# **COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 13 Meitheamh 2016 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n. I Láthair an tArdmheara Críona Ní Dhálaigh sa chathaoir

# **Attendance:**

Comhairleoir: Sean Pau Mahon Tina McVeigh Janice Boylan Mannix Flynn Mary Freehill Deirdre Heney Andrew Keegan Frank Kennedy Micheal Mac Donncha Paul McAuliffe Ray McHugh Emma Murphy Damian O'Farrell Cieran Perry Ciaran Cuffe Paddy Bourke Christy Burke Chris Andrews	Comhairleoir: Seamas McGrattan Edel Moran Norma Sammon Paddy McCartan Alison Gilliland Jane Horgan-Jones Teresa Keegan Dermot Lacey Anthony Connaghan Ruairi McGinley Andrew Montague Naoise Muiri Ciaran O'Moore Nial Ring Paddy Smyth Gaye Fagan Cathleen Carney Boud Brendan Carr	Comhairleoir: Anne Feeney Claire O'Connor Gary Gannon Declan Flanagan Paul Hand Vincent Jackson Greg Kelly John Lyons Ray McAdam David Costello Rebecca Moynihan Michael O'Brien Larry O'Toole Eilis Ryan Sonya Stapleton Tom Brabazon Pat Dunne Patrick Costello
Daithi Doolan	Brendan Carr Noeleen Reilly	Patrick Costello
Oifigigh Dick Brady Brendan Kenny Mary Pyne Mary Davis	Oonagh Casey Vincent Norton Kathy Quinn David Garvey	Owen P. Keegan Terence O'Keeffe Declan Wallace John O'Hara

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by proposing that the City Council would agree to suspend Standing Orders to adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect and solidarity with those who died in Orlando in the early hours of 12<sup>th</sup> June. This was agreed by the City Council. A minute's silence was observed by all present as a mark of respect for the deceased. The Lord Mayor said she would also like to show solidarity with the LGBT Community in Ireland and the adjournment would give Members the opportunity to join in the vigil taking place in the adjoining square at

this time. She also informed the Members that she had opened a Book of Condolence in the Mansion. It was agreed by the City Council that the meeting would be resumed at 7.15pm.

The Lord Mayor also wished 'Good Luck' to the Ireland Team who were playing in the European Championships in France at that time. She also welcomed Ms Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer in the Chief Executive's Department, to the meeting and informed Members that Deirdre will be facilitating the City Council meetings from now on. The Lord Mayor then thanked Mr Vincent Norton, Executive Manager, who had looked after the City Council meetings for the past nine years in such a capable manner. She said that Vincent had always been a huge support and willing adviser to her, both as a Councillor and Ardmhéara and she personally thanked him and wished him luck in his new role. The Members of the City Council gave Vincent a round of applause in appreciation of his expertise and commitment to the City Council, in particular to the smooth running of the Protocol and City Council meetings.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated Councillor Claire Byrne on the recent birth of her baby son. Mr Owen Keegan, Chief Executive, then took the opportunity to clarify suggestions that there could be job losses resulting from any future decisions in relation to the future of the Marrowbone Lane site.

The meeting resumed at 7.20pm and the Lord Mayor invited Minister Simon Coveney to address the meeting.

The Lord Mayor welcomed Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government to the meeting. The Minister spoke of his desire to build a better working relationship to achieve better outcomes. He wished to understand what contributes to delays in the systems whether that is the part VIII, department approval processes or the planning system. He indicated that the Housing Action Plan will be delivered by the end of July. He outlined the extent of housing challenges facing Dublin in particular. The Department will announce an increase in rent supplement and extend the availability of the Housing Assistance Payment scheme. He is restructuring the Department with the creation of the Housing Delivery Unit who will take a project management approach to housing. A more focussed approach had previously worked in the turning around of void units.

The Minister said there was a need to deliver between 25,000 and 35,000 units per annum nationally for the next few year. 12,606 housing units were delivered last year and 50% of those were one-off units largely in rural areas. Strategic Development Zones in Poolbeg and elsewhere have the capacity to deliver housing at scale. Dublin has planning permission for 27,000 units which for a variety of reason are delayed going to site. There is a significant plan on housing & infrastructure going to cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

Clir Daithí Doolan, spoke on behalf of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee saying that there was a housing crisis not only a homeless crisis. He outlined issues regarding land, planning and funding. Dublin City Council has significant lands available including Oscar Traynor Road and O'Devaney Gardens. The council had agreed 30% social housing for these lands and the remainder could accommodate cost rental, affordable and private units. Procurement and other processes (i.e. cost benefit analysis) can delay projects like Dominick Street. The financing of homeless services needs to be recouped in full.

Cllrs McDonncha, Burke, McAuliffe, Ó Muirí, Montague, McVeigh, Costello and Ryan spoke on behalf of their respective groups and highlighted the following concerns:

- Over-reliance on the private rental market to provide social units. There is a need to control rent increases and protect rights of tenant when rental properties sold
- Identifying new sources of low cost funding and utilising existing mechanism to a greater extent
- Greater autonomy and capacity needed for City Council to deliver projects and related infrastructure
- Cost benefit analysis, approvals and procurement processes causing delays to many project
- Increased responsiveness needed for homeless families, individuals and those sleeping roughly
- Need to move on sites such as O'Devaney Garden, Oscar Traynor Road, Croke Villas, Dominick Street & the Glass bottle site
- Concerns regarding income eligibility for social housing, the introduction of the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and the financial contribution scheme
- Need for new affordable housing scheme and the introduction of a cost rental scheme
- Building on the experience of Poppintree rapid-build and increase the use of factory build and alternate construction technologies
- Vacant site levies and ability to deal effectively with vacant housing and dereliction
- Requiring NAMA to deliver an increased number of social housing units

#### The Minister responded:

- Clarified the fiscal constraints and the desirability of delivering units
- The Department had sought emergency response plan from local authorities.
   Dublin City had sent a comprehensive submission
- The Department is looking for suggestions from local authorities on how CPO powers could be used effectively to deliver housing
- There is a timing issue on dealing effectively and fairly with vacant sites. The advice of the Attorney General's Office is being sought on vacant sites levy.
- Lessons had been learned on modular house. Prefabricated units that are actually dropped on site can also be a solution.
- While there is oversight needed on public expenditure but authorisation processes had been dropped by 9 stage to four. Focussed teams being created in the Department to work with local authorities to move projects more quickly through stages
- Rental market needs to be supported so that people wishing to rent can do so as a lifetime tenure choice
- O Devaney Gardens and similar projects need to be developed quickly given central location and capacity.

The Lord Mayor asked that there be regular cross-part meetings with the minister and his officials. She thanked the Minister for his attendance at the council meeting.

- Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 139 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
- Letter from Waterford City and County Council dated 12th May 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting calling on the Department of Social Protection to increase its range of interaction with the Post Office Network instead of decreasing it to ensure its survival, especially in rural areas. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- Letter from Offaly County Council dated 19th May 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their May Meeting calling on the Minister for Justice to review the whole area of the Free Legal Aid System, i.e. persons income and how many times a person avails of the service.
  It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- Letter from Mayo County Council dated 19th May 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their recent meeting calling on the new government to introduce legislation to give to Municipal Districts the same powers as were held by former Town Councils including the power to strike a rate for each district. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 6 Letter from Carlow County Council dated 19th May 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their May Meeting calling on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to amend the terms of qualification for the new Tenant Purchase Scheme so that people on social welfare are not excluded for inclusion on same.
  It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 20th May 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their May Meeting calling on all local authority Members here and across Ireland to contact their relatives and friends in the UK, to urge the Electorate there to vote that the UK remain part of the European Union, as a Brexit would have a detrimental effect on the Irish Economy and in particular the Agricultural Industry.

  It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- Letter from Limerick City and County Council dated 1st June 2016 conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their May Meeting calling on the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, T.D, and Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan, to keep our current District Policing Models and Six Regions as they currently exist. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of City Council held on 9th May 2016. The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
- 10 Report No. 150/2016 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) Monthly Local Fund Statement and reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No". The motion was put and carried.
- To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Catherine Ardagh who was elected to the Seanad Éireann and to fill vacancies on the following Committees:
  - Board of the Royal Irish Academy of Music
  - Environment SPC

The City Council agreed to defer the filling of these vacancies to the next monthly meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

- To fill a vacancy for external member on Dublin City Audit Committee.

  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Mr Nathy Walsh be appointed as a member to the Dublin City Audit Committee" The motion was put and carried.
- To fill a vacancy on the Environment SPC following the resignation of Councillor Claire Byrne from that Committee.

  It was proposed by Councillor P Smyth and seconded by Councillor P Costello "That Councillor C Cuffe be appointed as a member to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee" The motion was put and carried.
- To fill a vacancy on the Protocol Committee following the resignation of Councillor Séamas McGrattan from that Committee

  The City Council agreed to defer the filling of these vacancies to the next monthly meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- To fill vacancies on the following Committees following the resignation of Councillor Paul McAuliffe from these Committees:
  - Protocol Committee
  - Local Community Development Committee
  - Dublin City Joint Policing Committee
  - Parnell Square Special Committee

The City Council agreed to defer the filling of these vacancies to the next monthly meeting to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016

- 16 Report No. 153/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) Monthly Management Report 13th June 2016.

  It was proposed by Councillor P McCartan and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan
  - "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No153/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 17 Report No. 157/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) Annual Reports and Accounts 2015.

