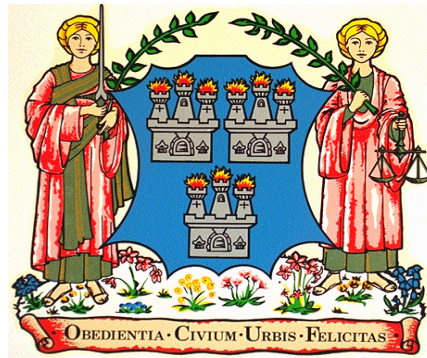


**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 9 Bealtaine 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:**

Chris Andrews  
Janice Boylan  
Claire Byrne  
Aine Clancy  
Patrick Costello  
Daithi De Roiste  
Gaye Fagan  
Mannix Flynn  
Paul Hand  
Vincent Jackson  
Frank Kennedy  
Micheal Mac Donncha  
Paddy McCartan  
Ray McHugh  
Emma Murphy  
Claire O'Connor  
Larry O'Toole  
Nial Ring  
Paddy Smyth

**Comhairleoir:**

Kieran Binchy  
Tom Brabazon  
Cathleen Carney Boud  
Anthony Connaghan  
Ciaran Cuffe  
Daithi Doolan  
Anne Feeney  
Mary Freehill  
Deirdre Heney  
Teresa Keegan  
Dermot Lacey  
Tina McVeigh  
Ruairi McGinley  
Edel Moran  
Naoise Muiri  
Damian O'Farrell  
Cieran Perry  
Eilis Ryan  
Sonya Stapleton

**Comhairleoir:**

Paddy Bourke  
Christy Burke  
Brendan Carr  
David Costello  
Hazel De Nortuin  
Pat Dunne  
Declan Flanagan  
Alison Gilliland  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Greg Kelly  
John Lyons  
Paul McAuliffe  
Seamas McGrattan  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Michael O'Brien  
Ciaran O'Moore  
Noeleen Reilly  
Norma Sammon

**Oifigiúir**

Dick Brady  
Mainard Gallagher  
Jim Keogan  
Mary Pyne

Oonagh Casey  
Owen P. Keegan  
Vincent Norton  
Kathy Quinn

Paul Clegg  
Brendan Kenny  
Terence O'Keeffe  
Declan Wallace

1 Lord Mayors Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by congratulating Councillor Kieran Binchy on his forthcoming wedding next month and wishing the happy couple the best of luck. Then, referring to the Lord Mayor's Forum on Moore Street, she informed the Members that it continues to meet and has assembled a working group to prepare a visionary redevelopment plan for this precinct of our city. It is expected that the plan, which is being formulated under the guidance of the Lord Mayor's Forum, will be ready before she depart from office in June.

Referring to Brú Aimsir, which was also the subject of emergency motions, she informed the meeting that she has written to Minister Simon Coveney to ask that Brú Aimsir remains open past its original closure date of May. She felt it was now an essential part of Dublin City Council's homeless strategy providing an excellent wrap around services to Dublin's homeless. There were 102 rough sleepers at the last count. These numbers are set to double if Brú Aimsir closes its doors at the end of May. She also wrote to Minister Simon Coveney to ask for an urgent meeting with him and his officials and the members of the Corporate Policy Group and DCC Officials to discuss the ongoing Housing crisis and in particular homelessness.

The Lord Mayor expressed her pleasure at the launch of the Community Benefit Clause as a legally binding part of the contracts for St Teresa's Gardens and Dophins Barn. She thanked all who had worked to achieve this result. She then congratulated and sent good wishes to former City Councillor Catherine Ardagh on her recent election to Seanad Éireann. On behalf of the City Council, she also congratulated Mr. Mark Crosby, an employee of Dublin City Council's Waste Management Department, who spent 11 days in Manila to help people of Manila who live in poverty. She also thanked the following -:

All involved in the recent events including the Lord Mayor's Awards which acknowledged 7 worthy recipients – Dublin Fire Brigade, Justice for the Forgotten, Ana Liffey Drug Project, Robert Ballagh, Na Gaeil Óga, GLEN Gay & Lesbian Equality Network and the Justice for Magdalene's Research on behalf of the Magdalene Women.

Céilí Mór which was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Round Room

Sister City Summit held Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A report on the Summit was circulated to all Members

- 2 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 134 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
- 3 Letter dated 6th April 2016 from Sligo County Council conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting calling on the Department of Health and the Minister for Health to consider the introduction of a sugar awareness day as part of a national health promotion campaign to inform the public of the high sugar content in many processed foods and the possible negative health effects of a high sugar diet. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 4 Letter dated 22nd April 2016 from Offaly County Council conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting calling on the incoming Minister with responsibility for housing to review the criteria with regard to eligibility to qualify for local authority housing or rent assistance and to revise the Rent Allowances Allocations as a first step in dealing with our current housing crisis. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- 5 Letter dated 22nd April 2016 from Offaly County Council conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting calling on the incoming Minister for Social Protection to reverse the harsh cuts made to one parent family payments by the previous administration.  
It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 6 Letter dated 26th April 2016 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting regarding Brexit poll of 23rd June with possible economic consequences for Donegal, border communities and the Island's economy, that Donegal County Council recommend to the incoming Government, the adoption and implementation of the recommendations of the all party Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Report on the "All Island Economy" and welcome the recent International Report "Modelling Irish Unification" by Dr. Kurt Hubner which highlights the economic benefits to the island of Ireland in the event of unification.  
It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 7 Letter dated 26th April 2016 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a resolution agreed at their April Meeting calling on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown.  
It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 8 To confirm the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of City Council held on 4th April 2016.  
The minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on the on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016. having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
- 9 Report No. 134/2016 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.  
It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 134/2016". The motion was put and carried. The Chief Executive agreed to send a detailed report to all Cllrs re Housing Capital Finance.
- 10 Report No. 127/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to the Annual Financial Statements.  
It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City notes Report No and adopts the Annual Financial Statement 2015 as outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 11 Report No. 144/2016 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Rates Debtors as at 31st December 2015  
It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 144/2016". The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 126/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report - 9th May 2016.  
It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Cuffe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 126/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 13 Report No. 128/2016 of the Head of Human Resources & Corporate Services (M. Pyne) - Progress Report on First Year of Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019.  
It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor P Mc Cartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 128/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 14 Report No. 129/2016 of the Administrative Officer (D. O'Connor) - Establishment of Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum and appointment of four Members to this Forum.  
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 129/2016 and *hereby establishes a Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum as provided for in the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015 and that four Members of the City Council be appointed to that Forum, and that these four Members will be convened by the Chief Executive or his nominee to be consulted in relation to various issues related to the selection of persons for appointment to the Forum as and when required*". The motion was put and carried.

The following nominations were then put forward :

**Central Area**

Cllr G Fagan proposed by Cllr S Mc Grattan and seconded by Cllr V Jackson  
Cllr C Burke proposed by Cllr S Mc Grattan and seconded by Cllr V Jackson  
Cllr R McAdam proposed by Cllr K Binchy and seconded by Cllr N Ó Muiri  
Cllr E Ryan proposed by Cllr P Dunne and seconded by Cllr M O'Brien

**South East Area**

Cllr D Lacey proposed by Cllr S Mc Grattan and seconded by Cllr V Jackson  
Cllr C Byrne proposed by Cllr S Mc Grattan and seconded by Cllr V Jackson  
Cllr M Flynn proposed by Cllr M Flynn and seconded by Cllr D O'Farrell

Following a vote, the following Members were declared to be appointed to the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum – Cllrs Christy Burke, Gaye Fagan, Dermot Lacey and Claire Byrne.

- 15 Report No. 125/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Grant towards running costs of a private swimming pool for 2016.  
It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 125/2016 and approves the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 16 Report No. 132/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Grant towards running costs of a private swimming pool for 2016.  
It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 132/2016 and approves the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 147/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Active Land Management.  
It was proposed by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 147/2016 and agrees to implement the recommendations contained therein" The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that a list be prepared and circulated to all Members of the ten largest properties in the ownership of Dublin City Council.
- 18 Report No. 148/2016 of the Chairperson of the Environment SPC (Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri) - Dublin Waste to Energy Project Update Report.  
It was proposed by Councillor N O'Muirí and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 148/2016" The motion was put and carried.
- 19 Report No. 146/2016 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 41 premises.  
It was proposed by Councillor RR McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 146/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 20 Report No. 137/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land at No. 5 New Street, Dublin 8.  
It was proposed by Councillor RR McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that the valuation report on this item would be circulated to all Members.
- 21 Report No. 138/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of 70 Brian Road, Marino, Dublin 3.  
It was proposed by Councillor RR McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 138/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 22 Report No. 139/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in the City Estate premises now known as No. 26 Marino Mart, Fairview, Dublin 3.  
It was proposed by Councillor RR McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 139/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 23 Report No. 140/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of lease of Unit 2, Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11.  
It was proposed by Councillor RR McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 140/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 24 Report No. 141/2016 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 R McGinley and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 141/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 110/2016 of the Chairperson of the Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Rebecca Moynihan) - Breviate of meeting held on 14th March 2016.  
It was proposed by Councillor R Moynihan and seconded by Councillor A Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 110/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 26 Report No. 108/2016 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate for the month of March 2016 - Councillor Áine Clancy, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 108/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 27 Report No. 121/2016 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of March 2016 - Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 121/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 28 Report No. 122/2016 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of March 2016 - Councillor Nial Ring, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 122/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 29 Report No. 120/2016 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of March 2016 - Councillor Ray McHugh, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 120/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 30 Report No. 102/2016 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate for the month of March 2016 - Councillor Paddy McCartan, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor G Kelly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 102/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 31 Report No. 109/2016 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 3rd March 2016 - Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council approves Report No 109/2016" The motion was put and carried. It was clarified that the motion listed on the breviate would be included at the appropriate place on the Agenda for the next meeting of the City Council.
- 32 Report No. 93/2016 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 12th January 2016 - Councillor Daithí De Róiste, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 93/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 33 Report No. 101/2016 of the South East Area Joint Policing Sub-committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 10th March 2016 - Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 101/2016". The motion was put and carried.

- 34 Report No. 106/2016 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub-committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 14th March 2016 - Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 106/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 35 Report No. 133/2016 of the Chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Ruairi McGinley) - Breviate of meeting held on 7th April 2016.  
It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 133/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 36 Report No. 143/2016 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate for the month of April 2016 - Councillor Áine Clancy, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 143/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 37 Report No. 135/2016 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of April 2016 - Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 135/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 38 Report No. 142/2016 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of April 2016 - Councillor Nial Ring, Chairperson.  
It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 142/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 39 Report No. 145/2016 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of April 2016 - Councillor Ray McHugh, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 145/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 40 Report No. 130/2016 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate for the month of April 2016 - Councillor Paddy McCartan, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor C O'Moore and seconded by Councillor E Murphy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 130/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 41 Report No. 131/2016 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 31st March 2016 - Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor A Connaghan "That Dublin City Council approves Report No 131/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 42 Report No. 136/2016 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 18th April 2016 - Councillor Larry O'Toole, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor T Brabazon and seconded by Councillor S P Mahon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 136/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 43 The Topical Issue was not taken as it did not receive the support of 66% of the Members present.

