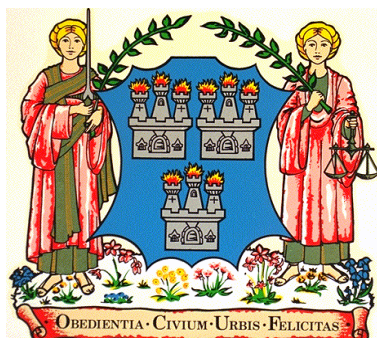


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 11 Bealtaine 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  
Anthony Connaghan  
David Costello  
Patrick Costello  
Ciáran Cuffe  
Daithí De Róiste  
Daithí Doolan  
Pat Dunne  
Gaye Fagan  
Declan Flanagan  
Mannix Flynn

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

**Comhairleoir:**

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

**Oifigigh**

Owen Keegan  
Brendan Kenny  
Dick Brady  
Kathy Quinn

Terence O'Keeffe  
Jim Keogan  
Vincent Norton  
Oonagh Casey

Mary Pyne  
Declan Wallace  
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 family of recently deceased Phyllis Carr, mother of Councillor Brendan Carr. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased. The Lord Mayor then welcomed Mr Joseph Murphy to the Public Gallery. His mother Bridget Brady was in the Irish Citizen Army and she and her brother Christopher Brady served in the City Hall Garrison in 1916.

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The Lord Mayor then referred to an assault on Paul Deaton that took place in Fairview Park recently. He condemned the attack and called for more CCTV coverage in areas like this. He also called on the Garda Commissioner to provide foot patrols in Fairview Park. He commended the Gardai for their handling of the investigation into the assault and also Dublin Bus and Dublin Fire Brigade for inviting Mr Deaton to Clontarf Bus Station and Fire Station.

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 160 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
3. Submitted Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 from Limerick City and County Council conveying the terms of a motion calling on the Ministers for Agriculture and Finance to reinstate the Early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant for our Farming Communities. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 from Mayo County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at a recent meeting of Ballina Municipal Districts calling on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to take the necessary steps to restore Town Councils or alternatively to give the new Municipal District Councils the power to strike a rate and spend the money raised in each Municipal District in that district. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
5. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
6. Submitted Report No 145/2015 of the Head of Finance (*K. Quinn*) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 145/2015". The motion was put and carried.
7. Appointment of two Members to the Board of the Grangegorman Development Consultative Group arising from the expiration of the Board's term of office on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The following nominations were put forward :
  - (a) Councillor N Ring, Proposed by Councillor C Perry and seconded by Councillor R McGinley
  - (b) Councillor A Keegan, Proposed by Councillor B Smith and seconded by Councillor J Lyons
  - (c) Councillor A Clancy, Proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor M Freehill

Following a vote, Councillors Ring and Clancy were appointed as Members to the Board of the Grangegorman Development Consultative Group by the City Council.

8. Submitted Report No 141/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – Monthly Management Report – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley

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and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 141/2015". The motion was put and carried.

9. Submitted Report No 123/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Addition of Whitehall Grand Cinema, 396-402 Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9 - front facade only, including external box office and shop fronts to the Record of Protected Structures, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor D Costello and seconded by Councillor C Carney Boud "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.123/2015 and approves the addition of Whitehall Grand Cinema, 396-402 Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9 - front facade only, including external box office and shop fronts, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report No 124/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Addition of Cabra Grand Cinema, 58-62 Quarry Road, Cabra, Dublin 7 – front block and 3-storey wings only (including entrance and steps, lobby, main foyer, screen entrance doors and steps, main staircase and ticket desk) to the Record of Protected Structures, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 124/2015 and approves the addition of Cabra Grand Cinema, 58-62 Quarry Road, Cabra, Dublin 7 – front block and 3-storey wings only (including entrance and steps, lobby, main foyer, screen entrance doors and steps, main staircase and ticket desk), to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report No 125/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Deletion of 35 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor P McCartan and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 125/2015 and approves the deletion of 35 Bachelors Walk, Dublin 1, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No 126/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Amendment of the current entry for Brunswick Street North, Dublin 7 to now read as follows: Brunswick Street North, Dublin 7 - Stone buildings in grounds of former Richmond Hospital to the Record of Protected Structures, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 126/2015 and approves the amendment of the current entry on the Record of Protected Structures for Brunswick Street North, Dublin 7 to now read as follows: Brunswick Street North, Dublin 7 - Stone buildings in grounds of former Richmond Hospital, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No 127/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Deletion of 16A Henry Street, Dublin 1 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It

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was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor N Ring "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 127/2015 and approves the deletion of 16A Henry Street, Dublin 1, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

14. Submitted Report No 128/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Addition of Former Welsh Chapel, 77A Talbot Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor M Mac Donncha and seconded by Councillor C Cuffe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No126/2015 and approves the addition of Former Welsh Chapel, 77A Talbot Street, Dublin 1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
15. Submitted Report No 129/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*J. Keogan*) – Proposed deletion of 112 Thomas Street 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 De Roiste and seconded by Councillor R McHugh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 129/2015 and approves the deletion of 112 Thomas Street, Dublin, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
16. Submitted Report No 130/2015 of the Chief Executive (*O. Keegan*) – Revision 2 of Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 – 2019. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 130/2015 and hereby approves the revised Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 – 2019 as set out therein" The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No 144/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*B. Kenny*) – Changes to the Business of Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee. The City Council agreed to refer this report back to the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.
18. Submitted Report No 135/2015 of the Chairperson of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Ciarán Cuffe*) - Draft Dublin City Council Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye Laws 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council approves the initiation of the consultation process in relation to formulating Dublin City Council Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye Laws 2015 as outlined in Report No 135/2015" The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No 138/2015 of the Executive Manager (*D. Dinnigan*) - With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over laneway to the rear of 128-138B Collins Avenue and 73-81 Collins Park, Donnycarney, Dublin 9. It was moved by Councillor D O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor D Heney "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 128-138B Collins Avenue and 73-81 Collins Park,

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Donnycarney, Dublin 9., as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 24462, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.

20. Submitted Report No 136/2015 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) - With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) No. 2 Act 1978 in 34 premises. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No /2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No 147/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of a sublease of part of the Ground Floor, plus two basement car spaces at Ballymun Civic Centre, Ballymun Main Street, Dublin 9, to Allied Irish Banks PLC. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No /2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No 149/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed grant of a further Letting of part of the premises at No. 22 Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 149/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
23. Submitted Report No 148/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) – With reference to the proposed disposal of the Councils fee simple interest in the premises now known as No. 130 Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 148/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No 150/2015 of the Executive Manager (*P. Clegg*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence in respect of the Rathmines Square Car Park, Dublin 6. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 150/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No 131/2015 of the Chairperson of the Local Development Consultative Committee (*Councillor Daithí Doolan*) – Breviate of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor G Kelly “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 131/2015” The motion was put and carried.
26. Report No 132/2015 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Mary Freehill*) – Breviate of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015. . It was proposed by Councillor G Kelly and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 132/2015” The motion was put and carried. In reply to queries raised, the Chief Executive confirmed to the Members that sale of property is a reserved function and must be approved by the City Council before proceeding.

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27. Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh took the chair at 7.19pm as the Lord Mayor was called away.
28. Submitted Report No 134/2015 of the Chairperson of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Ciarán Cuffe*) – Breviate of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015. . It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor T Keegan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 134/2015” The motion was put and carried.
29. Submitted Report No 146/2015 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2015 – *Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor A Connaghan and seconded by Councillor N Reilly “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 146/2015” The motion was put and carried.
30. Submitted Report No 139/2015 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 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 139/2015” The motion was put and carried.
31. Submitted Report No 152/2015 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2015 – *Councillor Janice Boylan, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor G Fagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 152/2015” The motion was put and carried.
32. Submitted Report No 137/2015 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2015 – *Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor D De Roiste “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2015” The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No 122/2015 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of April 2015 – *Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson*. . It was proposed by Councillor F Kennedy and seconded by Councillor P McCartan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 122/2015” The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No 151/2015 of the Protocol Committee (*Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015. . It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 151/2015” The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No 140/2015 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee (*Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson*) – Breviate of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. . It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor J Boylan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 140/2015” The motion was put and carried.
36. Topical Issue Discussed – Marriage Equality Referendum.

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37. Emergency Motions. All four Emergency Motions received were ruled out of Order by the Lord Mayor in accordance with Standing Orders.
38. It was proposed by Councillor K O'Connell and seconded by Councillor N Rock "This Council calls on the Chief Executive to explain on what grounds posters are permitted to be erected on Dublin City Council property. In particular, with reference to certain posters that have emerged supporting causes unrelated to the upcoming Marriage Equality Referendum (rights of children, surrogacy etc.), yet which also advocate for a particular outcome in said referendum. As the primary topics raised on these posters have no direct link to the subject of the referendum, can it be presumed that those responsible have been given explicit permission such as any other interest group, political party, or business would be required to secure?"

Alternatively, is it the case that it is sufficient to include 'Vote NO' or 'Vote YES' at the bottom of any poster and have it justified under referendum campaign related exemptions? For example, can one advertise a public meetings, personal views, private business etc. without receiving permission from Dublin City Council if 'Vote NO' or 'Vote YES' is included on the poster? Finally, that once this point has been clarified, this Council calls for all posters deemed illegal to be removed immediately and furthermore, that appropriate litter fines be issued should these items be in violation of Council waste by-laws"

An Amendment to this motion was put forward by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor A Gilliland – deletion of certain wording from the motion. The following amended motion was then put and defeated "This Council calls on the Chief Executive to explain on what grounds posters are permitted to be erected on Dublin City Council property. Once this point has been clarified, this Council calls for all posters deemed illegal to be removed immediately and furthermore, that appropriate litter fines be issued should these items be in violation of Council waste by-laws" The original motion was then put and defeated.

