1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by commending Dublin Fire Brigade personnel for their services to the public during Hallowe'en. Members also congratulated the various Community staff of Dublin City Council for organising numerous very successful events. An Garda Síochána were also praised for their vigilance during Hallowe'en and on Saturday, 1st November, for the anti-water protest. The organisers of the Anti-Water Protest March were commended for coordinating the protest and ensuring it went off safely.
The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motion without debate as it was on the same topic:

“This Council congratulates the people of this city and the whole country who marched in their tens of thousands at 93 protests in all 26 counties on Saturday 1st November to express their growing outrage and opposition to water charges and the Irish Water quango. We are calling on all citizens to keep up the pressure on the government and to unite in force at the next national protest on Wednesday 10th December outside Dáil Éireann at 1pm”

Submitted by People Before Profit Councillors: Andrew Keegan; Brid Smith; John Lyons; Sonya Stapleton; Tina MacVeigh

The Lord Mayor congratulated St. Patrick’s Athletic Football Team on winning the FAI Cup Final yesterday against worthy opponents Derry City. He also congratulated Raheny United Women’s Team on winning the FAI Cup for the 3rd successive year. He informed the Members that both teams would be invited to the Mansion House mark their success.

The Lord Mayor then proposed the following motion “That Dublin City Council calls on Minister Alan Kelly to immediately reverse the decision to cut the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) funding” The City Council agreed this motion and also suspended Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motions without debate as they were on the same topic:

a) Dublin City Council expresses deep concern at the cut of over €742,000 to the funding for SICAP in Dublin city. These cuts are disproportionate to the overall budget cut of €2m and will have a hugely negative effect and should be immediately reversed. If this cut goes ahead it will spell the end of many essential community services. We call on the Lord Mayor to seek an urgent cross party meeting with Minister Alan Kelly to impress on him the urgency of the situation.

Submitted by Councillor Daithi Doolan on behalf of the Sinn Fein Group

b) That the Members call on the Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly TD, to reverse the recently announced cuts to the funding for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), to ensure that the vital services provided through this programme are retained, at least at their current levels, as promised by the Minister.

Submitted by Councillors Nial Ring, Cieran Perry, Michael O’Brien, Tom Brabazon, Teresa Keegan, Andrew Keegan, Jim O’Callaghan, Paul Hand and Pat Dunne

c) The Council notes the decision by national government to cut the budget allocated to community development through the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme by a total of 11% for 2015, with a disproportionate cut to the Dublin area. This comes on top of cuts of up to 40% to the community sector as a whole over the past eight years. In particular, the Council notes with concern the disproportionately large cuts to funding for community development in inner city Dublin compared with any other area of the country - by an estimated 38% compared with the same time
last year. Considering the particularly high levels of deprivation, poverty and exclusion in many parts of the inner city compared to the national average, the council; Calls on Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly TD, to reverse these cuts; Calls on the Minister to meet with the Local Community Development Committee as a matter of urgency, to account for and review how decisions are made regarding allocation of SICAP funding.

Submitted by Councillors Éilis Ryan and Tina MacVeigh

The Lord Mayor also proposed the following motion “That Dublin City Council calls on An Taoiseach to hold a Referendum to enshrine the public ownership of Uisce Éireann/Irish Water into our Constitution” This was agreed by the City Council.

2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuán Ordú Úimhir 16 — It was moved by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in Appendix A attached.

3. Submitted Letter dated 1st October 2014 from Monaghan County Council conveying the terms of a motion from a recent meeting calling on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ms. Heather Humphreys, to examine the possibility of the introduction of an adequate high level grant aid scheme for buildings that are listed, both commercial and residential. It was moved by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter”. The motion was put and carried.

4. The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on the held on 6th October 2014 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

5. Submitted Report No 310/2014 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) – Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 310/2014”. The motion was put and carried.

6. Submitted Report No 314/2014 of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council – With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2015. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor P Bourke “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 314/2014 and hereby approves temporary overdraft accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2015, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government” The motion was put and carried.

7. Submitted Report No. 315/2014 of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council – With reference to Opening Bank Accounts with Banks and other Financial Institutions including National Treasury Management Agency. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor V Jackson “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 315/2014 and hereby approves the opening Bank Accounts with Banks and other Financial Institutions as outlined in the report” The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No. 306/2014: Beaver Row Footbridge Refurbishment and Restoration Project. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 306/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

9. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No 307/2014: Refurbishment of tennis pavilion and tennis courts, new padel courts, and public carparking, general modifications to park entrance and ancillary works in Bushy Park, Rathdown Avenue, Terenure, Dublin 6w. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 307/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

10. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No 323/2014: Chatham Street, Chatham Lane, Balfe Street, Harry Street, Swan Yard, Johnson Court, Wicklow Street (part) [section from Grafton Street to Clarendon Street] Public Realm Improvement Works. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 323/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

11. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No 325/2014: To construct a synthetic all-weather pitch in St. Anne’s Park, Raheny, on a site currently used as a natural sports pitch. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 325/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

12. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No 326/2014: To construct a synthetic all-weather pitch adjacent to Trinity Leisure Centre, Belmayne, Donaghmede, and Dublin 13. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 326/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

13. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and
Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No. 327/2014: To construct a synthetic all-weather pitch at Bluebell Road, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 327/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

14. Submitted Report of the Chief Executive, Dublin City Council, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Report No. 328/2014: To construct a synthetic all-weather pitch at Brickfields Park, Dublin 12. It was moved by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J O’Callagan “That Dublin City Council notes Report No 328/2014 and hereby approves the contents therein”. The motion was put and carried.

15. Nominations/Appointments:
   - It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha “That Councillor Jonathan Dowdall be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force” The motion was put and carried.
   - It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Councillor Paul McAuliffe (North West Area) be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the North Dublin Development Coalition” The motion was put and carried.
   - A nomination was put forward to fill the vacancy allotted to the North Central Area but as the councillor was not from that Area, the appointment was not proceeded with at that time.

16. Submitted Report No 300/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (P. Maguire) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 21) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017. Site at the Irish Film Censor Building and former Garda Station on Harcourt Terrace, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 300/2014 and makes Variation (No 21) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 as outlined in the report”. The motion was put and carried.

17. Submitted Report No 301/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (P. Maguire) – Proposed Draft Variation (No. 22) of Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017. Site at the corner of Cork Street & Ormond Street, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor P Hand and seconded by Councillor R Moynihan “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 301/2014 and makes Variation (No 22) to the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 – 2017 as outlined in the report”. The motion was put and carried.

19. Submitted Report No 299/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Draft Control of Street Performers Bye-Laws. 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 Bye Laws for the Control of Street Performers as outlined in Report No 299/2014”

An amendment to this motion was put forward by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor N Rock “That the reference to banning busking in the Temple Bar Area be removed from the draft Bye-Laws” The amended motion was put and carried and the City Council approved the initiation of the consultation process for the amended draft bye-laws.

20. Submitted Report No. 303/2014 of the Chairperson of the Markets and Casual Trading Committee (Councillor Andrew Montague) – Change of Title of Committee. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor A Clancy “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 303/2014 and hereby approves the Change of Title of Committee as outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.


Amendments were then put to this motion. The wording of the Amendment and the decision of Council on same is outlined below:

a) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 1 of the Report, 2nd para, after “…City Council Development 2011-2017…” include the words, “and successful tenders must include a social clause.” The Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dick Brady, indicated his opposition to the inclusion of this clause at this time as he felt it was more appropriate at tendering stage. The Amendment was put to a vote and carried.

b) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 1 of the Report, 2nd para. Add the sentence; “Private housing stock will be taken into Dublin City Council ownership after a period of 30 years.” The Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dick Brady, indicated his opposition to the inclusion of this clause on the grounds that it would act as a disincentive to any interested parties. Following clarification by the Sinn Fein Party that it was ‘Private rented housing stock’ that was in question, the Amendment was put to a vote and defeated.

c) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 1 of the Report, 3rd par. Add the sentence: "Any private rented accommodation will be subject to agreed rent control and discrimination based on financial status, e.g. rent allowance, will be prohibited.” The Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dick Brady, indicated his opposition to the inclusion of this clause. The Amendment was put to a vote and defeated.
d) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 5 of the Report, 1st para, add the sentence, “The Cornamona site may only be considered for senior citizen accommodation, the Bunratty Road site may only be considered for local authority housing.” The amendment was put to a roll call vote and carried. For full details of the vote, see Appendix B to these Minutes (Vote No 1).

e) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 3 of the Report, 1st para. Add the sentence: “There should be a mixture of apartments, houses and duplexes with preferred ratio being 30% of each, particularly on the larger outlining sites. The overall ratio will be 30% social, 30% affordable and 30% private.” The Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dick Brady, indicated his opposition to the inclusion of this clause on the grounds that it would act as a disincentive to any interested parties. Following clarification by the Sinn Fein Party that it was ‘a minimum of 30%’ that was intended, the amendment was put to a roll call vote and defeated. For full details of the vote, please see Appendix D to these Minutes (Vote No 3).

f) Submitted by the Sinn Fein Party - Page 4 of the Report, include new paragraph: “Dublin City Council remains committed to the establishment of an arm’s length body, a municipal housing trust, which can finance, design, build and manage social housing for the Dublin region.” The City Council agreed to refer this amendment to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

g) Submitted by the PBPA - Page 1 of the Report, 2nd para, after “….City Council Development 2011-2017” include the words “and successful tenders must include a social and [insert] community benefit clause”. The Assistant Chief Executive, Mr Dick Brady, indicated his opposition to the inclusion of this clause at this time as he felt it was more appropriate at tendering stage. The Amendment was put to a vote and carried.

h) Submitted by the PBPA - Page 5 of the Report, 1st para, add the sentence “The Cornamona site may only be considered for senior citizen accommodation, the Bunratty Road site may only be considered for local authority housing and that land on Belcamp, Cherry Orchard and Oscar Traynor be identified and ring fenced for traveller specific accommodation”. The amendment was put to a roll call vote and defeated. For full details of the vote, please see Appendix C to these Minutes (Vote No 2).

i) Submitted by the PBPA - Page 4 of the Report, include new paragraph: “Dublin City Council remains committed to the establishment of an arm’s length body, a municipal housing trust, which can finance, design, build and manage social housing for the Dublin region and such trust will be open to consideration of alternate ownership and rent models such as Cost Rent and Equity Trusts”. The City Council agreed to refer this amendment to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

j) Submitted by Councillor Alison Gilliland - Council notes report 225/2014 on Vacant Council Housing Construction Lands. Council requests that this report and any ensuing development proposals be underpinned by the following principles

- that, in so far as possible, the developments be built by, with and for Dublin City Council and/or a non-profit housing entity
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- that the developments provide a maximum contribution to Dublin City Council housing stock
- that, post the long term lease back arrangement, the ability to sell on units for private market profit be limited
- that a suitable weighting is given to local social and economic considerations when tenders are considered.

The City Council agreed to refer this amendment to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

k) Submitted by Councillor Alison Gilliland - That, with regard to the 14.9 Ha site fronting Coolock Lane/Oscar Traynor Rd and close to the junction with the M1 motorway detailed in Report 225/2014, Council seeks that a traffic and public transport impact audit be undertaken. This audit would
• ascertain the potential environmental impact of the new housing units and their cars on the traffic flow and movement in this area and on the current public transport provision
• recommend measures to be taken to reduce any negative impact
The recommendations of this audit would be implemented concurrently with the development of these lands.
The City Council agreed to refer this amendment to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

l) Submitted by Councillors Cieran Perry and Nial Ring, Michael O’Brien, Gary Gannon, Paul Hand and Damian O’Farrell - With reference to the report on Vacant Council Housing Construction Lands (Report No. 225/2014), the members agree that this report will only be accepted if a provision is included that, in the interest of transparency, a councillor from the Housing SPC be included on the evaluation committee for the Expressions of Interest and furthermore that a report be presented to council for agreement prior to the acceptance of any Expressions of Interest.
The City Council agreed to refer this amendment to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

Therefore, Report No 225/2014 was approved by the City Council subject to the inclusion of amendments agreed at no’s a), d) and g) above.

22. Submitted Report No 258/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (P. Maguire) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of site at 24/25 Moore Street/ Moore Lane/O’Rahilly Parade, Dublin 1, to Chartered Land Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor R McGinley “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 258/2014 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put to a roll call vote and defeated. For full details of the vote, please see Appendix E to these Minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the Special meeting of the City Council to be held on the 10th November 2014.

Correct.
Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY
To ask the Chief Executive to state how many 'Notice to Quit' letters have issues to tenants in 2014 as part of housing rent arrears recovery process and to also advise how many instances of repeat Notices to Quit occurred i.e. in how many instances had a previous Notice to Quit been served on same tenant. The Chief Executive should also indicate how many of above Notices to Quit have been followed by court action. The Chief Executive should comment as to whether there are opportunities to strengthen rent management processes given the current high financial amount of arrears and the high percentage of tenancy accounts with arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
660 Notices to Quit have been served on tenants to date in 2014. 320 of these tenants have had previous Notices served on them. To date 211 of the 660 Notices issued have been followed by court action.

It is important to note that current housing legislation does not permit us to take further action against a tenant until a period of 6 weeks from the date of service of the Notice to Quit has elapsed. During this period tenants are afforded an opportunity to enter into an arrangement to repay outstanding arrears to prevent court action being taken. If they enter into an arrangement and adhere to it no further action will be taken and the account will continue to be monitored. If they fail to make a genuine effort to repay the outstanding arrears a court date will be sought by our Law Department.