- 44 The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following Emergency Motions without debate -:
- (a) That this City Council agrees that there be no closure of the Homeless Hostel at Bru Aimsir at 10-13 Thomas Street, Dublin 8 at the end of the month and that the Lord Mayor and elected representatives seek a meeting with the Minister of Communications be sought as soon as possible as (Dept. of Communications) are the owners of the property.  
**Submitted by Councillor Christy Burke**
- (b) Dublin City Council views with deep concern the proposed closure of Brú Aimsir. The Brú provides a 100 bed emergency homeless shelter. It is an essential part of Dublin City Council's homeless strategy. Dublin City Council calls on the Chief Executive, Digital Hub & the Minister for Communications to work together to ensure the Brú remains open.  
**Submitted by Councillors Daithí Doolan, Noeleen Reilly, Ray McHugh, Janice Boylan, Greg Kelly and Mícheál Mac Donncha**
- (c) That a review of the Ballymun Rapid Build project be undertaken as a matter of urgency and that a full report be circulated to Councillors before the next Council meeting to include full costings, time line of key events, report on rationale for moving from modular to rapid build technology including correspondence from DoE in relation to tender process.  
**Submitted by Councillor Tina MacVeigh on behalf of the People Before Profit Alliance**
- 45 The chair was taken by Councillor Mannix Flynn for 5 minutes at 9.10pm in the absence of the Lord Mayor.
- 46 The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Tina MacVeigh, Chair of the Waste Regulations Working Group, to give an update to Members on progress to date. Councillor MacVeigh informed the Council that a meeting had taken place at which Greyhound was represented. She said that DoECLG guidelines would be circulated to all providers and that contact details would be available for councillors who wished to follow up on issues.
- 47 It was proposed by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor C Perry and seconded by Councillor E Ryan "That this Council calls on the Fine Gael/Labour Government to immediately rescind the draconian FEMPI legislation which allows Ministers to unilaterally cut public servants wages and alter their working conditions." The motion was put and carried.
- 48 It was proposed by Councillor F Kennedy and seconded by Councillor C O'Connor "That the Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the British Government on behalf of Dublin City Council to request that the diaries of Roger Casement be returned to Ireland in 2016" The motion was put and carried.
- 49 It was proposed by Councillor P McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor D De Roiste "That Dublin City Council endorses the policy document 'Dublin a City of Villages' which sets out a range of policy measures to renew our urban villages". The motion was put and carried. The policy document is attached as Appendix B to these Minutes  
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 13th June 2016.  
**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 – APPENDIX A

### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out a comparison between quarter 1 of 2015 and quarter 1 of 2016 for the numbers of people entering homelessness and the numbers that it has been possible to accommodate off housing lists in same periods.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

	Quarter 1 2015	Quarter 1 2016
<b>No. of people accessing Homeless Accommodation</b>	2,987	3,777
<b>No. of People moved to housing</b>	236	416

Infographs for quarter 1, 2015 and 2016 can be found on our Homeless website, please see link below;

<http://www.homelessdublin.ie/resources>

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on current status of WTE facility project and to comment in particular on current position as regards waste volumes that are required to ensure economic viability of facility.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Construction work commenced on site in October 2014 and remains on schedule for completion in October 2017. The civil designer and construction manager estimates that the facility construction is now over 50% complete. Civil works are currently focused on completing the installation of the structural steel and cladding for the main building. The process systems designer is now focused on the management of equipment installation and facility commissioning through to the commencement of operations

Dublin Waste to Energy Limited (DWTEL) has informed Dublin City Council that they have signed two long term contracts for up to 60% of the facility's capacity. DWTEL are continuing to progress contract discussions with waste collectors to fill the remaining 40% of the facility's capacity, for which they are oversubscribed. It is therefore expected that the facility will operate at full capacity.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive what was the total amount of Local Property Tax paid to DCC in 2015?

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### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below set out the Local Property Tax paid to DCC in 2015 and where it was allocated to:

<b>Summary of Local Property Tax Allocated</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Discretionary</b>		
Discretionary Local Property Tax – allocated across all services	6,800,296	
		<b>6,800,296</b>
<b>Self Funding - Revenue</b>		
Housing & Building	15,207,554	
Roads Transportation & Safety	5,780,600	
		<b>20,988,154</b>
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Revenue</b>		<b>27,788,450</b>
<b>Self Funding - Capital</b>		
Housing & Building	25,940,094	
Roads Transportation & Safety		
		<b>25,940,094</b>
<b>Total Local Property Tax – Capital</b>		<b>25,940,094</b>
<b>Total Local Property Tax - Allocated</b>		<b>53,728,544</b>

#### **Q.4 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange the works as requested in the email submitted with this Question to be carried out as promised.

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

The works requested are to be included in contract documents that are being prepared which will be sent to contractors on current framework for pricing. The permanent reinstatement will be carried out on appointment of contractor. In the meantime we will temporarily fill in any pot holes.

#### **Q.5 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the short email attached from a constituent to my colleague Ruth Coppinger TD seeking that DCC to install a walkway to prevent the occurrence of a recent drowning incident.

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

Further to the report and discussion at last month's North West Area Committee meeting, DCC Cabra office invited Irish Rail (IR) and Waterways Ireland (WI) to a meeting with Parks Section to discuss options for improving safety in the vicinity of

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the park fencing, at the border with the rail line. This was held on 27th April. Unfortunately WI was unable to attend but advised that they would re-examine the scene and report back.

A full report on the meeting is being prepared and will be presented to councillors at the North West Area Committee meeting on 17th May. This report will be forwarded to the councillor.

### **Q.6 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if a gate can be installed between Kempton Estate and Oliver Plunkett GAA Club as per the letter attached.

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

Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services Division have no objection to the proposal. However in the past, a similar proposal was put forward by Parks and was rejected by the residents of the estate.

Accordingly before the request can be further considered the Residents Association would have to be consulted with a view to getting their approval. The work would involve the construction of a linkage footpath and installation of a pedestrian gate. As there is currently no funding to undertake this work, the work would be submitted for consideration and approval in the 2017 Parks Improvement Programme of Works.

In view of the previous objections by residents it is recommended that the proposer submits evidence of support for the proposal in the form of a signed petition by residents and particularly by those living in the vicinity of the suggested location for a gate.

### **Q.7 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive either directly or through communication with the DOE provide details of the proposed financial model for the PPP social housing development in Scribbles town Finglas South?

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

The financial model proposed is for the construction and twenty five year maintenance on the housing units delivered on the site. The PPP company will raise the finance in return for a monthly unitary payment. After the twenty five years the housing units would be handed back to the Council to a pre-defined standard. During the 25 year period the Council will have 100% nomination rights to the housing units.

### **Q.8 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a detailed list including proposed start dates for pavement replacement and repair in the Northwest area?

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

Road Maintenance informs that the pavement replacement works proposed under the 2016 works programme have commenced in May and are scheduled to be completed by the end of November, however the individual start dates/completion dates may change subject to contingencies.

### **Q.9 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive examine and provide me with details of planning permissions which were granted for housing in the Northwest area and are due to expire in the next 12 months? Info on developments of greater than 10 houses only.

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

It is not possible at this time to extract the information requested from our planning system as the applications that would be the subject of the Councillors question were lodged in excess of four years ago. Over the last three years additional fields within our planning management system have been created and populated to allow for a greater range of possible searches and associated information outputs.

### **Q.10 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for details of any meetings or correspondence between DCC and Nama or Bee Bee Developers in relation to proposed SDRZ12 on Player Wills site.

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

The appointed receivers for the Player Wills/Bailey Gibson sites requested a meeting with the Planning and Property Development Department. The meeting was facilitated to allow for introductions and to provide an opportunity for the receivers to set out their programme for the preparation of development proposals for their sites in accordance with the principles of SDRA 12 as set out in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017.

### **Q.11 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive It is assumed that in the proposal for a "Super Depot" on Marrowbone Lane, the Council has considered that there is a heavy vehicle ban on Marrowbone Lane and a restricted heavy vehicle policy on Cork Street, please give details of such considerations in regard to the decision to choose Marrowbone Lane as the preferred location.

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

Marrowbone lane and Cork Street are within the 5+ Axle HGV ban zone but there are no other weight restrictions on either location, being within the HGV zone has not impacted on any of the DCC Divisions that use this location to date.

### **Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of the flat at **(Details supplied)** and also replace the toilet.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise this Councillor how often the street litter bins are emptied in **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.14 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to estate as per the attached, confirm that same is "in charge" of Dublin City Council and has been since 1999/2000 so as to allay concerns of residents and specifically

1. Confirm the open spaces are "in charge" (Dublin Corporation cut/maintained the grass cutting in the estate on a "ride on" vehicle for 18 months from the "taking in charge" from approx. December 1999 to mid2001);

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2. Confirm the status of the report of 29 November 1999 (**details attached**) as agreed by the North Central Area Committee
3. Refer to the fact that Dublin Corporation cut/attended to/maintained the grass/green areas in the estate from approx. December 1999 to mid 2001 (and again from winter 2006 to August 2007) until such time as the residents themselves agreed to assist Dublin Corporation by having the grass cut themselves while leaving the maintenance of the trees/shrubs etc in the hands of Dublin Corporation as per letter attached
4. If he will make a statement on the matter and comment on rumour that DCC sent a letter to a resident stating the lands/green spaces were not in charge of DCC

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.15 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query (**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 respond to this housing query (**Details supplied**).

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.18 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.19 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Parking Enforcement Section to deal with the illegally parked vehicles along Blacquiere Villas and Royal Canal Bank?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, has been instructed to monitor the location and take enforcement action as necessary.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive who has the ownership of the road outside Dakota Court towards the Royal Canal? In his reply, the Chief Executive may also indicate who is responsible for the removal of illegally parked vehicles on this roadway?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is a "Private Road" and not in charge of Dublin City Council Environment & Transportation Department. Enforcement of illegally parked vehicles at the above location is the responsibility of the management company.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this councillor with an update on the proposed development of the **(details supplied)** site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** who is informed by DCC that she is only on the Council housing list since 2013 and

1. say what can now be done to give her credit for the actual years she believes she has been on housing list and
2. say when it is likely she can be considered for housing as she has been served with a Notice to Quit her current accommodation by June 2016
3. Say that recent medical evidence in support of her case is on file

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to housing applicant as per **(details supplied)** and say

1. What her chances of being offered accommodation in the short-term area and
2. If she can be considered for senior citizen accommodation at an early date as she has been served with a notice to quit to vacate her current home by June 2016

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### **Q.26 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to request from residents as per the below to please remove waste from their clean-up day as has been the case in previous years.

Block of 80-90 houses on St. Brigid's Road, Crescent, Brookwood Road, Drive, Avenue and Gracefield Road, just off the Artane Roundabout. There are two gated entrances to the back of these houses, one on Gracefield Road and one on Brookwood Road, which enclose a park and laneway;

In years past, Dublin City Council have taken away the bagged waste, (mostly sweepings and green waste) from the clean-up; in 2014 DCC took away a substantial amount of material from clean-up; however, last year's waste was not collected which led to an accumulation of further material which residents had remove at their own expense; Liam Quinn (Waste Management) has advised residents to leave bags for this year's clean-up (May/June) outside the gates but these bags are sometimes heavy and residents request if Dublin City Council would accommodate them by coming in to collect the bags with a van as has been done every year prior to 2015.

