staff of the LCC Liaison Office have witnessed the removal and storage of these items to date and will witness their reinstatement as the project progresses. I can confidently state that it is the RPA's intention to carry out all of these works as per their conditions.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

In response to Q.46 of the December 2014 Dublin City Council meeting the Chief Executive stated that the issue as to whether the Governance Code should apply to applicants for grants/funding etc from Dublin City Council was under consideration by the Culture Recreation Amenity and Community Department. Could the Chief Executive state at what stage this consideration is now at and provide a report on the decision reached, if any?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following consideration and discussion of the level of grants and the types of groups in receipt of the grants it has been decided that as and from 1st January 2016 all

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community, voluntary and charitable organisations in receipt of grants over €5,000 need to comply with the 5 key principles of the Governance Code.

This is to enable groups sufficient time to put procedures in place to become compliant.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive whether the receipts for Pay and Display parking is broken down (a) by street or area, and (b) by day, week, month, year and if so, how and where can this information be accessed in respect of specific streets and for specific time periods.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has detailed records in relation to the income from Pay and Display parking for all the 1079 on-street Pay and Display machines. For the 365 newest machines, this information can be broken down to the finest detail, including individual transactions for any time period. Information for the balance of the machines cannot be broken down into such detail. For security reasons this information is not made public. In 2014, total income for Pay and Display parking was approximately €24M (with 25% of income accruing through cashless payments - Parking Tag). The city is divided into five tariff zones, Yellow – Very High Demand (inner city), Red – High Demand (inner suburban), Green – Medium Demand (outer suburban), Orange - Low Demand and Blue – (suburban villages). The percentage breakdown of income per zone over the past twelve months was Yellow – 61%, Red - 22%, Green – 10%, Orange – 6% and Blue - 1%.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of total revenues from commercial rates for the years 2012-2014 inclusive broken down by the five administrative areas of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have set out below a table listings rates receipts for the 5 areas for the period 2012 -2014.

	2014	2013	2012
Central	€92,248,801.51	€91,758,706.48	€90,725,012.92
North Central	€13,598,206.39	€14,802,041.12	€14,313,483.28
North West	€15,624,884.42	€16,245,541.03	€16,386,306.30
South Central	€29,326,221.76	€30,341,422.68	€30,152,085.64
South East	€169,131,587.93	€152,518,517.68	€150,446,368.87
Total	€319,929,702.00	€305,666,229.00	€302,023,257.00

Q.137 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a street sweeping to take place at Ramleh Park and Ramleh Close, Milltown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Litter Management Plan, residential areas like Ramleh Park and Ramleh Close are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. This area is next scheduled to be cleaned during week ending the 19th April 2015.

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Q.138 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

In relation to the Grand Canal, can the Chief Executive ensure that;

- i) The stone/concrete new walkway at Leeson St Bridge (northside) be made safe for pedestrians. When the ground gets wet it is very slippery and dangerous for pedestrians
- ii) In the absence of Waterways Ireland taking responsibility for the provision of bins with small apertures for dog dirt that the Council provide them along the Grand Canal. This is in the interest of safety for walkers and especially young children.
- iii) That no cycling signs be redone, especially between Portobello and Harold's Cross Pathway

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

i) The material in question was chosen on the basis of its non-slip qualities, as well as structural and environmental considerations. It is an anti slip decking material and was tested and passed as such prior to its use.

ii) Dublin City Council, together with the three other Dublin Local Authorities launched an anti-dog fouling campaign in 2013 with the introduction of the Litter Hotline 1800 251 500. This was followed up in 2014 with a suite of anti-dog signs which have been put in place throughout the city.

This office is aware that dog fouling is still a major problem in the city. To this end, Waste Management Services and Parks & Landscapes Services have joined forces to try to eliminate dog fouling in parks and open green spaces and indeed throughout the city. The issue of the provision of bins will also be addressed in the new Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2018.