It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 157/2016 and approves the Annual Report and Accounts 2015 as outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- Report No. 179/2016 of the Chairperson of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Ciaran Cuffe) Approval to hold Public Consultation Process Draft Dublin City Council Speed Limit Bye Laws 2016.

  It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council approves the initiation of the consultation process in relation to formulating Bye Laws entitled 'Dublin City Council Speed Limit Bye Laws 2016outlined in Report No 179/2016" The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 69/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) Revision No 5 of Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 2019.
  It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 69/2016 and approves the Revised Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 2019 as set out therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 20 Report No. 177/2016 of the Executive Manager (C. Reilly) With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 17 premises.
  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 21 Report No. 168/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at 52 and 52a Clanbrassil Street Lower, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 168/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 169/2016 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit 4, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1.

  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 169/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 170/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of lease of Ground Floor Retail Unit and Basement Stores No. 3 Capel Street, Dublin 1.

  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 170/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 24 Report No. 171/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Naas Road, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 171/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 172/2016 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the grant of a long lease of Unit 4 in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, Dublin 17.

  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 172/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- Report No. 173/2016 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units F15, F16, F18 and F20 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.

  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 176/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 27 Report No. 174/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 year licence for the use of an area at Poppintree Community Sports Centre, Balbutcher Lane North, Poppintree, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 174/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 28 Report No. 175/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed disposal of land at Balbutcher Lane (Poppintree Site 6), Ballymun, Dublin 11.
  It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 175/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 29 Report No. 176/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of part of the Ground Floor South, plus one basement car space at Ballymun Civic Centre, Ballymun Main Street, Dublin 9. The City Council agreed to defer consideration of this report pending further consultation.
- 30 Report No. 158/2016 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Daithí Doolan) Breviate of meeting held on 28th April 2016. It was proposed by Councillor and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 158/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 31 Report No. 180/2016 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Daithí Doolan) Breviate of meeting held on 6th May 2016. It was proposed by Councillor and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 180/2016". The motion was put and carried. Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of detail currently included in the Housing Allocations Lists they receive. It was agreed that requested information would be supplied by the Housing & Residential Services Department to the subcommittee currently examining thuis issue under the chairmanship of Cllr Pat Dunne and that Members would await the report from that committee.
- 32 Report No. 162/2016 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Rebecca Moynihan) Breviate of meeting held on 9th May 2016.

  It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 162/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 33 Report No. 167/2016 of the Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí) Breviate of meeting held on 27th April 2016. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor A Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 167/2016". The motion was put and carried.

- Report No. 178/2016 of the Chairperson of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Ciarán Cuffe) Breviate of meeting held on 25th May 2016.
  - It was proposed by Councillor C Cuffe and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 178/2016". The motion was put and carried. Members requested that the City Centre Transport Study be circulated to them and indicated that they would welcome an opportunity to discuss this issue in the future.
- Report No. 163/2016 of the North West Area Committee Breviate for the month of May 2016 Councillor Áine Clancy, Chairperson.
  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 163/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 164/2016 of the North Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of May 2016 Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson.

  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 164/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 37 Report No. 156/2016 of the Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of May 2016 Councillor Nial Ring, Chairperson.

  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 156/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 38 Report No. 166/2016 of the South Central Area Committee Breviate for the month of May 2016 Councillor Ray McHugh, Chairperson.
  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 166/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 151/2016 of the South East Area Committee Breviate for the month of May 2016 Councillor Paddy McCartan, Chairperson.
  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 155/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 40 Report No. 154/2016 of the Protocol Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.
   It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 154/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 41 Report No. 152/2016 of the South Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee Breviate of the meeting held on 29th April 2016 Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.
  It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 152/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 155/2016 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee Breviate of the meeting held on 18th April 2016 Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 155/2016". The motion was put and carried.

- The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following emergency motions without debate:
  - (a) This motion was submitted in the name of Councillor C Cuffe "That this Council requests that the application for the extension of duration of Planning Permission: Moore Street PA 2479/08, ABP PL 29N.232347 be refused"
  - (b) This motion was submitted in the names of Councillors M Mac Donncha, G Kelly, J Boylan, A Connaghan "This City Council views with grave concern the indication from Council management that extension of planning permission may be granted for the proposed 'Dublin Central' Chartered Land Development on the 1916 battlefield site, including the National Monument as recently defined in the High Court judgement.
    We request that such extension of planning permission not be granted as it would clearly be in breach of the High Court judgement and would be invalid under Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2000"

The Chief Executive informed the Members that as, any decision in relation to this matter was an executive function, these motions cannot be taken into consideration during deliberations.

- The City Council agreed to defer the following motion standing at No 1 of Item 30 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor K Binchy "That the Chief Executive introduces 30km per hour speed limits on appropriate inner city and suburban residential roads in order to increase the quality of life, protect children, and to encourage walking and cycling for short local journeys"
- The City Council agreed to defer the following motion standing at No 2 of Item 30 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor Sonya Stapleton "That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Alan Kelly, to make a formal statement to this Council as to how, given that over the course of the past twenty years successive Councils have voted against the development of the Poolbeg Incinerator and, given that international best practice points to smaller, more localised models, and given that in this Council there was cross party unanimity in opposition to the proposals how, flying in the face of local democracy, this decision remains an executive function of the Chief Executive and is now set to proceed. We call on the Minister to do everything within his power to immediately put a stop to this"

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 4th July 2016.

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LORD MAYOR	MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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# QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

# Q.1 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any activities undertaken by the council historically or currently which have provided surplus revenue to the council (i.e. engagement in profitable activities, control or management of industries or leasing of land and facilities?

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

There are no activities undertaken by the City Council generating surplus revenues.

# Q.2 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the percentage of services, in terms of labour and budget, which were historically at any point carried out by Dublin City Council, and which are now carried out by a private agency, and details of the savings made, and how the quality of the work carried out is monitored

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The question, as put, would require significant resources to address. Councillor Ryan is asked to review the question and provide a specific information request.

# Q.3 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report setting out the staffing numbers in the city centre, Central Area, and Northwest Area housing departments, including staff functions (as opposed to generic titles), over the past 10 years, broken down by office

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table gives the housing staffing numbers in the areas above in 2016.

		North
Housing Post	Central	West
Area Housing managers	4	2
Project Estate Officers	6	5
Liaison Officers	6	7
Executive Housing		
Officers		4

We do not have the exact numbers over the 10 year period but can confirm that there have not been any significant changes in the above numbers.

The staff functions are summarised below:

Area Housing Managers: Manage the delivery of all Housing services in the area

Project Estate Officer: Responsible for promoting improvements of the complexes and housing areas, giving advice to tenants, dealing with requests for various services, ensuring that the welfare of tenants is maintained, obtaining information regarding property vacancies in the area, arranging for the prompt securing of vacant dwellings, monitoring of inter-departmental functions in the area etc.

Liaison Officer: They are assigned to specific Senior Citizen complexes and visit tenants, establishing and sustaining a supportive community in each scheme.

Executive Housing Officer: Provide tenants with information and advice on matters relating to rents accounts and are responsible for maximising rent collection and minimising rent arrears.

# Q.4 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the estimated costs of public investment in the following regeneration schemes, including and broken down by planning, architectural time, consultants employed, community engagement etc; Constitution Hill flats, O'Devaney Gardens, Croke Villas, Dorset Street Flats, Dominick Street Flats, St. Michael's Estate, Ballymun.

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

The information requested by this Councillor is extensive and cannot be provided at this time as it would require considerable staff resources being dedicated to the response.

Housing Department is not in a position to answer this question without further discussion regarding the scope and nature of information sought by the Councillor. The councillor is asked to contact Housing Development (details below) in order to discuss the matter.

#### Q.5 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.6 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for urgent action to address the problems at the Junction of (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to give this Councillor any update available on if there will be a roll out of the Red Light camera system similar to the one in place at the Benburd St / Blackhall Place Junctions.

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

The red light operating at Benburb Street was a pilot scheme with An Garda Síochána. As it has now been running for almost a year, an evaluation meeting has been scheduled with An Garda Síochána to examine the appropriateness of rolling out further locations. The meeting is due to take place shortly.

#### Q.9 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.10 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the current number of bus journeys along Parliament St (both ways) currently (Monday to Friday) and what is this projected to increase to following the re-routing of additional routes after the re-design of College Green?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently Parliament Street is a one way street with two lanes of traffic travelling in a southbound direction. The current traffic volume is approximately 8,000 vehicles per day. This includes three Dublin Bus routes that also stop on this street.

The proposal that was put to public consultation provided for 17 Dublin Bus Routes using Parliament Street. The bus volume generated by this proposal is estimated to be about a fifth of current traffic volume. In this proposal, the traffic currently using Parliament Street will be diverted to other streets.

#### Q.11 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive how many vehicles were towed and pounded for parking illegally in cycle lanes in 2015?

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

229 vehicles were enforced for parking on a cycle track in 2015. Of these 47 vehicles were towed from the location. A further 1,233 were enforced for parking in a Bus Lane which are also cycle lanes. Of these 635 were towed from the location. Another 4,664 vehicles were enforced for parking in a clearway, many of which also contain cycle lanes. Of these 1,343 were towed from the location.

#### Q.12 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive that the sweeping on Dufferin Avenue is increased due to the footfall on that street.

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

Waste Management Services have residential areas like Dufferin Avenue cleaned on a twelve week cycle. However we have this area monitored on a regular basis and have extra cleaning carried out there when necessary. We had extra cleaning carried out there on the 24th May 2016. We also increase the frequency of cleaning on this road during the autumn and winter months to deal with the leaf fall there.