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

Public Domain and Waste Management Staff in North Central Area aim to facilitate and encourage all area clean ups where possible, however it is not standard practice for staff to enter private property to remove bags. It is generally requested that the residents leave the bags out to the front of the gates of laneways in order to ensure ease of collection. As this is a private laneway there is no obligation on Dublin City Council to remove this material but due to the nature of it being a Community effort local Waste Management staff are willing to facilitate once the material was left out on public property.

### **Q.27 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Toilet at **(details supplied)** to be replaced.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive arrange to have the drain to the left of the door at **(Details supplied)**.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.29 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive have the tree stump at 39 Beechill Drive removed as it has been there 3 years at this stage?

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

The tree stump at this location has been included in our tree stump removal programme and will be undertaken over the coming week.

### **Q.30 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive will DCC contact NAMA and highlight the importance of developing the Glass Bottle site for housing and community and also indicate what discussions they have had previously with Nama in relation to this site?

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

The Draft City Development Plan identifies the Irish Glass Bottle site and adjacent lands as a Strategic Development and Regeneration Area, in order to prioritise the delivery of significant levels of much needed housing, employment and community facilities (para. 15.1.19 – page 138; Poolbeg west).

NAMA, in its submission to the Draft Development Plan referred to the success of the SDZ model to date in the Docklands as a means of delivery of properly planned homes and employment space, with associated cultural and community infrastructure, and requested that this mode be replicated in other Key priority areas in the DCC area.

In this context, the City Council has written to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government with a request that Poolbeg West (including the IGB site) be designated as an SDZ in order to expedite the regeneration of the area primarily for residential purposes. This request is currently under consideration.

### **Q.32 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would initiate discussions with Fingal County Council with a view to acquiring the former County Council building and historic Council Meeting Chamber on Parnell Square to be used in an appropriate manner and developed in conjunction with the Arts SPC.

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

Dublin City Council has no plans to acquire the former County Council building on Parnell Square.

We understand that the building owners are pursuing future uses of this building including consideration of potential cultural uses.

### **Q.33 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could quantify the number of voids on the 31<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and the 31<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

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

Figures for April 15 indicate that there were 301 units void. Figures for April 2016 indicate that there are 183 void units.

During this period over 850 voids have been turned around.

### **Q.34 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive would it be possible to obtain figures on the number of water meters installed in the Dublin 7 area between 2002 and 2007?

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

No water meters were installed in the Dublin 7 area between 2002 and 2007.



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

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following:

- a. The progress, or lack thereof, of the DCC dog fouling programme for each of the 5 administrative areas.
- b. How many fines have been issued to dog owners in respect of public dog fouling in 2015 and in the year to date?
- c. In relation to the fines issues in 2015, apart from indicating the number thereof, can the Chief Executive also detail the results of the follow up process including number paid, number unpaid and resulting in court proceedings, result of court proceedings etc.
- d. How much of the €30,000 allocated to each area towards implementation of the programme has been spent to date.
- e. What is the cost to DCC in respect of dog fouling in public places? To be specific, can the Chief Executive detail (for 2015):
  1. Number of wardens allocated to this task and cost associated there to.
  2. ii) Estimated cost of issuing fines and follow up thereon
  3. iii) Estimated cost of cleanup of dog dirt from city streets.
- f. Result of the dog fouling pilot programme in the dog fouling carried out in the South Central Area and, if deemed successful, to ask the Chief Executive if it is intended to roll this programme out citywide?

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

(a) Dublin City Council plan to commence a Citywide Dog Fouling Enforcement Initiative in the coming weeks. Waste Management Services are working in cooperation with the Area Management to commence the initiative based on the successful pilot project carried out in the South Central Area in 2015.

(b) 26 Fines were issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts in relation to dog fouling in 2015. No fines have been issued re dog fouling in 2016 to-date.

(c)

Issued	Paid	Partially Paid	Prosecutions Initiated	Summons Returned	Convictions	Settled
26	16	3	7	3	2	2

(d) The use of this funding allocation will commence once the enforcement initiative is underway

(e) 1. The enforcement of Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts forms one element of the overall enforcement activities of wardens. No Litter Warden is allocated to this individual task.

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2. The cost of the enforcement pilot project in the South Central Area in 2015 was approximately €12,000. 25 of the 26 fines issued were issued during this project
  3. The cost of cleaning up dog faeces is included in general street cleaning.
- (f) South Central Area's pilot dog fouling scheme commenced on 10th August 2015. Four office based staff were assigned to the project assisted by two members of An Garda Síochána. During the course of 80 hours, spread out over August & September, there were 25 fines issued under S.22 of the 1997 Litter Pollution Act.
- Out of 25 fines issued:-
- 20 paid (some by instalments) - 80%
  - 2 were brought to District Court and judgement issued in favour of DCC. - 8%
  - 1 Offender moved home and cannot be found- this offence has lapsed.- 4%
  - 1 Offender was deemed not competent to pursue. - 4%
  - 1 Offender supplied misleading information to a Garda, has subsequently been found and will appear before the District Court in July - 4%.

A similar operation will commence in the coming weeks and will operate across the whole South Central Area. The exact dates & selected locations cannot be disclosed for operational reasons.

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

To ask the Chief Executive if he or any of his planning officials are aware of, or had any discussions relating to, the National College of Ireland (NCI) expansion plan which includes the creation of a new campus facility of c. 10,000 sq.m (2.5 acres) for which NCI, through town planning consultants, Future Analytic Consultants and the architecture practice, Burke Kennedy Doyle, has clearly and publicly identified City Block 3 of the North Lotts & Grand Canals SDZ as the preferred location for their new facility. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, this location would be suitable for such a facility in the context of the 70% residential and 30% commercial use outlined as a specific objective for City Block 3 in the SDZ and the overall housing numbers of 1,700 envisaged in the SDZ for the Northside City Blocks.

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

The proposal for expansion of NCI was presented a meeting of the Council of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September which was attended by planning officials, the Chief Executive as well as locally elected Councillors, community and business representatives, and was followed by a full discussion of the proposal.

At the Council meeting it was requested that the planning staff clarify at the next meeting whether the proposal is in keeping with the SDZ. A report was given at the subsequent meeting outlining that the type and scale of the proposal (which was set out in the document circulated by NCI) would be in keeping with the SDZ objectives and could easily be accommodated within the commercial element of a number of blocks, including Block 3.

No pre-planning has taken place in relation to the proposal to date.

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### **Q.37 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the recent announcement from the Dublin City Business Association (DCBA) that, having delivered over 40 years of committed effective leadership, working in partnership with its members, Dublin City Council and the national governments to transform the city centre into a modern, European retail, cultural and leisure district, it will cease operations, to detail if there is now an opportunity for an expanded role for the Dublin BID Company (Dublin Town) in delivering for Dublin or establishing new BID companies/units to cover the DCBA areas not covered by the current BID company.

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

The boundary remit of Dublin Bid Company (Dublin Town) is set by the national legislation governing the Bid structure and any expansion of that boundary would require complex legislative change.

The vast majority of Dublin City Business Association (DCBA) members are already within the Boundary remit of Dublin Town so there are no real issues involved there.

It is a matter for the Dublin Town Board to consider the pursuance of any future expanded role in Dublin City.

Dublin City Council acknowledges and appreciates the positive role played by DCBA over a long number of years in promoting Dublin City.

### **Q.38 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the advice received from counsel in relation to the ownership and structural issues surrounding no.41 Parnell Square (CAC Q28 March 2016 and DCC Q80 February 2016) and to further ask the Chief Executive if he agrees that DCC should investigate how the refurbishment of this building could now be included as part of the Parnell Cultural Quarter development.

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

Counsel Opinion has been received in relation to the ownership position of this property. The Opinion from Counsel advises that it will be necessary to get a Court Order to either take the property into the ownership of the City Council or an order to enforce the previous Court Order which handed over the property to Messrs Bermingham & Lynskey. In either case it will be necessary to bring this matter before the Courts.

From: DCC Dangerous Buildings Section, 27 April 2016.

As previously advised, DCC DB engaged Franc Myles - Built Archaeologist – to survey, record and report on the remaining structure to the rear of 41 Parnell Square / Granby place.

The completed report was received on 21.01.2016. (copy attached)

DB continue periodically to monitor the premises, as is the remit under the Local Gov. Sanitary Services Act 1964 (amended)

From: Owen O'Doherty – Deputy City Architect

There is no funding source available to the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Development to undertake the refurbishment of No. 41 Parnell Square and it would therefore not be possible to include this building in the development.

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

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing application status of **(Details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.40 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.41 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.42 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.43 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.44 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)** to give an update on the lamppost repair mentioned below.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)** to please read the letter below and respond accordingly.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### **Q.48 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to appoint a senior manager to take charge over of seeing that homeless families are given the right to partake in the census forms on 24th April and also that rough sleepers are given the same rights regards this process given the fact that the forms be complete in April and also ask the Chief Executive to outline to this councillor how the process worked out in this reply.

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

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is working closely with Ireland's Central Statistics Office (CSO) to ensure that all persons experiencing homelessness in Dublin are included in the enumeration of Ireland's population for Census 2016.

As part of an overall agreed methodology with the CSO, and in compliance with all data protection requirements, four distinct processes were put in place by DRHE to ensure all persons experiencing homelessness are included in Census 2016 and in order to ensure data is available for the production of a special report on homelessness by the CSO as part of its forthcoming Census 2016 publications.

1. **Individuals in Emergency Accommodation which is used exclusively by homeless persons:** in these services, Census 2016 household forms were distributed to all persons accommodated on the night of the Census. To ensure that the CSO correctly identified these returns as being from persons and households experiencing homelessness on the night of April 24<sup>th</sup>, the address and relevant details of emergency accommodation services in the Dublin region were confirmed in advance by the DRHE.
2. **Families in Hotels:** in agreement with CSO Census Division, three CSO personnel working as census enumerators were contracted by the DRHE to distribute and collect household forms from all families residing in commercial hotels in Dublin in lieu of access to an alternative form of emergency accommodation. These household forms are coded as being distributed by the CSO census enumerators working with the DRHE and this ensures they are differentiated from the census forms submitted on behalf of other guests residents in the hotel on census night (April 24th)
3. **Individuals rough sleeping in Dublin on Census night:** The spring Rough Sleeping Count was conducted on Census night 2016 and its findings related to age, gender and nationality will be included in the Census report.
4. **Merchants Quay Night Cafe Service:** Details relating to how many adult individuals used this service on census night are also provided to the CSO with details relating to age, gender and nationality.

Note: for data protection reasons the names of individuals discovered sleeping rough or using the Merchants Quay Night Cafe service are not provided to CSO.

### **Q.49 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC give a date for start and works complete on the projects at **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.50 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when new fire-fighters will complete their training and when will the personal be posted to stations in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The new Fire-fighter Recruits completed their training and had their passing out on the 27th April 2016. The new Recruits will take up duty in their stations on the 9th May 2016.