Meetings have taken place between representatives of both Departments who have agreed there is a need to:

- To develop a strategy.
- Set a broad policy.
- Put a model in place.
- Ensure the Area Offices are involved.
- Then roll out policy.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs

iii) This matter has been forwarded to the traffic officer for inspection of the signage on site and a response will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Can the Chief Executive arrange that the health inspectorate and planning enforcement Sections take constructive action in relation to MAK Restaurant, Ranelagh? This has been an ongoing problem for residents for well over a year. I, as have the residents, made several objections but the problem continues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit initially received this complaint in 2013. A Statutory Notice was served on MAK Restaurant and a number (5 in total) of follow up inspections were carried out.

On foot of this action by Dublin City Council, MAK Restaurant carried out work since the initial complaint was made to increase the height of the flue, put a silencer on the fan and include additional fine mesh filtration in the ventilation system. They completed these works in conjunction with recommendations from external environmental consultants. All of these efforts constitute best practicable means

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under the current provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and the Air Pollution Act 1987.

An enforcement notice pursuant to section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2013 was served on the restaurant owners in June 2014 requiring the submission of proposals to control noise and fumes in accordance with the provisions of conditions 5 & 6 of the planning permission for this development (Planning Register reference 3793/11).

Proposals were submitted in July 2014 and these were forwarded to Environmental Health for consideration.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with the total amount of monies spent by Dublin City Council meeting the printing and paper requirements of every department within Dublin City Council for each of the past three years, 2012, 2013 & 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The costs for each of the three years are as follows:

2012	2013	2014
1,133,696.37	1,294,637.61	1,265,897.17

Q.141 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with the amount of monies spent on the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability in each of the past three years, 2012, 2013 & 2014, and how much is provided for same in this year's budget?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total amount spent on the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 was as follows:

Years	Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability
2012	€8,723,942
2013	€6,062,722
2014	€3,543,243

The budget allocation for this year 2015 is €8.25m.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report of Dublin City Council's engagement with Irish Water in relation to provision of council tenants' information to Irish Water and whether the council has received any further instructions or requests from Irish Water and/or Government and what the nature of such requests or instructions are, for example: has the council been instructed in any way in relation to the water charge arrears of the council's tenants.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water requested that Dublin City Council provide a listing of all domestic properties in its ownership and the associated tenant names to allow Irish Water to correspond with tenants directly in respect of the domestic water charge liability.

Irish Water has specific statutory power under Section 26 of the Water Services Act 2013 to request tenants' names from Local Authorities. Local Authorities including Dublin City Council are legally obliged to comply with such a request. Any such disclosure by Dublin City Council is made under Section 8 (e) of the Data Protection Acts 1998 and 2003. Dublin City Council provided IW with this information as it is legally obliged to do so. Dublin City Council as a landlord will be liable for water charges at the appropriate rate for the period a property remains vacant. Accordingly DCC has been asked to provide Irish Water with a current listing of vacant properties. This list is currently being compiled and DCC will notify Irish Water when vacant properties are tenanted. There has been no instruction in relation to the water charge arrears of the Council's tenants.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a detailed report on the funding reductions experienced by Dublin City Council over the past three years, 2012, 2013 & 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's (DCC's) funding requirement was €825.4m in 2012, €813.7m in 2013 and reduced to €759.6m in 2014; see Table 1 below for more detail.

Table 1 – Analysis of DCC Income Y2012 – Y2014

	2012	2013	2014
	AFS Outturn	AFS Outturn	AFS Outturn
<u>Revenue Income</u>			
General Purpose Grant	53,856,687	52,613,531	2,667,330
PRD	17,719,624	17,410,569	16,428,262
General Government Grants	89,699,178	74,821,333	92,822,939
Local Authority Contributions	96,292,875	97,159,931	57,739,434
Goods & Services	226,640,800	230,587,772	247,783,758
Commerical Rates	341,260,508	341,150,111	342,234,446
Total Revenue Income	825,469,672	813,743,247	759,676,169

In recent years the funding model of the City Council has changed significantly with the reduction in the Local Government Fund (and its elimination as a funding source from 2015), the introduction of the Local Property Tax and the provision of water and waste water services by Irish Water based on a service level agreement.