# Q.13 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive that TAG install double yellow lines at the junction of SCR Dufferin Avenue to increase visibility of traffic exiting Dufferin Avenue.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

#### Q.14 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive that the City Council request the Gardai to police the pedestrian crossing at Sean O'Casey Bridge on a regular basis.

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

The request will be forwarded to An Garda Síochána.

## Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of dog poo bins at (**Details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.16 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have this work carried out at (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.17 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider issuing a letter to residents on (Details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.18 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

Can the Chief Executive please answer the following questions in relation to the S2S Cycleway and Foot-way Interim Works Scheme?

- 1. Why is it proposed to relocate the inbound bus stop and shelter opposite 318 Clontarf Road to opposite 315 Clontarf Road? Who requested this? Was this move part of the original plan which received a part 8 planning permission?
- 2. What are the daily hours of work permitted in the planning permission for this project?
- 3. Was asbestos discovered in the old tram shelter? Were the necessary health and safety measures taken by workers assigned to this project given the dangers posed by asbestos?
- 4. Is the road at this location being narrowed to reduce speed? Have traffic speeds reduced on this road subsequently? What is the situation during rush hour traffic in this context?
- 5. Is Dublin City Council aware that cyclists are now using the footpath because of the width of the road and because there is no cycle lane in place? Can Dublin City Council take measures to protect pedestrians from speeding cyclists using the footpaths? Once the project is finished will cyclists be banned from using the roadway and who will enforce this?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. It is proposed to relocate the inbound bus stop and shelter opposite 318 Clontarf Road is to opposite 315 Clontarf Road to facilitate a new buildout at the southern

or city side corner of the Bull Road / Clontarf Road junction. The new buildout is to provide a staging area for a toucan crossing and to minimize the crossing time for cyclists and pedestrians. The new location will also make it easier and safer for inbound general traffic to pass a bus that is stopped at the bus stop.

- 2. The current permissible construction working hours are as follows:
  - a. Monday Friday: 7.00 am 7.00pmb. Saturday: 8.00am 4.00pm
  - c. Sunday: 8.00am 4.00pm once approval is received in advance from Dublin City Council.
  - d. The contractor can also work additional hours during weekday evenings once approval is received in advance from Dublin City Council and the local community.
- 3. Asbestos was present in the roof of the old tram shelter and was removed by a specialist in a safe manner in advance of the removal of the main structure.
- 4. The carriageway width is being reduced as a traffic calming measure. A speed survey carried out on Clontarf Road in May 2012 measured 85% speeds of 58.7kph inbound and 55.8kph outbound, well in excess of the current speed limit of 50kph. No speed survey has been carried out since the start of construction due to traffic restrictions in place to facilitate the works.
- 5. Once the scheme is finished there will be a segregated two-way cycle track along the foreshore side of the carriageway. It is anticipated that most cyclists will use this new facility for convenience and safety reasons. However, cyclists cannot be banned from cycling on the main carriageway.

The Part 8 approval for the works does not stipulate the daily hours of work, it does however, include the following requirement;

7. As proposed the construction period shall be restricted to between March and September each year. Any exceptions sought shall be agreed in advance with the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

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

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request with urgency (**Details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.20 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request (Details supplied).

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to (Details supplied)?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to (Details supplied)?

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what public realm infrastructure work within the former confines of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority had to be upgraded by Dublin City Council and what works remain to be upgraded? In his reply, the Chief Executive should indicate the cost of these works and how they have been funded to date?

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

All public realm upgrading works within the former confines of the DDDA area were undertaken and funded by the DDDA until its dissolution on 1st March 2016. These works included interalia, the replacement of bins and some lighting. DCC has not undertaken any public realm upgrading works since it resumed authority over this area from the DDDA; however a tender process to replace the light fittings along the Campshires is underway. The full costs have yet to be determined.

A public realm strategy is currently being prepared for the Docklands SDZ area which will identify areas to be upgraded to include roads, footpaths, trees and planting, street furniture etc. The strategy is currently in draft format, and will be launched for public consultation on 22nd June 2016. Estimated costs to implement the strategy will be available at this time. Once the Strategy is adopted by the Council in September / October 2016, an implementation plan will be undertaken by DCC, Developers and/or with other agencies (e.g. the NRA). It is anticipated that approximately 50% of the public realm upgrade works will be undertaken and funded by developers through development contributions and levies.

#### Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what consideration has been given to date by the DCC Docklands Working Group and the Roads & Traffic Planning Department towards the development of an adequate traffic management plan for the areas immediately adjacent to the Docklands SDZ, in particular the North Strand and East Wall districts where there continues to be an ever increasing level of commuter parking as well as the use of these districts as rat runs through to the Docklands and the City Centre?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Councillor's question relates to North Strand and East Wall districts in particular. A walkabout took place between local residents and Dublin City Council Officials (Councillors and Engineers) on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May last. It was found to be very useful and will inform the development of a plan for the area.

The Environment and Transportation Department is currently engaged in drafting this plan, which will establish a programme of execution in a prioritised fashion (this three-pronged approach should make for a more co-ordinated response and better results for the Residents of East Wall and surrounding areas).

The draft plan will be discussed with the group prior to finalising it.

#### Q.25 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on The Active Land Management group within DCC, specifically detailing

- 1) The TOR for this group
- 2) The membership of this grouping
- 3) How it was established
- 4) Who it reports to

And to further ask that minutes of the meetings of this group since establishment be supplied to this Councillor.

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

- 1) Terms of reference for the Interdepartmental Active Land Steering Group;
  - a. To oversee implementation of the Active Land Management Strategy at a corporate level.
  - b. To ensure a robust and co-ordinated approach is taken to expedite the redevelopment of vacant and underused sites and buildings in the city.
  - c. To ensure the most appropriate land use for vacant City Council lands and properties.
  - d. To monitor engagement with major landowners to expedite the development of housing in the city.
  - e. To approve strategic land and property acquisitions including compulsory purchase in support of this initiative.
  - f. To monitor and review implementation of:
    - i) Vacant Land Levy.
    - ii) Living City Initiative and its extension city wide.
    - iii) Derelict Sites Register.
    - iv) Buildings at Risk Register.
- 2) Chief Executive, 4 Assistant Chief Executives, Executive Manager Planning & Property Development Department, City Architect, City Valuer, Acting City Planner.
- 3) Report No. 147/2016 to the May 2016 City Council meeting outlined the context and rationale for the establishment of an Active Land Management Unit and its reporting structure.
- 4) The Interdepartmental Active Land Management Group oversees the work of the Active Land Management Unit who will report on a quarterly basis to the Planning, International Relations and Property Development SPC and on a monthly basis to the City Council.

#### Q.26 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.30 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to consider for a three bed roomed house in the Tuath development at Thornwood, Beaumont Dublin 9, (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Would the Chief Executive outline:

- 1) Who owns the astro pitch at the entrance to Rutland Grove?
- 2) What is the management structure?
- 3) Why are there no slots for local Rutland grove children reserved for use of the pitch?
- 4) How much does it cost to rent the pitch per hour?
- 5) How many groups pay an hourly rate?
- 6) How many groups do not pay an hourly rate when using the astro pitch?

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

- 1) Dublin City Council owns the pitch. Lourdes Celtic have a licence to manage the all-weather pitch at Eamonn Ceannt Park. The club put a sizeable amount of funding towards the capital costs of the pitch.
- 2) The facility is run on a daily basis by Lourdes Celtic. Dublin City Council utilise the pitch through various sports programmes
- 3) There are slots available for all groups including local groups. Groups must have a designated person of responsibility
- 4) €40 per half pitch €80 full pitch
- 5) All groups pay an hourly rate with the exception of those listed below at 6)
- 6) A number of groups do not pay hourly rates including schools, Dublin City Council Sports Programmes and local projects

# Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive arrange to have the small square to the rear of 27 Cathedral View walk clear of the dumping and try to establish who is dumping this rubbish on an ongoing basis?

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

Waste Management Services had the dumped rubbish removed from the above location on the 24th May 2016. Our litter warden will include this location as part of his regular patrol.

## Q.33 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive arrange to have the walls in (details supplied)?

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.34 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to (Details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.35 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive could Dublin City Council clarify if it has sought funding from the scheme announced by the Minister for Environment on 3rd February 2016 for speeding up the taking of charge of estates and whether any of this funding will be used to progress the taking in charge of Rathbourne and Royal Canal Park estates

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

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government invited applications from Local Authorities under the National Taking in Charge Initiative (NTICI) aimed at assisting with accelerating the taking in charge process of housing estates. Applications will only be considered for 'ghost estates' where the developer has gone out of business and is no longer on site. There are no 'ghost estates' in Dublin City. The closest to the designation is Clongriffin Main Street for which an application has been made.

Should this application be successful for the maximum amount available to Dublin City Council (€80,000) it is intended to explore other avenues of funding and or assistance to bring the Main Street up to standard.

#### Q.36 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive with the welcome designation of the Poolbeg area as an SDZ can the Chief Executive outline what the next steps are in terms of developing the Glass Bottle/Poolbeg site and would you give some indication of significant stages in the process and the community engagement along with indicative timelines for the various stages and also indicate when would the earliest date that planning applications will be completed homes occupied?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Poolbeg area was designated as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ), on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The order provides for a number of uses on the SDZ, particularly major residential schemes to alleviate the housing crisis, together with employment activities, port related activities, transport and the provision of schools, and other community facilities.