The next new class of recruits will commence their training in June 2016.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress is being made regards the bedsit units to be refurbished to larger units at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain in detail how modular housing units which should cost €100k per unit (to anyone with a modicum of knowledge of private sector) ended up costing €240k per unit, whether the Chief Executive would agree this is one of the biggest failures in public administration of the past 25 years and what steps he proposes to take to rectify this situation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It would be inappropriate to make any comment on the issue of costs at this juncture, as we are currently involved in the final account negotiations with the Contractor. Doing so would be prejudicial to the interests of both parties.

Recent media coverage was misleading in relation to the financial detail of the tender process. The City Council had confirmed that the information was strictly confidential and commercially sensitive to both the City Council and the Contractor until the final accounts and negotiations were complete; however this was not reported on.

The detail of the final accounts will be made available once the process is complete.

**Q.53 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.54 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.55 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.56 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.57 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to list the members of the Active Land Management Group and to indicate their terms of reference and work to date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report on Active Land Management is on the agenda for this month's council meeting.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive what properties have been compulsorily acquired under the Derelict Sites Act in recent years and to make a statement on his plans to make greater use of the Derelicts Sites Act.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below is a list of sites which have been acquired/vested under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since 2003.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Vested</b>	<b>Area</b>
Dingle Road, 121, D.7.	06/02/2003	C
Clanbrassil Street, 52, D8	18/03/2003	SC
South Richmond Street, 1/2, D2	11/04/2003	SE
Parnell Square West, 50, D.1	02/05/2003	C
Dominick Street Upper, 14. D.7.	02/01/2004	C
Reuben Avenue, 33, D.8.	20/05/2004	SC
Arbour Hill, 58A, D. 7	13/07/2005	C
Newcomen Court, 23, North Strand, D.3.	13/07/2005	C
Coke Ovens Cottages, 2, Liffey Junction, Royal Canal Way, D.11	28/08/2009	C

In order to acquire a derelict site compulsorily a local authority must ensure that the site meets the criteria of a derelict site and serve notice on every owner, lessee and occupier (except a tenant of one month or less). Consent of An Bord Pleanála is

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required if there are any objections. Compulsory acquisition powers under the Derelict Sites Act have only ever been used by the City Council as a last resort and in recent years have not been used due to a combination of lack of funding, the economic downturn, ownership difficulties etc.

Greater use of powers under the Derelict Sites Act are now being considered as part of the Active Land Initiative.

### **Q.61 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the floor areas of the Rapid Build housing in Poppintree (or elsewhere in the city) are in compliance with the minimum floor area for housing units and to make a statement on the matter.

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

Dublin City Council are constructing 153 Rapid Build Homes at the following locations

- Poppintree, Ballymun. - 22 modular homes
- Mourne Rd, Crumlin. – 29 modular homes
- Belcamp site H, Belcamp Avenue. – 38 modular homes
- St.Helenas Drive, Finglas. – 40 modular homes
- Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermott. - 24 modular homes

In the current City Development Plan (2011 - 17), the residential standards refer to all residential development for the purposes of floor areas; i.e. both houses and apartments (p254).

The Development Plan also states that, in relation to houses only, the Council will have regard to the DOEHLG Best Practice Guidelines 2007. These state at page 49 that the guideline standard for a typical 3 bed, 2 storey house should be 92 sqm, which is the size of the rapid build houses at Ballymun.

The Draft City Development Plan (2016 - 2022) transposes the essence of the new Ministerial Apartment Standards, (which for 3 bed units is a 90 sqm (min)). In relation to houses, the Draft City Development Plan re- includes the DOE 2007 Guidelines i.e. 92 sqm for 3 bed houses.

All 153 houses are in compliance with the minimum floor area required for 2 and 3 bedroom social housing.

### **Q.62 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on his reasons for turning down significant numbers of the dwellings offered for disposal to the City Council by NAMA and to make a statement on the matter.

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

There has been much misleading comment on NAMA units turned down by the City Council. Nearly 59% of available NAMA units in Dublin City were taken for social housing. 828 apartments were initially identified by NAMA since 2012 as potential units for social housing. NAMA subsequently withdrew or sold elsewhere 190 of these units. Of the 638 available units Dublin City Council confirmed demand for 400 units. 377 of these units are now purchased or leased for social housing and are tenanted. The remaining 13 units, for which demand was confirmed are now unlikely



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to complete for various reasons including in some cases the high acquisition and ongoing costs

NAMA identified	Available Nama Units (excluding sold/withdrawn)	Not Suitable	Demand confirmed	Completed
828	638	238	400	377

238 apartments in 5 developments were assessed as not suitable either because of the condition of the building or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development. This amounted to 1 in 3 of available units

Reason	No of Units
Poor condition & structural issues	38 units (2 developments)
Extent of existing social housing in immediate environ	200 units (3 developments).
Total	238

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive supply a full report with regards the recent San Jose Sister City Summit? This report to include all costings and expenditure to date. Including cost of hiring Croke Park Conference facility, PR and conference management. Also, a list of individuals, companies who participated in the weeklong event.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The information requested regarding the recent San Jose Sister City Summit is currently being collated and be forwarded to all Councillors.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive supply a full report as to how many of DCC's social housing units, bedsits, flats or apartments are in use as Caretaker offices, estate management administrative offices, or any other use other than tenant occupied within the entire Dublin administrative area.

Dublin City Council employ 127 caretakers to service the 195 flat complexes which contain 13,218 individual flats. The caretakers operate from 45 Estate Services Offices which incorporate storage and toilet facilities required under Welfare at Work legislation. 41 of these offices (one room with toilet facilities similar to existing studios) were purpose built caretaker facilities/and or rent offices and have been in constant use as welfare/office purposes since the complexes were originally built. 4 of these offices were previously part of the core housing stock and have been re-adapted for use as office/welfare facilities in situations where they were deemed no longer suitable for habitation (prone to flooding, anti-social behaviour, etc).

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<b>South Central Area</b>	
<b>Name of Complex/ Street</b>	<b>Estate Office/Community Letting</b>
Clonmacnoise Court	Community Letting
213 Dolphin House	Estate Office
227 Dolphin House	Community Letting
383 Dolphin House	Community Letting
37 Tyrone Place	Community Letting
64 Tyrone Place	Community Letting
72 Tyrone Place	Community Letting
1 Bernard Curtis House	Community Letting
310 Dolphin House	Community Letting
311 Dolphin House	Community Letting
St Teresa's Gardens	Flat for use by Caretakers on a temporary basis awaiting demolition.
6 Michael Mallin	Community Letting
22 & 23 School Street	Community Letting
26 & 27 Basin Street	Community Letting
86 Braithwaite Street	Community Letting
13 & 14 Marrowbone Lane	Purpose built Community Room
Timberyard	Purpose built Community Room

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive as a matter of urgency, instruct the DCC conservation officers to visit the former Magdalene Laundry site, now up for sale at Donnybrook Crescent, with the view to ascertaining the architectural merit of the interior of parts of the building and also to investigate the possibility of issuing an order of protective structure on what remains of the granite staircase and laundry rooms themselves.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chimney at the Donnybrook Laundry, St. Mary's Convent, The Crescent, Donnybrook, was added to the Record of Protected Structures on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Within the vicinity, it is noted that the Convent Chapel at St. Mary's Convent, Brookvale Road, Donnybrook, was added to the RPS on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

A conservation consultant is being sought to carry out an assessment of the structures at the former Magdalene Laundry site and to advise on their special interest having regard to the provisions of Section 54 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to the additions to the Record of Protected Structures

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report and update on the ongoing negotiations that are taking place with Dublin Fire brigade and Ambulance services. This report also to include, what proposals are being discussed and if any of those proposals are in relation to the closure of Fire stations or the amalgamations of Fire and Ambulance stations within Dublin city council administrative area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no proposals for the closure or amalgamation of Fire and Ambulance stations in Dublin.

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Following the report of the Health Information and Quality Agency (HIQA) in December 2015 senior management in the three Dublin Local Authorities and in the HSE proposed that the current call taking and dispatching at Dublin Fire Brigade Headquarters in Tara Street for the Ambulance Service should migrate to the National Ambulance Control Centre in Tallaght which services the rest of the country.

Discussions and negotiations with the relevant Trade Unions are ongoing on this issue.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN**

Will the Chief Executive outline the following information, in tabular form, in respect of all unpaid Part V Agreements of planning permissions granted since 1st January 2011:

- a. The location of each development.
- b. The planning reference number in each case.
- c. The amount of the financial contribution in each case.
- d. The due date for payment of the financial contribution in each case.
- e. The amount of the financial contribution paid in each case.
- f. The amount of the financial contribution, if any, that remains outstanding in each case.
- g. The number of units foregone in each of these cases.

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### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Location	Planning Reference	Amount of FC	Payment due date	Amount paid	Amount outstanding	No. of units	Comments
59-60 Clontarf Road	2253/16	€37,000	2016	€35,000	€2,000	2	Await grant of PP
47-53 Orwell Road	2669/11 4005/15 2250/15 2195/16	€300,000.00	2016	€241,900.00	€58,100	6	Await grant of PP

### **Q.72 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN**

Will the Chief Executive outline the number of Part V homes received since 1st January 2011 with a breakdown by year and by area committee boundaries.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

#### Breakdown is as follows:

Year	No. of Units	Address	Electoral Area
2011	0	-	-
2012	0	-	-
2013	25 units	Heuston South Quarter, P2 & 3, Dublin 8	South Central
2014	36 units	Thomas Davies Street, Inchicore, Dublin 8	South Central
2015	0	-	-
2016	0	-	=

### **Q.73 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.74 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.75 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive the following,

- A. What are the several box-like contraptions and what appear to be miniature CCTV cameras on the granite blocks of the Parnell monument on O'Connell Street;
- B. Who is responsible for their installation; and

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C. Why have they been installed?

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

- A. Having examined the area mentioned, it is assumed that what the Councillor references are the temporary traffic light arrangements for construction works on Luas Cross City. Typically traffic lights have Loop detectors cut into the road that send a signal to traffic control so as to inform the most efficient use of the junction. As the road has been excavated here and at many other junctions for the works a vehicle camera detection system has been placed either on the traffic light poles or separately adjacent to them. These are in effect miniature CCTV cameras but the feed only goes to the traffic controller, i.e. no pictures. Another system is radar boxes and these also look effectively like small cameras, these have also been used in the city.
- B. Contractors working to Transport Infrastructure Ireland are responsible for their installation.
- C. To allow the junction to function.

### **Q.76 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

Following complaints in respect of the grant of planning permission for Exo building, Point Village, can the Chief Executive clarify, in circumstances where planning permissions granted within an SDZ are not subject to an appeal to An Bord Pleanala, what recourse is available to those who are dissatisfied with the grant of planning permission granted for any structure within an SDZ?

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

Part IX of the Planning and Development Act 2000 introduced Strategic Development Zones (SDZs), to facilitate development deemed to be of economic or social importance to the State. The Government designated the North Lotts and Grand Canal area as a SDZ in December 2012 and a Planning Scheme was then prepared in consultation with the local community and stakeholders. This scheme was approved by the City Council on 5th November 2013 and upheld on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on 16th May 2014.