39. It was proposed by Councillor C Ardagh and seconded by Councillor D De Roiste "That the Chief Executive asks the Minister to put an end to long term Direct Provision for asylum seekers and to review the consequences of children living in long term centres" An amendment to this motion was put forward by Councillor T MacVeigh and seconded by Councillor A Keegan – the addition of certain wording.

The amended motion as follows was put and carried "That the Chief Executive asks the Minister to bring an end to long term Direct Provision for asylum seekers and to review the consequences of children living in direct provision centres. Furthermore, this Council calls on the Minister to bring an end to the operation of direct provision centres across the country, granting asylum seekers the right to study and the right to work in line with the rest of the EU"

40. It was proposed by Councillor N Rock and seconded by Councillor R McAdam That this Council believes that Members of Dublin City Council should be subject to the Garda Vetting Procedure through the Garda Central Vetting Unit and Garda Criminal Records Office of An Garda Síochána, as is the case for other community leaders such as in the volunteer sector, youth organisations, schools and education, and the health sector, and furthermore that this Council calls on the Houses of the Oireachtas to do same for Members of the Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann, given that no framework is currently in place" The motion was put and defeated.

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41. It was proposed by Councillor D O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor G Gannon That this Council supports the 'Hands Up for Children' campaign which is aiming to ensure that Prevention and Early Intervention as regards childhood issues is included as a priority in the next Programme for Government. This Council accepts that currently 12% of Irish children are living in consistent poverty and Ireland's investment in early years services is below the OECD average and therefore calls on the Government to invest in children by prioritising government spending in areas of Prevention and Early Intervention rather than Crisis Intervention.

Furthermore this Council commends 'The 'Hands Up for Children' campaign member organisations which includes over 30 organisations and interest groups working in the field of Child and Family Services as well as Housing, Education, Mental Health, Youth Activity, Crime Prevention, Poverty Reduction and Early Years and Education services" The motion was put and carried.

42. It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor D Mitchell That this Council recognises that Women and Children are made Homeless by Domestic Violence. In 2014 513 referrals were made from Women's Aid to refuges with 137 refuges citing that they were full therefore no accommodation was available. Women cannot move on from refuges as there is no alternative accommodation available therefore creating a shortage of spaces in centres and in many cases forcing the victim to remain in the abusive home. This council needs to ensure that suitable, safe and secure accommodation is available for victims of domestic violence and that they are rehoused as a matter of priority" The motion was put and carried. The City Council also agreed that this motion should be referred to the Housing SPC and copies of it to be circulated to all other local authorities.

43. It was proposed by Councillor C Andrews and seconded by Councillor C Carney Boud "That Dublin City Council will introduce wifi for all Council senior citizens in developments and community centres and carry out a pilot scheme in Maxwell Court in Rathmines" The motion was put and carried.

44. The following motion standing at Item No 38 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor M Flynn was deemed to have fallen due to his absence from the Chamber at the time it was reached "That this City Council calls on the Chief Executive to initiate a full independent forensic audit of Dublin City BIDS company – also known as Dublin Town. This review and assessment to include effectiveness measures, all financial dealings and incomes, salary and payment levels for the staff and executive officers, all service contractual arrangements.

Also, that DCC carries out an evaluation survey within the BID area and within the BID membership regarding the satisfaction rating, effectiveness and performance of BIDS within the City area. This report also to include compliances to corporate governance and accountancy practices. The BIDs company was inaugurated under legal act of the Council and it is the duty of Dublin City Council to carry out such an assessment and overview in keeping with best practice.

45. It was proposed by Councillor D De Roiste and seconded by Councillor F Kennedy "That this Council notes with dismay, and objects to the decision by NABCO and DCC to proceed with the building of 72 houses on Orchard Lawns Park, Cherry Orchard. Every single elected official in this Chamber understands the need for more houses, we all support housing, but we cannot support dumb houses. Put



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simply, building 72 houses, in an area with significant crime and anti-social behaviour problems and in an area with just one newsagents, one church and one school is downright foolish and will certainly lead to further problems down the line”

This motion was still under discussion at the close of the meeting and will be carried forward to the next City Council monthly meeting in accordance with Standing Orders.

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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

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## APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

#### Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report on the maintenance department's level of staffing, funding and changes in the response times to tenants' requests over the past eight years, including the number of maintenance jobs completed and the length of time between request and completion of job?

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following table details Housing Maintenance staffing from commencement of our Workforce Analysis in 2008 to April 2014:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Numbers in 2008</b>	<b>Numbers in 2014</b>
General Operatives	220	150
Caretakers (Including Team Leaders and Area Supervisors)	186	162
Craft and Apprentices	232	197
Foreman	47	28
Chargehand	20	22
Area Maintenance Officers	15	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>570</b>

The budget in 2008 was €59.4m and the budget in 2014 was €43m.

There are 25 additional staff comprising of Administrative and Technical/Professional personnel in Housing Maintenance Section located in Civic Offices, Wood Quay.

The nature/category of works/repairs requested are plumbing, choke car, carpentry, bricklaying, electrical, roofing, guttering, heating.

With a current Housing Stock of 25,371 approximately 42,000 maintenance/repair requests are completed annually. The equivalent figure in 2008 was 51,700 completed requests. The change in this figure is due to a review of the service that was carried out in 2009. The review was carried out to ensure that the service was operating as efficiently as possible within the resources available. The result was a restating of the policy regarding what is and is not the responsibility of the tenant. Repairs that are the responsibility of the tenant as stated in the tenant handbook and agreement were, and are, no longer carried out by the Maintenance Section.

Maintenance repair requests are categorised in order of priority. Our targets/timeframes for completion of repairs in these categories are as follows:

- Emergency --- immediately or within 24-48 hours.
- Urgent --- within 5 working days.
- Routine --- six to eight weeks.

#### Q.2 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of **(details supplied)**. The illegal dumping in a major issue for residents and causing a health problem. Also can we install litter warnings, and arrange for ongoing inspections to try and resolve this major problem for the residents?

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

Waste Management Services clean (**details supplied**) on a weekly basis to combat the dumping problem there. Arrangements have been made to have a "No Dumping" sign erected at this location.

### **Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of the traffic lights at the junction of (**details supplied**) and look at introducing a pedestrian button on the four junctions.

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

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

### **Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of 2 litter bins or wheelies bin around the area of the dressing rooms at (**details supplied**). I requested this at the DCC meeting on the 12th January, and to date nothing has been done.

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

A system has been agreed with the clubs whereby refuse bags are provided. The filled bags can then be deposited in the park depot for disposal.

### **Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of (**details supplied**). The hall door has a gap at the end allowing out the heat also the windows on the inside are in a very bad state and have been reported.

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

There is no record of maintenance requests from this tenant in relation to the hall door or windows in the dwelling on our Anite computer system prior to this.

The Area Maintenance Officer will arrange an inspection of this dwelling in relation to these repair requests over the next few weeks.

### **Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the issue outlined in the email submitted with this question (**details supplied**) relating to the fixmyarea.com scheme?

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into (**details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.8 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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**Q.9 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.10 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.11 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

2A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on this matter (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the broken footpath at (**details supplied**) repaired. A number of children have been injured at the location.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair will be scheduled in the coming 12-14 weeks.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to both comment and take action on the following matters (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the new paving element of the Grafton Street Improvement Scheme.

I feel that it is incumbent of me as a public representative and member of DCC to feed back to you a level of disappointment as regards the Grafton Street improvement Scheme completed pavement element. While the use of indigenous stone is to be welcomed I believe the chosen materials on this occasion were not suitable for one of the city's main thoroughfares. The feedback I've been receiving including from business owners in the City has been overwhelming negative. The phrases that I've heard being used are 'very grey and dirty', 'always looks dirty/filthy', 'preferred old red-brick effect', 'intersections with adjoining streets not clear' 'obviously a job lot' and 'The Emperors New Clothes'.

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I'm also disappointed that DCC is continuing the same paving scheme into the pedestrian section of Wicklow St and also Johnson's Court. I can appreciate the inherent difficulties in transforming a visual public realm concept into reality. However, considering the expense (€4M including street lighting and furniture) and location of the project involved and the fact that it has to last so long I do feel that if there was any doubt about the suitability and ascetic value of the materials chosen that a period of reflection allowing for public feedback would have been beneficial.

Incidentally, the business owners that I've spoken to certainly don't believe that the growth in footfall being experienced has anything to do with the new pavement.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:** **Grafton Street Improvement Scheme**

The scheme to repave Grafton Street was largely prompted by the poor state of repair that the 1980's 'red brick' paving had fallen in to. Over the years the red brick had deteriorated under stress from increasing levels of delivery vehicle traffic and required continuous repair.

The design requirements for the new Grafton Street paving scheme, as stated in the Part 8 submission documents included:

- Application of principles of Universal Design
- Protection of existing under-street private cellars from vehicle overloading
- Structurally robust low maintenance design accommodating retention of existing vehicle loading regime along length of street
- Future maintenance by mechanised street cleaning vehicles
- Not compromising the existing maximum pedestrian capacity of street
- Give expression to Grafton Street's unique character
- Signal design parameters for hierarchy of adjoining streets.