In order to inform the plan a full consultation exercise will be undertaken over the next 2-3 months. These consultations will involve the landowners, infrastructure providers including Department of Education, NTA, environmental agencies and local stakeholders including residential and community organisations.

The SDZ draft Planning Scheme will then be prepared over the summer months, with the intention to put the draft on public display as early as possible in the Autumn. The public display period is 6 weeks, during which information workshops will be held in the area, the dates and times of which have yet to be decided.

Within 6 weeks of the end of the public display period the Chief Executive will make a report on all submissions received to the Elected Members. This Report will be considered at a Council meeting within the following 6 weeks.

The City Council will decide to either adopt the scheme at this stage or agree material alterations. If material alterations are proposed, a 2<sup>nd</sup> public display (4 weeks) will take place on the amendments, followed by a Chief Executive's Report to Council on any submissions. The City Council will then decide on the SDZ Scheme by Resolution.

The Planning Scheme takes effect 4 weeks after Council resolution, unless an appeal is made.

## Q.37 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.38 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.39 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the fixing or replacement of (Details supplied).

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.40 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repositioning of the bin on the green space in front of (**Details supplied**)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.41 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to consider buying the seven properties in Clancy Road (3) & Clancy Court (4) which are in receivership (previously owned by Gerry Beades) and vacant possession is required by October. As there is a huge need for properties in the area it would be beneficial for the council to purchase these homes. There are some tenants who are receiving rent allowance and other

vulnerable tenants who will be made homeless by the receivers and could the council consider any alternatives to this outcome.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council purchases private properties on the open market in accordance with the terms of its acquisition programme. However, we do not purchase properties that have sitting tenants. Tenants of private properties who may become homeless in the event of the sale of their rented dwelling(s) should contact the City Council's Allocations Section to determine their housing position with DCC.

#### Q.42 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection of the (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.43 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.44 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless applications from travellers have been processed by Dublin City Council each year since 2000?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

PASS was set up during 2011, so it is not possible to provide accurate comparable data from 2011 and before.

It must be noted that individuals self report their ethnic origin, and in many cases they may not do so. It is therefore not possible to say that the individuals included in the figures below are the only Travellers who stayed in homeless accommodation in the stated years.

Breakdown of Emergency Accommodation Usage by Individuals identifying themselves as Travellers for the years 2012; 2013; 2014 and 2015 in the Dublin Region.

Total in Emergency Accommodation by Ethnicity: Travellers	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015
Total Travellers: Traveller- Irish, Traveller-Non Irish	209	204	227	303

#### Q.45 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that all caravans/mobile homes in Traveller sites have any services such as ESB, Gas and water supplied to a level which satisfies Health and Safety requirements. The continuing overcrowding situation in traveller sites is a direct consequence of the failure to deliver on the TAP programme over the last 17 years. Many people in this situation are basically homeless but are saving the State money by not accessing emergency accommodation. The least we can provide is safe services which are a basic human right.

Considering the European Commission's findings regarding Traveller Accommodation (16/5/16) we should be demanding money from the Department to rectify this situation immediately.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At all its official Halting sites, DCC provides - at a minimum - a safe supply of electricity and water to a level compliant with relevant Electro Technical Council of Ireland (ETCI) standards. Any concerns were identified by the Fire Safety Audits of 2015/6 have been sent to Electrical services for review. DCC is not responsible for the unsafe connections made by residents from its installations to caravans or for unauthorised electrical connections. Applications for funding for service provision at various sites have been made to the DECLG.

# Q.46 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.47 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.48 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.49 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to,

- a) Resurrect architect drawings for the 'Spine' site in Darndale
- b) Review them with local residents groups particularly to discuss the possible inclusion of senior citizen units on this site
- c) Seek funding for the immediate inclusion of this housing project in the DCC Housing Programme

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This site was previously the subject of a review which concluded that that the site was not suitable for development for social housing. This site, together with all other housing sites, will be reviewed and considered in the context of Dublin City Council's Housing Programme 2018 – 2020.

# Q.50 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to organise necessary housing adaptation (details supplied) in a tenancy property.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.51 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the gap in the pathway where a tree was removed, that DCC reinstate the gap (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.52 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive have DCC any plans to install Coca-cola Zero bike stations at (Details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.53 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the works at (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.54 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how long road works will go on at (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.55 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive the basis upon which the set down area on Merrion Square outside the Shelbourne Hotel is reserved for the use of vehicles servicing only the Shelbourne Hotel or its patrons?

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

Dublin City Council prescribes signage under the Traffic Signs Manual, issued by the <u>Department of Transport</u>. There is no provision for signage to indicate hotel facilities including set down only within the Traffic Signs Manual. It has been noted that the hotel is placing its own moveable signage on the public footpath, indicating reserved set down for hotel patrons.

Dublin City Council has no agreement with the Shelbourne Hotel on St Stephen's Green regarding vehicular set down outside the hotel. Presently there are double yellow lines installed in front of the Shelbourne Hotel.

# Q.56 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

At the South East Area Committee meeting of February 2016 I queried the widths of the carriageway on the various sides of Merlyn Drive, Dublin 4 and received a comprehensive answer providing the information requested (Q.17 (b)). At the City Council meeting of May 2016 I queried the width of the carriageway at Shrewsbury Park, Dublin 4 (Q.84). The response stated that "Road Maintenances Services' 'Road Register' contains measurements for road lengths only. Therefore, information relating to road widths is not readily available." The two responses are irreconcilable. Therefore, to ask the Chief Executive to provide either (a) the width of the carriageway at Shrewsbury Park, Dublin 4 or (b) to explain why it was possible to

provide the widths in respect of Merlyn Drive, but not at a nearby street, Shrewsbury Park?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(a) The average width of the carriageway in Shrewsbury Park is 7.2m.

## Q.57 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on:

- (a) Interaction with the Department of the Environment in relation to the commencement of pay by weight on 1 July 2016;
- (b) The work of the Council working group established to identify areas to be granted derogation from the prohibition on bag waste collection;
- (c) Whether all derogations will be determined and in place by 1 July 2016; and
- (d) if all derogations will not be in place by 1 July 2016 what is to happen to those addresses which have requested a derogation pending a final decision being made on whether a derogation will be granted?

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

- (a) The City Council, Regional Waste Management offices and the CCMA have met regularly with the Department in relation to the introduction of pay be weight. The Department has funded an awareness campaign which was launched the 18<sup>th</sup> May by the 3 Regional Waste Management Offices.
- (b) (c) (d) The City Council has worked closely with the Working Group established to identify areas to be designated for bag collections from 1 July 2016. The Council made an order on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 designating the areas in the City Council area which will be permitted to present waste in bags for collection from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. The list is on the DCC website and has been circulated to all councillors, the waste industry and National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO).

# Q.58 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to paint the lampposts on Tritonville Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. These lampposts are rusty and the paint is peeling off.

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

The public lighting columns here will be investigated, and if painting is required we will add them to our list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to finances made available.

# Q.59 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive how many three tier flower planters are in the Dublin City Council administrative area and to break this down in the following terms?

- 1. Quantity in the Dublin City Council administrative area
- 2. Quantity in the various area committees of Dublin City Council
- 3. Cost to Dublin City Council
- 4. How these costs are met

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Three Tiered planters are provided from various sources within Dublin City Council. Tiered planters are also provided around the City by Community Associations and Business Associations .Parks and Landscapes Service does not presently provide three tiered planters in the Central, South East, or South Central areas. However the North Central Area for 2016 has 11 tiered containers. North West area for 2016 has 25 tiered containers. The total cost for supply and maintenance of these units in these two areas for 2016 is approximately €18,900.00 funded from a combination of North Central Area, North West Area and Parks and Landscape Services Estimates.

#### For 2016 in South Central Area:

- There are 8 No. 3 Tier Planters located at the Kilmainham Plaza.
- The cost was €10612.25 incl. VAT.
- The cost was borne through the Public Domain Unit budgetary provision for 2015.
- The planters were procured through Parks Division (to avail of Parks staff expertise).
- The planters will be maintained from mid March through to end September 2016.

# Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please let me know the realistic chances of anyone on the housing list particularly area J has in getting a chance of accommodation from DCC, as far as I can see it is next to impossible for people waiting years on area J list to get anything can DCC be realistic & relay the realistic time people will be waiting to be offered social housing.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please see below waiting lists for Area J up to May 2016.

Area J	Waiting List	Transfer List
Band 2	750	159
Band 2 Older	26	21
Band 3	1061	393
Band 3 Older	70	63
Surrendering Larger		16
Traveller Priority	37	
Medical Priority	16	12
Medical Older	3	3
Welfare Priority	13	49
Welfare Older	5	
Homeless	151	

Please be advised that Dublin City Council is now allocating properties based on time on the list. It is not possible to indicate how long an applicant in Area J can expect to be reached with an offer of accommodation. All Allocations are subject to the availability of properties and must be suitable to an Applicant's needs and requirements particularly in the case of Medical and Welfare Priorities.

#### Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can Dublin City Council please ensure that the proposed pedestrian bridge at Chapelizod is brought back to the table as the economic situation improves, this bridge would create many additional pedestrian opportunities to access the Liffey Valley banks, the Phoenix Park, the Village from the South side of the Village.

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

The Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway is at the Preliminary Design Phase. The proposed Liffey Valley Park Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge has part VIII approval at the moment.

## Q.62 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council ensure that waste management services ensure that all traders in the Ballyfermot, Inchicore Area are compliant with the bye laws by ensuring they clean outside their premises, provide waste bins at their own expense. It is only by ensuring traders do there bit in keeping the environment clean that we start to educate all of the problem of littering in our communities.