The SDZ Planning Scheme, by virtue of Section 169 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2013 forms part of the City Development Plan, and any contrary provisions in the Development Plan are superseded. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000;

- The Planning Authority shall grant permission where it is satisfied that the proposed development is consistent with the approved SDZ Planning Scheme, and shall refuse planning permission for any development which would not be consistent with the SDZ Planning Scheme.
- While any party may make a submission/observation in respect of any planning application within a period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application, there is no right of appeal to An Bord Pleanala against a decision of a planning authority on an application for planning permission in an SDZ once the proposal is deemed to be consistent with the Scheme.

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There is no other recourse available to those who are dissatisfied with the grant of planning permission. In this particular instance, the Planning Authority carefully assessed the application for the EXO building and deemed it to be consistent with the provisions of the SDZ, including the specific objectives pertaining to City Block 10 and Section 4.14 regarding Building Quality and Sustainable Design. Therefore, the application for development of the EXO building was approved

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the several very substantial and extremely dangerous potholes at the Seaview Terrace end of Nutley Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This has been added to Road Maintenance Services' Works List.

**Q.78 AN TARDMHÉARA CRIONA NI DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the following can be considered for **(Details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.79 AN TARDMHEARA CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive Unfinished developments on 21, 27 and 29 Richmond Road Dublin 3, which the backs onto Inverness Road. The back wall of the building is unstable and is posing a danger to the public. Can the same be examined, rectified and made safe.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Further to an Inspection at Inverness Road laneway boundary wall to the site known as 21-29 Richmond Avenue, as of 12/02/2016, by Dangerous Building Inspector please see comment below:-

'I have inspected the above structure/place and in my opinion it is a Dangerous Structure within the meaning of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 (as amended).

Boundary wall to abandoned building site. Partial collapse at base of approximately 1m x 1m.

DB proceeded to have , rubble and debris removed, & the collapsed section of wall rebuilt to provide support to the remaining wall. '

DB.1 Notices, were subsequently sent to G Beades (advised owner) as of 22.03.2016, at two known addresses in Dublin 3 & Lisburn, Co Antrim.

Note: DB continue to periodically monitor this site as is our remit under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964,& in the interest of public safety.

However it is the responsibility of the owner to maintain a safe & secure premises.

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### **Q.81 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O' MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive Derelict site on 31 Main St Raheny Dublin 5. Can the appearance of same be enhanced as it is an eyesore to the residents living opposite and the wider community? If DCC cannot facilitate this can permission be given to Raheny Tidy Village Committee to improve the visual aspect of the site

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

This site was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Despite the demolition of an unfinished structure, the site remains entered on the Register as it is still considered to be in an unsightly condition. The site is not in the ownership of the Council so we are not in a position to give permission to the Raheny Tidy Village Committee to carry out works.

### **Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the parking bay outside the new chemist and new doctors surgery "The avenue" on Collins Ave East, can one or two parking spots be allocated as " wheelchair accessible parking spots. "

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

The request for disabled parking bays at this location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

### **Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the row of shops 181 Howth Road D3, barrier poles were in place to prevent parking , they have been removed and the stubs remain in the ground , people are tripping on these , they pose a risk , can they be removed or fully replaced , whichever is deemed appropriate.

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

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. The broken barriers will be removed from this location in the coming 4-6 weeks.

### **Q.84 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the official width of the carriageway of Shrewsbury Park, Dublin 4.

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

Road Maintenance Services' 'Road Register' contains measurements for road lengths only. Therefore, information relating to road widths is not readily available.

### **Q.85 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can the Chief Executive please have the whole area of Claddagh Green Shopping district of Ballyfermot reviewed with an objective of coming up with a traffic plan for the area it is next to impossible to stop and shop here with some retail staff taking up the few spots for the whole day a limit of 1 hour parking here would help & the designation of a few additional spaces for parking in the immediate vicinity would help. I would welcome an on-site meeting here to discuss same.

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

The A/Parking Enforcement Officer, Parking Policy and Enforcement Section, has advised that the introduction of parking controls at this location would only be considered if supported by the majority of the businesses affected. If the majority are in favour, Pay and Display Parking can be introduced with a maximum 1 hour stay.

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However, free parking for a maximum of 1 hour would need full time enforcement staff on site. The City Council does not have the resources to provide full time enforcement at this location.

### **Q.86 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can the Chief Executive please ensure residents from the housing estate adjoining & facing / opposite Lady's Lane in Kilmainham are spoken to in relation to the ongoing difficulties with Greyhound & the proposal to end waste bag collection as per Dept of the Environment & local government directive. Residents here like many other areas cannot get bins as they have nowhere to store same. We must ensure dialogue to sort out this issue.

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

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local government has issued new regulations for the collection of kerbside household waste which will come into effect on the 1st July 2016. The purpose of these regulations is to introduce Pay by Weight for kerbside household waste collected in reusable receptacles (bins).

The Department has also indicated that there will be provision for local authorities to designate areas that meet specific criteria as being unsuitable for wheeled bin collections of household kerbside waste and thereby as being only suitable for the collection of waste in non-reusable receptacles such as bags. The criteria issued from the DOECLG to Local Authorities on 3rd May 2016.

The Council has examined existing bag collection routes in its functional area and will now commence the process of applying the criteria to designate the areas in the city which will continue to be bag collection areas post 1st July 2016. This will allow householders on these designated streets to continue presenting their waste in bags.

### **Q.87 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can I be updated on the legal covenant requested by the Sisters of Charity / Mercy in relation to the permitted builds on their former Convent Site on Mourne Road / Cooley Road Drimnagh Dublin 12. Residents are adamant only older persons units can be built there. Can I have a copy of the covenant & any other information we have on the issue.

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

Councillor Jackson can view the legal covenant which is held in the Law Department by contacting Sean Casey on extension 3242 during office hours. It will not be possible to issue a copy on the document.

### **Q.88 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can i be given an update on the ongoing water metering bill issues seriously affecting the financial stability of **(details supplied?)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.89 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has received details regarding the Environment, Community and Local Government regarding the new Taking in Charge Policies, whether he is yet aware of the criteria that must be met before a local authority can have an estate included in the scheme; if he has considered the proposals that might be submitted on behalf of Dublin City Council and if he will make a statement on the matter



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

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government recently announced the National Taking in Charge Initiative for Residential Estates (NTICI) which aims to support local authorities in a programme for taking in charge estates . Dublin City Council is seeking clarification from the Department regarding how it can access the initiative.

### **Q.90 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive what type of weed spray is currently used in the City and whether there has been any consideration made to move to a more environmentally friendly type of weed spray in light of the new Biodiversity action plan.

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

Dublin City Council uses a range of weed sprays in a number of different situations, including glyphosphate-based products.

As part of Action 9 of the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan, Dublin City Council are seeking to eliminate, reduce, or replace the use of weed sprays, and are currently identifying trial sites within the City.

In the 'Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2015-2020' the following is stated:  
'The use of herbicides and pesticides by Dublin City Council will be examined, with a view to minimising, and where possible, eliminating their use'.

Dublin City Council has a Single Party Framework Agreement for a Service Provider for the Control of Weeds on Roads in Dublin City Council 2015-2018. In this tender it is stated that 'Total Weed Control is required along the back of footway, along the channel line on the roadway (including all medians), around trees and street furniture in the footway and all traffic islands which pedestrians use"

In 2015 the Road Maintenance Division's contractor undertook two weed spraying applications over the 1,131km length (and laneways) of public road using a total of 880l of approved herbicide. The system used was the most efficient, effective, practical and economical way of treating weeds on footways and roadways and the amount of herbicide used was less than the recommended usage while also providing an effective treatment.

Dublin City Council contractor uses the following approach to reduce the amount of herbicide used:

1. Look into alternative methods
2. Use of Air inducted Nozzles
3. All staff are trained to only treat weeds not spray bare ground
4. All staff are trained and "Don't spray over Gully covers"
5. Only spray in suitable weather conditions to prevent run-off.
6. Understand and Calibrate the Herbicide correctly
7. In – House Technical adviser
8. Trained Staff
9. Correct calibrated equipment

In 2016 Road Maintenance will trial a new product approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine over a 66km length of road representing just over 5.5% of the total road network. This new product can be used in what is generally considered to be a more environmentally friendly way of applying herbicide. Road Maintenance will monitor the performance of this product in the trial.

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### **Q.91 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his position on the potential development on the old graving docks in Grand Canal Dock, whether he will consider submitting the graving docks to the Record of Protected Structures as a means of preserving them, and if he will make a statement on the matter

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

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) are currently undertaking a comprehensive survey of Dublin City, with a view to making recommendations regarding buildings and other structures to be formally considered by the City Council for addition to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) in due course. It is considered both prudent and good practice to await any recommendation regarding these structures.

A programme of assessment of requested candidate additions (or deletions) to the RPS is intended to get underway in 2017, in association with:

- the consideration of recommendations for additions to the RPS published by the NIAH), and
- the sequential surveying of 10 priority areas to be considered for potential designation as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) in the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

The nature and extent of proposed development for this unique triangular site at the confluence of the Grand Canal Dock and River Dodder is detailed in the specific objectives for City Block 19 of the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Planning Scheme 2014.

NAMA and Waterways Ireland are the respective owners of the site and as per the planning scheme the feasibility of re-opening one of the in-filled graving docks must be included in any development proposals. The agreed use mix for the site is to be 40% residential, 30% commercial and 30% recreational or cultural.

### **Q.92 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Dublin City bike parking audit that took place last year, if he can outline the recommendations that arose from that audit and when we might see an increase in bike parking facilities in the City.

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

The City Centre High Density Cycle Parking Strategy and Location Reports were finalised and presented to the Transportation SPC in November 2015.

Chapter 11 of the Strategy Report outlined over thirty short, medium and long term recommendations. These will be issued directly to the Councillor. A copy of the complete Strategy and Locations Report can be forwarded to the Councillor on request.

The Traffic Planning section is in the process of tendering for the installation of a new batch of on-street cycle parking which should be installed over the next 2 months (approximately 85 stands). It is hoped to install a further batch later in the year.

The Traffic Planning section is also about to begin a Part 8 process for the redevelopment of the cycle parking in Drury Street with a view to increasing the current provision from approximately 200 stands to 360 stands.

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**Q.93 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask Chief Executive to support the following **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**  
Question withdrawn as Councillor elected to Seanad Éireann.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**  
Question withdrawn as Councillor elected to Seanad Éireann

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

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### **Q.103 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if the following issues could be dealt with in relation to Inchicore Village and its environs. Unfortunately it is in poor condition which is a scandal considering the historical role it played in the 1916 rising.

To remove a large display of graffiti in red was applied on a big wall opposite Tramyard in early February (Spa Road). Despite repeated calls by the Tramyard management agent and others nothing has been done.

Remove additional graffiti on a wall at the top of spa road and across iron window grids over a ground floor apartment in Berryscourt. I assume this in a DCC apartment in a private complex considering the grids. The grids and the graffiti makes the place look like a ghetto.

Install an additional rubbish bin on Spa Road.

Install a bin on Thomas Davis Street and give the street a thorough cleaning.

Unfortunately Inchicore as an urban village is not being maintained to the standard it should be and after receiving numerous complaints from many different residents I asked them to provide me with bullet points of things that need to be done. I hope that action can be taken by all DCC departments to ensure Inchicore is a clean and vibrant village going forward.

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

Our Area Inspector is of the opinion that it isn't necessary at this time to have an additional litterbin installed on Spa Road. However he will monitor litter levels on this road and keep the matter under review.