The redesign for Grafton Street offered the opportunity to continue the high quality public realm improvement schemes carried out in O'Connell Street and in Henry Street / Mary Street and to continue the Civic Spine link between Parnell Square and Saint Stephen's Green. The choice of materials was for natural-stone granite paving as is traditional in Dublin's streets and to utilise a palette of stone colours already used in the O'Connell Street and Henry Street schemes. This was both to reinforce the unity of city centre high quality street paving and restricts the range of stone to be sourced for ongoing maintenance and repair.

The visually rich and complex range of shop front styles and architectural building elevations on Grafton Street suggested that the paving design, in order to complement rather than compete with this richness, should be calm and understated in nature and so the background material proposed generally for the street is a mid grey granite.

The paving design proposed a visual reference to the original centre carriageway and side footpaths which predated the pedestrianisation. The carriageway is paved in Iberian silver-grey granite with courses running across the street while the side footpaths are Leinster granite with courses running parallel with the buildings. The Leinster granite was selected for its robustness as the traditional Dublin paving

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material, for its richness of colour and for the opportunity to re-establish a sustainable supply source of native material as had been traditional for Dublin. Much of the 'antique granite' paving which remains in areas such as the Georgian squares, at College Green and Castle Street has been performing well for 200 years.

### **Cleaning of granite paving**

It is clear that at times of extended dry weather, the appearance of stone paved streets is adversely affected by staining. This becomes very noticeable after a busy weekend and is mostly caused by food-stuffs, spilled drinks and leaking refuse sacks. A quick comparison with other streets such as Henry Street or O'Connell Street at these times shows that they are similarly affected but because of the evening footfall in Grafton Street, the problem is greater. It is also apparent that after some rainfall the normal background patina of city paving is re-established and stains become less apparent.

A combination of surface sealing of the stone and a range of cleaning regimes have been trialled since the first phase of completed works was opened and are still being tested and adjusted. The testing is required to establish the frequency and intensity of cleaning required and avoidance of a patchy appearance by over cleaning or under cleaning at particular locations.

The completed street was opened by the Lord Mayor in March of this year and with the awareness of warm dry spells in the coming months, this summer will allow a period to monitor and assess the street and determine the cleaning regime required that is appropriate to the level of use.

### **Design of Intersections with adjoining Streets**

An overarching goal of the redesign is the improvement of the streets for the use, movement and comfort of pedestrians by applying the principles of Universal Design, i.e. easy to use and navigate by people of all ages and abilities. Nodes and the major street junctions are given visual highlighting as points of interest and pause along the route and are paved to form a pink granite square set in a darker pink surround to signify importance, arrival and direction change. The design also includes a way-finding path of contrasting stone-colour and texture, useful to people with a visual impairment. This special paving, designed in partnership with the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, gives tactile-directional and safety information to people with sight impairments, directs the safe walking routes during vehicle delivery hours and aligns the user to the best side-street entry positions.

#### **Q.16 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to **(details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.17 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.18 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what are the future plans of Dublin City Council with regards the playground in Ventry Park, Dublin 7?

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

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014 a meeting was held in Ventry Park Recreation Centre to see what ideas the local community would propose if any development of Ventry Park went ahead. From feedback that day and subsequent feedback sent to Dublin City Council, a draft plan on what the potential redevelopment could look like was published. If the City Council are to develop the area we have a draft plan that we can cost for same. This is currently under discussion and we may apply for grant aid at a later date.

### **Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.20 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.24 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive can to provide an update on the planned feasibility study on my proposal for a cycle "neighbourhood greenway"/"Bicycle boulevard" from Goldenbridge to Ballsbridge?

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

We note the proposal for a "Neighbourhood Greenway". A report on the proposed neighbourhood greenway will be issued by the end of June. We note that the NTA Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan of Dec. 2013 has identified a number of Primary, Secondary, Greenway and Feeder Routes for the city, which includes the areas in question from the Dodder to the Grand Canal. Some of the routes mentioned in the question have already been identified as part of that plan.

### **Q.25 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why the Dublin City Council are refusing to replace the hall door at **(details supplied)**? The tenant informs me that the council keeps coming



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to fix the lock but she states that the door is in a very poor condition and she needs a new door.

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

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that a new back door and screen were installed in this dwelling recently.

A new front door is not required. The lock on this door has been replaced due to damage. A further inspection will be carried out of the lock within the next week.

### **Q.26 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on **(details attached)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.27 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is the case that Dublin City Council purchased water meters in 2011 or at any other time; if these water meters were purchased from Siemens in Germany or, if from another company, which one; the quantity of meters involved and the cost of this purchase; the cost of storage, if any; if there was a tender; if these meters were sold on subsequently; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

There have been two different types of water meter in use by Dublin City Council over a number of years. The first type of meter is used for District Metered Areas (DMA). These were first installed in 1996 as part of the Dublin Region Water Conservation Project and assist with leakage detection and can identify when leaks happen within an area of up to approximately 1,000 houses. They are essential for proactive leak detection and repair. The second type of meter used is for non domestic customers and is used to measure flows into commercial premises for subsequent billing. Both types of meters are replaced when they come to the end of their lifetime.

The total number of both such water meters ordered directly by Dublin City Council between 2010 and 2015 is 450 at a total cost of almost €138,000. These meters are delivered to and stored briefly in Dublin City Council's Stores before being installed into the network. These meters have not been sold on subsequently.

The bulk of the District Metered Areas use electromagnetic flow meters. This type of meter has been in use over 20 years approximately, at which stage they would have been tendered for. The bulk of the non domestic meters in use throughout the region were installed a number of years ago as part of a non-domestic metering contract managed by Fingal County Council on behalf of the Dublin Region Local Authorities.

Currently the non-domestic meters are purchased from G. Mc Closkey Ltd and the electromagnetic meters are purchased from Cully Automation.

Since 2014 Dublin City Council has been operating under a Service level Agreement with Irish Water .

### **Q.28 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the following (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.32 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following information in relation to the litter warden service for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014:

- a) Number of Litter Wardens employed
- b) Number of fines issued:
- c) Number of fines paid and amount received:
- d) Number of fines progressed to summons/court stage:
- e) Number of fines not progressed due to successful appeal.
- f) Number of fines struck out by the courts.

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

There are currently eighteen litter wardens employed.

	Fines issued	Fines paid	Amount received	Prosecutions initiated	Fines appealed successfully	Fines struck out in court	Dismissed
2012	1,929	696	€104,400	312	228	14	1
2013	2,021	551	€82,650	376	226	0	4
2014	1,821	649	€97,350	531	250	2	2

#### **Q.34 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following in relation to the housing list:

- a) The current number of applicants who qualify for housing by DCC.

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- b) The number of those at (a) above currently living in private rented accommodation with rent supplement.
- c) The number of those at (a) above currently living in private rented accommodation without rent supplement.
- d) Remaining number and
- e) Indication of from past statistics the amount of these applicants who are likely to end up homeless.
- f) Number of applicants removed from the housing list per annum as a result of status review/voluntary removal.(2012, 2013 and 2014 figures)
- g) Number of applicants housed per annum from the list.(2012, 2013 and 2014 figures)
- h) Average wait time on the housing list before housed.
- i) Number of applicants offered accommodation who refuse first, second and third offers.(2012,2013 and 2014 figures)

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

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

### **Q.35 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

The Chief Executive indicated to me in a reply to my question (Q51 - 3rd November 2014) that the total 2014 rates paid by Dublin City Council amount to € 24,829,874. Given that the above payment includes an amount of €2.46M on parking meters; €13.837M payable by Irish Water on their water / drainage network; an amount of €4.2M on the DCC drainage network; €912K on the DCC commercial car parks and €1.3M on the Civic Offices. (The balance of €2.09M relates to approximately 180 rateable properties used by the City Council across all services), can the Chief Executive detail under what legislation DCC is required to pay rates to itself and under what legislation Central Government does not have to pay rates to DCC on its buildings/facilities in the City.

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

All properties are liable for rates unless deemed exempt under the Valuation Act 2001. Under Section 15 of the Valuation Act "relevant property" referred to in Schedule 4 shall not be rateable. Relevant Property is defined as property directly occupied by the State. As such all Dublin City Council buildings are liable for rates.

Section 15 of the Valuation Act provides that where "a building or part of a building, land or a waterway or a harbour directly occupied by the State (including any land or building occupied by any department or office of the State, the defence forces or the Garda Síochána or used as a prison or place of detention), shall not be rateable".

The Valuation Office assess each property and use in order to establish if it is list rateable or exempt in accordance with Schedule 4 and Section 15.

Prior to the revaluation of Dublin city, property directly occupied by the State was valued and entered on the valuation list but was not rateable. This is no longer the case. The Valuation Office no longer value State occupied property.

### **Q.36 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not there are any restrictions, legal or otherwise, on an organisation such as Dublin Fire Brigade being nominated for and being awarded the Freedom of the City.

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

The City Council may confer the Freedom of the City under Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001. The honorary freedom of the city is the highest award in the city's gift and is conferred very rarely. The freedom is purely honorary with no financial or other benefits accruing to the recipients. Prior to the Local Government Act, 2001, Dublin Corporation (as it was then called) could bestow that honour under the provisions of the Municipal Privileges (Ireland) Act, 1876 and later under the Local Government Act, 1991.

The following is the extract from the 2001 Local Government Act, which sets out the conditions for awarding the Freedom of the City:

74.—(1) (a) A local authority may confer a civic honour on a distinguished person in such manner as it may determine, including the admission of the person to the honorary freedom of its administrative area, and may establish and maintain a roll or other record in which to enter the names of persons so honoured.

(b) The Cathaoirleach may, without prejudice to paragraph (a), propose a person for a civic honour under this section.