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

The litter wardens are in the process of visiting all business premises in the above areas to ensure they are compliant with the Bye-Laws for the Prevention & Control of Litter and the Litter Pollution Acts.

# Q.63 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can DCC please ensure any long term derelict sites in the Inchicore Area are entered onto the derelict sites register with the objective of trying to bring ecomonic renewal to this once thriving area? Some premises are closed for years leaving an economic mess behind them. I feel the time is right to force property owners to move these premises.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All sites in the Inchicore area that have been declared to be derelict sites as defined in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

Sites in the area will continue to be kept under review for inclusion.

#### Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive carryout a full audit on all the activities and grant applications over the past three years carried out by Dublin Enterprise board. Also, can regular updates on the board's activity be placed on the agenda of the Finance committee?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Economic Development and Local Enterprise Office Dublin City, provides a range of supports to individuals who are starting up or growing a business. One of these supports is the provision of grant assistance to start-ups, or newly established micro enterprises. Microenterprises are businesses who employ ten or fewer staff. In keeping with the funding guidelines, individuals can apply for funding at feasibility stage (in order to further test the viability of a business idea), at priming stage (when a business is established for 18 months or less), or at business expansion stage (when a business exists for 18 months or more). Full details of the grant assistance application process, is available on the LEO www.localenterprise.ie/dublincity and is addressed in free weekly business briefings held in the Local Enterprise Office. The financial support provided, is in place to assist new businesses to set up, develop their business, and create employment in Dublin City. In 2015, 250 net jobs were created by businesses in Dublin City, who were recipients of this financial support.

These business grants are not funded directly by Dublin City Council. The funding is drawn down from Enterprise Ireland. The Irish Government and the European Union provide the funding. In order to qualify to draw down this funding from Enterprise

Ireland, a series of compliance requirement must be met by the deadlines set. A comprehensive system of governance arrangements has been established, which includes the work of the Evaluation Committee. The final decision on all funding applications is made by the members of the Evaluation Committee, which is made up of representatives from Enterprise Ireland, Financial Services and the Business sector. These governance arrangements are also in line with the terms of the service level agreement that was put in place when the Local Enterprise Offices (LEO) were established in April 2014.

All aspects of the funding process are subject to audit by both the local government auditor and the European auditor. A full report on all feasibility, priming and business expansion grants, provided since the establishment of the LEO, was made to the members of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. A further report will be made to the next meeting of this SPC setting out details of the governance arrangements in place. The Local Enterprise Office reports to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, as this SPC has the remit for this work.

# Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report and update as to how much money has been collected to date by Greyhound on behalf of DCC for the outstanding debt of the last quarter payment from waste management services. This money, in the millions, was owed to DCC prior to the sale of the service to Greyhound. Also, can the Chief Executive provide us with a copy of the arrangement contract for the collection of this debt between DCC and Greyhound?

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

Greyhound, on behalf of DCC, collected €1.5m of the last quarter payment for 2011 due in respect of waste management services. DCC collected a further €1m as many customers made cash payments or had direct debits in place.

The arrangement with Greyhound to collect the Quarter 4 charges, formed part of the Asset Purchase Agreement for the sale of the service to Greyhound.

#### Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive have a full investigation conducted with regards the intended Diaspora Pavilion now subject to Part 8 planning? This investigation should take the form of a full audit of policies and procedures and governance as well as due process. The lands in question here are public lands. What is intended for these public lands and this park is private development with a think layer of philanthropy/charity. It would appear that no calls for expressions of interest took place regarding this site. No robust assessment took place in regards what might be appropriate for this site. The public and indeed artists and architects were unaware that this site was to be subject to development and many have expressed disappointment that they weren't allowed to present or tender or make suggestions as to what might or may not be appropriate for this park and this site. It would appear that this whole enterprise is a fait accompli, a monopoly created by DCC in a joint enterprise with private others. This is not in keeping with DCC's policy on transparency, good governance, and accountability and flies in the face of due process and equal opportunity. It is vitally important that you, the Chief Executive, carry out a root and branch audit of exactly what is taking place here.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the South East Area Committee meeting of the City Council on 14th March 2016 a presentation was made by James Howley, Howley Hayes Architects on behalf of

Norma Smurfit for a 'garden' pavilion to be located in Merrion Square Park as part of a 'Legacy' Project.

Merrion Square is one of the 'Garden Squares' of Dublin which were developed in the Georgian period as a private garden for the residences of the square. It became a public park in 1974. In May 2014, a Conservation Management Plan for the Park was published by Dublin City Council which sought to restore the Georgian character of the 'garden' and to consider appropriate future interventions to address the challenges of an urban park which is located close to a cluster of other City visitor attractions and used by for a wide range of events.

Of the several hundred garden squares in central London – almost all have some sort of shelter. This pavilion would be a valuable shelter to extend the use and enjoyment of the park.

The 'garden' pavilion has been designed and proposed as part of a 'legacy' project by Norma Smurfit to raise significant funding for charitable causes by drawing on donations from the diaspora. Norma Smurfit is one of the most recognised philanthropists in Ireland and previously commissioned the 'Famine' sculpture which was gifted to the City of Dublin in 1997. That sculpture was a commemorative work dedicated to those Irish people forced to emigrate during the 19th century Irish Famine. The bronze sculptures were designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor Rowan Gillespie and are located on Custom House Quay in Dublin's Docklands.

The pavilion proposed for Merrion Square would also be gifted to the City and would become a sheltered space for rest, relaxation and cultural use. A digital display which is being designed by Martello Media within the pavilion will also be part of the 'legacy project'.

The new garden pavilion would be located on the site of the former park keeper's lodge, which was attached to the rear of the Rutland Memorial and was removed sometime after 1975.

The new structure is close to but does not touch the Rutland Memorial so that both structures can be read separately or together.

The architectural materials and composition of the new pavilion will respect that of the Rutland Memorial in an unambiguous contemporary way. The proposed palette of natural materials, stone, timber and copper are chosen for their local distinctiveness, to age beautifully over time, to be complementary with the existing patina of the Rutland Memorial and to sit comfortably with the Georgian architecture of the square.

The pavilion location is directly opposite the principal entrance and exit of the national gallery and will create an important and symbiotic link between the two. Two new discrete pedestrian gates will be created at each side of the Rutland Memorial to accommodate this linkage and access to the pavilion from the street. The pavilion will be open during the same hours as the park and will be fully gated so that access will be controlled at night to avoid any risk of anti-social behavior.

The interior would, however, be visible through the gates (that will reflect the design of the park railings) and will be lit at night like a lantern on the park perimeter.

The building would not be a monument – but a beautiful garden pavilion that will incorporate a multimedia display and act as an entrance, a threshold, a shelter and a meeting area. The pavilion will be an outside room that like any good folly or garden

building, will both grace its setting and provide an important vantage point from which to enjoy its setting.

The new garden pavilion would house Ireland's Legacy, which is an initiative by the Irish Famine Commemoration Fund, and its founder Norma to remember and celebrate the diaspora with a multimedia display set within pavilion. Ireland's Legacy will fund the cost of constructing the pavilion which will be gifted to the City of Dublin. The pavilion will therefore respect and continue the original philanthropic and public intention of the Rutland Memorial.

The initiative will encourage members of the Irish diaspora all around the world to maintain a connection with their homeland by digitally inscribing their name or that of their relatives within the multimedia display at the pavilion. Irelands Legacy will be controlled through a website interface so as to avail of the widest audience but also at the pavilion itself. By subscribing for the digital inscription they will be contributing to much needed funding for charitable projects in Ireland.

The multimedia display will be designed by the highly regarded Dublin firm of Martello Multimedia. In its initial concept the digital display will illustrate names which will change continuously and will also display imagery and quotations from Irish poets and writers. Due to the nature of digital display, unlike inscribed structures, this is completely limitless in its potential.

The digital display is a key element of the project and the nature and content of the display will be informed by the City Councils Arts and Cultural Advisory Group.

The digital display is currently only at development stage. The full development of the display will require significant funding and so the final design and development will only proceed in the next stage and subject to planning approval for the pavilion.

As part of *Ireland's Legacy* commitment and on-going management of the project there will be contracts put in place for the digital display and website maintenance in addition to other requirements that need to be outsourced and all of this has been accounted for in a 3 year business plan for the project. Additionally, there will be a full Project Management team in place, which will include sales and admin staff to oversee the entire project to ensure its continued success.

Norma Smurfit and The Famine Commemoration Fund have an ambition for Ireland Legacy to be one of the most inspiring and exciting projects the city has seen for a number of years. Through her other initiative, First Step, Norma Smurfit helped finance hundreds of small Irish companies who otherwise could not have established themselves and many of them are thriving today all over Ireland.

Due to the nature of the limitless potential of this project, a lot could be achieved with the monies raised to help people all over Ireland who may be in disadvantaged circumstances and who otherwise would not have the opportunity to achieve whatever their goals may be.

As this project is privately funded there is no budget allocated or procurement by Dublin City Council.

There have been a number of meetings between Dublin City Council officials and representatives of the Legacy Project which have culminated in the presentation to the Area Committee on the 14th March. The most appropriate route for initiating the consultation on the Legacy Project and the pavilion design was considered to be to

present to the elected representatives for the South East Area before any other forum or group.

This project could potentially be one of the most significant fundraising initiatives the country has ever seen. The pavilion element will also add another layer of heritage to this historic park. The project as a whole is considered to be a positive offer to the City and one which requires the support of Dublin City Council to be achieved.