Dublin City Council has been allocated 23 court dates in 2014 for the hearing of housing cases including rent arrears. Due to the fact that other local authorities have also been allocated these dates for housing cases and the large number of cases already in the court system it can take 5 months for a case to be heard in the District Court. Dublin City Council has approximately 75 rent arrears cases listed for hearing on each court date.

The process currently in place in relation to monitoring of accounts and initiating court action is carried out in a fair, transparent and effective manner. This set of procedures has evolved through court experience and what has been imposed on us by the courts in terms of fair procedures. Dublin City Council operates in an ever changing landscape and we constantly keep our procedures and work practices under review.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY
To ask Chief Executive to report on funding provided by DOELG in 2014 for the purpose to putting housing voids back into success and to indicate the number of housing void units that will have been brought back into stock in 2014, and the number of these that have been made available to people on the homeless housing list.
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Two tranches of funding (April & June) totalling €7,213,392 were allocated to Dublin City Council to return 371 housing units to lettable standard.

In total, 601 housing units have been refurbished to lettable standard to date with a further 212 scheduled to be completed by 31st Dec this year.

105 of these units were offered to people on the homeless housing list

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY
To ask Chief Executive to report NPPR and LPT receipts for 2014 year to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
NPPR
An amount of €10.9M has been paid to Dublin City Council from the NPPR bureau to the 30th September, 2014 and an amount of €790K has been processed by the NPPR as at 16th October 2014 and due to be paid to DCC in November 2014.

LPT
The Local Property Tax update October 2014 from the Revenue Commissioners is attached, indicating that €72.9m has been collected to date in 2014 (Appendix 1)

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the Chief Executive prior to the transfer of responsibility to Irish Water, how many kilometres of water mains was Dublin City Council responsible for maintaining and upgrading? In his response, will the Chief Executive outline how many of the kilometres were either replaced or repaired each year every year between 1997 and 2013?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council were responsible for maintaining 2,450 Km of water mains.

Approximately 5km per annum of water mains were replaced in Dublin City between 1997 and 2007, with approximately 10km per annum replaced in Dublin City from 2008 to 2013.

Repairs were carried out, as required, in the entire network, throughout this period.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Chief Executive what is the policy of supplying free Fire Alarms to Senior Citizens as is done in some adjoining Local Authorities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council currently has no budgetary provision for the provision of fire alarms to any of its citizens. The Culture, Recreation, Amenity & Community Department will raise this issue with the Dept of Social Protection in an effort to identify any scheme/funding that could be implemented in this regard

Q.6 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
Can the Chief Executive provide me with a report detailing some of the following:

- The total cost of the City Neighbourhood Awards Scheme. The allocation spent at area level awards compared with that spent on the city wide event.
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- The budget for the City Wide Awards night which takes place each year in Croke Park. The breakdown of this budget spent on food, room hire, alcohol, music, awards, invitations, postage and other costs.

- The number of groups which take part each year in the area level competition and the number which take part at the city wide event.

- Finally can the Chief Executive identify the budget line item from which this funding is drawn and the budget line item from which the cleansing service is provided for street cleaning in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:  
A budget of €75,000 is provided for the City Neighbourhoods Awards. The sum of €2,000 is allocated to each Area, totalling €10,000.

Breakdown attached.

On average there are approximately 200 entries each year. In 2014, 218 entries were received. All entries are then forwarded to the appropriate Area Office where the initial adjudication takes place. Winners in each category are returned to the Litter Management Office where the city wide adjudication is arranged.

The budget for the City Neighbourhoods Awards is charged to cost centre 514500. Street Cleaning budget of €30m is charged to cost centre 514000.

The South Central Area received €2000.00 in 2014 from Waste Management Services towards the overall cost of the area awards for the South Central. The overall spend for the South Central Area is as follows:

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<td>Plaques for Business</td>
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A total of 48 groups entered the South Central Area competition covering 15 categories ranging from residential to business categories.

The Central Area received €2,000 in 2014 from Waste Management Services to fund the local City Neighbourhoods Competition. The overall spend was as follows:

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There was a total of 33 entries in 15 categories.

The overall spend for the South East Area was as follows:

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<td>Plaques for winners</td>
<td>€3,100.00</td>
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<td>Total Costs</td>
<td>€5,370.00</td>
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The South East Area received a total of 97 entries covering 15 categories in the residential, business and schools categories. The South East Area received
€2000.00 this year from Waste Services towards the overall cost of the area awards for the South East Area.

The North Central Area also received €2000.00 in 2014 from Waste Services towards the overall cost of the area awards for North Central. In addition, we received €1,000 co-sponsorship from “Member First” Credit Union. The total costs for the North Central Area for 2014 were as follows:

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<td>Plaques for Business</td>
<td>€325.00</td>
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<td>Photographer (in house)</td>
<td>€0</td>
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<td>Invites &amp; postage</td>
<td>€150.00</td>
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Total: €3460.00

There were a total of 77 entrants for the North Central Area over 16 categories including both residential & businesses.

The North West Area received €2,000.00 in 2014 from Waste Services towards the overall cost of the Local Area Awards ceremony. The overall spend for the North West Area is listed below and the shortfall was made up from the Area budget.

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The North West Area awarded prizes to 25 groups / resident associations, 3 individuals, 7 Schools and 2 Businesses in 17 categories. The overall winner in each category represented the North West Area in the City Awards in Croke Park on Sept 25th.

Q.7 **COUNCILLOR SÉAN HAUGHEY**
To ask the Chief Executive the following (Details Supplied);

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

Q.8 **COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL**
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following please (Details Supplied).

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

Q.9 **LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will install new windows at (Details Supplied);

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

Q.10 **LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE**
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on developments at (details supplied).
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.11 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide a full breakdown of the resources needed to provide sufficient homeless services in Dublin City and what funding is provided by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government for these services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
1. Housing
The Section 10 funding outturn for Dublin City Council in 2012 was €35.6m. Funding was reduced to €31.3m in 2013 leaving the Dublin local authorities with a potential funding shortfall of €4.3 for 2013. However, €4m was allocated from other sources in 2013, as a once off measure, towards making up this shortfall.

In January 2014, Dublin City Council’s adopted a budget which compensated for the expected funding shortfall for homeless services and extra costs expected for 2014 by allocating a net €4.9m of local authority income to fund homeless services. The funding available from the DECLG for 2014 is €31,322,223.

However, this additional funding is not enough to fund the extra costs of hotels for homeless families with an estimated outturn of over €4m against a budget provision of only €750k. On top of this there is the cost, estimated at €2.5m, of additional emergency accommodation, which could not be closed in 2014 and is still required.

The Dublin Region requires additional revenue funding in 2014 in the region of €6m (this figure may rise) to cope with this crisis level demand for homeless emergency beds.

2. Emergency Accommodation
An additional 80 beds are currently being put in place in the Dublin region to meet the presenting demand. This will include the effective implementation of a Cold Weather Initiative (the details of same will be further communicated to elected representatives).

3. Housing
Despite the severe supply constraints on housing provision, the following is being provided by Dublin City Council in 2014 in relation to address the housing needs of those presenting to homeless services in the DCC area:

- Changed allocation rates between the transfer and waiting list applicants to boost provision to households who are experiencing homelessness.
- Accelerated its programme of returning unoccupied stock (void) into use and rolled out a Temporary Convenience Lettings Model to AHBs in homeless sector
- Ring-fenced 222 units of stock in 2014 for homeless allocations (93 units let, 45 in process of being let, 84 in maintenance cycle
- Negotiated arrangements with NAMA and two AHBs to deliver 60 units of new, mixed size housing units ring fenced for homeless persons – 48 occupied, 12 in allocation
- Negotiated arrangements with OPW for eight mixed size units (refurbishment required, occupation by year end)
Working with AHB’s, under Government’s CAS scheme to acquire 66 units ring-fenced for homelessness – 17 acquired to date in DCC; 31 bid made or in negotiations; 17 identified but market conditions are proving challenging.

Developed and submitted proposals for a range of capital projects (new build and refurbishment/renewal) to provide an additional 158 units (€22m needed).

Continuing to seek leasing arrangements for units held by mainstream FMP banking institutions.

In addition to the necessity for housing, an alternative form of accommodation is required to remove the inappropriate reliance on hotels. Proposals are in development for low-cost, modern, modular housing and are being brought to the elected members on special meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee on Housing to discuss provision of same on **November 12th**.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive when will a pedestrian crossing be installed at Harold's Cross Bridge going from north side to south side. This is a busy pedestrian route for persons in and out of the City centre and for children attending the nearby St. Clare's Primary School.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Please be advised that the upgrades to the junction at Harold’s Cross Road including the installation of a pedestrian crossing will fall within the scope of the Grand Canal Premium Cycle Way- Blackhorse to Portobello. The following is the current position on the project.

A preliminary design for the **Grand Canal Premium Cycle Route – Blackhorse to Portobello** is currently in progress. Consultants were appointed in September 2013 to bring the project to Part 8 planning stage. Consultations have commenced with key stakeholders along the route and will continue throughout the preliminary design stage. The Part 8 planning application is scheduled for lodgement in November/December 2014. Should the Part 8 be approved, a detailed design will then be developed and construction is scheduled to commence in mid to late 2015. The National Transport Authority has committed to funding costs.

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 27th June, 2013, reported that the pedestrian crossings requested at Harold’s Cross Bridge are located in close proximity to the proposed route of the Grand Canal Cycle Route from Portobello to Blackhorse. A pedestrian crossing across Grove Road at Harold’s Cross Bridge may be considered as part of this project.

The National Transport Authority is funding the Grand Canal Cycle Route from Portobello to Blackhorse under the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants. Land acquisition negotiations are underway. The outcome of these will inform the finalisation of the preliminary design drawings for the route. Once agreed, details of the scheme will go through the Part 8 public notification process and for consideration by the City Councillors.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Bearing in mind the confusion for motorists in areas where there is permit parking and clearways would the Chief Executive consider making the parking boxes in clearways a different colour so as to indicate that the parking area is different to regular permit parking areas?
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1997 and the Traffic Signs Manual require the road markings for all parking bays to consist of 50mm wide white lines. Thus the proposal being suggested could not be considered or implemented at this time as it would require an amendment to the Road Traffic legislation and the Traffic Signs Manual.

It should be noted that Clearway Signage (RUS 010) and Parking Permitted signage (RUS 018) are accompanied by supplementary information plates that set out the times of operation. Motorists should check these to confirm the parking restrictions in any area.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS
Can the Chief Executive replace and make safe what was a decorative piece but now has become dangerous in Portobello Harbour open area? (as shown in attached photo).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The City Architects Division is currently engaging with the contractor who laid the finish at issue to produce a ‘resin bound’ solution.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE
To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this applicant will be considered for housing, (details supplied);

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

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS
Can you confirm that no special measures will be introduced in the run in to Christmas to allow very large trucks by Marks and Spencer's and hauliers access to Duke Street and Duke Lane Lower in light of last year's incident and the ongoing impediments, blockages and obstructions local traders and consumers are experiencing in the area and when trying to access the car park at the end of Duke Lane Lower?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Discussions are on-going with Marks and Spencer on the best arrangement to address this issue. A number of options are being considered and Dublin City Council’s Traffic section will assess the potential impact of these in the coming weeks. The Council will agree the best option with Marks and Spencer with a view to minimising any potential disruption in the area.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O’MOORE
Can (details supplied); at the junction of Griffith Ave, Dublin 9 be given a caution in relation to the litter from their shops and can litter bins be placed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
There are two litter bins at this location which more than adequately caters for any litter there. We will continue to monitor litter levels at this location.

The local Litter Warden has called to the shops to remind them of their responsibilities with regard to litter outside their premises.
Q.18 **COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE**
To ask the Chief Executive to commence proceedings to have this property entered on the derelict sites list, *(details supplied)*;

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
This property will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section within two weeks and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.19 **COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O’MOORE**
There are dangerously low branches on Griffith Ave, Dublin 9, (near the Malahide junction on both sides), can these be pruned?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Parks & Landscape Services carried out an inspection of the trees at the above location. The inspection of this area found no branches that could be considered dangerous at the present time. The area will continue to be monitored by this service and any low branch pruning considered to be required will be arranged.

Q.20 **COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O’MOORE**
What property tax's do churches of all dominations pay or are they excluded?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Local Property Tax
The Local Property Tax is a tax payable on the market value of residential property. A residential property means any building or structure (or part of a building) which is used as, or is suitable for use as, a dwelling and includes any shed, outhouse, garage or other building or structure and includes grounds of up to one acre. The Local Property Tax does not apply to development sites or farmland.

**Commercial Rates**
Dublin City Council complies with the Valuation List determined by the Commissioner of Valuation when charging rates. Properties are deemed rateable by the Valuation Office unless they are included in Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 which sets out details of relevant property not rateable.

The schedule includes “any property, building or part of a building used exclusively for the purposes of public religious worship”.