(2) Any roll or other record of civic honour established and maintained by a local authority before the commencement of this section shall continue as if established and maintained under this section.

(3) A decision of a local authority to confer the Freedom of City on a person is a reserved function.

The legislation makes clear that the Freedom of the City is a honour to be conferred on an individual and therefore it is not possible for an organisation to be considered for such a nomination.

### **Q.37 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the roads in the Ranch, Ballyfermot to be cleaned and weeded more regularly and to ask what are the plans to resurface the roads in the Ranch?

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

Road Maintenance has recently carried out various carriageway repairs on the roads within the Ranch Estate. There are no plans to carry out resurfacing of these roads.

The roads at this location will be sprayed for weeds twice during the growing season. The first spray was completed during the third week of April.

Waste Management Services have the Ranch, Ballyfermot cleaned on a twelve week cycle. We also remove dumped rubbish from this area and have some additional cleaning carried out when necessary. Arrangements have been made for weed removal in this area.

### **Q.38 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider planting a tree in Jim Mitchell Park, Inchicore in memory of **(details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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### **Q.39 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular format, how many households with Shared Ownership or who have City Council mortgages are in arrears for the years 2010 - 2015 inclusive and what was the length of time these households have been in arrears?

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

See below number of mortgages in arrears for the years 2010 – 2015.

<b>Time In Arrears</b>	<b>No. in 2010</b>	<b>No. in 2011</b>	<b>No. in 2012</b>	<b>No. in 2013</b>	<b>No. in 2014</b>	<b>No. in 2015 (31/3/2015)</b>
Less than 1 month	312	220	211	195	163	149
Between 30-60 Days in arrears	173	160	112	127	98	95
Between 61-90 days in arrears	89	82	91	79	63	57
Between 91-180 days in arrears	156	219	192	179	158	139
Between 181-360 days in arrears	186	163	157	152	143	147
Between 361 days in arrears and over	347	435	532	612	622	605
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,192</b>

### **Q.40 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding has been allocated to DCC as part of Social Housing Strategy 2020? And how much funding for housing construction has been released to Dublin City Council by the Department of Environment since the announcement of Social Housing Strategy 2020?

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

By letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015, the Department of Environment , Community and Local Government advised that €292.2m will be available to the Council in relation to its targets for delivery under the Social Housing Strategy 2015-2017.

Funding of €35.7m has been announced in respect of 4 sites totalling 167 units.

### **Q.41 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.42 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.43 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.44 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.45 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.46 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.47 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he expects to provide a report into the submissions made as part of the informal consultation into the desired route for the Liffey Cycle Route? In responding, can the Chief Executive detail what the proposed timeline is for the completion of agreeing the Liffey Cycle Route and when does he expect the public to have a further option to make their views known on the project through a statutory consultation process?

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

The non statutory public consultation process is now closed. Just over 1,200 submissions were received and a report is being prepared. This will form part of the assessment for an Emerging Preferred Option for the Liffey Cycle Route. A briefing on the cycle route proposals will also be organised for businesses as part of the public consultation process.

A report on the emerging preferred option will be presented to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee. It is anticipated that this will be to the September meeting of the SPC, which all Councillors will be notified of and be welcomed to attend.

This report will outline the process timeline including details of the required statutory public consultation.

#### **Q.48 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive the percentage of repair works to road surfaces and footpaths under the auspices of Dublin City Council which are carried out by (a) DCC works crews, and (b) private contractors in the years 2013 and 2014.

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

The percentages of repair works to roadways and footpaths carried out by (a) Road Maintenance Services Direct Labour crews and (b) contractors are set out in the table below.

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Year	2013	2014
Contract	35%	40%
DCC Road Maintenance Direct Labour	65%	60%

Please note that the above does not include for depot and administration costs.

### **Q.49 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to Bernardo Square, Dame Street:

(a) To introduce effective measures to prevent skateboarding taking place there, including to ban it if it is not already banned; and

(b) To re-design the fire escape on the Dublin City Council building on Bernardo Square beside the Dublin bike station in circumstances where, at present, it provides numerous opportunities for people to hide and thus increases the antisocial behaviour. The stairs has a gate halfway up meaning people can sit on the steps shielded from the street. This spot is frequently used for excessive drinking, injecting drugs and inappropriate acts in public places.

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

The Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department and the South East Area Office have met on site to investigate and discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at Barnardo Sq. There is no doubt that these issues are present and causing difficulties to local residents and visitors to the area.

The Gardaí are aware of the constant anti-social behaviour in this area and do monitor it regularly. The area is cleaned on a daily basis.

The South East Area Office will continue to work proactively with the Gardaí and others to address these issues.

### **Q.50 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to how the Council is entitled to regulate the usage of posters in Dublin City for local and general election campaigns, and to indicate what process must be followed for the current policy to be amended.

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

The regulation of postering at elections/referendums is governed by Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended.

Any legislative change in this regard will require the approval of the Houses of the Oireachtas.

### **Q.51 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the legal basis for the distinction drawn between Report No. 108/2015, which was an item at the 16 April 2015 Council meeting in respect of which the CEO received legal advice that councillors could direct the CEO not to act under s.139 of the Local Government Act, and the motion directing the CEO, pursuant to s.139 of the Local Government Act, not to proceed with the works proposed in Report No.265/2014 (the Waste to Energy project) proposed by Cllr Jim O'Callaghan and Cllr Frank Kennedy, which was passed by 52 votes to 2 at a special Council meeting.

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

Section 4 of the Waste Management (Amendment) Act 2001 amended Section 22 of the Waste Management Act 1996 by substituting Subsection 10 with a new Subsection 10 and paragraph (g) of the said subsection reads as follows:

*“(g) A local authority shall not, by resolution, under Section 3 or 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, or Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, give a direction that works not be proceeded with or require any act, matter, or thing to be done or effected where the effect of such direction or requirement would be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any provision (including any objective contained therein) of a Waste Management Plan or would limit or restrict the proper implementation of such a provision and any resolution purporting to be passed under the said Section 3, 4 or 179 which contravenes this paragraph shall be void.”*

Sections 3 and 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 have been replaced by Sections 138 and 139 of the Local Government Act 2001 and they are virtually identical to the original Sections. It follows therefore that any notices to be put before the Council under Section 139 of the 2001 Act cannot be vetoed by them when it relates to matters which require to be done under the Waste Management Plan.

This explains the difference between the Dublin Waste to Energy Project and the proposed refurbishment of O'Devaney Gardens.

In respect of the motion not to proceed with the works proposed in Report No. 265/2014(Waste to Energy Project), the Council was already contracted to commence these works.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

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

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

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

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

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

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**.

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



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### **Q.56 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the current status of tender process for third party debt collection process in Dublin City Council, which was initially due for completion by end January 2015 per a previous reply.

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

Dublin City Council has not proceeded with this tender process because the Office of Government Procurement has indicated that it wants to look at procuring legal services for all Local Authorities.

Most debt collection for Dublin City Council is undertaken in house.

### **Q.57 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of concrete, tangible solutions to alleviate the temporary accommodation needs of homeless families who are residing in hotels and B&Bs that can be presented immediately to DOELG.

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

The four Dublin local authorities are currently considering all suitable properties in their administrative areas with the DECLG, which could potentially be used on an emergency basis to respond to the needs of families presenting to homeless services.

Further information will be provided to all elected representatives on the suitability and viability of emergency accommodation options for families as soon as feasible.

### **Q.58 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a list of all DCC commercial properties that are for rent or sale or lease?

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

The following is a list of Development Department properties that are currently available for rent, sale or lease:

- Mews to rear of 14/15, St Stephens Green, Dublin 2.
- 4 Capel Street, Dublin 1
- 40/41 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1
- Floor 2 Ormond Building, Ormond Quay, Dublin 7
- No. 2D Mary Aikenhead House, James' Street, Dublin 8.
- No. 8C Mary Aikenhead House, James' Street, Dublin 8.
- No. 78 The Coombe – Ground Floor Retail Unit
- No. 80 The Coombe – Lock Up Unit
- No. 82 The Coombe – Lock Up Unit

### **Q.59 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive request the JC Decaux Dublin Bike scheme to display on their bikes and their bike stations – 'No cycling on the footpath' signs. More and more tourists and bike users are cycling on the footpath often in groups around the city unaware that it is illegal to cycle on the footpaths.

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

An overriding concern for the dublinbikes scheme is to ensure that subscribers to the scheme obey the rules of the road. All subscribers to the dublinbikes scheme are advised to not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones.

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Dublin City Council and the day to day operator of the scheme, JCDecaux make every effort to communicate to dublinbikes users around this issue. The current measures that are already in place are as follows;

All users must accept the current General Conditions of Access and Use (GCAU) to avail of the system. Article 9.8 of the GCAU deals with this issue as follows:

- The customer is also advised to:
  - Obey the Rules of the Road and traffic regulations in force at the time of using the service (e.g. respecting traffic lights, not cycling on footpaths, etc.)
  - A copy of the GCAU is provided to the customer.

The dublinbikes Website includes the following guidance and information:

- Respect road signs and signals (red lights, one-way streets, stop signs, etc.).
- Rules of the Road apply to all road users.
- Do not cycle on footpaths.
- A link to the RSA's guidelines for cyclists is provided.

The terminal screens also contain safety advice pages along the same lines as the dublinbikes website. These are visible to all users, both Long Term Subscribers and 3 Day Ticket Subscribers.

Every bike has a handlebar sticker facing the cyclist with the following in bold text:

- Always obey the rules of the road.