The Chief executive is satisfied that the process leading to the Part 8 for the Legacy Pavilion has been conducted in accordance with good practice, and all information on this matter has been available to the Councillor.

#### Q.67 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive carry out a full examination with regards the management of City Hall? Over the last number of years City Hall is being used more and more for public events such as weddings, tours etc The increased level of activity is encroaching not the work place and work practices. One often has to leave the building with the level of noise. There is often also great difficulty trying to ascertain who is in charge. No other workplace in the Dublin City Council administration is subject to such conflict. It is important that we as councillors are able to work in our workplace i.e. City Hall without the hindrance of loud music, large crowds and loud tours. Sometimes there are so many tours in the building lecturing and talking you can hardly hear yourself. I would like to see the building used by the public for continuous cultural and civic uses but this need a serious plan and professional management. I find it unacceptable that during the development plan were more or less competing with a wedding and were ushered in through the side door. You cannot continue to treat our workplace in this fashion. Perhaps, you would like to switch all of these activities over to the Civics, maybe on the management floor? And after a while you'll begin to see how irritating and inconvenient it can be to have a choir practicing or soprano singing at the top of her voice on a Saturday afternoon when one is trying to concentrate on reading one of the Managers long winded replies on the development plan! Thank you.

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

City Hall is currently managed by the Chief Executive's Dept (for Council Chamber, Richard O'Carroll Room, party rooms and tea rooms with ancillary facilities) and by the Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services Department for the rest of the building comprising the Rotunda, Exhibition and offices.

Every effort is made to ensure that meetings of the City Council do not clash with events booked into the Rotunda but unfortunately some events, such as the wedding on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, did overlap slightly with the Development Plan meeting. However, every effort was made to ensure that any disruption to council proceedings was minimised. The wedding had been booked some time earlier (August 2015) and start times of the meetings in respect of the Development Plan were arranged by agreement with Protocol Committee having regard to the time constraints inherent in the Development Plan process and previous experience of meetings running on until midnight.

I have arranged that closer liaison between our departments will eliminate/minimise the likelihood of events clashing with council meetings in future. While every effort will be made to avoid disturbance to council meetings, the same assurance cannot be given in relation to events booked on Saturdays for the Rotunda. To guarantee quietness in City Hall on a Saturday, it would be necessary to stop or curtail bookings that are likely to give rise to increased noise levels, such as a choir practising or a

soprano singing. I propose to review the position over the next few months and expect that there will be a significant improvement. The matter can be raised at the Protocol Committee if the Councillor still feels that a different approach is required.

# Q.68 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive further to my question (No 24 - March City Council Meeting) regarding the commissioning of an Economic Assessment of the impact of the proposals contained in the City Centre Transport Study, can the Chief Executive give an update on the process and give assurances that the results of the study will be distributed to all Councillors prior to any proposal to councillors on the adoption or rejection of the final document.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The economic assessment report of the impact on the retail market of the Dublin City Centre transport proposals was circulated to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting of 25th May, 2016.

The report is available on Dubnet at:

http://intranet/knowledge/CityCouncil/TrafSPC/2016/May%202016/default.aspx

# Q.69 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on discussions taking place with NTA and the RPA on the compensation package for DCC for the loss of income from the 400 plus parking bays permanently removed to facilitate the Luas Cross Works and in particular to detail:

- a. Number of meetings held, when held and with whom.
- b. Confirmation of exact number of parking bays lost to date.
- c. Confirmation as to whether, or not, further bays will be lost and if so how many and at what cost?
- d. Confirmation and workings as to the estimated €1.8m per annum loss of income from these spaces.
- e. Confirmation that the fact that income from parking in 2015 was 5% above 2014 levels will not be brought into consideration in the negotiations as this should not be taken into account given its once off nature and is not relevant to the issue at hand.
- f. If DCC has worked out a present day value for this permanent loss of income and if that amount has been mentioned in negotiations. If the NPV of the permanent loss of €1.8m in today's terms has been calculated can the Chief Executive detail same.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a. Three meetings have taken place to date between Mr Declan Wallace, Executive Manager and Mr. Hugh Creegan of the NTA.
- b. The situation is fluid as the works are ongoing with spaces temporarily suspended and others reinstated as the works progress.
- c. Further bays will probably be lost as traffic plans are finalised.
- d. This figure is based on the actual income generated from the spaces in the previous year.
- e. This figure was included for information purposes only and will not be taken into account.

f. Final calculations based on NPV will be made once the final total loss of spaces is calculated when the works and associated traffic management issues are finalised.

# Q.70 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Housing programme figures indicate that for 2015 a total of 1,689 units were provided by DCC (565 completed, 1012 voids brought back and 112 HAP units provided) whereas the projected numbers for 2016 amount to 816 or less than half the 2015 level - being made up of 105 completed, 157 voids, 86 HAP, 328 under construction, 26 Part V and 114 under Capital appraisal per Dept). If such figures are accurate (or within a normal margin of error) can the Chief Executive comment on this slow down in housing provision in the middle of a housing crisis and confirm how much of the Government announced €3.8 Billion (November 2014) has been received by DCC.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The figures quoted above by the Councillor for 2016 relate to statistics for the 1st quarter of this year and were circulated to the Area Committees in April 2016. An updated quarterly report will be circulated to the July meeting of the Area Committees. The statistics for the Housing Programme for 2016 to date are broadly in line with the 2015 figures as detailed.

# Q.71 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the actual out turn for 2015 of income for NPPR (budget €1m) and to confirm the budget figure for 2016 and income to date.

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

The 2015 NPPR Income was €5,949,519. This was against a revised budget of €6m; the original budget was €1m. The Table 1 below sets out the detail;

Table 1 – Analysis of Y2015 NPPR

	<b>€ Amount</b>
Original Budget	1,000,000
Revised Budget	6,000,000
Actual	5,949,519

Note: The budget figures are taken from the Adopted Y2016 Budget (page 72) Note: The actual is taken from Appendix 4 in the Unaudited AFS (page 43)

The NPPR budget for Y2016 is €2,500,000. The income to May 2016 is €2,064,335. Table 2 below sets out the detail;

Table 2 - Analysis of Y2016 NPPR

	€ Amount
Budget	2,500,000
Actual (May 2016)	2,064,335

Note: The budget figures are taken from the Adopted Y2016 Budget (page 72) Note: The actual is taken from the Oracle FMS at the end of May 2016.

# Q.72 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.73 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.74 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied)

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.75 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.76 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive to list the different arrangements for residential disc parking schemes that are operation in the city. Locations are not necessary.

- Eg. 1. Pay and Display 9am-7pm,
  - 2. Pay and Display 2pm-4pm
  - 3. Free parking but max stay 2hrs for non-residents,

Etc,

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

The standard operational hours of the majority of residential parking schemes are,

Mon. – Fri., 07.00 – 19.00

Mon. - Sat., 07.00 - 19.00

Mon. - Sat., 07.00 - 24.00

Mon. - Sun., 07.00 - 19.00

Mon. - Sun., 07.00 - 24.00

In addition there are a number of residential schemes where operational hours are intended to facilitate clearways or bus lanes, e.g. 10.00 - 16.00 and some older non-standard residential parking schemes that operate Mon. – Fri., 08.00 - 18.30.

There is no period of free parking available to non-residents when parking at a residential parking scheme. All non-residents are required to pay for parking in the normal manner, e.g., at a pay and display parking meter, Parking Tag etc. or display a Visitor Parking Permit provided by a resident.

# Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, (details enclosed).

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.78 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.79 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.80 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.81 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive how many deputations (not submissions, physical meetings) Dublin City Council planning officials received regarding the 2016-2022 and to break down the list of these deputations by type (e.g. total amount of community groups, individuals, property management companies, developers and all other types of deputations).

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

As the question spans a two year period it will take a significant amount of time to compile a comprehensive response. A reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

#### Q.82 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place for our homeless citizens now that the Cold Weather Initiative has ended? Additionally how many citizens were catered for as a result of the initiative? It would be a retrograde step to have these citizens thrown out on the street now that the initiative has ended.

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

During the timeframe for the Cold Weather Initiative, (Monday Nov 2nd 2015 to Friday April 1st 2016) a range of additional accommodation and support services were introduced.

**4,262** beds were occupied on the night of the Spring count (April 24) in 2016 (including adults and children). This is compared with **3,766** beds occupied on night of the Winter count (Nov 30), thus confirming the provision of an additional **496** beds in the past six months.

Brú Aimsir, which operates out of a premises owned by the Digital Hub was opened in October 2015, as part of the annual Cold Weather Homeless Initiative. It was due to close at the end of March but its closure was deferred until 31 May due to cold weather in March and April. In anticipation of a closure by 31 May an orderly wind down of the facility was commenced and the number using the facility on a nightly basis was reduced to around 40. However, in light of the continuing increase in the numbers sleeping rough in the Dublin region an agreement has now been reached to extend the use of Brú Aimsir and to operate it at full capacity.

The John's Lane West facility was established as part of the 2014-15 Cold Weather Initiative, with 41 beds, and will close on 4th July, to facilitate the building of social housing on site. However there are plans to open an additional facility where those 41 beds will transfer to, so that there will be no drop in overall capacity.

DRHE is consistently seeking to identify facilities that could be utilised as temporary accommodation to meet demand for services.

# Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the survey that is apparently being carried out on all sites linked to the centenary of the Easter Rising and to clarify the Council's involvement in this survey and the proposed outcomes and to make a statement on the matter."