DCC is heavily dependent on income from Goods & Services & Commercial Rates. In 2014 they represented 77.7% of total income up from 68.8% in 2012. Therefore economic

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performance will continue to significantly impact on the City Council and the determination of Services, Service levels and Resources must take consideration of this dependency and ensure that the expenditure base has the necessary degree of flexibility to make financial adjustments going forward as required.

General Purpose Grant (CPG) Allocation

The reduction in the CPG allocation in 2014 reflects the change in the funding model of Local Government with the transfer of Water & Waste Water services to Irish Water and the commencement of the service level agreement. The service is run by DCC on behalf of Irish Water with all expenditure recouped monthly in arrears.

General Government Grants

There is a reduction of €14.9m in Government Grants between 2012 (€89.7m) and 2013 (€74.8m), the main areas of movement are analysed below in Table 2.

Table 2 – Movement in Government Grants Y2012 – Y2013

Service Area	€ M
Homeless Services	3.9
RAS Programma	2.5
Housing adaptation Grants	3.6
Higher Education Grants	4.1

There is an increase of €18m in Governments Grants between 2013 (€74.8m) and 2014 (€92.8m), the main areas of movement is analysed below in Table 3.

Table 3 – Movement in Government Grants Y2013 – Y2014

Service Area	€ M
Homeless Services	3.1
RAS Programme	5.4
Water & Waste Water Loan Charges	8.9
Higher Education Grants	-2.2

Local Authority Contributions

Funding from Local Authority Contributions showed a slight increase of €867k (0.9%) between 2012 and 2013. Between 2013 and 2014 there was a reduction of €39.4m, the reason for the reduction is due to transfer of Water & Waste Water services to Irish Water and therefore the non-recoupment from the Dublin LA's for services such as Bulk Water and the Drainage Agreement.

Goods & Services

Between 2012 & 2013 there was an increase in Goods & Services income of €3.9m, the main areas are analysed in Table 4 as follows;

Table 4 – Movement in Goods & Services Income Y2012 – Y2013

Income Type	€ M
Housing Loans & Interest	-0.8
NPPR	2.2
Commercial Water/Waste Water	2.7

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Between 2013 & 2013 there was an increase in Goods & Services income of €17.2m, the main areas are analysed in Table 5 as follows;

Table 5 - Movement in Goods & Services Income Y2013 – Y2014

Income Type	€ M
Irish Water	62.2
Commerical Water/Waste Water	-33.9
NPPR	-5.8
Repayable Works	-1.3
Miscellaneous	-1.8

Commercial Rates

Rates income has remained constant for the last 3 years. However it has increased as a percentage of total income. In 2014 Rates represented 45.1% of all DCC income, up from 41.3% in 2012.

Table 6 – Rates as percentage of Total Income

Year	% Amount
2012	41.3
2013	41.9
2014	45.1

Q.144 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please provide me with the following information for Q1 2014, Q2 2014, Q3 2014, Q4 2014 and Q1 2015:

- Total number of planning applications lodged with Dublin City Council
- Total number of residential units for which planning has been sought

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

	<i>Qtr 1 2014</i>	<i>Qtr 2 2014</i>	<i>Qtr 3 2014</i>	<i>Qtr 4 2014</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Total no of planning applications</i>	445	521	460	511	1,937
<i>Total no of residential Units sought</i>	130	639	900	213	1,882

The figures for quarter 1 of 2015 will be available later this month. The Councillor will be notified directly when the figures become available.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please provide me with a list of Z12-zoned sites (a) in Dublin North Central and (b) across the City's functional area where planning permission has been granted in the last 5 years. Can the CEO also provide me with copies of minutes from any pre-planning meetings in relation to planning ref **2347/15** which relates to a particular Z12-zoned site?