New Long Term Subscribers are alerted to Safety in the letter contained in their subscription pack as follows:

- ...please see enclosed leaflet for further information and pricing structure. The information leaflet also contains some important road safety guidelines for cycling in Dublin.
- The letter closes with the phrase "Cycle safely!"

The information leaflet which is enclosed with every subscription pack sent out with the Long Term Hire Card includes the following under the Safety Advice and Road Safety Guidelines:

- Respect road signs and signals.
- Rules of the Road apply to all road users.
- Do not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones.

Cycling on footpaths is an offence which is dealt with under the Rules of the Road and the City Council is satisfied that awareness to not cycle on footpaths is adequately highlighted and communicated to subscribers. Unfortunately, cycling on footpaths is an issue in general for the city and is not just restricted to the dublinbikes scheme.

### **Q.60 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive confirm as to whether there will be a Christmas market on St. Stephen's Green this year organized by the BID's company? Also whether this market will be created in any other part of the city?

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

To date no proposal has been submitted to the Office of Public Works (OPW) by Dublin Town (Dublin City BID) to hold a Christmas market on St. Stephen's Green. If

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such a proposal is submitted it will be a matter for OPW to consider it in consultation with relevant stakeholders and statutory agencies.

Culture, Recreation & Amenity (CRA) Department is not aware of any proposal by Dublin Town to create this market in any other part of the city.

### **Q.61 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive carry out a full review and assessment of Dublin City Council's social housing estate management and its effectiveness in best practice management? Also can the CEO supply any reports over the past number of years that have been conducted into best practice social housing estate management?

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

Dublin City Council carried out a detailed review of its Estate Management policies and procedures in 2010. This resulted in the creation of our Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2010-2015 which was adopted by reserved function in accordance with s35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. A further review is due to be carried out in the near future to take account of new provisions in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.

A comprehensive report titled *Preventing and Combating Anti Social Behaviour* containing good practice guidelines for local authorities was published by the Housing Unit, Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4 a number of years ago.

### **Q.62 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.63 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.64 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.65 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.66 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive what arrangements he has made or intends to make for bicycle parking in the new leasing arrangements for the Mansion House car park.

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

The Transportation and Environment Department, are currently carrying out a feasibility study into the provision of high density cycle parking in the city centre. As part of this proposal the existing cycle parking facility in Drury Street car park is being assessed for its potential to increase its current capacity of 100 spaces. The provision of bicycle parking in the Dawson Street Car Park will be considered in the above context.

### **Q.67 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the acquisition and sale of lands in the inner city, and can he confirm that the city is moving away from the principle of site assembly, and towards the sensitive development and refurbishment of small sites and buildings rather than their demolition or incorporation into larger sites. In his answer can the Chief Executive clarify the legislation under which the Development Department operates?

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

The power conferred on the City Council under the Local Government Act 2001 enables it to acquire or dispose of land in the carrying out of any of its functions under this act. The acquisition and disposal of land is governed by Sections 210 - 213 in the Planning And Development Act 2000, Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 75 – 92 in the Housing Act 1966.

On occasion site assembly is carried out if in the opinion of the City Council it will be required in the future for the purpose of any of its statutory functions and duties.

### **Q.68 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Dublin City Council/IBM Road Congestion System to manage traffic flow via information from an array of real-time sources including road sensors and bus-mounted GPS updates, and to state in detail what priority is given to pedestrian and cyclists.

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

Dublin City Council and IBM have a Memorandum of Understanding for the sharing of data for research purposes and to allow different research ideas to be worked on. As part of this, various prototypes have been developed for research purposes with IBM; however, these are for the visualisation of data and the use of Big Data analytic tools. There is no DCC/IBM Road Congestion system and any of the collaboration we have with IBM does not impact on any road user.

For traffic management, we use the Australian SCATS system and a number of interface software modules; this allows us to make use of sensor data from each lane on each approach for motorised vehicles and a combination of sensors specific to cyclists. Pedestrians are normally treated separately from cyclists as cyclists would in most case be sharing the road with vehicles or with buses.

At a number of locations, such as the Rosie Hackett Bridge and the new Contra Flow Lane at the Bleeding Horse, specific cycle detection has been implemented to allow for better provision for cyclists.

### **Q.69 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that all buildings listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage are proposed for inclusion on the list of Protected Structures in the proposed new City Development Plan.

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

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) is currently undertaking a survey of the entire of Dublin City for the purposes of Section 53(1) of the Planning and Development Act (as amended). The survey forms part of a national survey of post-1700 built heritage.

Section 53(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides that a planning authority shall have regard to any recommendations made to it by the Minister and must provide reasons to the Minister where it has considered the recommendation and decides not to comply with same.

Accordingly, consideration must be given to the Minister's recommendation, whether it is proposed to include the recommended structure on the RPS or not.

The making of an addition to, or deletion from, the Record of Protected Structures is a final decision of, and a reserved function of the City Council.

The Dublin City survey commenced in 2011 and is being undertaken in phases, all of which are likely to be completed by 2017, with recommendations published thereafter by 2018 or early 2019.

The first 3 phases, covering D1, D7, D10 and D12 are now completed and recommend the inclusion of some 1884 structures to the record. (At present there are 8600 (approx) protected structures in the city).

All recordings are cross checked with the (current) Dublin City RPS to ensure accuracy in terms of geo-location and mapping in particular. All recommendations for inclusion to the RPS require written consideration and reasons provided to the Minister, where the recommendation to include is not to be complied with.

Having regard to the duration of the Dublin City survey, the number of structures involved, the careful consideration required of recommendations and the limited resources available, the work outlined above will take some time. Given that the NIAH survey of Dublin City will continue well beyond the preparation period of the new Development Plan, it would be appropriate that consideration of the recommendations be undertaken for the subsequent Development Plan.

### **Q.70 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether a sunken part of the road outside Nos. 24/26 Zion Road, Rathgar can be resurfaced?

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

Road Maintenance have inspected the aforementioned area. This area is contained within a package of locations that a contractor will be permanently re-instating in concrete. In the meantime, this location will be kept under review should any temporary measures need to be carried out.

### **Q.71 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.72 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.73 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether an update can be provided to a request to have a ramp to facilitate wheelchair users installed on a new footpath at Beechlawm Way, Terenure (beside Lidl and at the back of St. Joseph's Church, Terenure)..

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

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath on Beechlawm Way at the St. Joseph's entrance. Repair works at this location are on our works programme and will be carried out when a crew becomes available in a neighbouring area.

### **Q.74 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.75 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.76 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.77 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.78 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.79 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.80 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS 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.81 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if the brightness of street lighting in the Artane, Donaghmede, Raheny wards has been turned down in recent times? Is it possible to do this and has it been done previously on cost or environmental grounds?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lights have not been turned down in the Artane, Donaghmede or Raheny wards.

It is possible to dim the lights and we have a few trials in place around the city, but none in the areas listed in the question. This is being carried out to help achieve our obligations for the 2020 Energy Reduction Targets.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to upgrade and install additional public lighting in the Clonshaugh, Newbury, Riverside areas. There has been a recent spate of burglaries in the area and resident's feel additional lighting would help address the problem.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no plans at present to upgrade or install additional lighting in the Clonshaugh, Newbury or Riverside areas. However, if there are specific roads in these areas that are of concern to the councillor, we will examine the lighting on those roads and any improvements considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is feasible to remove the eastern boundary hedge between Clonshaugh Park and Belcamp Park and replace it with railings. There have been numerous incidents of anti-social behaviour and residents believe this would help address the problem. What would the cost to extend the railings along the boundary of Belcamp Park as indicated? Can the lighting at the entrance of Belcamp Park also be improved?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The cost of the requested works would be in the region of €75,000. These works have not been included in the works programme for 2015; however they will be borne in mind for future work plans, should resources become available.

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

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the frequency of general litter collections in the Rathdrum Road area, as residents have reported an increase of litter on the Green, and have been informed they have to wait for 13 weeks for the Council to remove litter.

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

Waste Management Services have the roads and footpaths in the residential Rathdrum Road area cleaned on a twelve week cycle. The Parks Division look after the cleaning of the green in this area.

Parks and Landscape Services organise a weekly litter-pick on the open space at Rathdrum Road and can respond to dumping incidents on the green if notified.

### **Q.86 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to place Dog Fouling Notices on Kildare Road to encourage dog owners to take responsibility for their dogs.

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

Arrangements have been put in place to erect anti-dog fouling signs at Kildare Road.

### **Q.87 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the house at **(details supplied)** in relation to:

- a. Confirmation that the house has been boarded up and fenced by the council
- b. Confirmation on the length of time the council has been in occupation
- c. Have the council considered bringing an adverse possession application in relation to the property?

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

**(Details supplied)** is privately owned and is not a City Council dwelling. The City Council did however erect fencing at this location in order to curtail illegal dumping.

The Derelict Sites Section has sought ownership details of **(details supplied)** from the Law Department.

### **Q.88 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.89 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the gardens at rear of York Street flats maintained on a regular basis.

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

A contractor has been engaged to examine the garden at the above complex and he is to submit a report in the next three weeks. Any works recommended as a result of this report is subject to funding being available.

### **Q.90 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to set up a process where residents of York Street flats can access the community room for meetings when required.

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

Due to security and health & safety reasons it would not be possible to provide meeting facilities after 5pm in the above community facility. However, if residents wish to arrange meetings either Tuesday or Thursday afternoons they can contact the two staff from the Community Section who are in attendance on these afternoons.