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

Dublin City Council, through the Assistant Chief Executive, Planning and Property Development Department and the City Archaeologist is a supporting partner to 1916 in the contemporary city: An Archaeology of Urban Conflict and its Legacy in Dublin – with UCD School of Archaeology, delivered in conjunction with Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd. (ABH). The project is co-funded by DCC, UCD and the Heritage Council. The project involves examination of the landscape of the Easter Rising at ten sites throughout the city by the core project team, along with undergraduate students from UCD, in the specific context of their role in the events as strategic, interrelated flash points in the conflict. The sites in the field survey include the North King Street area, South Dublin Union and its outposts, (Four Courts), General Post Office, Jacobs' Factory, Mendicity Institution, Northumberland Road, Boland's Bakery, Richmond Barracks, Magazine Fort, Kilmainham Gaol and others. The unique archaeological approach to the conflict, combining fieldwork and research has resulted in new findings and generated primary data - see https://thearchaeologyof1916.wordpress.com/ for more information.

- Dublin City Council has agreed to provide funding payable on satisfactory completion of all project stages and on receipt of draft report prepared for publication (final quarter of 2016).
- Dublin City Council chairs a Steering Group overseeing the project throughout each stage through to publication.
- UCD integrated the project with an undergraduate existing Public Archaeology teaching module in 2016.
- UCD and ABH have established and are monitoring the web presence of the project
   website and all social media (Project Blog, Facebook and Twitter)
- Dublin City Council hosted a public exhibition of 63 UCD undergraduate projects in the Atrium, Civic offices in April 2016 entitled Remembering and Forgetting Revolutions, which was launched by the Lord Mayor.
- Dublin City Council will host a public seminar in Wood Quay Venue in the final quarter of 2016 to present the results of the survey, organised by UCD
- UCD and ABH will produce a series of publications throughout the centenary of the Rising in 2016/17 as a legacy
- UCD and ABH will provide GIS data generated to DCC in a suitable agreed format for inclusion on DCC and/or other websites

# Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to list all multi-storey car parks under the control of the city council and in each case to list their bicycle and car capacity; occupancy, rateable valuation; charging structure; and ability to provide for electrical vehicle charging and to make a statement on the matter."

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

#### **Ilac Multi Storey Car Park**

Car capacity – 1000 spaces

Bicycle capacity - not suitable for bicycle parking due to steep access ramp

Occupancy - average 29% weekdays, 30% weekends

Tariff - €3 per hour

No electrical vehicle charging

## **Drury St Multi Storey Car Park**

Car capacity – 465 spaces

Bicycle capacity – c.190 spaces with proposal to increase to c.360 spaces

Occupancy - average 45% weekdays, 43% weekends

Tariff - €3.40 per hour

No electrical vehicle charging

# **Dawson St Multi Storey Car Park**

Car capacity - 360 spaces

Bicycle capacity - c.25 spaces

Occupancy - average 67% weekdays, 33% weekends

Tariff - €3.30 per hour

No electrical vehicle charging

Both Ilac and Dawson St MSCP's are leased out to car park operators and are managed and operated directly by car park operators. Drury St MSCP is managed by a car park operator on behalf of the Council

The following car parks are operated by Dublin City Council and the valuation and annual charge is set out below:

<b>Company Name</b>	Liability Address 2	Valuation	Annual Charge
DUBLIN CITY	ILAC CENTRE SHOPPING		
COUNCIL	CENTRE	€1,630,000.00	€417,280.00
DUBLIN CITY			
COUNCIL	1-14 DRURY STREET	€999,000.00	€255,744.00
DUBLIN CITY			
COUNCIL	19D DAWSON STREET	€920,000.00	€235,520.00

# Q.85 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the city's financial interest in the ILAC centre."

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

By Deed of Exchange dated 14/2/1997 between Dublin City Council and Irish Life Assurance PLC, Dublin City Council disposed of its Fee Simple interest in the Ilac centre (excluding the car park) in exchange for Irish Life surrendering their lease in the car park.

The car park is currently leased out to Park Rite and raises approximately €2m net per annum.

The City Council has a lease of Unit 55 (the Ilac Library) from 1/11/2006 and the current rent payable on this is €490,000 P/A.

## Q.86 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on any funds that are available for community use that were previously under the control of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority and to make a statement on the matter."

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

The Dublin Docklands Development Authority was dissolved on 1 March 2016 and a contribution of €1m is envisaged as a community dividend.

The Authority previously made payments to the Docklands Community Trust. The City Council {as the Authority's successor} following the establishment of the Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum and subject to certain conditions will make the necessary arrangements.

# Q.87 AN tÁRDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.88 AN tÁRDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.89 AN tÁRDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.90 AN tÁRDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an audit of all our street signs with a view to repairing / replacing those in poor condition.

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

#### **Road Traffic Signs**

Localised Audits are carried out from time to time in particular areas. We currently do not have the resources in place to audit our entire signage at once. We do, however, have 3 crews/ vans that are deployed to carry out daily maintenance (Emergencies, Service Requests, TAG, Stat Requests, etc.) and scheduled routine maintenance. A cleaning contract is also in place.

Transport Asset Management Project (TAMS) now underway, will in the future, allow us to fully audit DCC Signage in a shorter time. If the Ardmheara has a particular area in mind we can examine it.

#### **Street Nameplate Signs:**

Road Maintenance Services is presently preparing tender documents to procure a contractor to replace approximately 200 street nameplates which are in poor condition, in the current year.

At present we do not have the resources available to us to undertake a survey of the entire city to determine all those nameplates that are in need of replacement. All nameplates that we record as in need of renewal, are either identified by Road Maintenance Services' personnel in the course of normal operations or they are brought to the attention of Road Maintenance Services by our customers and stakeholders e.g. residents, commuters and Councillors. These nameplates are then added to our maintenance programme and scheduled for replacement, insofar as our resources permit.

# Q.91 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has adequate staffing levels required to carry out all reserved and executive functions and if not, where do these vacancies arise?

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

The total number of employees at 30th April 2016 was 5,586 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of work sharing arrangements) was 5,266.75.

Throughout recent years, and on a continuing basis, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers despite reduced workforce numbers. Managers and staff are continuing to review how services are delivered to optimise customer service.

Staffing requirements are constantly under review and vacancies that are deemed critical for filling are approved for filling by management. Any such vacancy must be provided for in the Council's Budget.

#### Q.92 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Derelict Sites, can the Chief Executive answer the following questions?

- How many Compulsory Purchases Orders for dereliction were issued in the last 10 years, per year, and the location of the sites?
- The number of CPO's issued to An Bord Pleanála for consent over the last 10 years, per year, and whether any were refused?
- Of the 20 sites removed from the Derelict Sites Register in 2015, 13 in 2014 and 5 in 2013, have all levies been paid in full?
- Has a charge been placed on the land in the case of all the outstanding Derelict Site levies of €1,817,521?

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

• One derelict site was vested/acquired under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 in the last 10 years by DCC as follows:

- No. 2, Coke Ovens Cottages, Liffey Junction, Royal Canal Way D. 11 on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009.
- Its acquisition was referred to An Bord Pleanála and they consented to the acquisition.
- No, however all sites that were removed from the Register where there are outstanding levies are registered or in the process of being registered as a charge on the land in accordance with Section 24 of the Act.
- All levies that remain unpaid are registered or are in the process of being registered as a charge on the land.

### Q.93 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive confirm the amount of money remaining from conference expenses unclaimed by councillors? Can he confirm what happens to any unclaimed monies?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Party Name	Dates	Conference Group Allowance	Total Spend by Cllr.	Budget 2016 Remaining
AAA	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€ 700.00	€0.00	€700.00
Fianna Fáil	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€6,300.00	€0.00	€6,300.00
Fine Gael	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€5,600.00	€604.93	€4,995.07
Green Party	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€2,100.00	€918.53	€1,181.47
Labour	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€5,600.00	€0.00	€5,600.00
Non Party	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€7,700.00	€0.00	€7,700.00
PBPA	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€3,500.00	€0.00	€3,500.00
Sinn Féin	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€11,200.00	€0.00	€11,200.00
United Left	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€700.00	€0.00	€700.00
Workers Party	01 Jan - 31 May 2016	€700.00	€0.00	€700.00

See Table above for unspent monies €42,576.54 remaining in the Councillors Conference Budget 2016. Any amount remaining in the budget for this cost centre at year-end is not carried forward to the following year.

#### Q.94 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide details for the following?

- 1. The number of housing general acquisitions acquired by Dublin City Council, per area, over the past 5 years?
- 2. The number proposed, per area, for 2016?
- 3. The specific budget for general acquisitions by DCC?
- 4. The average cost per unit?

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

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YEAR	TOTAL	CENTRAL	_	NORTH WEST		SOUTH EAST
2011	128	32	27	11	46	12
2012	73	6	9	14	43	1
2013	12	4	1	1	6	

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2014	11	1	1	3	6	
2015	144	20	47	26	50	1
2016 Jan -	67	85	28	10	24	
June						

2

We project the acquisition of approximately 150 residential properties in 2016 throughout the city and roughly in proportion to the figures detailed above for 2016 to date.

3

Expenditure on general housing acquisitions is recouped in full by the City Council from the DECLG

4

The average cost per acquisition is as follow;

YEAR	AVERAGE COST
2011	€148,000
2012	€117,000
2013	€133,000
2014	€156,000
2015	€204,000
2016 Jan - June	€246,000

## Q.95 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive detail the amount of unoccupied office space in Dublin?

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

It is reported that the volume of available Office Space in the Dublin Region, ie City and adjacent Counties, at the end of Quarter 1, 2016 stood at c.386,000sq.m., consisting of:

160,000sq.m. - New/Refurbished space.