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details of Z12 zoned lands are attached; the first 3 sites are in the North Central area. The pre-application notes for reg. Ref. 2347/15 are available on planning search on

<http://www.dublincity.ie/swiftlg/apas/run/WPHAPPDETAIL.DisplayUrl?theApnID=2347/15&backURL=<a>

Q.146 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please ensure that the following **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

Can the Chief Executive please deal with the following issue as raised in relation to St. Anne's Park? **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how he intends to consult with children in the preparation of the new City Development plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Comhairle na nOg were written to as part of the Issues Paper consultation process and were invited to make observations on the issues set out. In December 2015, Planners from the City Council met with a Development Plan subgroup of Comhairle na nOg and made a presentation to them on the development plan. City Council planners then attended a full Comhairle na nOg workshop in January at which a further briefing was given. A detailed submission from Comhairle na nOg was then received which was considered in the context of the Report of the Chief Executive on the Pre-Draft Consultations. The City Council will continue to engage with Comhairle na nOg as the Review of the Development Plan progresses.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any details that he or the Conservation Officer, City Archaeologist or Planning Department might have on the works that are being undertaken to the Magazine Fort in the Phoenix Park; are they covered under an archaeological license, and could he outline what information he has on any future works or plans for the building?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As far as I understand there has been no consultation between the Commissioners / Office of Public Works (the statutory authority with responsibility for the Phoenix Park) and the City Archaeologist, Heritage Officer or Conservation Section in relation to works at or in the vicinity of the Magazine Fort.

The works undertaken have not been described, but on inspection earthworks and the removal of a more modern concrete structure in the vicinity of the Magazine Fort were evident; but not to the Magazine Fort itself, which is a Protected Structure.

It should be noted that under Section 36 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) the Office of Public Works may undertake works incidental to the use of the park without planning permission.

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Q.150 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many car parking spaces are provided off-street in the central business district for shoppers and commuters respectively.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Off-street car parking is provided by Dublin City Council at the following locations

Ilac, 1000 spaces

Dawson Street aka Schoolhouse Lane, 360 spaces

Drury Street, 465 spaces

St. Michan's Street, 80 spaces.

Dublin City Council does not keep records on the number of parking spaces in privately owned and operated car parks.

Q.151 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to contracts (in excess of one million Euro) to purchase land, or options in land by the city in the years 2007 and 2008 to list the following:

1. proposed use of lands
2. price paid,
3. area in square metres,
4. address, and
5. current use

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

ADDRESS	COST	PROPOSED USE	CURRENT USE	AREA	DATE
Annamoe Road 1A site to rear of 2-7 Annamoe Road	€4,050,000.00	Housing purposes	Site is being sold on for commercial use S183 recently approved by the Council.	1550sqm	2007
Ballybough Road 2, 4 and 5	€3,000,000.00	Social Housing provision	Part 8 planning application to refurbish the properties for Social Housing approved in March 2015. (7 units)	3 houses	2007
Bolton Street 38 & 39	€2,630,475.00	Homeless Services	Future use being considered	426sqm	2007
Cork Street 126, 1261/2 and 127	€1,250,000.00	Social housing	3 houses were refurbished and are currently tenanted	3 houses	2007
Fitzwilliam Street Lower 9/10, Dublin 4 - Longfields Hotel	€6,700,000.00	Provide support accommodation for homeless	Application approved for homeless hostel March 2015	328sqm	2007
Mourne Road Knocknaree Road - Convent at knocknaree Road off Mourne Road	€3,500,000.00	Social housing	vacant	5325sqm	2007
Summer Street South 15a,15b,15c	€2,100,000.00	Consolidate adjacent Council owned property.	Being used as a depot by the Water Division	860sqm	2007
Belgard Road site adjacent to	€6,500,000.00	The land was purchased to build	Fire Brigade training Grounds	10,002sqm	2008