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### **Q.91 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure that personal are not withdrawn from the various Ballyfermot Parks. There is a rumour that all staff will be centralised. I ask that senior management please carefully consider the consequences of this action before any such move goes forward. The simple fact is that the staffs attached to the various parks build up a strong relationship with park users and get to know the local community.

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

The Parks and Landscape Service is currently undertaking a city-wide Workforce Review and as yet no decisions have been made in relation to the closure of park depots or the reassignment of staff.

When management has finalised its proposals in relation to this, the issues will be discussed and changes negotiated through the normal Industrial Relations processes, principally through the Public Service Agreement procedures as set out nationally.

### **Q.92 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following housing application **(details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.93 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following housing application **(details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.94 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.95 Withdrawn**

### **Q.96 COUNCILLOR KATE O'CONNELL**

To ask the Chief Executive if he agrees that when considering applications for the lease of Council-owned property for commercial purposes, the following considerations should be taken into account by the decision makers:

The nature of the property and the nature of the business i.e. retail stores in retail locations, as opposed to service providers occupying shopfronts unnecessarily.

The cultural significance of the area i.e. prioritising applicants whose offering is a better fit to a particular quarter of the city in the interest of both the tourism trade and Dublin's citizens. In particular, newsagent chains, fast food shops and other such units lacking in character should not be allowed to take

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precedence over businesses which better contribute to the atmosphere of the city, solely on account of their ability to pay slightly higher rents. There is an important place for such businesses, but in many areas, the market is saturated at the expense of diversity.

If the Chief Executive is in agreement, what structures are in place to ensure that these views are acted upon?

If he is not, can an explanation be offered as to why not?

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

It is always the preference of the Council to secure tenants of a retail nature in a retail unit.

There have been a number of properties however where the City Council and/or their appointed agent have been unable to secure a retail user. In that instance it is preferable to have a unit occupied, generating rent and rates, providing some animation to the area, as opposed to a vacant unit.

When leasing a property there are structures in place that all submissions received are marked based on the assessment criteria, determined before a property is brought to the market. While the rent/financial element form part of the criteria there are other determining factors which include the term of the lease required, the proposed use, experience of the applicant and regard to the surrounding area and uses.

### **Q.97 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he if he can ensure that the correct paving slabs are reinstated as referred to in the email **(details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.98 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the serious noise pollution and general disruptive impact on the quality of life upon the DCC residents of **(details supplied)** caused by the construction at **(details supplied)** in Fingal Co.Co:

Make an immediate request of the Chief Executive in Fingal County Council to carry out an inspection for compliance of planning permission and conditions at this construction site, including visiting the homes of the residents being impacted upon by the construction.

Organise a meeting between DCC and Fingal Co. Co. to ascertain how the impact on the residents in **(details supplied)** can be reduced.

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

This is not a matter for Dublin City Council Planning Department. This is a matter for Fingal County Council to investigate and take appropriate enforcement action if necessary.

### **Q.99 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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### **Q.100 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive with the recent announcement by the Minister Of Health Mr. Varadkar in the Seanad that the Minister of Environment Mr Kelly is ultimately responsible for the provision of the Emergency Ambulance Service in Dublin City, to confirm that he has sought and received the support of Minister Kelly for his and the other 3 County Managers' proposed model? And whether any other models have been examined and if not why not?

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

The actual statement made by the Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar T.D., in relation to responsibility for the emergency ambulance service provided by Dublin Fire Brigade, in a debate in Seanad Éireann on 10 March 2015 was as follows:

*'Statutory responsibility for this service, therefore, rests with Dublin City Council and consequently comes within the remit of my colleague the Minister for the Environment & Local Government.'*

The Chief Executives of the four Dublin local authorities did not seek the support of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government before deciding, in consultation with the HSE, how best to respond to the recommendations in a HIQA report on the emergency ambulance service as responsibility for the service and for ensuring speedy implementation of HIQA recommendations rests with the Chief Executives and not with the Minister. No other models were considered as none were considered feasible.

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 Emergency Operations Centre in Tallaght will assume responsibility for call taking in respect of all emergency ambulance calls in the Dublin region,
2. the NAS Emergency Operations 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.

The implementation of these changes is now subject to ongoing consultation with the HSE/NAS on the one hand and with staff/trade union interests on the other.

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### **Q.101 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether the new EU Public Procurement Directives will allow Dublin City Council to include a local employment clause in future development contracts?

While the Grangegorman Development Authority and the Dublin Docklands Development Authority have previously implemented a local employment clause in their role as Development Authorities I was informed by DCC that Development Authorities are subject to different procurement legislative requirements to those which apply to Local Authorities.

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

The new EU Procurement Directive, 2014/24/EU, offers scope for taking account of social considerations in public procurement, provided that such considerations are linked to the subject matter of the contract and are proportionate to its requirements. Such provisions are subject always to the fundamental principles of equal treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality, as per the Treaty of Rome.

Dublin City Council has been working on the development of a social consideration clause for inclusion in suitable contracts on a pilot basis, under the confines of the current EU Procurement Directive 2004/18/EC.

We are not aware of different legislative procurement requirements applying to Grangegorman Development Authority and Dublin Docklands Authority.

### **Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the ongoing issues with Calderwood Court, Calderwood Road? A person allocated a unit has been informed that there is no estimated timeframe for rectification of the issues.

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

Calderwood is being acquired by Nabco through NAMA. A final inspection and flood test are due to be carried out on the complex over the next week and pending a successful outcome Nabco would hope to be in a position to contact the nominees

### **Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report showing all addresses of the houses purchased directly by Dublin City Council in the areas listed below in the last two years, detailing the date of purchase, the purchase price and the reason for purchase?

- a) Cabra
- b) Dunard
- c) Navan Road
- d) Central Area

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

In the Cabra Area there were 4 houses purchased as follows:

Road	No. Purchased	Date of Purchase	Price	Reason for Purchase
Dingle Road	1	1/5/2013	€105,000.00	De-tenanting
Ratoath Estate	1	10/7/2013	€165,000.00	De-tenanting
St Attracta Road	1	21/1/2015	€225,000.00	Homeless
Carnlough Road	1	25/3/2015	€240,000.00	De-tenanting

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These properties would have been in the Central Area prior to the boundary changes and are now in the North West Area.

No properties were purchased on Dunard or on the Navan Road.

In the Central Area the following were purchased:

Road	No. Purchased	Date of Purchase	Price	Reason for Purchase
Clonliffe Avenue	1	11/12/2013	€140,000.00	De-tenanting
Father Matthew Square	1	30/3/2015	€245,000.00	De-tenanting
Dorset Street Lower	1 Apt	11/3/2015	€180,000.00	Homeless
Montpelier Drive	1	4/3/2015	€230,000.00	De-tenanting
Montpelier Hill	1	22/5/2013	€115,000.00	De-tenanting
Nth Great Georges Street	1 Apt	24/3/2015	€150,000.00	Homeless
Cuckoo Lane	1 Apt	15/4/2015	€213,000.00	De-tenanting
North Strand	1 Apt	12/5/2014	€95,000.00	De-tenanting

### Q.104 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

According to figures released by the Tenancy Protection Service 4,121 callers contacted the service between June 2014 and March 2015, with 1,919 of these being at risk of homelessness. 553 of the tenancies at risk were protected. Can the Chief Executive say how many of the remaining 1,366 households were unsuccessful in retaining their tenancy and were deemed homeless?

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

From June 2014 to end March 2015, **553** families who are renting in the Greater Dublin Area have been prevented from becoming homeless under a prevention initiative led by the four Dublin local authorities and delivered by the **Tenancy Protection Service** (TPS), operated by Threshold.

The Tenancy Protection Service can be contacted through **FREEPHONE 1800 454 454** and callers will receive the following prompt interventions, if they are at risk of losing their home:

1. **Immediate guidance about rights** as tenants and landlord obligations.
2. **Negotiation between tenant and landlord** to resolve problems and take further action if needed, including the referral of a clear dispute to the Private Residential Tenancies Board.
3. **For rent supplement customers, an application for an uplift in payment** can be made to the Department of Social Protection (DSP) for families/couples or individuals, who are facing a rent increase and who are at risk of becoming homeless.
4. **Referral to Tenancy Sustainment Services** provided by Focus Ireland and the Dublin Simon Community if required at early point of contact.

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During the period June 2014 to March 2015, the Tenancy Protection Service received **4,139** calls and of these **2,202** households were diverted from homeless services through the provision of legal information and advice.

A further **1,937** were assessed as being 'at risk' of homelessness:

- 553 tenancies (28%) were protected and prevented from entering homelessness:
- 462 have been approved by DSP for an uplift in payment
- 30 were re-housed
- 61 TPS engaged in advocacy work
- An additional 56 (3%) households engaged with the Private Residential Tenancies Board
- 917 cases are ongoing or being assessed
- 400 cases have been closed following successful engagement with Threshold
- 11 families have entered homelessness

### **Q.105 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.106 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.107 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.109 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm why the provision in the current Development Plan which provides for new Estates to be named in the Irish Language only is not being implemented as per the democratic vote of Dublin City Council and can he confirm why planning permissions are conditioned to provide for naming in both English and in Irish contrary to the Development Plan when other councils can so implement this element of their own Development plans?