Q.21 **COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**
To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for Dublin City Council to take the necessary steps to enable the Beech Hill Housing Initiative wind up the Company which was established to develop a housing initiative and has now concluded its work.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
A reply will issue directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.22 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**
To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many permissions have been granted in applications for planning across Dublin City Council area from January 1st to the end of September? In response, I would ask the Chief Executive to compare this figure with the proceeding six years back to 2008?
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Listed below are the records for all grant permissions issued from the 1st of January 2008 to the end of September 2014

PERMISSIONS GRANTED:
2008 - 3,102
2009: 2,220
2010: 1,701
2011: 1,436
2012: 1,338
2013: 1,426

Up to the end of September 2014: 1,320

Q.23 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON
Could the Chief Executive please give me details for the amounts of commercial rates collected in Dublin City Council’s administrative last year on an area by area basis and what monies are outstanding and if and what efforts will be made to collect same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A sum of €308,496,797 was collected in respect of rates for 2013. The debtor at year end was € 73.9 m. This debtor has now reduced to € 39.3. I have set out below a breakdown of the debtor by area.

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There is a structured legislative framework to facilitate the collection of rates. Outstanding rates are pursued through rate demands, notices including statutory 6 day notice, summons and court procedures. Decrees obtained in court are ultimately lodged with the sheriff. Dublin City Council uses all means available to maximise collection of commercial rates.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON
Can the Chief Executive please ask Dublin Bus to position a proper bus shelter with seats outside St James Hospital to facilitate people using the hospital? It is soul destroying to see ill people standing in the rain / cold without shelter outside the
Countries largest Hospital. Bus shelters are needed on both sides of James entering & leaving the City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
The request for appropriate bus shelters at the above location has been referred to the Area Traffic Engineer to raise with Dublin Bus.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
Can the Chief Executive please find out why a large green bin has been left on the footpath for the past 3 weeks at Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, opposite the Ballyfermot Post Office? This bin has been left day in & day out without any action from the cleansing division; frankly it is not good enough and would not be allowed happen anywhere else. Another bin was left across from (Details supplied); for the past 2 weeks & was burned recently with all its contents in the open space next to Ballyfermot Civic Centre. I wish to acknowledge it is not the fault of our cleansing division these bins are left out but someone has to be responsible for their removal. I am sure it would not happen on O’Connell Street (etc). I would welcome an emergency number for future issues similar to above.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
The bin in question was a green Oxigen bin and was removed from Le Fanu Avenue on 21/10/14. As the bin was the property of Oxigen they can be contacted for future similar issues at 1890 694436.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**
Is there any hope of housing for all who are now been made homeless by private landlords with the jump in property prices. Those on rent relief from the Dept of Social protection are finding it impossible to get any accommodation as landlords don’t want rent relief & instead go to look for private tenants. I have 2 young couples who will be made homeless with their children in the next few weeks before Christmas, what options are available for these people & their children.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
The Dublin Region Homeless Executive on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities is actively engaged in measures to prevent families losing their homes in the private rented sector. The Tenancy Protection Service commissioned by DRHE and provided by Threshold, on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities works with other key services in order to maximise the efforts in response to tenancy breakdown amongst households in private rented accommodation.

The main objective of the measure is to encourage families, who are renting and worried about losing their home to call the Tenancy Protection Service on FREEPHONE 1800 454 454 for useful advice and assistance in maintaining their tenancy. It is critical that families contact this dedicated service for support, as soon as they realise that their tenancy may be at risk.

One of the core elements of the prevention initiative between the four Dublin local authorities, Threshold and the Department of Social Protection, is securing a speedy intervention to prevent families who are residing in private rented accommodation, who are in receipt of SWA rent supplement payments from losing their tenancies. If there is a clear dispute between tenant and landlord, cases are and will continue to be referred to the Private Residential Tenancies for action.

Over the period from mid June to September 5th 1,707 tenants have been assisted in stabilising and maintaining their tenancies. Of the 1,707 tenants, 740 tenant families have been assessed as being at risk of losing their tenancy.
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Of the 740 tenant families, 191 tenant families have been protected due to the Prevention Initiative. The remaining 549 tenant families (of the 740) are experiencing issues of invalid notice, rent arrears, non payment of bills, standards and repairs. The interventions of the Tenancy Support Service for this group include structuring repayment plans, negotiating limited rent increases and advising on validity of notice. The initiative enables the Tenancy Protection Service to refer the cases of families at risk for consideration by the Department of Social Protection (DSP), where only an increased temporary payment will protect the family from becoming homeless. Single individuals or families, who are experiencing homelessness, as a result of not being able to afford accommodation in the private rented sector can access emergency homeless accommodation through the Central Placement Service in Dublin City Council and the assessment and placement services in the other three Dublin local authorities.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY
To ask the Chief Executive the following (details Supplied);

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

Q.28 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
To ask the Chief Executive whether a public right of way exists over the laneway to the rear of homes on (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A public right of way exists over the laneways to the rear of (details supplied);

Q.29 LORD MAYOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive regards the legal status of Lucky Lane, Dublin 7 and to ask the Chief Executive to let the residents of Aughrim Street, Dublin 7 know this information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
This lane is ‘in charge’ of Dublin City Council. At the next meeting with the Aughrim Street Residents Association this information will be reiterated to them.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR RUARÍ MCGINLEY
To ask Chief Executive to put a Park User Group in place in connection with open space at (details supplied); to leverage community resources to optimize amenity value of open space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Crumlin Area Office is not aware of any anti-social behaviour or significant dumping at this small open park area. Reports of drug dealing should be referred to the Gardaí whilst local residents and businesses should contact the Crumlin Area Office, 13 Crumlin Village (telephone 2225500) if they have concerns in relation to the park.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE
To ask the Chief Executive to have this matter dealt with, (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
Q.32  COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS
To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on any recent discussions between Bohemians FC, Shelbourne FC, the FAI, the City Council, and any other parties with regards to plans to develop Dalymount Park and the role the council may play in any such plans.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Planning and Economic Development Department held a meeting with the management of Dalymount Park as part of the preparation of the issues paper for the review of the Phibsborough LAP. This meeting was one of several stakeholder consultation meetings conducted as part of the process and its purpose was to identify strategic matters relating to the future of Dalymount Park. These matters were highlighted in the recent issues paper.

There has been some tentative discussions with the FAI and Bohemians Football Club in relation to the future of Dalymont Park.

There is a suggestion that Dublin City Council could acquire Dalymont Park, lease it to the FAI who would facilitate both Bohemians and Shelbourne Football Clubs to play their matches there.

There are significant financial issues to be resolved before such a proposal could be achieved.

Q.33  COUNCILLOR LARRY O’TOOLE
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query from a Dublin City Council tenant (details supplied);

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

Q.34  COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL
Is there a tentative date established for the regeneration of Croke Villas?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
There are ongoing discussions with Croke Park about the possibility of their being involved in the regeneration of Croke Villas.

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

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

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

Q.35  COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL
When is the construction of the health facility planned for Summerhill going to begin and what is the possible opening date?
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A letter has been forwarded to the HSE. A report will issue directly to the Councillor when a reply is received.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL
Can the stairwell in Courtney Place be repainted because of recent fire damage and paint the white pillars at the front of the flat; they are destroyed by graffiti? If not, can the paint be provided to myself and the residents, so we can plan a community day to repaint the above mentioned portions to help build a sense of community within the flat complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The stairwells/entrance in this complex were last painted in 2012. The pillars and entrance have been defaced with graffiti since then. However the Area Maintenance Officer has agreed to have the pillars at the entrance area painted over the next ten to twelve weeks. Painting of the stairwells affected by fire damage has been included in our painting programme 2014/2015.

The Community Development Officer for this area will make contact with the Councillor with a view to facilitating a Community Day to assist the community to carry out environmental improvement works themselves.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR JONATHAN DOWDALL
Is Ossory Road on the list of streets waiting to be resurfaced, if not, is there funding available for such a project; it is in dire need of repair? The double railway bridges on Ossory Road are unsafe at night due to poor lighting; can proper street lamps be put in place underneath the bridges to provide adequate lighting to enhance a safe passage for the residents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance will consider the resurfacing of Ossory Road in the 2015 Works Programme.

There will be no Public Lighting Improvement Programme in 2015. The provision of additional lighting under the double railway bridges on Ossory Road will be placed on a list for consideration in a future improvement programme.

Q.38 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.39 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.40 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.41 **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.42 **COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**
To ask the Chief Executive *(Details supplied)*;

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

Q.43 **COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**
To ask the Chief Executive *(Details supplied)*;

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

Q.44 **COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**
To ask the Chief Executive *(details supplied)*;

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

Q.45 **COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**
To ask the Chief Executive *(details supplied)*;

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

Q.46 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**
To ask the Chief Executive to write to Domestic Waste companies in Dublin, requesting them to attach a clip to the lid on all their waste green bins, to prevent papers etc from littering the streets during stormy weather, which Dublin City Council have to clean up after.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
The issue will be raised at the next scheduled meeting with Waste Operators.

Q.47 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**
To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing a public light in the area between *(details supplied)*; as winter and the tree’s make it very dark in this area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Public Lighting considers the lighting levels to be to an acceptable standard, and have no plans at present to install any additional lighting here.

If particular trees are blocking street lights the specific locations can be forwarded to Park Services for investigation, so they can be considered for pruning.

Q.48 **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**
To ask the Chief Executive to detail the impact of the Luas Cross City Works on paid public parking places in the City Centre and, in particular, to indicate the expected
loss of income from parking metered places affected and, to confirm whether, or not, Dublin City Council will be compensated for this loss of revenue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY**

It is estimated that approximately 440 parking bays will have to be permanently removed to facilitate the Luas Cross City and that the loss of income from these spaces would be in the region of €1.8M per annum. Discussions are currently taking place with NTA and the RPA on a compensation package to include a number of items including loss of paid parking revenue.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to break down the annual public lighting cost to DCC as follows:

A. public lighting for main roads
B. public lighting for side streets
C. public lighting for common areas in DCC flat complexes d. public lighting for other DCC facilities (halls, playgrounds etc)

And to further ask the Chief executive to confirm details of review procedures in place for this cost and when the last review took place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

It isn’t possible to separate out main streets, side streets and common areas on the Dublin City Council Lighting Management System at present. The cost of Public Lighting provision by Dublin City Council for the full year 2014 will be in the region of €8.7m, with energy costing €3.9m of this figure.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of new housing units for which a current planning application has been received, the number of units with planning permission but not yet commenced (i.e. no commencement approval applied for) and the number of units with current/valid Commencement approval, this year to date if possible.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The information requested is as follows:

Permission granted for 283 units.
Commencement Notices received for 35 of the units.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

Further to the answer received by me to Q90 (September 1st meeting) in which the Chief Executive indicated that €1.6m is provided for rates in respect of the motor tax service offices at Smithfield and Ballymun, can the Chief Executive detail the full amount of rates payable annually by Dublin City Council and on which properties.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The total 2014 rates paid by Dublin City Council amount to € 24,829,874, broken down as follows:

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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.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH
To ask the Chief Executive to request from TAG an update on a request for a disabled parking space outside (details supplied). This lady has a child who is disabled for life and the parking outside her house is very difficult, this morning she had to run in the rain 5 houses where her car was parked as outside her house there were no spaces, a designated space would help this lady so much, I would appeal to Tag to grant this request.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
A request for a disabled parking bay outside (details supplied) was received on 22nd April, 2014 from a public representative on behalf of the resident. The relevant criteria for the provision of a disabled parking bay at this address were forwarded to the public representative on 23rd April, 2014.
Following a Question submitted to the City Council Meeting of 1st September, 2014, in relation to this matter, the relevant criteria were forwarded directly to (details supplied); No further correspondence has been received on the matter by the City Council to date.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following (details supplied).

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

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
What progress has been made to date to progress the Council’s (following on from March 2014 special housing meeting) to set up a municipal housing trust and request for cross party meeting with the Minister.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
We have arranged a meeting with the Department to discuss this further and we will report to the SPC and the City Council following that meeting.

At the request of the City Council the Minister Alan Kelly was requested to receive a deputation from the Council in relation to the Housing situation. No response has been received to this request and the Minister was asked recently to clarify his intentions in the light of a response received by another Councillor and noted at a meeting of the City Council. No response has been received to this letter seeking clarification on the status of the meeting.
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Q.55 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the:

a. cost for emergency accommodation for this year and if possible what the projected cost for the remainder of the year.
b. how many are on the homeless list and could he break that down between families and single people
c. What is the average length of time a family and a single applicant is now on the homeless list

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

(a) The expenditure on emergency accommodation for 2014 (up to 28/10/14)
   ✓ Cost of Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) €7,037,184.81
   ✓ Cost of use of hotel accommodation €3,635,784.18
   ✓ Estimated full costs of PEA for 2014 €8,421,398.25

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

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

2008 number of persons on Dublin City Council homeless list – 1,123
2011 number of persons on Dublin City Council homeless list – 966

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

The Homeless Prevention Initiative is led by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive. As part of this initiative, Threshold provide a Tenancy Protection Service on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities. The Tenancy Protection Service is meeting the challenges presented since the launch of the service in mid June. Over the period from mid June to September 5th 1,707 tenants have been assisted in stabilising and maintaining their tenancies.

Of the 1,707 tenants, 740 tenant families have been assessed as being at risk of losing their tenancy. Of the 740 tenant families, 191 tenant families have been protected due to the Prevention Initiative. The remaining 549 tenant families (of the 740) are experiencing issues of invalid notice, rent arrears, non payment of bills, standards and repairs. The interventions of the Tenancy Support Service for this group include structuring repayment plans, negotiating limited rent increases and advising on validity of notice.