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ADDRESS	COST	PROPOSED USE	CURRENT USE	AREA	DATE
existing Fire Station east side & west side (2 separate files)		a new fire station. Due to cost constraints the new station was never built, but an extension was added on to the existing fire station. The cost of the site is being funded by the four Dublin Local Authorities.			
Chapelizod Hill Road 1, 1a and 2	€1,800,000.00	Social Housing	vacant	1394sqm	2008
Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate unit 29	€3,000,000.00	Public utility	Roads Dept Depot	3991sqm	2008
Emor Street no 5	€1,150,000.00	Housing services step down facility	A step down facility for persons discharged from the Central Mental Hospital - on licence to De Paul Ireland	194sqm	2008
Navan Road, 155 - 2 sites: (155 Navan Road & 3 The Haven at rear 155 and 2 The Haven at rear 155)	€2,850,000.00	Emergency Homeless Accommodation	Emergency Homeless Accommodation	3 houses 1639sqm	2008
North Road, North City Business Park, Unit E4	€3,224,449.80	Public utility	Water Division Depot	3430sqm	2008
Richmond Barracks (St Michaels CBS) Inchicore	€3,000,000.00	Sheltered housing and community/ educational use	Part of the property disposed of to the HSE for a primary care unit and old persons home and part for the 1916 Richmond Barracks Project	12195sqm	2008
School Street Former NS	€3,250,000.00	Urban regeneration	7 yr lease to Irish Museum of Contemporary Arts Ltd	1050sqm	2008

Q.152 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive confirm if **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.153 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.154 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive outline in a report **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.155 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.156 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can outline how often the of the City Councils anti-litter awareness campaigns are independently reviewed to evaluate their effectiveness and how they have helped to redefine or refocus the Councils efforts in terms of waste management as a result of these reviews.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Litter Management Plan is currently being reviewed with a view to producing a new plan for the next three years. As part of this review we will be examining in detail the effectiveness of previous anti-litter awareness campaigns. Separately, there is a detailed review ongoing of all operations within the Waste Management Division to ensure that we have an effective Waste Management Division commensurate with the needs of a modern capital city. The new Litter Management Plan and the operational review will be inextricably linked and they should provide a clear focus for street cleaning in the city for the next few years.

Q.157 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of the reintroduction of the post of Dublin City Cycling Office, when the recruitment process will commence and to provide details on the recruitment process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The job specification for the position of Cycling Officer is currently being finalised. Sanction will then be sought from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. If sanction is received, then the recruitment process will commence in the normal way. As the process is subject to a number of variables, it is not possible to put an exact timescale on the process at this stage.

Q.158 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many 'litter enforcement blitz' campaigns have taken place in the City since they were first proposed in 2008 and if he can provide any details of the success of such campaigns.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A litter enforcement blitz was carried out in each area in 2008 as follows:

21/02/2008 - North City Centre
12/7/2008 - Ballymun
26-28/8/2008 - Cork Street Buildings
18/11/2008 - Darndale
20/11/2008 - South City Centre

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A total of 10 litter fines were issued as a result of the above activities. These fines were as a result of offences such as illegal posters, abandoned shopping trolleys and cardboard deposited in a public place. 3 litter fines were issued from bags deposited in the North Central Area.

It was very difficult to issue a fine to a passing pedestrian unless the Gardaí were present. It was difficult to have Gardaí in attendance in the city centre as we moved from one district to another so fast, which meant we were going outside their district. The format as proposed in the 2008-2011 Litter Management Plan was not continued as it did not prove successful considering the resources applied. A different type of blitz is taking place in the North Inner City as part of the North Inner City Litter Action Plan (NICLAP)

Q.159 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he will liaise with Fáilte Ireland / St Andrews Church to explore the possibility of using the car park in St Andrews Church as an off street bike park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The possibility of off street cycle parking will be explored with the Fáilte Ireland / St. Andrews' Church.