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

The Dublin City Development Plan contains 2 references to street sign names; Objective FCO9 states *To ensure that the naming of new residential and mixed-use schemes reflect local history, folklore and/or place names and are stated in Irish.*

Section 17.9.2 Names of Residential Estates (standards section)

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*All new street and development names shall reflect local historical, heritage or cultural associations and the basic generic description (i.e. Court, Quay, Road etc.) must be appropriate. The planning authority will approve the naming of residential developments in order to avoid confusion in regard to similar names in other locations. Street signs must be bilingual, and all house numbers must be visible. Developers shall agree estate names with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Such estate names shall be in the Irish language only and shall reflect the history and topography of the area in which they are located. The names of public roads shall be in the Irish language only.*

It is noted that the above distinguishes between street signs & names of public roads (bilingual signs), and estate names (Irish only).

The planning condition currently being applied to large residential schemes when granting permission is as follows;

*The naming and numbering of streets, buildings and business or dwelling units shall be in accordance with a street naming and numbering scheme submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the planning authority. The names selected shall reflect local place names, or be of local historical interest, and be in both Irish and English and shall be installed on site prior to the occupation of the scheme. The applicant shall consult with Dublin City Council's Irish Officer in relation to the translation of names. Reason: In the interests of orderly street naming and numbering; to enhance urban legibility, and to retain local place name associations.*

It should be noted that the above condition relates to streets, buildings and businesses, and therefore has a wider remit than residential schemes alone.

### **Legislation**

Legislative requirements include the Planning Act, Official Languages Act 2003, and the Road Traffic Act 1961.

The 2000 Planning Act (as amended), Section 34(4) (O), states that in granting permission for developments, the council can apply '*conditions in relation to appropriate naming and numbering of, and the provision of appropriate signage for, the proposed development*'.

Official Languages Act 2003; Under SI391 of 2008 Part 3, Section 9, all signage placed by or on behalf of a Local Authority must be placed in Irish and English (with the Irish coming first).

Road Traffic Act 1961; Street nameplates must be in Irish and English (specifications for signs are given). Road traffic signs similarly.

### **Other Dublin Councils**

From a brief analysis of the requirements of other Dublin Authorities, there does not appear to be any requirement for signage in the Irish language only.

In conclusion both the Official Languages Act 2003 and the Road Traffic Act 1961 seek street signage in both Irish and English. Whilst section 17.9.2 of the development plan supports this in relation to street signs, it places an additional restriction – i.e Irish Language only for estate names and public roads. This is not reflected in the policies of adjoining Dublin Authorities.

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The condition applied by Dublin City Council to planning permissions for new developments in relation to naming (which has a broader remit than estate names only) seeks both Irish and English languages and is therefore consistent with the Official Languages Act and the Road Traffic Act.

As it is not the role of the Development Plan to override primary legislation, it is recommended that both objective FCO9 and the content of Section 17.9.2 are reviewed as part of the ongoing Development Plan review.

### **Q.110 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

Can the Chief Executive please confirm why a footpath resurfacing was carried out at **(details supplied)** at a time of year when tumble weed was likely to grow through same and what urgent more substantial remedial work can be done to repair the very serious trip hazards now present on the footpath permanently as the very many poc marks which have risen the footpath are quite numerous as personally viewed by this Councillor?

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

As can sometimes happen to old paths when resurfaced during the dormant season especially along the edges dormant dandelions and ephemeral's can be present and cannot be sprayed at that time.

The weeds and dandelions that have managed to surface through the tar macadam have been treated and will not reappear. A few such treatments may be necessary for full control and will be followed through when new green tissue appears.

Regarding remedial work to the pavement, this will be examined to see what works need doing.

### **Q.111 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

Can the Chief Executive please arrange to have the Road surfaces at numerous locations at **(details supplied)** repaired urgently where the wearing course has been eroded by frost?

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

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. The roads in question are of concrete construction and are in very good condition structurally, there is very little cracking or subsidence. There are some localised areas where the concrete is weathering however there are far worse roads in the North Central Area which will be prioritised for repair. There are no plans to carry out resurfacing at this location.

### **Q.112 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if in relation to the Valuation Amendment No. 2 Bill 2012 (which is about to become law), as it pertains to the Rates Valuation of Sports Clubs, will he outline the process to be followed to implement this legislation, what process has to be carried out by the Valuation Office/City Council to implement the revised valuation, if the reduced rates will apply to 2015 rates bills to clubs, how long will it take for reduced bills to come through, if the reduced rates will be due from date legislation is passed and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

The Valuation Amendment Act 2015 was passed last month and it is expected it will be enacted shortly. Currently sports club facilities are normally exempt from rates but if the club has a bar, all of the premises are valued for rates. The new Act will allow



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commercial and community areas within these clubs to be separated for valuation purposes.

The Commissioner of Valuation will put a system in place to ensure the valuation list is amended in 2015 and the new valuation will be effective from 2016.

### **Q.113 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.114 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive can he organise to have the houses (including window and doors) fronting the former works depot at **(details attached)**, either power washed or else recompense residents for the cost of power washing of same as soon as possible as was previously promised.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.115 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to pavement at location as per **(details supplied)** which my constituent slipped and fell down on recently and say if he will inspect same with a view to installing a non-slip surface and also have an official contact my constituent **(details supplied)** directly in the matter.

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

Road Maintenance will contact the constituent, inspect the area and revert to the councillor and constituent directly with our findings.

### **Q.116 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.117 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.118 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.119 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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### **Q.120 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with a full history of the use within Dublin City Council (and prior to that, Dublin Corporation) of the Section 139 device (or similar) used to put a stop to the O'Devaney Gardens refurbishment works including:

1. Specific instances in which it was proposed
2. Details of those instances in which it was successfully used.

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

Dublin City Council does not have a specific record of the instances when Section 139 was used in the course of Council meetings. The use of Section 139, which is a reserved function, will be included in the minutes of any meeting at which it was invoked. The Section provides that the Council may by resolution, direct the Chief Executive not to proceed with works as duly notified under Section 138 (not being any works which the local authority is required by or under statute or by order of a court to undertake). The Chief Executive shall comply with a resolution of the elected council duly and lawfully passed under this section.

### **Q.121 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

In relation to Croke Villas can the Chief Executive:

1. Provide a timeline of the history of discussions with the GAA in relation to plans for these units.
2. Confirm when the possibility of refurbishment of these units as accommodation for homeless families currently in hotel / B&B accommodation was first mooted.

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

The GAA approached the Council at the end of 2011 about the redevelopment of Croke Villas. Over the next three years there were extensive discussions involving the Housing Department, Valuers and City Architects, to establish the best option for redeveloping Croke Villas including how best to incorporate the requirements of the GAA for a sports facility and a new entrance roadway with agreement in principle reached in late 2014.

Under the Homeless Action Plan December 2014, the refurbishment and interim use of these units was put forward for consideration.

### **Q.122 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

Can the Chief Executive please provide me with an update on resolution of the issue as raised in the following email correspondence with DCC **(details supplied.)**

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

This matter has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the outcome in due course.

### **Q.123 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

Can the Chief Executive please take the appropriate steps to deal with the following footpaths-related issue as raised by a local Management Company **(details supplied)?**

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

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Seafield Road East was not selected for inclusion in the North Central Major works programme 2015. This will be assessed for inclusion in the 2016 planned works programme.

### **Q.124 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.125 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive **details supplied**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.126 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the possibility of using an underground storage / recycling facility for our bottle and clothes recycling banks. This system which is used extensively on the continent eliminates from the landscape unsightly recycling bottle and clothes banks and allows for larger and more efficient collection of recycling material which would also eradicate the problem of overflowing bottle banks. This type of underground facility can be finished off on ground- level with sympathetic landscaping. DCC currently operate recycling banks along the public park which is Clontarf Promenade and I believe this would be a very suitable location to trial an underground facility.

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

Dublin City Council has previously investigated the possibility of trialling underground bottle banks at a number of locations across the City. Although common on the continent, it was concluded that due to weather conditions leading to leakage problems, associated weight issues and contractual servicing arrangements, they were not suitable.

In addition, to place these banks underground, the City Council would first need to go to tender to get the most competitive market price but it is estimated that each underground unit (5 units would be required in total) would cost in the region of €5,000 + vat each. There would be significant engineering work to retrofit such underground facilities at many of our recycling locations and due to the current economic climate; there is no provision in the waste management services budget for this work.

### **Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive request that our housing maintenance section make arrangements to deal with maintenance issues at out tenant's home (**Details supplied**)

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

The Area Maintenance Officer reports the following in relation to this dwelling:

1. The vents will be fitted in the bedrooms and bathroom within the next two to three weeks.
2. An inspection of the roof will be carried out. Any necessary repairs will subsequently be carried out.

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3. The gutters and the downpipe to the rear of the dwelling will be replaced within the next three to four weeks.

### **Q.128 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive request that our housing maintenance section make arrangements to deal with maintenance issues at out tenant's home (**Details supplied**)

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

The Area Maintenance Officer is making arrangements to inspect this dwelling over the next two weeks. Any necessary repairs will be carried out.

### **Q.129 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive provide a detailed report on the current situation as it pertains to the potential purchase of Dalymount Park by DCC and plans for Tolka Park?

#### **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.
- 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 can 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.

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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 lease 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. Discussions with both clubs are ongoing

### **Q.130 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive request that proper secure fencing be erected at **(Details supplied)**.

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

The Area Maintenance Officer is investigating options in relation to improving the fencing to the side and rear of this complex.

### **Q.131 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive provide me with **(Details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.132 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive provide me with **(Details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

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**Q.133 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a copy of the legal advice received in respect of handing over names and addresses of council tenants to Irish Water.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The relevant legislation is Section 26 of the Water Services Act 2013 which provides that Irish Water should provide services the same as or similar to those vested in a water services authority under the Water Services Act of 2007.