Dublin City Council continues to experience high levels of presentation of families to their homeless assessment and placement services, who are renting in the private sector and who are unable to pay their rent for a variety of reasons.

(c) The length of time a person or family is on the local authority homeless list can vary according to the different preferred locations on the list, the composition of family size, the nature of the housing provided i.e. if senior citizens accommodation is being provided.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.57  COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied).

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

Q.58  COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.59  COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.60  COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY
To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied);

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

Q.61  COUNCILLOR SEÁN HAUGHEY
To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied);

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

Q.62  COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY
To ask the Chief Executive to remove the non-functioning lamppost directly in front of (details supplied); in circumstances where (a) the lamppost is no longer used as a functioning lamppost and there is a functioning lamppost immediately beside it (please see attached photo), (b) the clearway sign placed on the lamppost could easily be placed on the lamppost beside it and (c) the lamppost impedes the proprietor of the house from seeking planning permission to convert the front garden to a car parking space, which many of the neighbouring properties have done.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
a) The removal of the concrete column requires ESB involvement to transfer the existing service cable. An application has been made to ESB Networks to transfer this service. Following the completion of these works, the existing concrete column will be removed.

b) Arrangements will be made to have the clearway sign transferred to the new pole.

c) The relocation of a public lighting column for a proposed driveway is subject to planning permission for a new vehicular access being granted, a nominal fee is also charged.
Q.63  **COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**
To ask the Chief Executive, having regard to wheelchair users coming from the Mount Tabor nursing home and generally, (a) to expand the footpath running immediately outside the perimeter of Sandymount Green for that strips which runs opposite, *inter alia*, Borza, Mario’s and Ryan’s (Sandymount House), so that it can accommodate wheelchairs on the full length of that strip of footpath, and (b) to have a dished footpath at the point of the footpath that runs alongside *inter alia*, Borza, Mario’s and Ryan’s (Sandymount House) which is directly opposite the gate to Sandymount Green in circumstances where the footpath is too high for wheelchair users.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
a) The above matters have been referred to the Traffic Engineer who will investigate. The Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

b) The dished crossing opposite 2Wheels needs some repair work which has been added to our works programme. This work will be done when we next have an available crew in the vicinity.

Q.64  **COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the long term flood defence plan/strategy to deal with the flood risk caused the sea at Sandymount strand, having regard in particular to global warming and the trends of rising tides and freak weather occurrences.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Following the tidal flooding on 1st February 2002, flood alleviation works were carried out at Merrion Gates and opposite Marine Drive. These have proven very effective for the very high tides in January and February of this year. The Dublin Coastal Flood Protection Project identified around 200 houses and other buildings at significant risk from tidal flooding in the Sandymount Area in its 2005 final Report.

A preliminary feasibility study has identified the need to have flood gates at the 14 openings on the promenade with some slight rising (100 - 250mm) of the existing sea wall at limited locations.

A second phase of flood alleviation from this promenade to Sean O’Moore Park will require some site investigations to determine the strength of the existing protected sea wall. Then a final proposed option can be developed to protect the houses opposite and to the north of this 700m stretch of coastline to the National Standard of Protection; including allowances for sea level rises and increased wave heights to the end of the 21st Century.

Dublin City Council has a sophisticated tidal warning system which normally gives two to three days notice of very high tides. This is sufficient time to install temporary defences at locations of concern on the Sandymount Coastline to bolster existing defences. The highest tide ever recorded in Dublin City occurred on 3rd January 2014 with very minor local flooding in Sandymount.

Q.65  **COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**
To ask the Chief Executive to state the total revenue to Dublin City Council from the period 1 January 2014 to 30 September 2014 from paid fines issued as a result of the new waste bye-laws. [This question is different to Q.67 which I asked at the October council meeting and in respect of which I continue to await a response.]
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A total of €15,675.00 was receipted in payment for 209 fines at €75.00 each.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.67 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.69 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH
To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm that (Details Supplied); windows will be replaced as per category B. which was the reply to my question put to the area meeting on the 16th July. This lady is very concerned as the top windows while are in a bad state they are also a fire trap with no means of escape in a fire situation

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The windows in this dwelling have been categorised as ‘category B’ for replacement. The timescale for this category is 3 to 12 months (approximately, depending on demand).

Q.71 COUNCILLOR JIM O’CALLAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive whether efforts can be made to assist Scoil Bhride, Oakley Road, Ranelagh in the development of a walled garden on the grounds of the school.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
If the school contacts (details supplied); he may be in a position to give some advice and assistance in the development of the garden.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR JIM O’CALLAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive to have the road surface between Greenlea Road and Terenure Village repaired as it has become extremely dangerous to drive or cycle on.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance has inspected the condition of Terenure Road West between Greenlea Road and Terenure Village. We intend to consider Terenure Road West for
resurfacing when formulating the 2015 Works Programme. Please note that Irish Water have plans to install a new water main on this road in 2015 and so the resurfacing works may have to be put back until this work is complete.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR JIM O’CALLAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive whether domestic waste bins which appear to be abandoned on Sussex Terrace, opposite the Double Tree Hotel (formerly Burlington Hotel) can be removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:  
The South East Area Office arranged for the abandoned domestic waste bins to be removed and they were removed on the 24th October 2014.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR JIM O’CALLAGHAN  
To ask the Chief Executive whether the person below (details attached); and her children will be offered alternative accommodation from Dublin City Council in the near future.

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

Q.75 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE
To ask the Chief Executive to give an update and make a statement on any prosecutions taken by the Council or other State Agencies in regard to the Tolka Fish kills on 21st July 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:  
In response to a previous question on the fish kill on the River Tolka, Dublin City Council reported as follows:

“Dublin City Council was contacted by members of the public on 22nd July 2014 reporting the presence of a suds like substance at various locations in the River Tolka. The Council’s Water Pollution Control Section carried out immediate investigations along the river to assess the nature of the incident, and also to try to trace the source. Containment measures, in the form of a boom, were deployed in the river at Griffith Park. Early contact was made with Inland Fisheries Ireland. For legal reasons Dublin City Council is not in a position to comment on the investigations into the incident. Dublin City Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland acted jointly in this investigation and liaised with the EPA on the matter.

There have been two other similar incidents on the Tolka in recent months, on 24th June and 28th August. Foam or suds like matter were encountered in the June incident, but on this occasion, surveys of local surface water drainage networks failed to locate the source. The success or otherwise of these surveys is dependent on factors such as the nature and extent of a discharge, whether or not a discharge is ongoing, the time that elapsed since the discharge has ceased, how quickly the incident is reported to Dublin City Council and conditions within the drainage network or any combination of these factors. Reports of the incident on 28th August were received late at night and by the time the situation was investigated the following morning, there was no visible evidence of polluting matter detected in the river. Dublin City Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland have worked closely together on these recent incidents and have done so over many years.

From our contacts with Inland Fisheries Ireland we understand that the number of fish killed in June is estimated to be in the hundreds while in July the numbers involved are more likely to be in the thousands. We have been advised that it may be
too early to make an assessment of long term impacts on various fish stocks, but that based on past experience, the Tolka is considered to be resilient and will recover. Dublin City Council has no role in dealing with any potential monetary compensation for angling clubs, as this is solely a matter for resolution between those clubs and whoever is responsible for any losses incurred”.

For legal reasons Dublin City Council is currently not in a position to respond to questions with regard to prosecutions that may take place following the fish kill on the River Tolka. Further updates will be given to the local Area Committee, where appropriate.

Q.76 **COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive whether he would consider providing a small number of public drinking water fountains on City streets and in parks to provide free potable water for visitors and residents of the City as is common in other countries?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
This above request has been referred to the Public Realm Co-Ordination Group for examination.

Q.77 **COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive to comment on recent Government announcements regarding funding for housing, and to state whether any proposals for prefabricated housing units such as the ‘BoKlok’ housing system are under consideration for use in the City?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
A special meeting of the Housing SPC is scheduled for the 12th November and a report on this matter will be brought to that meeting.

Q.78 **COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive whether he would consider using the SCATS traffic signals to provide a 20kph ‘green wave’ of continuous green lights on the traffic signals along the Liffey Quays so as to discourage speeding and facilitate cyclists? Such a system has apparently been introduced in Copenhagen in Denmark and has been considered a success.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
We will review what has been undertaken in Copenhagen and ascertain if any lessons for Dublin can be learnt from their implementation.

Q.79 **COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**
To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of persons on the social housing list in the Dublin City Council area, sub divided by local area, according to family status and gender i.e. single male/single female, single female with 1 child/single male with 1 child, couple with 1 child etc and to also indicate the number of single males that are separated with children but not with main custody of such children

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
A reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.80 **COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**
To ask the Chief Executive to indicate (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.81 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive for (details supplied);

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

Q.82 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the protocol with regard to Dublin City Council on the ground workers communicating the notice of works to local residents both prior to works commencing and on the day of commencement i.e. when they pull up in front of a house to fix a footpath, look at a gutter etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance
Road Maintenance use both direct labour and contractors to carry out work. Contractors carry out the larger more disruptive type of works (i.e. carriageway resurfacing and major footpath reconstruction) while Dublin City Council Direct Labour crews carry out thousands of small repairs and utility reinstatements per annum.

In the case of Direct Labour works the Dublin City Council overseer will normally call to the affected premises to outline the scope of the works. Some of these Direct Labour jobs may only take a few hours to complete and so preparing a letter drop would be impracticable as a crew would not know exactly when they may be outside a customer’s property.

In the case of contractors where the work is much more extensive a letter drop (outlining the scope of the works, expected timescale of the project, hours of work and commencement and expected completion dates) must be carried out to all properties, commercial and residential, that are likely to be affected by the works.

This letter drop must have the contractors contact information and must be carried out at least 7 days prior to work commencing on site. It would be beneficial where access will be interrupted to a business the notice period should be increased to 14 days and suitable arrangements for access made with each business. The contractor shall also liaise with the property owners / occupiers regarding parking and delivery arrangements.

Gulley Cleaning
Local residents are not given any notice of gully cleaning as the work is generally very short (usually taking less than 5 minutes). It is only in the event of problems getting access to a gully (due to say a car being parked over it on several occasions) that the crew will make contact with a resident either in person or by note.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive to organise (details supplied);

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

Q.84 COUNCILLOR KATE O’CONNELL
To ask the Chief Executive if development contributions are payable on residential house extensions, how such charges are determined, and at what point(s) these charges are explained to applicants.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Development contributions are payable on residential house extensions subject to the following:

The first 40sq. metres are exempted from the requirement to pay a development contribution.

Subsequent extensions or extensions over and above 40 sq. metres are charged at the residential rate per square metre.

Allowance is also made for the floor area of any existing extension that is being demolished in the calculation of the contribution due.

The amount of the contribution due is specified in a separate condition attached to the permission granted for any proposed development.

The Notification of Decision to Grant Permission and the Final Grant Notice which are issued pursuant to the granting of a planning permission are issued to the person specified in the Planning Application Form which is lodged as part of the initial planning application.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR KATE O’CONNELL
To ask the Chief Executive what powers, if any, Dublin City Council has to affect
(a) Policy regarding NPPR penalty charges and
(b) the operation of customer service surrounding collection (helplines, website etc.) .

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
(a) The legislation applicable to penalty charges in respect of NPPR is Section 6 of the Local Government (charges) Act 2009 and S 74 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The function of the Local Authority is to administer the charge / penalties in accordance with the legislative provision. Circular LGF 01/14 notified Local Authorities of guidelines in applying a consistent approach in relation to the payment of a NPPR liability. In such cases, the Local Authority takes a proactive approach to ensure that any outstanding NPPR liabilities are discharged in the most equitable, efficient and economically beneficial manner.

(b) There is an NPPR portal featured within the Dublin City Council website which provides various download versions of forms and a link to the NPPR website which includes details of frequently asked questions and other general information. Customers can contact the Dublin City Council NPPR Section by multiple communications channels including by post, telephone, or by emailing the designated email address at nppr@dublincity.ie. There is also an NPPR option included on the main DCC phone line for customers. NPPR unit staff are assigned to phone lines to speak directly to customers in relation to their NPPR accounts. If customers are experiencing financial difficulties, an instalment plan can be agreed in order to make their NPPR liability more manageable. Also, in more complex cases, staff meet customers to discuss their concerns around their NPPR liability.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the re-opening of Exchange with the support of the Council as promised when it vacated its Temple Bar premises earlier in the year.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Lease/Licence arrangement between Temple Bar Cultural Trust and the group at the Exchange Premises in Temple Bar was suspended some months ago and this premises have been vacant since then.

This suspension of the Lease/Licence was a result of serious issues surrounding the management of the premises and the surrounding areas and follows on from very significant complaints and objections from local business and local residents.

A lot of effort and interaction with the group has taken place in the last few months but no suitable solution has been achieved.

A final decision on this issue will be notified to the Group in the coming weeks.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY
To ask the Chief Executive what plans have been submitted for the redevelopment of the Boland’s Mills site in Dublin 2, whether the plans include a proposal for a dance studio, and whether the SDZ provides for a dance studio as part of the development, in light of the importance of the National Performing Arts School to the Docklands area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Pre-application consultation has commenced on the Boland’s Mills site, however, no application has yet been lodged. While the SDZ does not specifically provide for a dance studio as part of the redevelopment of this site, it is a core objective of the scheme to create opportunities for the development of community infrastructure through the design of buildings, the provision of a high quality public realm and new land uses.