Q.160 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.160 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.161 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding your answer to question 78 received by me on 2nd March can I have the fuller response promised and an update on the progress of housing the person concerned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Facilities management made contact with the hotel manager to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the removal, from the client's room, of a sandwich maker and George Forman grill. The hotel manager confirmed that he has instructed his staff to remove any cooking equipment on open display they may come across in any room during their routine duties. This is due to the fact that the rooms are not equipped for use of such cooking appliances and hence would not have the appropriate fire safety systems in place to deal with any potential incident from the use of such equipment in the rooms. The hotel manager also confirmed that he is happy to speak to the client in question and re-iterate the hotel policy and the reasoning. Please note all clients upon registering in the hotel are advised of the hotels rules and policies, including the safety rule with regard to the non use of any cooking equipment in the rooms.

The above applicant was awarded homeless priority on 21st November 2014. Unfortunately there are a number of families already with Homeless Priority longer than this applicant. When their date of priority is reached will we be in contact with them regarding an offer of accommodation.

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Q.162 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.163 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.164 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the status on the housing allocations list of (**details supplied**) and whether she has chosen the maximum allowable three areas and indicated a willingness to accept accommodation from approved housing bodies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.165 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate sourcing funding so as to avoid the closure of the community centres at Clogher Road and Bulfin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Inchicore Community Sports Centre and Clogher Road Community Sports Centre are the property of the CDETB. These halls are managed on behalf of the CDTEB by Dublin City Council. This agreement has been in place since 2008. The halls are dual purpose. The local CDTEB schools and colleges use the facilities during the day. In the evenings and weekends the centres facilities are used by a variety of groups and clubs. This includes programmes run by DCC Sports Development Officers. The halls are open seven days a week. The CDETB have use of the halls during schooltime and the local community and groups have use of the halls outside schooltimes and at the weekend. Funding for the centres is made up of a grant from Pobal through its CSP scheme which is currently to be terminated on 1st July 2015 and funding / staff through Dublin City Council and the CDETB. The CDTEB are currently appealing the decision to withdraw the grant from Pobal. Officials from the City Council and the CDETB are in discussion with officials from the Department and Pobal to address issues in relation to the grant application. It is hoped that these issues will be addressed satisfactorily and that the grant will be reinstated.

Q.166 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive what the process is for repossessing a house from a deceased tenant's family.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Applications for succession to a tenancy are processed having regard to the provisions of the current Allocations Scheme. The Scheme is mandated by Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and is adopted by the democratically elected members of Dublin City Council.

The Scheme regulates among other things, that a partner/spouse, son or daughter of a tenant, making application for succession must be resident and on the rent account for a period of two years immediately prior to the death or departure of the tenant.

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The Scheme also regulates that a person other than a partner/spouse, son or daughter of a tenant, making application for succession must be resident and on the rent account for a period of five years immediately prior to the death or departure of the tenant, and regulates that the dwelling must be appropriate to the needs of the applicant.

A partner/spouse, son or daughter who was residing at the date of death or departure of the tenant and who has not resided for the full two years prior to the death or departure of the tenant but has a total of ten years aggregate residence in the dwelling in the previous fifteen years and is in need of housing accommodation and is unable to provide accommodation from his/her own resources may be considered to succeed to the tenancy where the dwelling size is appropriate to his/her needs. In the event an application to succeed does not fall within the above parameters and the occupant does not surrender vacant possession of the dwelling, the City Council have no alternative but to instigate legal proceedings.

Q.167 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to identify more funding for benches in Dublin South Central for the elderly to rest upon.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no specific budget allocated for the provision of benches. However, if the Cllr could forward a list of possible locations where benches could be considered the Public Domain Officer will review the application with a view to sourcing funding if the locations are deemed suitable.

Q.168 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of community organisations who have thus far applied for the 1916 commemoration grant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 1916 Commemorations Grants scheme was launched on 4th March. Nine applications have been received to date. For data protection reasons we cannot, while the application process is open, provide a list of organisations who have applied.

Q.169 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.170 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.171 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.172 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.173 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.174 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.175 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.176 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.177 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.178 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.179 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.180 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.181 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.182 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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