Section 31(2) of the Water Services Act 2007 provides that:

“Subject to regulations made under *subsection (3)*, a water services authority may provide water services or supervise the provision of water services by other persons, in accordance with any prescribed standards, for domestic and non-domestic requirements in its functional area, taking full account of the following aspects of public policy, namely

(c) relevant regulations and other statutory provisions made by the Minister or the Parliament and Council of the European Union”.

It is clear from the above that in providing water services there is an obligation to comply with other legislation.

Irish Water requested the Council to release the names and addresses of its Tenants so that they can properly charge for the provision of water under the legislation. The Council is obliged therefore to provide this information.

Before deciding whether to release the information the Council had to be satisfied that it was not in breach of the Data Protection legislation and it was assured by Irish Water that they had brought this matter to the attention of the Data Protection Commissioner who was satisfied that the release of the data was not in breach of the legislation.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC have ever purchased domestic water meters to be used on behalf of Irish Water?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has not purchased any domestic water meters to be used on behalf of Irish Water.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH**

To ask the Chief Executive if any reductions in staff numbers are being considered in the re-arrangement of the delivery of ambulance service throughout Dublin?

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

There are no proposals for the reduction of staff numbers in the context of negotiations on the rearrangement of Ambulance service in Dublin.

### **Q.138 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that Eircom remove the phone box outside the ABCD centre on the Drumcondra Road (opposite Clonliffe Road), as it has become a focus for antisocial behaviour. If they won't remove it, will they clean it up?

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

The North West Area Office has written to Eircom to request that this phone box be removed.

### **Q.139 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive how often is Drumcondra Road, outside the ABCD centre cleaned? The local business says they very rarely see it cleaned up.

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

As a major route in and out of the city, the Drumcondra Road is cleaned on a daily basis. We will ensure that the area outside the ABCD centre is kept as clean as possible.

### **Q.140 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the new road into Hampton Wood, from Ballymun be opened? This is a very important connection between the local communities.

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

This road is one of the infrastructural projects that were not completed by BRL as part of the regeneration process due to lack of funding. Revised costings for this and other projects have just been completed. As part of the BRL transition process each City Council Department was made aware of the outstanding projects relevant to them and the revised costing will be forwarded to them shortly. Revision of land boundaries is also required to allow this to proceed and progress is currently being made in relation to this. No funding is currently available, but will be sought.

### **Q.141 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the roads at the following locations:

- Numbers 141/135/139 Lower Drumcondra Road Dublin 9 inbound.
- Constitution Hill Dublin 7 Cycle Lane outbound opposite Kings Inn entrance
- Inchicore Bridge Dublin 8 beside LUAS line inbound.

They are particularly dangerous for cyclists.

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

The Road Maintenance Services Division's works programme was finalised at the start of the year and does not include resurfacing at these locations. However repairs will be carried out to make the locations safe.

### **Q.142 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.143 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.144 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.145 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.146 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an inspection (**details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

#### **Q.147 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a comprehensive report of the housing allocation process currently practiced by DCC and report on how this process has changed, if at all, over the past eight years.

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

The previous Scheme of Letting Priorities was a point's based scheme whereby applicants were awarded points under several categories such as the number of people on the application, bedroom shortage, time on the list, local area preference and lack of facilities etc. Applicants were prioritised for housing based on the highest points.

The current Allocations Scheme came into effect in late 2013 and applicants for housing are prioritised based on the length of time they have been on the waiting list. There are three bands into which applicants are placed on the waiting list and applicants are housed from the top of each band.

- Band 1. All priority cases, e.g. (medical, welfare and homeless, traveller, surrendering larger accommodation)
- Band 2. All overcrowded applicants (bedroom shortage), applicants with medical/welfare points under the previous scheme, applicants residing in bedsit accommodation.
- Band 3. All other applicants i.e. not overcrowded but deemed eligible under the income guidelines.

I will arrange to issue the Councillor with copies of both the old Scheme and the current Scheme for information purposes and in the event the Councillor requires any further clarification, information or assistance he may contact myself directly.



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### **Q.148 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a detailed report on the drainage department's level of staffing, funding and changes in the response times to tenants' requests over the past eight years?

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

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

### **Q.149 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the number of voids in each of the four local areas of DCC in each year 2013, 2014 and 2015, including progress reports on the number of voids turned around in those years (2013, 2014, 2015) and the projected number for year's end.

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

Because voids are turned around and let on a continual basis It is impossible to give accurate figures on what is effectively a rolling number. However the chart below shows the number of properties turned around and let in 2013, 2014 & 2015.

	Central	Nth Central	Nth West	Sth Central	Sth East	Total
<b>2013</b>	175	142	310	276	109	1012
<b>2014</b>	206	165	164	329	185	1049
<b>2015 (to date)</b>	61	43	36	86	86	312

At present there are currently 396 viable vacant units as indicated below

	Central	Nth Central	Nth West	Sth Central	Sth East	Total
<b>2015</b>	93	42	91	100	70	396

### **Q.150 COUNCILLOR BRID SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive if this council intends to discuss the letter entitled "Targets for delivery under the Social Housing Strategy 2015, 2016 and 2017" received from the DoECLG April 2015 and if so when and will the Housing SPC be consulted on same.

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

This matter was dealt with at the Housing SPC on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **Q.151 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.152 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.153 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

### **Q.154 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware that Greyhound are no longer collecting domestic brown bins in the City, and have directed customers to put their organic waste into the black bins, which is in direct contravention to waste policy in the City, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

The Chief Executive is not aware of this and no communication has been received from Greyhound in this regard. If the Councillor can provide more specific details the matter will be investigated under the bye-laws.

### **Q.155 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide the details of the process of calculations by which current figure for the Poolbeg Waste to Energy Community Gains Fund was reached, given that the capital costs outlined in the most recent reports by Covanta, and as stated by the CEO himself, indicates that the total capital costs of the project are close to €500m, which means 3% would be €15m, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

#### **Calculation of Community Gain Fund:**

The 3% Capital Cost Calculation is based on the methodology as submitted within Appendix 13.2 of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Waste to Energy Project and on which the An Bord Pleanála decision issued. The capital contribution proposed then was approximately €8m based on an estimated construction cost of €266m.

The 2014 figure of €10.38 million is based upon the updated capital costs as of September 2014 and an expected start of construction in October, 2014. The estimated construction costs were €346m and the overall project costs were estimated to be approximately €500 million.

### **Q.156 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please carry out a full inventory of uneven path surfaces in the city as a matter of urgency with a view to flattening and improving surfaces as many are a trip hazard for pedestrians due to incomplete and unsatisfactory replacement of pathways across the city after various works that have been carried out.

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

In 2010/2011 the Road Maintenance Services Division completed surveys of all the city's roads and streets to identify and categorise defects on both footways and carriageways. The results of these surveys have been used for carrying out both reactive and planned maintenance. Unfortunately resources are not available at present to repeat these surveys.

A Transport Asset Management System is presently being introduced into the Road Maintenance Services Division. One of the functions of this system will be the management of footway and carriageway defects and their repair. When the system is in place it is hoped to restart the defect surveys and to continue them on an ongoing basis. This will allow a more planned approach to the repair of defects.

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### **Q.157 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce permanent pedestrian signage at the pedestrian crossing at the gyratory on Camden Street, as the current temporary signs are too small, move around in the wind and are insufficient.

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

This matter has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer to examine. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation.

### **Q.158 COUNCILLOR BRENDAN CARR**

To ask the Chief Executive how many trucks have been fined / penalised since the introduction of the 5 axle ban in Dublin City and how many of these have been fined/ penalised in the Navan Road / Cabra area?

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

Dublin City Council has no details of the number of HGVs which may have been fined since the introduction of the 5-axle ban. An Garda Síochána is responsible for the enforcement of the 5-axle ban and the issue of fines.

### **Q.159 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding has been released by the Department of Environment for bringing vacant properties back into productive use? How many voids out of the total 1046 have been brought back into productive use since December 2014?

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>
2012	€5,808,022.16
2013	€5,610,356.45
2014	€12,731,189.87
2015 (to date)	€0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€24,149,568.48</b>

To date 316 units have been brought back to productive use and there are currently 196 viable voids which will be returned to production over the next two quarters.

### **Q.160 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless households have been housed since December 2014, is this in line with the target of providing homes for 500 people by June 2015? How much funding has been released by the Department of Environment since the DCC budget 2015 was agreed, to tackle homelessness in Dublin City? Has the hotel under control of NAMA been purchased to provide accommodation for homeless families? Can DCC use any apartment properties under the control of NAMA for temporary emergency accommodation?

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

- The total number of homeless households that have been housed in the first quarter of 2015 (January – March) are 236. The significant rate of move on is to social housing via local authority allocations (193), with only 43 households moving onto private rented. This in conjunction with Q4 2014 (43) is a record low number of households moving onto private rented in the Dublin region.

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- No notification has been received yet from the DECLG of its Section 10 Homeless Funding Allocation for 2015.
- The hotel referred to in section 7 of the Homeless Action Plan was examined and deemed to be unsuitable and incapable of being brought into use for the purpose required at reasonable cost. The potential capacity offered by the hotel is replaced by the leasing via N.A.R.Ps of 65 apartment units ( in one block) adjacent to the hotel.
- DCC are in regular communication with NAMA and continue to pursue options to realise use of residential units under their control. The hotel under the use of NAMA in Tallaght is not suitable and is not being progressed to provide accommodation for homeless families. The four Dublin local authorities continue to examine properties that are suitable for the provision of emergency accommodation for families but also continue to encounter obstacles including feasibility, suitability of location etc.