The City Arts Officer has met with the National Performing Arts School and an Arts officer has been assigned to work with them at their request to help develop their work in the area Arts in Education. Dublin Docklands Authority have consulted with Arts Office about this development and a meeting with the Planers concerned will occur shortly.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY
To ask the Chief Executive if a dedicated line to deal with homelessness issues can be set up especially for councillors. Trying to contact various departments dealing with homelessness issues is extremely difficult & frustrating.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
1. Central Placement Service (CPS) Dublin City Council – this service provides the initial point of contact for a person who is experiencing homelessness in the Dublin City Council administrative area and can be contacted directly on 01 7036100.

2. DEDICATED FREEPHONE - There is a dedicated FREEPHONE number 1800 707 707 for homeless service users in terms of access to emergency accommodation for persons who are experiencing homelessness across the four Dublin local authority areas.

3. Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) – this is a shared service that works across the four Dublin local authorities and can be contacted on 01 222 6891 if you have specific questions in relation to homeless services provision in the Dublin region.
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4. Tenancy Protection Service – this is a dedicated service that provides information and support to families who are worried and at risk of losing their home and can be contacted on FREEPHONE 1800 454 454.

Q.89  COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY
To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied);

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

Q.90  COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY
To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied);

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

Q.91  COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY
To ask the Chief Executive how many bins were in the Cabra/Finglas Ward in 2013 and how many are currently in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
It is not possible at present to provide exact figures for the number of bins in the Cabra/Finglas area. However, throughout the City Council area there are currently approximately 3,700 litter bins in place. We are in the process of upgrading our computer records systems and electronically tagging all our litter bins so such information should be available in the future once this process is complete.

Q.92  COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.93  COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.94  COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.95  COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.96  COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive for a brief report on (details supplied);
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the transfer of (details supplied);

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

Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for (details supplied);

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

Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for someone to contact this lady regarding a disabled parking permit (details supplied);

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

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
That the Chief Executive will arrange for the trees at (details supplied); to be pruned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The trees in question have been listed for pruning in January 2015.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
That the Chief Executive considers measures to prevent large vehicles mounting the pavement and damaging the pavement at (details supplied) (i) for example the provision of double yellow lines to prevent cars parking along the boundary of (details supplied) (ii) or bollards on the bend in the road

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

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
That the Chief Executive issues me with a report in relation to parking in Shandon area. The report should include the number of permits for parking and physical number of spaces on Shandon Road. The number of these spaces which are allocated to residents living on Shandon road and a breakdown of the number of residents from other roads which use Shandon road for parking

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
There are 58 parking spaces on Shandon Road with operational hours of Monday to Sunday, 0700-2400H. 36 Residential parking permits are currently issued to residents of Shandon Road with 7 permits issued to four dwellings not on Shandon Road where the parking on their roads is over capacity.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
That the Chief Executive provides me with a breakdown in relation to the spending of the allocation of the local area fund assigned to the Northwest area and Central areas during the last Council.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The table below outlines the spending allocation from the provision of an additional sum of €136,000 in the 2014 Revenue budget for the North West Area and was noted at the March North West Area Committee meeting.

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<td>Environmental improvement to Finglas roundabout on the N2 (at junction with Casement Road) – A high quality floral display throughout the year as part of “Greening the City” co-funding with Parks Division</td>
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<td>Rebuild the boundary wall between Fairways/Griffith Heights (existing wall is in a dangerous condition). Being co-funded with Parks Division</td>
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<td>Barry Shops – installation of a dummy CCTV for a two week period and then the replacement with real CCTV (if undamaged) and monitoring of same for a 4 week period</td>
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<td>Kilshane – additional fencing at cul-de-sac to minimise antisocial behaviour at this location</td>
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<td>Wellmount Road – install a wooden knee rail to prevent damage to grass from parked cars (at school times – opening &amp; closing)</td>
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<td>Ballymun Main Street – Install multi-fix surface around the base of the tree pits</td>
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<td>Silloge Gardens – commence upgrading of open space and paving</td>
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<td>Burren Court - Install cctv camera and pole integrated into community cctv system</td>
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<td>Belclare - Replace dishings identified as priority as part of Ballymun Active Disabled Group joint work with Community Section</td>
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Please see attached the agreed programme of expenditure for the Central Area as agreed at the Central Area Committee meeting in May 2014. The programme of agreed works which is still underway is nearing completion and this expenditure will be incurred by year end. The adopted budget for 2014 includes an allocation of €216,000 for a programme of works to be agreed by the Area Committee. Following on from the recent meeting with Councillors what follows is the proposal of the Central Area Office in relation to proposed works:

1) **Housing Complexes**
   a) Hardwicke Street flats – provision of CCTV
      €30,000
b) Summerhill – installation of railings to separate communal basement area thus allocating responsibility to tenants to clean the newly created deliveries area €15,500
d) Avondale House – provision of bucket swing €6,500 North Clarence Street – provision of gate to each unit at ground level €6,000
e) North William Street flats – provision of CCTV €15,000
f) Dunne Street flats – upgrade and replacement of play equipment €10,000
g) Rowan Hamilton Court – provision of CCTV €5,500
h) Canon Burke, Broombridge and Convent View Senior Citizen complexes – provision of CCTV €10,000
i) Provision of small gates at Dunne St Flats €2,500
j) Sheridan Court/Place €15,000

2) Community Services
Creation of new external door to Swan unit at Spencer Dock €2,000

3) Environmental Initiatives John McP / Fergus S
a) Provision of hanging baskets at Gardiner Street / Beresford Place / Sean McDermott Street €11,000
b) Provision of CCTV oversight for NICLAG area (to include installation / removal / data recovery / evidence preparation) Increased by €10,000 to extend this provision outside of NICLAG area to certain locations in the Dublin 7 area. €30,000
c) Provision of village signs for Ballybough, Stoneybatter, East Wall, Cabra, Navan Road & Phibsborough. €10,000
d) Tree pruning Cabra area €10,000
e) Pole painting Cabra area €10,000

4) 2016 Commemorations
Provision of fund for community initiative €20,000

5) Roads Maintenance Works
Refurbishment of 4 No Ramps on Aughrim St between NCR junction and Manor St. €5,400

6) Public Lighting
Improvement to lighting Blessington Court/Foster Terrace €2,000

7) Halloween Festival
Provision of funding towards community events in Cabra and NEIC €7,000

8) Parks
Refurbishment of John Paul Park Playground (50% co funded with CRA Dept) €28,375

TOTAL €251,775

As the total expenditure outlined in items 1-7 exceed the allocation of €216,000 it is proposed to make up the shortfall by savings identified in the revenue budget for the Central Area.
Q.104 **COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

Could the Chief Executive please outline the terms of the tenancy agreement that govern the payment of water charges for each of the local authority flat complex, housing and RAS tenants.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

It is the responsibility of Irish Water as the new national water utility company to enter into private contracts with Dublin City Council and RAS tenants for the provision of water and the payment of water charges. As Dublin City Council has no involvement in these matters there is no reference to water charges in our tenancy agreements.

Q.105 **COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.106 **COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.107 **COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

In relation to The Red Stables Market can the Chief Executive please confirm?

- name of current operator
- date contract awarded and duration of contract
- Dublin City Council contact point for contract management.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The current licence is in the name of ‘Fingal Market Management Company Ltd’. The contract is for a period of 3 years, and commenced on 2nd October 2012 and is due to cease on the 1st October 2015. Licences in general in Parks and Landscape Service are administered through Parks Administration, Ground Floor, Block 4, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 (parks@dublincity.ie)

Q.108 **COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

In relation to Dublin City Council Cultural and Amenity activities for 2014:

- Can the Chief Executive please give me a brief update on progress on the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter, of particular interest is?
  
  (a) Proposed completion date and
  (b) progress on raising the balance of funding needed to complete the work once specified (a process that was to be lead by Kennedy Wilson)

- Can the Chief Executive please outline the proportion of the additional €0.5m of funding that was set aside to support Grow Dublin Tourism in 2014 that has been spent to-date and the key items on which it has been spent

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Grafton Architects and Shaffrey Associates were selected as the preferred Design Team to deliver on the ambitious functional and design brief set for the project. This
follows a process to select an outstanding architect-led multi-disciplinary design team. The additional members of the multi-disciplinary team include:

- Landscape Architect: Bernard Seymour Landscape Architect and Karen Foley
- Conservation Architect: Shaffrey Associates
- Structural & civil, mechanical & electrical and acoustic engineers: Arup
- Health & Safety PSDP: Willis Risk Management

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Work has commenced assembling and surveying the properties to house the new City Library and other cultural facilities. It is intended that Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane will form part of the overall Parnell Square Cultural offering and its role and impact expanded by the development of the new facilities.

The project working groups are currently engaged in workshops with the successful Design Team to interrogate the functional brief issued for the Stage Two competition in 2013. For further project details see [www.parnellsquare.ie](http://www.parnellsquare.ie)

a) **It is anticipated that design work to planning application stage will be completed for submission by summer 2015 with a project completion date currently projected for late 2018.**

b) **The necessary seed funding and project resourcing is in place to bring the project to planning.** Partners Kennedy Wilson remain committed to leading the philanthropic drive to secure necessary funding to bring this project to realisation post planning.

Dublin City Council was a partner in the Grow Dublin Taskforce established by Fáilte Ireland in late 2012 with the aim of reversing the downward trend in tourist numbers in Dublin. The taskforce published a strategy document *Destination Dublin - A Collective Strategy for Tourism Growth to 2020* and Dublin City Council is working with Fáilte Irl. on implementation of the strategy. In particular we work closely with the “Dublin Now” team and are currently in partnership on two major annual events i.e. Bram Stoker Festival and 3 day New Year Festival that are targeting their main tourist segments Social Energisers and Culturally Curious. The Grow Dublin budgetary provision is being used for the City Council's portion of the funding of these major events.

In addition a number of other events and projects that clearly demonstrate potential to contribute to growth in overseas visitor numbers were funded from this allocation e.g.

- Giro d'Italia
- Croke Park Classic, Penn State –V- UCF
- Community Tourism Diaspora Fund
- Dublin Convention Bureau

It is anticipated that the full allocation of €0.5 m will be spent by year end.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been spent by Dublin City Council in terms of staff hours in organising door to door waste compliance inspections?
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Door to door waste inspections can be a standard part of a litter warden’s duties in the course of their normal working day and as such it is not possible to give an account of the amount of time spent talking to residents on the door step.

From time to time the waste management department will carry out intensive surveys of a particular area or black spot which will see all allocated staff concentrate exclusively on door to door inspections. In the past year a number of surveys took place involving 664 man hours. 344 hours were spent on surveys on the north side of the city and 320 hours on surveys on the south side of the city.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’BRIEN
To ask the Chief Executive in how many instances have the Gardaí accompanied Council officials carrying out door to door waste compliance inspections?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Gardai have accompanied Dublin City Council officials as they carry out door to door inspections on occasions in the past, however records are not normally kept of the number of times or the length of their stay while inspections are carried out. Quite often they simply provide an on street presence while Dublin City Council staff visit premises. They may also be called away at no notice in the event of a police emergency. A Garda presence may be requested to police inspections in the same manner as they police special events such as parades or football matches. The South Central Area did record 32 occasions when Gardai accompanied City Council staff for door to door inspections. These records relate to a specific targeted operation in that area.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’BRIEN
To ask the Chief Executive arising from door-to-door waste compliance inspections how many citizens have been compelled to engage the services of a private waste firms each year since these inspections began?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council cannot compel any resident to engage the services of a private waste contractor as the 2013 Bye Laws recognise other arrangements (if documented) as sufficient and we therefore would have no records with regard to this request.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O’BRIEN
To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless people and people in emergency accommodation will be subjected to the Housing Assistance Payment pilot scheduled for November and how many will be removed from the housing allocations list if they accept the Housing Assistance Payment?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
By the end of 2015 the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive aims to house 200 homeless households using the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) pilot. This is a Dublin regional pilot. This pilot is targeted at long-term homeless households in Dublin who currently resides in temporary emergency accommodation and who have occupied this accommodation for periods of over six months consecutively or for a cumulative period of over six months within a twelve month period. By accepting HAP the household will retain their place on the housing transfer list of the relevant local authority.
Q.113 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**  
Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the status of the statutory public consultation process on the draft revised Taxi Rank bye-laws.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**  
The review of the Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) bye laws 2011 (also referred to as the Taxi Rank bye laws) commenced in March 2014 where Dublin City Council invited submissions from members of the public and other interested parties on the provision of taxi ranks in the Dublin City Council area. An updated set of draft bye laws is currently being drafted taking into consideration:

- All submissions made in response to the March 2014 invitation for submissions
- All submissions made to Dublin City Council since previous bye laws in 2011
- On site inspection of all existing taxi rank locations
- Changes in taxi rank locations with respect to the Luas Cross City Works

The updated draft bye law document is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Dublin City Council will then be in a position to commence the full statutory public consultation process. This consultation process will include notices being published in the national newspapers and consultation with key stakeholders inviting submissions on the draft bye laws. The draft will be presented to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee before a final draft will be presented to the City Council meeting where the City Councillors make the final decision on the implementation of the Bye Laws.