Waste Management Services had a litterbin removed from Thomas Davis Street as it was being constantly abused with domestic waste being dumped in and around the bin. In fact it was contributing to the litter problem in the area and for this reason we won't be installing a litter bin there. We had this street thoroughly cleaned on the 27th April 2016.

The large red graffiti on Spa Rd was removed by Waste Services Division following receipt of two reports. The graffiti was located on private property and did not fall into the political, racist or offensive category - as such it was a lower priority than material located on main roads or arterial routes.

The graffiti located on the Berryscourt Apartment shutters is again located on a private property and does not fall into the political, racist or offensive category- as such it is a lower priority than material located on main roads or arterial routes. It should also be noted that the responsibility for removal of graffiti from private buildings lies with the building owner.

Public Domain Unit have just completed deep cleaning of footpaths in Inchicore Village and also arranged removal of stickers from street furniture, repainting where needed etc in advance of the various 1916 Commemorations in the Kilmainham/Inchicore area.

Location of litter bins and street cleaning in the area is managed by Waste Services Division.

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

Can the Chief Executive provide the following details in relation to litter fines?

- a) How many litter fines have been issued per month in each local area in Dublin for the last 3 years?
- b) How many of these fines have been paid?
- c) How many of these fines have been appealed?
- d) How many prosecutions have been initiated?
- e) How many convictions have taken place?
- f) How many fines have not proceeded to court and why are these fines not proceeding to court?
- g) How many fines have only been part paid in the last 3 years?
- h) How does DCC collect fines paid through the court services?

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

The information requested is currently being compiled and a response will be forwarded directly to the Councillor once completed.

### **Q.105 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to political posters displayed after the statutory date for removal can the Chief Executive provide details to the following questions? No individual should be identified.

- a) How many individuals were issued fines for political posters since January 2016, detailing how many fines were issued to each individual per month and detailing the areas were the fines were issued to each individual per month?
- b) How many General Election 2016 candidates were issued fines for posters, detailing how many fines were issued to each candidate per month and detailing the areas were the fines were issued to each candidate per month?

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

(a) A total of 93 litter fines were issued in relation to political posters since January 2016 as follows:

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
<b>Individual A</b>						
January	1	0	0	0	0	1
February	23	0	0	0	0	23
March	1	0	0	0	0	1
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Individual B</b>						
January	0	0	7	0	0	7
February	1	0	1	0	0	2

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	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Individual C</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	12	0	0	0	0	12
March	2	0	0	0	0	2
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Individual D</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	4	0	0	0	0	4
March	5	0	1	0	0	6
April	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Individual E</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	19	0	1	0	0	20
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Individual F</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	2	0	0	0	0	2
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Individual G</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	2	0	0	0	1	3
April	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Individual H</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	2	0	0	0	0	2
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Individual I</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	2	0	0	0	0	2

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	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Individual J</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	1	0	0	1
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Individual K</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	1	0	0	0	0	1
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Individual L</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	1	1
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Individual M</b>						
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	1	0	0	0	0	1
April	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

(b) A total of 93 litter fines were issued in relation to General Election posters since January 2016 as follows:

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
January	1	0	7	0		8
February	40	0	2	0		42
March	37	0	2	0	2	41
April	1	0	1	0		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>93</b>

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to dog fouling can the Chief Executive provide details to the following questions?

a) The number of fines that were issued per month, per area during 2015 for dog fouling?

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- b) The number of fines that were issued per month, per area, during 2016 for dog fouling?
- c) The locations where these fines were issued.
- d) How much did the 2015 Dog fouling initiative cost and can the manager confirm that this initiative was value for money.
- e) How many staff in DCC can issue fines under the litter pollution/waste management legislation and what are their grades?

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

The South Central area carried out a pilot anti-dog fouling enforcement campaign in August 2015 to October 2015.

- (a) 17 litter fines were issued in August 2015, 5 litter fines were issued in Sept 2016 and 4 litter fines were issued in October 2015, totalling 26 litter fines issued in respect of dog fouling in the South Central Area. No litter fines were issued regarding dog fouling in other areas in 2015.
- (b) No litter fines have been issued in respect of dog fouling to date.
- (c) The litter fines were issued in the South Central Area in the following districts: Goldenbridge Terrace, Canal path opposite DCC depot, Walkinstown Avenue, Stannaway Park, Bunting Road, Landsdowne Valley Park, Windmill Road, Clonmacnoise Road and Dolphin Road.
- (d) The cost of the initiative was €12,000 and it is considered to be value for money as it yielded impressive results. 26 fines were issued to dog owners over an 80 hour period. Based on the success of the initiative in the South Central Area, arrangements are being made to extend the initiative citywide.
- (e) A total of 16 Litter Wardens, 5 Public Domain Enforcement Officers, 5 Environmental Liaison Officers, 7 Clerical Staff, 30 Supervisors and 8 Inspectors are authorised to issue litter fines under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009.

### **Q.107 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

In relation to the Priory Hall refurbishment can the Chief Executive provide details to the following questions?

- a) What has been the cost of the refurbishment to Dublin City Council to date?
- b) What is the estimated final cost of the refurbishment?
- c) What other costs have been accrued by DCC since the closure of the complex?
- d) Will this money be reimbursed by central Government?
- e) What would be the estimated cost of a demolition and rebuild?

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

- a) & b)



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DCC are currently engaged in the finalisation of works and costs associated with the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of refurbishments and we have commenced the tender process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. Accordingly we are not in a position to provide financial information relating to this project as such information is commercially sensitive.

- c) The main additional costs incurred in this project are principally security costs since the premises were first vacated, the cost of acquiring privately owned properties in the development and costs associated with the relocation of the former residents of Priory Hall.
- d) Dublin City Council is carrying out the refurbishment works in Priory Hall in line with the Priory Hall Resolution Framework Agreement agreed by all parties and approved by Government. All expenditure on the refurbishment is being recouped from the Department of Environment Community and Local Government.
- e) Dublin City Council is carrying out the refurbishment works in Priory Hall in accordance with the Priory Hall Framework Agreement which is overseen by the Priory Hall Framework Agreement Implementation Group comprising representatives of all parties to the Agreement.. In general the cost of demolition and rebuild would be significantly in excess of refurbishment costs.

### **Q.108 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.109 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair of **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.110 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the closure of the Brú Aimsir emergency accommodation in the City.

Can the Chief Executive explain who in their right mind would think to close emergency accommodation when we are in the midst of a Homeless/Housing Crisis?

Can the Chief Executive say who the owner of the building is and what plans are in place for the utilisation of the building when it closes?

Will this building lie empty for years having turfed its inhabitants onto the streets?

What contingency plan is in place for the people living here at present?

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

Brú Aimsir was established as an emergency homeless hostel facility for the Winter period as part of the annual Cold Weather Initiative. Dublin City Council is grateful to the Board of the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA) and to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources for their facilitation of our request for temporary use of the premises.

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It is noted that the City Council entered into a temporary lease arrangement with the DHDA, with the specific purpose to have additional capacity over the winter period as a humanitarian response to the major challenge of rough sleeping. In that regard, it was never intended that Brú Aimsir would be a permanent facility.

Its use has been extended until end May because of the cold weather. It will close on 31 May 2016. All Cold Weather Initiative beds will have been withdrawn at that stage.

It is noted that the DRHE work tirelessly on a daily basis to source emergency capacity and will continue to do so in what is an extremely challenging situation.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask Chief Executive to support the following **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask Chief Executive to support the following **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask Chief Executive to support the following **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

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### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.119 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

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

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.120 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Manager provide me with a report outlining the organisation in Ballymun which benefit from the Social Regeneration Budget from the OE and outline the Council's plans to ensure services continue beyond current commitments?

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below is a list of the Social Regeneration allocations for 2016. Dublin City Council is committed to assisting the groups in seeking alternative funding post 2017 when this funding is due to finish, but there is no guarantee that this will be achieved.

Ballymun Community Law Centre	100,000
BRYTE	81,000
DCU in the Community	151,381
De Paul Ireland	101,000
Ballymun Alcohol Community Outreach Ltd	120,000
Ballymun Regional Youth Resource	27,600
Global Action Plan	150,000
Sports Across Ireland	22,500
Axis Centre Ballymun	450,000
Rediscovery Centre Ballymun	185,000
Dublin County Board	20,000
Sports Internal Programme	9,000
Internal Budget	10,000
DIT Music Programme	37,500
Safer Ballymun	10,000
Innovate Dublin	30,000

### **Q.121 AN TARDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

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

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.122 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Road Maintenance Section to carry out an inspection of the pathways and roadway at **(Details Supplied?)**

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### **Q.123 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Section to carry out all necessary works to finally resolve the problem with rats in the walls and roof of the extension in our tenants home (**details supplied**) Previous works to solve this problem have been unsuccessful.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.124 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Section to build an extension for our tenants (**details supplied**) in order to alleviate overcrowding in this two bed roomed house.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.125 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive that our Waste Enforcement section provide this Councillor with a report, for each year 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date, of the number of reports of illegal dumping (either by members of the public or DCC services) that have been made to / recorded by the Council, broken down by the various areas in the city and to include a report on the outcome of said report.

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

The schedule below sets out the number of reports of illegal waste activity that have been made to Waste Enforcement Section, broken down by Area Committee.

There is a distinction between illegal dumping and fly tipping that is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts. The Waste Enforcement Section carries out investigations where an address, vehicle registration or other identifying information can be used to pursue individuals involved in illegal waste activity. In many cases waste is being stored and/or accumulated without appropriate permits.

Following Investigation, warning notices may be served (under the Waste Management Act) on the individual to carry out appropriate disposal of the waste. In the event that matters are not resolved satisfactorily following service of a warning notice, proceedings may be initiated to compel the person to rectify matters.

In most instances, the problem is resolved without the requirement to initiate full legal proceedings and relatively few cases progress to this stage.

	2013	2014	2015	2016 (to date)
CENTRAL AREA	13	13	15	7
NORTH CENTRAL AREA	40	30	36	11
NORTH WEST AREA	74	72	52	19
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	73	73	66	21
SOUTH EAST AREA	24	12	24	5

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UNKNOWN			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>64</b>

### **Q.126 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask our Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a fully itemised list (to include map) of any vacant council owned land in the Dublin City area to include and specify all sizes and to include land upon which there are derelict buildings.

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

A list of vacant Council owned land in the Dublin City Area is being prepared and will be supplied directly to the Councillor with 2 weeks.

### **Q.127 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive that our Housing Maintenance Manager to provide this Councillor with a report, for each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date of:

1. the number of reports and number of inspections related to damp in Dolphin House flat complex Dublin 8
2. the action outcome of each of those inspections
3. monies spent addressing damp related issues

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

The following details apply:

1. There are in total 70 requests logged on our computer system from tenants in this complex to have inspections carried out in relation to possible dampness in their dwellings as follows:

2013 - 6  
2014 - 31  
2015 - 19  
2016 - 14

It should be noted that 97% of maintenance requests to Dublin City Council which refer to "dampness" are eventually identified as being due to condensation. Therefore on average the outcome of investigations into 3 of the above cases would result in actual dampness.