148,000sq.m. – Used (some Grade A and Grade B).

73,000sq.m. - Sub-standard/ Obsolete.

This equates to a Vacancy Rate of 10.9% for the Dublin Region, reduced to 6.3% in the City Centre.

In Quarter 1 2016, the City Centre accounted for 84% of all Office take up, two thirds of the take up was in the South City Centre area, where some commentators are reporting a Vacancy Rate for Grade A, Office Accommodation in Dublin 2/4, at just over 1%.

At the end of 2015, there were 23 office schemes under construction in Dublin, amounting to 270,000sq.m. between them, of which almost one third has been prelet, with the remainder equating to less than the average annual volume of take up achieved in the Capital over the last 10 year period. With only 92,308sq.m due for completion in 2016, supply shortages will continue despite increased development activity in the sector.

It is predicted that the Office Accommodation take-up for 2016 will be between 185,000sq.m. and 230,000sq.m.

# Q.96 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive the following please (details supplied).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the council contact Greyhound to have the bins removed that belonged to 6 Burren Court Ballymun, they have been left in Carraig Close and there bins are out in the public domain and are causing a nuisance.

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

These bins were removed from Carraig Close on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

## Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the council fix the blocked shores for their tenants at 5 and 6 Carraig Close, Ballymun?

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

The blocked drains at this location have been cleared by our Choke Car.

#### Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the council review the junction at Coolock Lane/Oak Park? Cars turning right from Coolock Lane, into Oak Park have no filter light for turning right. This is dangerous on a fast moving road with two lanes in either direction.

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

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

### Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Chief Executive paint parking lines outside Corpus Christi Church on Griffith Avenue, to encourage cars to park at right angles to the kerb, and not parallel parking, so that more people can park? This has been done outside Ballygall Road Church.

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

This issue has been forwarded to TAG for their direct reply to the Councillor.

# Q.101 COUNCILLOR DIERDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to Double Yellow Lines at location as per (details supplied?)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.102 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to the recently replaced road nameplate at location at per (details supplied)

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

## Q.103 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

With reference to the City Council vehicle clamping service, can the Chief Executive please explain how the operation of same is carried out and specifically say what procedure is followed after a resident contacts Dublin Street Parking Services to complain about illegal parking in a residential area and comment on complaint from resident at location as per **(details supplied)** who complains that when DSPS were call out the service failed to clamp the offending vehicle(s).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.104 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to large protrusion in road at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can repair soon asap as it poses a serious hazard for vulnerable pedestrians.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.105 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Can the Chief Executive please refer housing applicant as per (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.106 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Can the Chief Executive please refer housing applicant as per (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.107 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

Can the Chief Executive please refer housing applicant as per (details supplied),

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask to Chief Executive for a report on the ownership of the following land / laneway please. (**Details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.109 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive (Details Supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.110 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive (Details Supplied)

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

#### Q.111 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive (Details Supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.112 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive (Details Supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.113 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGTATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.114 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.115 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.116 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.117 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress of housing applicants being housed in Thornwood, specifically how many have been interviewed or selected for interview and from which lists were they drawn and how many were successful in their interview?

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Nominations have been made for Phase 1 and 2 in Thornwood. Twenty-six nominations were made for Phase 1 & 2. The lists that were drawn from are Housing and Transfer Lists, Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3. Fourteen applicants were successful for the units in these phases. They accepted the offers for these units and signed up on the 2nd of June for their new tenancies.

Phases 3 and 4 are currently being selected on and nominations will be sent to Tuath Housing.

## Q.118 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will continue to supply district heating to the residents of Merville Court Fairview which has recently been sold by a

private landlord to NABCO. All the tenants were previously RAS and they are anxious that the cost of the district heating won't come as an additional cost to them under the new regime.

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

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) entered into contract with the owner of 10 apartments at Merville Court, Fairview, Dublin 3 in 2011. Included in the contract was an agreement that RAS would pay the gas bill for the development which was recoupable from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. In May 2016, the owner sold the apartments to Co-Operative Housing Ireland. DCC made a once-off contribution to Co-Operative Housing Ireland to enable the gradual introduction of tenants paying the gas bills, which is the norm in most social housing schemes. Co-Operative Housing Ireland will administer the development.

# Q.119 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if people in emergency accommodation can be assigned a number indicating their order on the list for permanent housing as is the case on the other priority, allocation and transfer lists.

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

Under the scheme of letting priorities, all housing applicants [including applicants being assessed/ accepted as having homeless priority] are assigned a number indicating their place on the social housing waiting list. DCC is putting in place measures to advise homeless applicants as to their position on the social housing waiting list. There are logistics involved in completing this objective [i.e. communicating the detail] especially given that a number of homeless households do move between multiple properties. We are also conscious of the need to ensure that where state funded client key-workers have a role in this regard also. We expect that this objective will be met over the course of 2016.

#### Q.120 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask if the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.121 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with the number of local authority dwellings in the Ceannt Fort Estate Kilmainham.

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

The City Council owns 26 dwellings in this estate.

#### Q.122 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Parks Department to provide this Councillor with a report for the Ceannt Fort Estate, Kilmainham which will include an overview of recent maintenance/improvement works, an outline of the Park Department's role in maintaining green space in the estate and any planned improvement works envisaged in the near future.

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The play area at Ceannt Fort Estate Kilmainham was identified as a location to be included within DCC's Play development Project 'Outside the Box'. The project is aimed at working with communities by including children and young people in a

consultative process in order to re-imagine and redesign open space for play and shared use by the wider community. The site was identified following liaison with local community representative and DCC Parks and Play Development personnel. To date the following developments have taken place:

- Meeting with DCC Play and Parks staff and local residents
- Site visits and desire drawings produced by free lance landscape architect (commissioned by DCC)
- Completion of onsite consultation session with local resident including children and young people. The consultation provided key information for playground design and Installation Company. All results of consultation have been submitted to Playground Design and installation company
- Playground Design and installation company has been identified; Children's Playground Company Ltd (CPCL)
- Design company site visit

Currently CPCL are preparing a design proposal for this site. The proposal will be ready in approximately two weeks. Subject to agreement between DCC, local residents and CPCL, a date can be set for commencement of associated building works. The approximate budget for this project is €12,500 - €15,000.

Normal open space maintenance is carried out on an ongoing basis at this location.

## Q.123 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Traffic Department to provide this Councillor with a report on the parking permit/paid parking options, for residents in Ceannt Fort Estate Kilmainham including lead times on conducting a resident's survey. Residents in the estate report extensive on street parking from non resident cars rendering it not only impossible for residents with no drive way to park, but also clogging up the footpaths and roads in the estate.

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

The widest roads in the Ceannt Fort area namely, Quinn Avenue and Donnellan Avenue are only 4.3 metres wide and too narrow for legal on street parking. All the other roads in the area are even narrower. Some residents have their own driveways while others are resigned to parking partially on the footpath in order to maintain access throughout the estate. The estate has been inspected many times with double yellow lines only being installed minimally to maintain access at pinch points. Additional parking restrictions will only take parking spaces away from residents and is not recommended. Parking enforcement on a regular basis is recommended to ensure that existing restrictions are complied with. Residents of 83-105 inclusive have been granted an entitlement to obtain residents parking permits valid for parking on Mount Brown.

#### Q.124 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.125 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

#### Q.126 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.127 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

## Q.128 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.129 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.130 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.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'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.132 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive detail the number of tenants currently waiting on adaptations to their property for reason of disability and in doing so outline

- 1) The length of time tenants are waiting and
- 2) The legal reason prohibiting Council tenants from carrying out the works under the normal process associated with the disabled persons/housing adaptation grant?

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

1) The following details the applications from tenants for extensions and adaptations to City Council dwellings under our 'Scheme for Persons with Disabilities' of people waiting for works at June 2016:

	Extensions	Showers	Ramps	Stairlifts/ Other
No of cases in hand at various stages of the planning/Building process	30	47	35	12
No of cases approved and on our waiting list not yet gone to planning/ tender stage	18	48	2	0

Average waiting time from approval to	9 - 12	12 - 16	12 weeks	12 weeks
works commence on site	months	weeks		
	(currently)			

2) Tenants can carry out adaptation/building works to City Council dwellings provided they apply in writing (submitting full details of such works) to Housing Maintenance, and permission is granted.

## Q.133 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on (details supplied)?

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.134 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive are the housing Department aware (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.135 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive that the listed buildings in Rathmines, Library, DIT and Town Hall be reinstated on new Development Plan map as protected structures. They are listed on the 2005-2011 plan and map. The Chief Executive stated that their exclusion on 2011-2017 is an error.

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

The Record of Protected Structures has been checked.

The Development Plan 2011-2017 and the draft Development Plan (2016-2022) Record of Protected Structures (RPS) includes:

- Reference no. 7148 Rathmines Lower, Dublin 6 Former Town Hall and
- Reference no. 7149 Rathmines Lower, Dublin 6 College and Library

These structures are shown on Development Plan Map H(2011-2017) and the Draft Map H (2016-2022) by red asterix, and will be more clearly defined in the final published maps.

No decision has been made to remove the buildings from the RPS.

## Q.136 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### Q.137 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

# Q.138 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

# Q.139 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the chief executive (details supplied)

# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**