Q.114 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**  
In relation to the Homeless report presented to the July City Council meeting can the Manager provide a progress report on the following?

a) How many of the proposed 758 units to be supplied by NAMA have been identified and what is the timescale for handover?

b) Have the 200 long term leasing units under control of the mainstream banking institution been identified and what is the timescale for handover?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**  
Response to part A)  
It is important to note the following context within which this report was given and the figure of 758 units was stated. Of the 758 units, 500 of these units are in one scheme/development, therefore it was never envisaged that the full quantum of these units would be for homeless allocations as this would not be a sustainable approach in terms of tenure diversity. The Dublin Local Authorities were to consider these units on the basis of apportioning same to both private and social renters. With this in mind the following has been achieved under the NAMA approach.

- 60 units have been identified and have been transferred from NAMA using the NARPS agreement (these are ringfenced for homeless households and are being allocated in 2014).
- A further 28 units are in the process of being ringfenced for homeless under the NAMA NARPS arrangement.
- Work is on going with NAMA in terms of identifying further suitable properties

Response to Part B)  
Despite efforts made, Dublin City Council has not been able to agree with the mainstream banking institution the leasing of any units as proposed. However, DCC
will continue to engage with financial institutions that are willing to assist by way of providing leased properties for social housing purposes.

Q.115 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the draft bye-laws for the regulation of the ‘Rickshaw’ type vehicles currently carrying passengers across Dublin? Can he also confirm that the new battery operated and electrical operated vehicles require a licence?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Following the presentation of the attached report to the October meeting of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee it was agreed to write to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to examine the possibility of introducing primary legislation to manage and control the operation of “Rickshaw” type vehicles. Battery operated vehicles are classed as mechanically propelled vehicles and will be regulated as SPSVs by the National Transportation Authority.

Q.116 **COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**
In relation to the Garth Brooks issue, can the Chief Executive confirm the number of objections checked for authenticity and the number found to be fake?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
The issue of possible fraudulent submissions relating to the Outdoor Event Licence application was referred to An Garda Siochana, Mountjoy Garda Station for their investigation in June. The Planning Department of Dublin City Council understands that a file on this matter has been referred by investigating officers to the DPP for consideration. It would not be appropriate to make any further comment on this matter at this time.

Q.117 **COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the housing situation of (details supplied);

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

Q.118 **COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**
To ask the Chief Executive how many houses and/or apartments:
- need to be built to meet the needs of those on Dublin City Council’s housing lists?
- need to be built by the private sector to meet the needs of home buyers?
- were built, please outline on an annual basis in tabular form, by Dublin City Council in the last 20 years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
According to figures produced by the Housing Agency, a minimum of 37,700 housing units will be required over the next 5 years (7,500 per annum) of which 2 to 3,000 per annum would be expected to be delivered within the Dublin City Council administrative area to achieve overall targets.

Q.119 **COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**
How many housing units can be built on Dublin City Council land that is zoned for housing, how much of that property has successfully been through a Part VIII, give details please and the total cost of the build?
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The first report of the Housing Supply Co-Ordination Task Force, produced by the 4 Dublin Local Authorities as an action of the Government’s Construction 2020 Initiative, estimated that there is sufficient zoned and serviced land in Dublin City Council to provide for 9513 residential units in the short to medium term.

Over the last 10 years, 223 housing units and 765 apartments have been through the Part 8 process. Further work would need to be carried out to ascertain how many of these have been commenced/completed.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if Council tenants, including RAS tenants, are in breach of their tenancies if they do not pay the water charges and do City Councillors have the power to amend these tenants agreements?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
As the payment of water charges is a private matter between City Council / RAS tenants and Irish Water, tenants are not in breach of their Tenancy Agreements if they do not pay these charges.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive to commence a process to amend the scheme of letting to allow those people who are divorced and who have to move out of the family home to be accepted on to the City Council housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Applications are not accepted from current property owners or from previous property owners unless the applicant provides documented details as to the reason why they can no longer remain in or had to dispose of that accommodation.

Applications from separated or divorced applicants are accepted on the waiting list if they provide details regarding the resolution of the ownership of the property. In some instances, if the legal separation or divorce proceedings are ongoing and the property ownership has yet to be resolved, it may be recognised that the applicant has a housing need and they are accepted as being in need of social housing support.

Some applicants may also be accepted with a proviso that if they are housed in the future they may be required to make a contribution from any future settlement from the disposal of their property. In these instances where the applicant is being considered for an offer of accommodation, they are advised to seek independent legal advice before deciding to accept any offer.

All applications of this nature are considered according to their individual merits and applicants are advised to update the Allocations Section with any changes in their circumstances.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question (details supplied);

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

Q.123 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question (details supplied);

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

Q.125 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question (details supplied);

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

Q.126 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the attached note (details supplied) say which roads should be travelled for this daily commute, if an official from the Roads Department with responsibility for cycling could examine the route and road conditions, outline progress made on encouraging cycling in recent years and future plans and make a general statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance Services has carried out an inspection of the roadway from the junction of Summerhill Parade with Parnell St. / Gardiner St. to the junction of Ballybough Road with Richmond Road/ Fairview Strand.

Ballybough Road and Summerhill Parade will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Major Works Programme. There is no funding available to resurface this route in 2014.

Road reconstruction and resurfacing works are generally prioritised and selected based on the condition of the carriageway relative to others in the city and with due consideration to the level of funding availability.

Phillipsburgh Avenue, Ballybough Road and Parnell St are not currently being focussed on for development of cycle lanes. The NTA draft Cycle Network for Dublin forms the basis for the expansion of the city cycle network. The primary routes in this network are currently the focus for design and implementation.

The standards for the minimum cycle lane width in the current National Cycle Manual make the inclusion of lanes less than 1.75 metres wide substandard. Because of this it is not possible to just mark a cycle lane to provide passing space inside general traffic unless it 1.75m wide.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to question 46 at May North Central Area Committee re footpath at location as per (details supplied); and say if he can now arrange to have the footpath repaired as soon as possible as a wheelchair user frequently has to use this piece of footpath and finds it very difficult to navigate same.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
There is a slight indentation on the surface of the footpath at this location. This has been logged on Sharepoint and a repair will be carried out within 12-16 weeks.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to previous requests to have the piece of roadway at location as per (details supplied); repaired as there is a very large dip in the roadway which is also badly broken up and say if he can have the necessary repairs carried out this side of Christmas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
An Engineer from Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location and has identified the defect. This issue has been recorded on our SharePoint system for inclusion in our works’ list for repair. A repair should be carried out in the next 12 to 16 weeks. Additional defects on (details supplied) were also identified and the resurfacing of sections of (details supplied) will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Major Works Programme. Road reconstruction and resurfacing works are generally prioritised and selected based on the condition of the carriageway relative to others in the city and with due consideration to the level of funding availability.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to footpath at location as per (details supplied); which constantly causing “ponding” during rainfall and say if he can carry out the necessary repair works that will eliminate/reduce such serious ponding as both residents at either side of this location are elderly and find it very difficult to manage their everyday lives with this constant ponding and if he will also arrange to clear the gully at location close-by.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
2 of 2 gullies at (details supplied) were inspected on the 30th October 2014. As requested, the gullies were cleaned, pressure jetted and found to be in good working order.

There was no problem with the gullies at this location but a CCTV survey was secured as part of normal work procedures, in case this gully was not operating to its full capacity and was causing the flooding reported as being on the footpath.

A resident from (details supplied) recounted that they did not know of any flooding at this location.

This matter will be sent to the Roads Section and an engineer requested to examine the location to see what flooding is occurring. Waste Management will be asked to clear footpaths at this location as leaves or other debris may be gathering and becoming slip hazards.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE
To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a report on (details supplied);

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

Q.131 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE
To ask the Chief Executive to (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE
To ask the Chief Executive to (details supplied).

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

Q.133 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE
To ask the Chief Executive to (details supplied);

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

Q.134 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm with regard to the RAP:
   a. That everyone on DCC housing list would be entitled to apply for housing under HAP not just those in receipt of rent allowance?
   b. If the above is correct who will be funding this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Our understanding is that those on the housing list will be in a position to apply for HAP if they are not existing local authority or RAS tenant. The tenants will pay differential rent based on the household income. Rent Caps will apply. Please note that HAP will initially be available only in the Dublin City Council area to those who are on the homeless list until the Department sanctions the extension of the HAP scheme later in 2015.

The money for HAP will be recouped by the Department of Local Government, Community and Local Government to the central payment system. This is operated at present by Limerick County Council. The differential rent paid by the tenant is retained to fund the administration of the system.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN
To ask the Chief Executive if the letting list be changed in order to indicate the length of time on record before the allocation took place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Housing & Residential Services Department are currently working on the development of an online self service system whereby housing applicants may be able to check their position on the waiting list. It is also envisaged that there will be a facility whereby applicants may be able to make electronic contact with the Allocations Section on other aspects of their application, say for example, changes in their circumstances which require their application to be updated.

In tandem with the above, further consideration will be given to include details on the lettings lists regarding how long an applicant has been on the waiting list e.g. under one year, one to two years, three to four years etc.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN
To ask the Chief Executive if the road surface on Ossory Road be included in the works programme for a much needed resurfacing.
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Road Maintenance will consider the resurfacing of Ossory Road in the 2015 Works Programme.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN
To ask the Chief Executive how many litter bins are in the area at the moment. How many have been taken out of service over last five years. Also what plans are there to provide more bins and what is the cost of a bin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
It is not possible at present to provide exact figures for the number of bins in the central area however throughout the City Council area there are currently approximately 3,700 litter bins in place. There are no figures available for the number of bins removed from different areas over the past 5 years. We are in the process of upgrading our computer records systems and electronically tagging all our litter bins so such information should be available in the future once this process is complete. There are two primary types of litter bins in use throughout the Council’s administrative area. The class b which is the standard type located at bus stops etc. and cost €400.00 and the class A which is the black cast iron type common throughout the city centre and cost €500.00.

Waste management constantly review the number and location of our litter bins and as such we do not have any formal plans to install or remove any litter bins. Decisions in this regard are made on a case by case basis following requests for new bins in any particular area or alternatively to remove bins from a particular location.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN
To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with the following information: the amount of people on the housing list, and what is the average length of time on Dublin City Council list before you can be considered for housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The table attached below lists the current housing list by area preference.

I attach a table below outlining the length of time housing applicants were on the waiting list when housed in 2013.

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There is no definitive or average timescale that can be given on how long applicants may be awaiting an offer of accommodation. Applicants are placed on the list in the appropriate band (1, 2 or 3) and are housed accordingly.

Of the 89 cases that were housed in 2013 within one year, 31 (5%) were homeless, 8 (1.5%) were medical/welfare priority cases, 8 (1.5%) were mortgage to rent cases and 6 (1%) were financial contribution cases.
Applicants over 55 can apply for older person's accommodation and 177 older persons units were allocated in 2013. While some applicants prefer to be considered for the newer developments, due to the shortage of accommodation in the private rented, the demand for the studio type units has increased and applicants on the older persons list would not tend to have to await for an offer as single applicants would on the regular housing list.

The above table shows that approximately half of the applicants housed off the waiting list were waiting over 5 years.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.141 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE
To ask the Chief Executive to clarify Dublin City Councils’ involvement in the decisions made surrounding the €44 million of public finances that were secured from the Government to assist the development of the Poolbeg Incinerator, when this decision was made, what rate of return the Strategic Investment Fund will get from this investment, who will be responsible financially responsible should the waste targets not be met and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) project is being developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract (Project Agreement) which covers the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance (DBFO&M) of a ‘waste to energy’ facility. The Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) are not responsible for financing the construction, commissioning or operation of the facility. This is the responsibility of the PPP contractor. Dublin City Council was not involved in the decision making process of any of the commercial investors and cannot comment on the rate of return they expect to realise.

The Project Agreement contains an Authority Contingent Obligation (ACO) clause under which the DLAs will provide partial revenue support for the first 15 years of operation of the DWtE plant in return for which they will share in the waste revenue stream, over a certain threshold, for 15 years. The DLAs will also share in the energy revenue stream for the 45 year life of the project above a certain threshold. It should be noted that under the revised Project Agreement, the DWtE facility will be operated on a commercial basis and the DLAs will participate on commercial terms, expecting a rate of return that a private investor would seek.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE
To ask the Chief Executive to outline what systems will be in place to monitor both the quantity of and the contents of the waste service trucks that will be transporting waste to feed the Poolbeg Incinerator, to ensure that they are in compliance with both planning and licensing agreements.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The EPA will put in place a monitoring system for the operational phase of the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility to ensure compliance with the licence granted by them.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE
To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider introducing no right turn signs for a restricted period of 2 hours from 7am to 9am Monday to Friday from (Details Supplied); in order to address the ongoing issue of rat running through the area in the mornings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The request for a ‘no right turn’ from South Circular Road onto Longwood Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue, during morning peak hours, will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE
To ask the Chief Executive whether he has any travel survey of the Council’s employees’ method of travel on their journeys to and from work and could he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council is a partner in the NTA’s Smarter Travel Workplaces Scheme and as such actively promotes sustainable travel by staff and visitors. A survey of staff travel behaviour was undertaken in 2011 in association with the NTA. Results of the survey are attached.