2. In all cases when a maintenance request is logged from tenants in which they refer to "dampness" or "mould growth" an inspection is carried out of the area in question by an inspector/foreman to determine if the damage is caused by a leak, flooding from above or condensation. This inspection includes a protometer (sometimes referred to as a "dampmeter") check of the area along with a measure of the ambient water vapour in the room. If the inspector/foreman deems a further inspection necessary then our Housing Maintenance Engineer will inspect. The tenant is informed of the outcome of the inspection(s).  
If the readings indicate dampness (water ingress through leaks, flooding, etc) then the foreman can take other standard remedial action as appropriate and arrange to repair any leak and to have the affected area remediated.

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Dealing with issues of condensation is the responsibility of the tenant, however If the readings indicate that the mould/damage is as a result of condensation then the inspector will check if there are vents already installed and if they are operating properly (i.e. not covered up or blocked in such a way as to reduce air movement and ventilation).

If there are no vents or an extra vent is deemed necessary, then the inspector will offer the tenant the option of the installation of a passive vent in the affected wall (or nearest point to an external wall).

The inspector will also check the condition of the windows and assess if they are in working order, capable of being opened, vents operational, etc.

Other issues which might add to condensation (presence of washing/drying machines, etc) will also be noted.

The inspector will also offer the tenant an info leaflet on methods of mitigating condensation and other advice.

3. The cost of remedial works to repair areas of dwellings affected by dampness varies depending on the size of the area involved and the extent of works required, roof repairs, damp-proofing, plastering, painting etc. This cost can range between €1,000 to €5,000 for any individual dwelling.

### **Q.128 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for relevant officials to provide this Councillor with a report outlining the procedures undertaken by Dublin City Council to ensure our services are compliant with disability standards and regulations, the procedures for consulting with the National Disability Authority and contact details for DCC representatives charged with liaising with the NDA in this regard.

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

Dublin City Council (DCC) is committed to the principles of the Barcelona Declaration, which was signed by the Lord Mayor in 1999. This Declaration leads to the appointment of a permanent City Access Officer. DCC is also committed to The Disability Act 2005 which requires Councils to upgrade their buildings, roads and parks, as far as practicable.

DCC aim is to have all the public realm fully accessible and Access Audits were carried out to all the DCC streets/parks/buildings approx. 2008/2009. The intention was a phased upgrading of all these facilities etc., funding permitting. However, due to the very challenging economic conditions and austerity measures introduced, there has been a complete withdrawal of Disability funding by the Dept. of the Environment Community and Local Government for the last four years. In addition Planning Development levies, which were also supposed to help fund disability works also virtually disappeared due to an almost complete cessation of construction.

Notwithstanding the major funding issues, considerable improvements have been made to some public buildings and in particular to some libraries, as these were prioritised for upgrading due to their high footfall. Improvements have taken place to the Civic Offices, Wood Quay with additions of accessible counters, hearing loops, signage, way finding and an accessible WC. City Hall is accessible via the Lower Ground floor Museum and has lift and disabled WC facilities. Improved access to Rotunda level has been proposed, subject to funding becoming available.

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DCC endeavours to design and build all new works to Universal Design Principles. It is policy and can be seen in the Disability Implementation Plan which is on the corporate website [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie). Many new roads and road crossings etc. have been added in recent years, particularly in the City Centre area and all carried out to the latest accessibility standards. Some parks and their facilities have also been upgraded with improved accessibility features. Disability provision is continuing to be mainstreamed in the various Departments.

Consultation with Disability groups has taken place on an ongoing basis through the Disability Focus Group. With the Community Forum being replaced by Public Participation Network (PPN) this Group has ceased but has continued as a Disability Consultative Group with consultation meetings organised, when necessary. This is now the consultation Group for the Grafton St Quarter project, the new proposed Central Library in Parnell Sq. and the proposed College Green Development. Continuous dialogue is also maintained with the National Disability Authority on all Major Projects.

The new Way finding signage around the city had extensive consultation and an outcome was the production of both a Smart-phone App and a low tech audio alternative for people who are blind or suffer from a visual impairment. The colours, fonts and details of the map panels were also agreed after consultation.

Within the Council there is a Disability Steering Group which is facilitated by the Access Officer and which includes representatives from the various Departments.

The Housing Dept have recently launched the Dublin City Council Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability and this also had representation from the various stakeholder groups, on both the Steering Committee and the Working Group. In addition DCC has approved all eligible applications for housing adaptation Grants both in private homes and in Council owned flats.

DCC can only effect change to its own stock of buildings.

DCC continues to encourage the private sector to make their premises and their approaches more accessible but responsibility for such premises, including many tourist attractions rests with the owners. If new works are being carried out to buildings they should be in accordance with the latest Building Regulation Part M 2010 Access and Use. Compliance with Building Regulations and decisions on Disability Access Certificate Applications (if required) are a matter for the Building Control Division, Dublin City Council. Accessibility can be particularly challenging in existing historic listed buildings and Building Regulations take cognisance of this fact.

DCC makes every effort to provide access to its public buildings and most front line staff has undergone disability awareness training. DCC remains committed to an accessible city and Universal Design Principles. With the economic situation improving DCC is hopeful that more funding will be made available to continue to carry out accessibility improvements. Funding has already been secured to upgrade 2 more Libraries and to carry out the design of the proposed new Central Library/Cultural Quarter.

With the mainstreaming of disability provision, it is the responsibility of each Department to provide accessible services. The Access Officer, Tom Johnson, is available to facilitate and advocate to the relevant Dept. on a disabled person's behalf, on any issue that they may have. He can be contacted at [tom.johnson@dublincity.ie](mailto:tom.johnson@dublincity.ie)

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide to this councillor a report on Dublin City Council's communication and engagement with those involved in the Dublin Central development, the 2.17 hectare site located at the heart of the Dublin City, adjoining one of Ireland's main thoroughfares, O'Connell Street, as well as Parnell St and Moore St: the report should include any contacts Dublin City Council staff have had with Chartered Land, Hammerson and Allianz and any other parties over the past two years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála in March 2010 to Chartered Land for a comprehensive mixed use development providing for 158,000sqm on a 2.17 hectare site. The site incorporated the majority of the city block bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street and O'Connell Street Upper subject to 31 conditions.

Condition 5 of the An Bord Pleanála approval states; "No works shall commence within the preservation order boundary of the National Monument at 14-17 Moore Street unless the prior Ministerial Consent to such works has been obtained in accordance with the statutory requirements of section 14 of the National Monuments Acts, 1930-2004".

On the 17/06/2011 Chartered Land applied to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, for Ministerial Consent for works at No' 14- 17 Moore Street, Dublin 1 under Section 14 of the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004. On 30th April 2014 – Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, approved revised designs for the creation of a commemorative centre at the National Monument at Nos. 14 – 17 Moore Street.

Prior to the commencement of any development on site Chartered Land were required to lodge a compliance submission relating to a number of conditions including revised plans to take into account any amendments required to comply with the consent granted by the Minister, pursuant to Condition 5. In 2014 prior to the lodgement of the compliance submission the planning authority had a series of meetings with planning advisors engaged by Chartered Land. These meetings were at the request of Chartered Land and their purpose was for Chartered Land to give a broad outline to the Planning Authority as to how they proposed to deal with the required compliance conditions and the implications that the ministerial consent had on their proposed development. The compliance submission was lodged with Dublin City Council on the 18th of July 2014 and following detailed consideration was approved on 29th of August 2014.

During the course of 2014 there was also a number of meetings between Dublin City Council and Chartered Land and its representatives relating to the proposed disposal of the Council owned property at 24/25 Moore Street. As you are aware these meetings resulted in a revised proposal for a disposal being put to the members under Section 183 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which was ultimately rejected.

In February 2016 the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive (Planning and Property Development) met representatives of Hammerson (the new owners) who had requested a meeting in order to introduce themselves and advise that they intended to proceed with implementing the planning permission.



## **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016 – APPENDIX A**

### **Q.130 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a report on the number of sports playing pitches (GAA, Soccer, Rugby) our Parks and Landscape Services are responsible for maintaining and to provide details as to the nature of that maintenance, i.e. frequency of grass-cutting, drainage.

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

Dublin City Council Parks Service provides 215 playing pitches across the city (153 soccer, 60 GAA and 2 Rugby).

The grass is cut approximately once per week during the growing season, otherwise as required. Drainage on pitches is assessed on an ongoing basis and is provided on a priority basis (subject to the availability of resources).

### **Q.131 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the area south of St. Monica's GAA playing pitch (located at Millwood Park, Edenmore in Raheny) with a view to establishing its status and classification: currently not in the charge of Parks and Landscape Services, it is unclear as to the status and classification of this area as although outside the formal leased area of the playing pitch.

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

As Parks and Landscape Services have not received any indication of an alternative requirement for those Dublin City Council lands between the boundary of Edenmore Park and the southern boundary of the sports lease area at Millwood Park, Edenmore, this service is arranging for the formal taking in charge of this area by way of an order of the Assistant Chief Executive which is anticipated will be in place by mid June 2016.

With reference to lands at Millwood Park, part of which is leased to St. Monica's GAA Club, the Council's Property Management Section has investigated the matter and the following is the position:

On the southern boundary of the lands leased to St. Monica's GAA Club there would appear to be a narrow strip of land between the lands leased to St. Monica's GAA Club and other lands which are "in charge" of the Council's Parks and Landscape Services Division. This strip while in the ownership of Dublin City Council does not appear to be "in charge" and is not maintained by the Council's Parks & Landscape Services Division.

This matter will need to be discussed further with the Council's Parks & Landscape Services Division to see if they are prepared to take this strip "in charge".

### **Q.132 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a detailed report on the number commercial hotel, hostel, B&B and other privately-owned rooms Dublin City Council is currently using to temporarily accommodate those people and families presenting as homeless and to outline the council's plans to increase the capacity of our temporary emergency accommodation, in respect of the ever-increasing numbers becoming homeless and the recent closures of two temporary emergency hostels, John's Lane West (42 bed emergency accommodation facility operated by Focus Ireland and the Peter McVerry Trust) and Brú Aimsir (a 100 bed emergency accommodation facility operated by Crosscare) - both services are commissioned, funded and coordinated by Dublin City Council (DCC) as the lead local authority on homelessness in Dublin.

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

The latest verified data [i.e. during the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup> 2016] relating to the numbers of adults, and adults with child dependents, accommodated in emergency accommodation is as follows.

1. Number of adults accommodated in emergency accommodation = 2,806
2. Number of families with dependent children in emergency accommodation = 888 families consisting of 1,786 child dependents

Important notes:

- a. The above data directly relates to the number of “emergency beds in occupation” for the period detailed for all homeless households, including family households;
- b. Given that DCC is the lead statutory authority for the Dublin region, the above refers to data on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities;
- c. The accommodation types which provides the above emergency placements refer to the following;
  - Supported Temporary Accommodation
  - Temporary Emergency Accommodation
  - Private Emergency Accommodation, including commercial Hotels and Guesthouses
  - Commercial hotel settings are only used to provide an emergency placement for families (not single person households) and are undertaken on the basis of an assessment of need and to avoid the need to sleep rough

### **Brú Aimsir**

Brú Aimsir was established as an emergency homeless hostel facility for the Winter period as part of the annual Cold Weather Initiative. Dublin City Council is grateful to the Board of the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA) and to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources for their facilitation of our request for temporary use of the premises.