The Cycle to Work Scheme has been in operation in the Council since 2009 and a total of 1,296 employees have availed on this scheme up to the end of 2013. In addition, a total of 563 employees availed of the Travel Pass Scheme in 2013. These schemes also apply for 2014. Both these schemes encourage staff to use sustainable transport methods to and from work.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.146 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.147 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied).

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

Q.148 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the following details (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive that given the current prohibition on Rent Supplement in the Ballymun Area, will he consider this location as an ideal location for any pilot project connected with Housing Assistance Payment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Dublin City Council will be implementing a regional pilot in respect of Homeless Households and the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). However, there is no decision by the Dept. of Environment as to when HAP as a mainstream initiative will be implemented across Dublin City Council.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE
To ask the Chief Executive to outline the expenditure which has been incurred by the Council connected with the establishment of Irish Water including any consultancy service. Can the Chief Executive outline if Irish Water has met any these costs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
All costs incurred in relation to Irish Water in 2014 have been met by Irish Water under the terms of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and Annual Service Plan (ASP).

In 2013 Dublin City Council spent €319,800 on a consultancy by PWC to assist in the then ongoing discussions with Irish Water on the forthcoming SLA and Annual service Plan and to ensure that all matters were adequately covered in that process, from the perspective of DCC and the three other Dublin Local Authorities. The cost of €319,800 was shared between DCC, the other three Dublin Local Authorities and WSTO (the Water Services Transition Office established by the CCMA and DECLG to represent the Local Authority sector). The share of the total cost borne by DCC was €75,000.

Two DCC staff worked exclusively for part of 2013 in relation to the set up of Irish Water, both in terms of data gathering for IW & WSTO and in relation to internal DCC management of the transition to IW. The cost of these two staff from the start of June 2013 was €96k and DCC recovered €89k from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government under a national agreement to support such costs.

Q.151 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (Details Supplied);

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

Q.152 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on (details supplied);

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

Q.153 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);
CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.154 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied);

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

Q.155 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMITH
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that new signage will be erected in the relevant streets in Ballyfermot as requested by this Councillor at last SCAC and when they will be erected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The street nameplates have been ordered through our stores. It will be at least 8 weeks before the street nameplates arrive in the depot from the supplier. We will then make arrangements for the street nameplates to be erected on stands at the appropriate locations.

Q.156 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the appropriate action to be taken in relation to the concerns expressed in the email submitted with this question on compliance with planning conditions and storage of waste in the Lennox Street area, (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Following receipt of a complaint that development works were taking place at the property mentioned (a protected structure). An Enforcement Notice pursuant to section 154 of the Planning and Development Acts was served on the owners requiring the cessation of unauthorised works, the removal of a recently installed steel support and the restoration of original partitions, door, architraves and skirting. The latest date for compliance with the Notice is 10 November 2014.

Following service of the Notice, the property owners opted to exercise their right under section 34 of the Act to seek retention and completion of the works. This application is under consideration.

Q.157 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Chief Executive if he could supply me with an update on the issues dealt with in the email submitted with this question in relation to planning enforcement matters, (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Further information concerning this issue received from the complainant in early 2014 is under consideration. In addition, legal advice has been sought on a number of issues that arise in this case.

The Councillor will be advised of progress in this matter.

Q.158 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM
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.159 **COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**
Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards to PIVOT and the bid for design capital. This report to include how much was spent on the bid for design capital and what was the allocation an expenditure of PIVOT. Also what are the future plans for this initiative and what its achievements to date are.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

PIVOT Dublin is an initiative to promote the use of design as a driver of social, cultural and economic development in the city. It has served as a means of promoting Dublin’s design businesses domestically and internationally, promoting Dublin’s attractiveness as a place to visit and do business and promoted greater public understanding of the role and potential of design as a means of effecting an improved quality of life in the city’s built environment.

The PIVOT Dublin initiative originated through the bid for World Design Capital 2014 which was run during 2010 and 2011. The bid was a joint initiative by Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The following documents provide a full report on the bid:

- World Design Capital 2014; The Potential for Dublin to mount a bid for the designation (2010)
- Guide to PIVOT Dublin (2012)

The expenditure for 2010 to 2011 on the bid for World Design Capital 2014 was as follows:

- Overall expenditure on Bid (Dublin City Council, Fingal Co Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Council, Fáilte Ireland): €386,275

- Dublin City Council expenditure (included in the above): €314,227

The allocation to PIVOT Dublin made on the basis of a costed programme submitted in advance each year to the Chief Executive. The allocation and expenditure for PIVOT Dublin subsequent to the bid is as follows:

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The following is a list of the activities undertaken since the conclusion of the World Design Capital bid in 2011:

2012

1. A public exhibition and discussion series was held in March in Filmbase, Temple Bar called ‘Re-Think + Re-Act’. The purpose of the event was to showcase the WDC 2014 bid material. The exhibition setting was in a ‘Reading Room’ of books and visual curiosities loaned by people who had engaged in the bid process. The exhibition was opened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Andrew Montague and the Ambassador of Finland, Mr. Pertti Majunen, and included a week long programme of events: a lunch time debate each day and a series of schools visits. The Reading Room was re-exhibited in March in the National Library of Ireland as part of the St. Patrick’s Festival programme.

2. A panel discussion on the project with invited speaker Michael Bierut of internationally renowned visual communications firm Pentagram (New York) was held as part of the Offset Festival in the Bord Gais Theatre (formerly the Grand Canal Theatre) in March.

3. The ‘Connecting with Opportunities in China' talk with invited speaker Cathy Huang, a design innovation strategist and founder of CBi China Bridge Shanghai, was held in May in the Chester Beatty Library Dublin Castle. This was a booked-out networking event for people interested in seeking to enter the market for design services and products in China or merely developing a greater understanding of the Chinese markets and was attended by the then Minister for Trade and Enterprise Joe Costelloe.

4. At the request of Angela Brady, President of RIBA, a small exhibition based on Dublin design was contributed for display in the Irish Embassy in London to be used as a backdrop to a number of receptions the Embassy hosted during the London 2012 Olympics.

5. In response to an invitation from the City of Helsinki, PIVOT Dublin participated in the Helsinki World Design Capital 2012 international ‘Everyday Discoveries’ exhibition in September. This was the signature PIVOT Dublin event for 2012, the design team preparing Dublin’s submission won the commission through an open design challenge competition held in the Wood Quay Venue in November 2011. Dublin’s exhibit included an interactive project which showed a hundred views of Dublin to Helsinki. A hundred views of Helsinki were in turn brought to Dublin in November as part of Design Week (see below).

6. The Helsinki World Design Capital 2012 Exhibition event was used as the basis for collaboration with the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2012 as part of the Biennale’s out-reach programme.

7. The seventh annual ‘Successful Design Awards China 2012’, organized by the Shanghai Industrial Design Association, honour international designers and businesses that have created successful design products for the Chinese market. Dublin City Council’s City Architect was invited to be a judge for the 2012 competition, the first year that someone from Ireland was a member of the international jury. The participation was conducted from Dublin.

8. The World Tourism Cities Federation’s Inaugural Summit in Beijing in September 2012 was an opportunity for Dublin to showcase many aspects of our creative city, including design. The Guide to PIVOT Dublin 2012 (attached as listed above) was produced in response to a request for material to accompany the Lord Mayor and the City Manager
who were attending the summit. The document was printed in English and Mandarin and is also available online. Beijing is a recently designated UNESCO City of Design.

9. A collaborative project, the Academy of Champions of Energy (ACE) which is an EU funded renewable energy initiative, was launched in the Mansion House on 24 September 2012. Dublin City Council is participating through a collaborative project between City Libraries, Architects and Codema. A design competition was initiated through PIVOT Dublin for the public interactive element of the ACE project proposal.

10. Dublin Design Week took place from the 5th to the 11th November 2012 and comprised of up to 80 events. Pivot Dublin participated in and supported Design Week in a number of ways, including the production of that year’s brochure. PIVOT Dublin held an exhibition during Dublin Design Week as set out in Item 11.

11. Due to the success of the Helsinki Tagged exhibition, PIVOT hosted the ‘Dublin Tagged’ exhibition during Dublin Design Week. 80 tags with people’s ideas and descriptions of places to go in the city were placed in various locations. These places and the reason why they were chosen were exhibited in a central exhibition in the City Centre. This exhibition was stepping-stone to create an incentive for people to be more aware in their cities as they go about their everyday journeys, by finding and reading the tags. The tags allowed people to see a place through someone else’s eyes, and this is fun, but fundamentally gets people to see the city in a new light through their own eyes. Informed and positive change comes about when people are conscious and aware of their surroundings.

12. As part of Innovation Dublin, City Architects hosted a seminar on 17 October on ‘Making Great Working Places in Dublin’. The well-attended event included representatives from property development, architectural and urban design, planning and the IT sector end-user, each of whom made presentations and led discussion of issues around improving the attractiveness of Dublin’s business working environment: How can Dublin create competitive working places which can attract and sustain innovative enterprises? How can commercial developments give more to the city in terms of social and environmental sustainability? How do cities accommodate the range of businesses which make up healthy business ecology?

2013

1. A key focus of the 2013 programme was Ireland’s hosting of the EU Presidency. Three projects were commissioned for this in addition to PIVOT Dublin supplying material for the Government website.

   a) Mapping Dublin Design. In January 2013, a printed and on-line map and guide to Dublin design shops and studios within easy walking distance of Dublin Castle was commissioned. The map includes bars, cafés and galleries which have a design focus. It identifies places of architectural and urban design interest. The emphasis is on the distinctive and the unique. Designed initially for the benefits of the many visiting delegates during the presidency, it lets people know where they can go to experience Dublin design, find original Irish design products and meet Irish designers. The map was launched by the Lord Mayor in City Hall on 28 January 2013. It has been continued since as an online resource.

   b) Design Exhibition Unit. A team was engaged to design and make a temporary exhibition display unit which can be installed in various locations as required. The unit is used to exhibit information and examples of Dublin design projects and products. The Unit was used in 2013 during the EU Presidency, the Intercultural
Cities Conference in RHK and Cities Against Poverty Conference RDS in addition to exhibitions in Civic Offices and other locations.

c) The Intercultural Cities Conference (part of the EU Presidency programme) was held in Dublin on the 6th, 7th and 8th February 2013. Hosted in part by Dublin City Council, the event was attended by 150 delegates from the ICC European network of 41 cities. In addition to mounting the exhibition mentioned above, PIVOT devised and ran a design challenge which all the delegates participated in. The challenge focused on ways to promote and enable Intercultural coexistence.

3 The Academy of Champions of Energy (ACE) project continued and in January 2013, Pivot administered the design competition ‘Imagine Energy’ for DCC, inviting designs for a smart energy feature for the city. The competition was part of a larger ACE project, the aim of which is to demonstrate and promote the increased use of renewable energy among local authorities, businesses and citizens across North West Europe. A jury panel comprising of the Lord Mayor, the heads of design at NCAD and DIT and energy experts selected the winning design after a six-month long competition process. The winning design was created by Declan Scullion, a 36-year-old architect from Co Tyrone and the tendering for the installation of the feature is in train.

4 Cork Hill public realm design workshop. On 15 March 2013, a workshop was held in the Wood Quay Venue on the Cork Hill Public Realm Pre Part 8 as part of the public consultation process. A range of stakeholders and people with an interest in the design of the public realm were invited to input their ideas as to how the complex demands of today’s public realm can be accommodated in the sensitive historic landscape. A report on the workshop was issued in April.

5 Pop-Up City. Pop-Up City is a Bloggers in Residence Programme. Joop de Boer and Jeroen Beekmans, both from Holland settled in Dublin for two weeks in April 2013. During their stay they researched and published a series of online articles exploring the city to its fullest in terms of design, urbanism, urban culture and related subjects. The project enabled the Dublin design community to spread and communicate interesting and underexposed aspects of the city of an international audience of city and design enthusiasts.

6 Shenzhen Design Award for Young Talents 2013. Pivot Dublin administered Dublin’s participation in this event on behalf of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature. Shenzhen, UNESCO City of Design, held this inaugural competition for applicants from cities in the UNESCO network, including Dublin. The Award rewards the efforts of designers whose work demonstrates a contribution to the enhancement of environmental sustainability, social and economic development and the quality of life in their cities. Dublin-based designers from all fields were invited to participate. Pivot Dublin put out the call for entries through its website and social media and organised the first-stage judging in Dublin. Three candidates were then selected to go forward to Shenzhen for the final judging and in December one of these, graduate graphic designer Lara Hanlon, won a ‘New Star Award’. She received a $5,000 prize and was brought over by the City of Shenzhen to take part in an awards ceremony in March 2014.

7 Dublin Design Week. Design Week took place from 4-10 November 2013 and support was provided through the development of their website, in addition to hosting the Designing Growth Events (see details below).

8 Designing Growth Events: International design experts travelled to Dublin to participate in a workshop and evening panel discussion on November 6th 2013. These included Swedish Industrial Design Foundation CEO Robin Edman; Marco Steinberg, Founder, Snowcone & Haystack, Finland, Enrique Avogadro, head of the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Design district and Maureen Thurston from Design at Deloitte, Australia. The two events were as follows:
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a) Designing Growth Workshop. The workshop took place in the Wood Quay Venue. A diverse group of people from different sectors and DCC Departments worked collaboratively through a number of city challenges. The workshop granted an opportunity to the attendees to learn more about the potential of strategic design, to network with other people and to benefit from the experience of an international expert in their field.

b) Designing Growth Panel Discussion: The evening discussion in the Lighthouse Cinema focused on how design could be harnessed to drive growth in Ireland and whether we need to develop a national design strategy. Ireland is one of the few EU countries that do not have a national design strategy. The international speakers were joined by John Moran, Secretary General, Dept. of Finance and the event was chaired by Dr. Jane Suiter. The event was fully booked and filmed and was posted online.

2014

1. North Inner City illegal dumping project. PIVOT Dublin worked with the Central Area office in assisting with the NICLAG programme to address illegal dumping in the north inner city. The involvement included producing maps which cross-referenced the dumping with information on land-use, DCC programmes and property tenures. This work is being used by the NICLAG team in developing and implementing an action plan to address the problems.

2. City Limits – Inventive Uses for Urban Spaces. The Lord Mayor of Dublin Oisín Quinn opened this evening discussion event on potential solutions for vacant city spaces in February. Over 600 prime sites and a wealth of historic buildings within our nation’s capital are currently vacant or disused. These neglected places undermine Dublin’s competitiveness and quality of life; becoming hotbeds of anti-social behaviour, detracting from the city’s aesthetic, and artificially inflating the cost of housing. With public and political pressure to use mounting, a government taskforce has been charged with examining the introduction of a levy on vacant lands, intended to prompt action from site owners. As these spaces come in to circulation once more, the challenge becomes how to match the best ideas in urban development with the most suitable spaces.

3. Make Shape Change, communicating the value of design to the end user through animated film. Ireland has produced many internationally renowned animators. In March 2013 Pivot commissioned an animated film which to demonstrate ‘the value of design’. This is innovative (no such animation exists) and has the potential to mark Dublin as a city which has something distinctive and original to contribute to what is a crowded dialogue on design. The film was launched in April 2014 and it will form the centre of an educational programme to be run in schools in 2015 (see below).

4. Shenzhen Design Awards and UNESCO meeting. As part of Dublin’s participation in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network which was organised in Ireland by Pivot Dublin on behalf of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, the City of Shenzhen brought a representative from Dublin City Council and a prize winner from Dublin to Shenzhen to attend the awards ceremony and participate in the associated meeting of the UNESCO network.

5. Design Skills Symposium March 2014 Glasgow. The Design Skills Symposium is a learning event focussed on practitioners and communities working across the built environment to make places better by design. A+DS (Architecture and Design Scotland) has run the Design Skills Symposium as a national event in Scotland since 2010, with an average attendance of 120 delegates each Symposium, supported by Government and key partners in Scotland.
This year, the focus of the Symposium was on the learning for Scottish places from the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Design, participation and smart thinking were at the heart of the Games plan. A key interest in the Symposium was to explore how these principles could be transferred to other locations in Scotland, and beyond as a development of place-making practice. The City Architect was invited to give a keynote speech to address a single issue across two themes: the power of design as a strategic policy tool drawing on the experience of building the bid for World Design Capital, and the learning from Designing Growth.

6. Transforming Cities Cape Town 2014 was an international exhibition held in October 2014, focussed on the use of design in development in cities and urban areas around the world. PIVOT Dublin participated by mounting an exhibition showcasing the work of Dublin City Council’s Housing Department, through the stories of recent regeneration projects and new housing schemes. An abbreviated version of the exhibition was also contributed to the “Learning from Housing” exhibition run by the Fumbally Exchange as part of Open House Dublin 2014.

7. Hidden Rooms Conference. HIDDEN ROOMS is a conference being held to stimulate collaborative efforts that will deliver innovative solutions to city issues. 320 local & international practitioners, public representatives, end-users, activists, managers, entrepreneurs, educators, experts, students and policy makers have been invited to participate. The objective is to bring a diverse group together; people with experience of the issues, people who can bring fresh insight and anyone who is interested in change. On day one of the conference, groups will participate in a series of 16 workshops to work on one of 16 city challenges or issues. The intended outcome is a route map for addressing the issues, ideally framed as a pilot project proposal. On day two all participants will gather in City Hall to present their proposals. The intended outcome is a series of credible proposals that could help inform policy or be actioned as pilot projects by Dublin City Council and partners in 2015.

2010-2014

Pivot Dublin website. Since 2010, the www.pivotdublin.com website has been operated. This was set up as a key outcome of the WDC 2014 bid to serve as an internationally visible platform to promote Dublin’s design businesses and a point of contact for connecting with Dublin’s design business networks. The website is managed in-house and hosts substantial information showcasing Dublin and Irish design, an ongoing listing of design events across all fields of design. The site also includes a blog which has published approximately 400 articles in relation to Irish design since 2010. The site also utilises newsletters and social media to promote events.

A key feature of the blog is a programme of domestic and international “guest curators” who publish sets of up to 10 articles over 1-2 week periods. This is mutually beneficial - the site gathers new and varied material from diverse sources while our guest curators access a new audience. As examples, past guest curators have included: The City of Bilbao, City of Cape Town, St. James’ Hospital Centre for Ageing, Dublin City Public Libraries, Dublin Fringe Festival, the Offset Festival, IXDA the Interaction Design Association and the Scottish Creative Enterprise Office. The next planned guest curator will be the City of Bologna in December 2014. PIVOT Dublin was listed as one of the top ten social media sources for information about what’s current in Dublin in a feature by Visit Dublin.
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2015

Projects currently planned for 2015 include:

- Make Shape Change schools programme
- Facilitation of Hidden Rooms conference follow-up projects in 2015
- Continuation of website programme
- Participation in Year of Irish Design 2015, led by the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland. An application for funding has been made to the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland to undertake projects during the year.
- Horizon 2020. Calls for project proposals on themes relevant to the PIVOT Dublin programme are anticipated to be launched in 2015, and where relevant it is intended to make a submission.

Q.160 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the Chief Executive issue a report with regards to the use and licensing of the Iveagh Gardens as a festival venue. A number of issues arise at this location with regards to noise pollution and traffic management. This is a hotel and residential area and the Iveagh Gardens is a listed structure. Can this report include what processes are used with regards the use of the garden. What license's, if any, does DCC issue with regards the type of events that are permitted here? Also, what is the protocol and relationship between Dublin City Council and the OPW with regards the choosing of those companies that use this location. Is the process for use of this location transparent, accountable, best practice and open to all?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Iveagh Gardens is owned by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and because its capacity is under 5,000 an event licence is not required for use of these gardens.

Q.161 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the Chief Executive issue a statement regarding the recent audit that was carried out on housing allocations and transfers by the Audit committee. Can the Chief Executive state that this report is accurate and that the issues brought to light in that report have been dealt with effectively? Also can the Chief Executive issue a further statement with regards the recent court case of a member of staff of the housing and allocations section which was recently settled out of court. Can the Chief Executive state whether this out of court settlement has in any way any bearing on the findings of the internal audit report with regard the misallocation of housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Internal Audit Report No. R06/09, which was presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting held on the 3rd of December 2009, made 29 recommendations, in order to improve the entire Allocations process from the receipt of applications to the allocation of dwellings.

In 2010 during a review of its Audit Reports for 2009, the Internal Audit Unit found that all 29 recommendations (referred to above) had been implemented by the Housing & Residential Services Department.

Q.162 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN
Can the Chief Executive initiate a process whereby a bylaw can be created that can outlaw begging or panhandling in the Dublin City Council area. Dublin City has become synonymous with a culture of begging while many individuals who use this practice are marginalized and disadvantaged others are more organized and
aggressive in their approach to the citizens and people on our streets. Many people will cite their fear of aggressive begging etc as one of the reasons why they will not frequent the City centre area. Others who are begging suffer from addiction of alcohol and drugs while others would constitute rough sleepers and homeless persons. It is a known fact that there is bullying and intimidation for begging lucrative spots and that there is a whole subculture within the community that find themselves begging on the streets. What has now become very apparent is the lack of any legislation that would protect the public and outlaw begging as a combative tool to ensure public safety to be able to go about your business without being confronted by aggressive or passive individuals either sober or under the influence of substances. It is time that all the citizens of the City were afforded the protection of the law in this area. This would ensure a safer place for all. This initiative is in no way to demonize anybody or to undermine the difficulties faced by many who have become impoverished in a climate of austerity. It is simply to ensure protection and safety within the public domain as one would find in any similar European City. This particular initiative is very successfully employed on the streets of London and while it may not reduce begging and beggars it certainly gives the public a greater sense of protection and safety. It is high time that Dublin City rolled out new bylaws.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 was previously the only legislation in place in this country that could control begging. This legislation was rarely used in recent years but it was tested and challenged by a young man who was charged with begging in Dublin City in 2007.

The High Court upheld this man’s claim that Section 3 of the Act was unconstitutional on grounds that the likely sentence amounted to a disproportionate interference with his constitutional right to freedom of expression. The Judge (High Court) ruled that that Section 3 of the Act (in relation to begging) was unconstitutional in this country. This meant that there was no longer any legislation that could govern the issue of begging.

In 2011 the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2011 was introduced and passed into law. This legislation had to take account of the constitutional issues decided by the High Court 2007 and it provided for the prohibition of harassment or intimidation of members of the public by persons who engage in begging and it conferred powers on members of the Garda Siochana to deal with the issue.

This means that “aggressive” begging is now an offence subject to summary conviction, to a Class E Fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one or both.

A member of the Garda Siochana may direct a person who is begging at or near:-

The entrance to a dwelling
An automated teller machine
A vending machine
A night safe

to desist from begging and to leave the vicinity of that place in a peaceful and orderly manner.

Otherwise from the above the act of begging is not an offence.

It would not be appropriate for Dublin City Council to consider the introduction of Bye Laws in this area because
a. Outlawing begging would be contrary to the constitution at present
b. There is already provision in the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2011 for the Garda Síochána to deal with aggressive and organised begging.

Q.163 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL
Would the Chief Executive state when the vacant sites audit will be ready for publication. If it's not imminent would the Chief Executive please state the reason for the delay?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The Vacant Sites Audit is currently being finalised and will be presented to the November meeting of the Planning and International Relations SPC and circulated the full City Council.

Q.164 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE
Will the Chief Executive clean up the remains of the burnt out car in front of (details supplied); Most of the car was removed, but the debris was left on the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
Waste Management Services had the road in front of (details supplied) cleaned up on the 28th October 2014.

Q.165 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE
When will the Royal Canal be open to the public between Bins Bridge and Croke Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A letter has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland. A report will issue directly to the Councillor when a reply is received.

Q.166 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE
Will the Chief Executive give an update on the proposed cycleway from Santry Demense to St. Anne’s Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
The route is part of the Strategic Green Network in City Development Plan. There has been no design work done on this route to date. The NTA draft Cycle Network for Dublin forms the basis for the expansion of the city cycle network. The primary routes in this network are currently the focus for design and implementation.

Q.167 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK
To ask the Chief Executive to facilitate the introduction of (details supplied);

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

Q.168 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK
To ask the Chief Executive to provide (details supplied);

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.
Q.169 **COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

Q.170 **COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

Q.171 **COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

Regarding the implementation of Cllr Ni Dhalaigh’s motion (see below extract from Adjourned March Monthly City Council Meeting 24/03/2014) adopted by the Council re: social clauses, what is the progress to date and when can we envisage a CBC being included in the Council's procurement contracts?

“That Dublin City Council notes the importance of promoting social inclusion through job creation and training. Dublin City Council will ensure that any future procurement contracts will, in line with EU law, include particular conditions to promote opportunities for vocational training, education and employment for young people and long term unemployed. To this end the Council may require particular conditions concerning performance of the Contract and that they are stated in the Contract Notice or in the Contract Documents. The contractors will be required under the Contract to support Dublin City Council's commitment to these conditions”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**
Integration of social consideration clauses in public procurement is a complex matter. Such clauses must be intrinsically linked to the subject matter of the contract and included in a manner that preserves competition, equal treatment and transparency.

Contracting authorities cannot confer upon themselves an unlimited freedom of choice and must ensure that inclusion of social clauses does not lead to the exclusion of certain sections of the market, that equal access is provided for all interested bidders from the European market and that efficient use of public money is safeguarded by ensuring that such clauses do not add to the cost of contracts.

To this end, The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform issued a press release on 9th June 2014 announcing the establishment of a Social Clauses Working Group led by the Office of Government Procurement. The purpose of the group is to put forward pilot projects where social clauses can be inserted into the contract to address employment and training.

The OGP Working Group is preparing to trial social clauses in Supplies and Services contracts on a pilot basis with a view towards devising a model which can be used across the public sector. This process will allow for the identification and mitigation of risks arising from possible compliance, implementation and management issues associated with social consideration clauses and will provide a template for use of such clauses across the public sector. The City Council will monitor progress in this regard and will examine the applicability of any model arising from the pilot process. In the interim, it should be noted that the City Council’s general construction contracts contain a Local labour clause aimed at encouraging contractors to use their best endeavours and to take reasonable steps to strive to optimise employment,
depending on the availability of appropriate skills in so far as it is practicable to do so. The City Council is continuing to examine opportunities for inclusion of appropriate clauses in suitable construction contracts.
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Voting Number: Vote No 4
Name: Report No 258/2014
Kind: Parliamentary


Total Results

Voting attendants

- Present in the vote: 61
- Present and not voted: 0

Answers

- Yes: 22
- No: 38
- Abstain: 1
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