It is noted that the City Council entered into a temporary lease arrangement with the DHDA, with the specific purpose to have additional capacity over the winter period as a humanitarian response to the major challenge of rough sleeping. In that regard, it was never intended that Brú Aimsir would be a permanent facility.

Its use has been extended until end May because of the cold weather. It will close on 31 May 2016. All Cold Weather Initiative beds will have been withdrawn at that stage.

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### **John's Lane West**

In respect of the Hostel located at John's Lane West, it is confirmed that this facility is in the ownership of Focus Ireland and that the support service provided onsite is jointly managed by Focus Ireland and the Peter Mc Verry Trust.

In line with Government policy in terms of taking a housing lead approach to resolving homelessness, Focus Ireland has for quite some time been making efforts to reconfigure this facility into independent living units for formerly homeless households and have planning permission to this effect.

DRHE has been liaising with both Focus Ireland and the Peter Mc Verry Trust and can confirm that there are appropriate measures in place to ensure that these beds will be replaced: that is, the facility will close on July 1st by which time full replacement beds will have occurred.

In terms of ongoing emergency capacity needs, DCC (including DRHE) and the wider local authorities have an active programme of property sourcing in place via its homeless services and by way of utilising the resources of the City Councils Chief Valuer. Efforts are ongoing in this regard and DCC is committed to improving its emergency capacity in this respect.

#### **Q.133 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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To ask the Chief Executive for **(details enclosed)**.

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# Dublin

## *A City of Villages*

Proposals to renew  
Dublin city's urban villages



## **DUBLIN CITY - A CITY OF VILLAGES**

The Dublin City Development Plan recognises the value of our urban villages and identifies them as key hubs from which employment creation, community facilities, and transport services should be delivered. The Draft Dublin City Development Plan aims to deliver a number of village improvement schemes, however Dublin City Councillors want the City Council and state agencies to go further and proposes a coherent plan to support the City's urban villages. This plan has its foundations on the two pillars of local community and local traders. The plan takes its inspiration from the new Civic Alliance which has been developed by the City Council in Ballymun which is in part based on the Portas Review 2011 and the lessons which have been learned since its publications.

A changing economic climate and new trends in retail have posed huge challenges for Dublin city's urban villages. In many cases urban villages have not adapted to the offering presented by large shopping centers, such as Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown and Dundrum. Such shopping centers have encouraged Dubliners away from the traditional main street and into high-volume, low cost shopping that is focused on delivering highly convenient, needs-based retailing.

Shopping centers increasingly offer entertainment and experience, which the average high street has not. Shopping centers curate a space, provide consumers with a clean and attractive destination, cheap parking, a healthy retail mix, things to do and the right marketing to get them there in the first place. The mixed ownership of any village makes it difficult to replicate this offering in a village environment.

## **THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES**

This change in shopping patterns has impacted on local traders and the long term sustainable local employment which they have created down through the years. This has resulted in a decrease of the village based economy and also a loss of social capital in local communities.

Social capital in the form of village leaders has always proved to be the backbone of any prosperous village. Particularly in disadvantaged communities, social capital can be a key ingredient in delivering asset based community development. The village which does not have traders rooted in the community working hand in hand with local residents faces many challenges

## **URBAN VILLAGES – “A STRATEGIC VISION”**

For an urban village to survive and grow, it must have a clear vision of where it wants to go and it needs coordinated planning, time, resources and management to get there. The basis of this should be a strategic vision for each urban village across the City Of Dublin. These villages are often a patch work of landlords, occupiers, councils, employees and other all with their own needs and interests; a lack of cohesion and joined up thinking amongst stakeholders is one factor that has led to a reduction in footfall.

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It is our view that the City Council with its new responsibility of coordinating economic and community activity is best placed to bring together all stakeholders in a Village Team for each urban village.

### PUT IN PLACE A "VILLAGE TEAM"

- Dublin City Council should convene a Village Team For each urban village with the goal of putting in place a strong operational and management plan.
- It is proposed that Dublin City Council would employ a dedicated Economic Development Office or Village Manager in each of the nine electoral districts. This Village Manager would be responsible for coordinating the work of a number of Village Teams in that Electoral District. Reporting directly to the Area Manager and the Area Committee they would have responsibility for organising the Village Teams and acting as the liaison between the teams and Dublin City Council.
- The Village Team should include, the Village Manager, the local Tidy Towns Chairperson, the Garda Community Sargent, key landlords, large and small shopkeepers, city councillors and council staff with specific knowledge of planning and economic development, Area Partnerships, other local businesses and service providers, local community groups and local residents.
- The people that lead the Village Teams should be real champions for their village, they should focus on delivering a safer and more prosperous village, increasing footfall and thus economic activity.
- Well organised village markets which do not compete with local business but rather help attract additional footfall should be developed. This must be done in consultation with local enterprises and should focus on hand crafted products not typically available in the Village.
- Village Festivals can be an important generator of footfall and have a positive impact on both civic and community spirit. The City Council already supports a wide range of village festivals across the, however the new Village Manager will identify ways in which the economic activity connected with these events can be monitored and enhanced.
- The issue of illegal dumping, litter and antisocial behavior can be a deterrent to shopping in a local village, particularly in the evening time. Where the City Council does not currently support the work of a Local Policing Fora with a dedicated coordinator, they will ensure that a member of staff is allocated. Every Urban Village should be covered in the operational area of a Local Policing Fora under the auspicious of the area Joint Policing Committee.
- The Public Domain Officers have a strong track record in working with local business and residents, consideration should be given to how this role and the Village Manager might work together on specific projects.

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### COMMERCIAL RATES

#### A new Commercial Rates System

- Government should consider whether business rates can better support small businesses and independent retailers
- The current system of varying the vacancy rebate for an entire electoral district is not focused enough to be of benefit to urban villages. Dublin City Council should be permitted to identify the boundary of urban villages and then use the powers to vary the vacancy rebate inside those village zones to incentivise occupancy.
- There should be an inability to pay clause in the commercial rates system to give breathing space to struggling businesses
- We would implement a Commercial Rates Surcharge on Out of Town Shopping Centres

For entrepreneurs hoping to set up new businesses or existing retailers fighting to keep their heads above the water the commercial rates system can be the straw that breaks the camel's back and render their efforts financially impossible. It is imperative that the government and local authorities work together to establish a revamped system that creates breathing space for retailers in financial difficulty, incentivises new businesses to set up in villages and forms a sustainable base for Local Authority finances. Rates should also reflect the need to attract businesses away from the environmentally and socially unsustainable out of town shopping centre model. A blend of national legislative reforms and local measures will help establish a new framework of commercial rates that will help businesses survive and flourish in Irish towns.

As old business models change in the age of internet shopping, fostering new enterprises to fit new demands will be increasingly important in keeping the main streets of our villages alive with commerce. For example in the UK, Councils have the power to exempt struggling businesses from paying rates and rural businesses have a 50% mandatory exemption on rates. Empowering Local Authorities to alleviate the burden of rates in specific key sites in villages and for new businesses will serve as an incentive for innovative retailers to set up shop and create local jobs.

A specific inability to pay clause should be introduced via an amendment to the Valuation Act. This clause, which is standard in valuation procedures in the UK, is a key measure to help alleviate pressure on struggling businesses. It is a central demand of the Irish Employers for Affordable Rates (IEAR) group and their vision for a reformed Rate Valuation process in Ireland. Putting in place provisions and specific criteria to ensure that eligible businesses benefit from a reprieve in making potentially onerous rate payments will help save struggling retailers.



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### COMMERCIAL RATES SURCHARGE ON OUT OF TOWN SHOPPING CENTRES

In order to balance out the financial costs of incentivising new business with a rate relief a special commercial rates surcharge will be levied on out of town centre shopping centres. This surcharge will also encourage businesses to locate in environmentally and socially sustainable town centres rather than drive to only out of town facilities. The additional charge will reflect the parking advantages enjoyed by out of town centre developments. A similar charge has been implemented in Northern Ireland from April 2012 with the introduction of the so called "Robin Hood" tax at a 15% rate which is expected to yield £5m per annum. Creating a rates system that balances the books, reflects the overall costs of out of town centres and fosters an emphasis on bringing business and customers into villages is a vital part of any meaningful effort to revitalise Irish towns.

### FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE

Dublin City Council should use the new Local Enterprise Office (LEO), SICAP agents and the Village Managers to promote an entrepreneurial spirit throughout the urban village and be proactive in the support they can offer new local businesses or older businesses that may be going through a period of hardship.

The new Dublin Economic Monitor should be expanded to include key statistics about vacancy rates and the commercial rates collected in the five administrative areas. The publication should also indicate the number of new businesses which have been created and supported by the LEO in each area and to highlight key economic projects undertaken by the Village Managers.

Currently there is a shortage of enterprise space for new start-up business. There is a particular demand for such space from retailers. The City Council should identify a number of pilot projects where enterprise space can be created in urban villages, Particular attention should be given to prominent buildings which have been vacant for more than five years. In such cases the power of compulsory purchase should be considered where there is no alternative use planned.

### ACCESS TO TOWN CENTERS

It wouldn't be possible to tackle the challenge of the urban Village renewal without looking at parking and the effects, both positive and negative, on its renewal.

The ease of parking in out-of-town shopping centers is one of the big advantages and the primary reason for the outward migration to the shopping centers.

Offering 90 minutes free parking in urban villages could have a big impact for the economy there; the increase in the cost of parking, when taking in conjunction with the free parking in shopping centers curtail the appeal of that location to the shopping consumer and therefore the longer term economic viability and wellbeing of the area is hampered.

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Parking charges are often introduced to prevent free spaces in villages being used for all-day commuter or staff parking. Any change in parking policy must create free short term spaces for shoppers.

Ninety minutes free parking in urban villages should be provided through the Dublin City Council Parking App, which uses a location based parking scheme.

Other options available are to have a more flexible, well communicated parking offer (example: "Free after Three" parking promotion offers free parking after 3pm at three of their car parks to help the area's businesses)

Village Teams should focus on making high streets accessible, attractive and safe

A representative of the Village Team should be invited to their respective A Joint Policing Committee, to air their views with the area management, and senior Gardaí in their locality.

The dedicated public order unit that has been proposed by many organisations would be able to work in tandem with the committee, in order to ensure a safe environment in which people can shop, free from open drug and alcohol abuse, anti-social behavior etc.

## PLANNING REPRESENTATIONS

The Village Team would be able to make submissions to the planning process upon careful consideration of issues. Examples might include the proliferation of betting shops and take-away's in any one village.

## MENTOR SYSTEM

The Local Enterprise Office should establish a number of village based PLATO mentoring projects where large retailers from outside the village support and mentor local businesses and independent retailers.

## WORKING WITH LANDLORDS

- The City Council should explore further disincentives to prevent landlords from leaving units vacant or rendering them un-rateable.
- When important properties in the middle of the high street are empty it pulls down the attractiveness and the desirability of the street
- Innovative solutions could add value to not just the individual properties but to the surrounding area
- Central government and local authorities must lead by example with the vacant properties they own. empty public properties could be used to showcase of local micro-businesses, enable new ventures to test their ideas and profitability before committing to bricks and mortar investment; Village

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