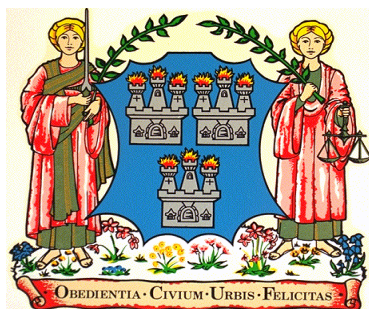


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 4 Aibreán 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
Brendan Carr
David Costello
Hazel De Nortuin
Pat Dunne
Declan Flanagan
Gary Gannon
Deirdre Heney
Andrew Keegan
Frank Kennedy
Micheal Mac Donncha
Ray McAdam
Ruairi McGinley
Andrew Montague
Emma Murphy
Claire O'Connor
Larry O'Toole
Nial Ring
Paddy Smyth

Comhairleoir:

Kieran Binchy
Christy Burke
Aine Clancy
Patrick Costello
Daithi De Roiste
Gaye Fagan
Mannix Flynn
Alison Gilliland
Jane Horgan-Jones
Teresa Keegan
Dermot Lacey
Tina McVeigh
Paul McAuliffe
Seamas McGrattan
Edel Moran
Naoise Muiri
Damian O'Farrell
Cieran Perry
Eilis Ryan
Sonya Stapleton

Comhairleoir:

Paddy Bourke
Cathleen Carney Boud
Anthony Connaghan
Ciaran Cuffe
Daithi Doolan
Anne Feeney
Mary Freehill
Paul Hand
Vincent Jackson
Greg Kelly
John Lyons
Sean Pau Mahon
Paddy McCartan
Ray McHugh
Rebecca Moynihan
Michael O'Brien
Ciaran O'Moore
Noeleen Reilly
Norma Sammon
Catherine Ardagh

Oifigigh

Dick Brady
Jim Keogan
Mary Pyne

Oonagh Casey
Vincent Norton
Kathy Quinn

Brendan Kenny
Terence O'Keeffe
Declan Wallace
David Moore
Joanna Travers

- 1 Lord Mayors Business
The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by commending all those who organised and took part in the Easter commemorations. In particular, she thanked the Dublin City Council Commemorations Committee, Dublin City Council staff, in particular, Brendan Kenny and his staff, including Brendan Teeling, Tara Doyle, Margaret Hayes and Mary Clarke of Dublin City Public Libraries and Las Fallon, Dublin Fire Brigade for their work and to all the communities of Dublin who organised their own events to mark the occasion.

She then informed the Members that the Freedom of the City of Dublin was conferred on Fr. Joseph Mallin SJ in Hong Kong on 21st March. Fr. Joseph was delighted to receive the Award at a private ceremony in Wah Yan College where he lives.

The Lord Mayor then invited Councillor T MacVeigh, as Chair of the recently established Working Group on Waste Regulations in relation to impending legislation re collection of waste in bags, to give an update to the Members. It was noted that Councillor R Mac Adam was a member of this committee.

The Lord Mayor then welcomed Ms Erica Fleming of the Uplift Group, to the public gallery and informed the Members that Ms Fleming had offered the services of her group to the City Council Housing Department to aid the turn-around of voids to make these homes into safe houses for the homeless. The Lord Mayor requested that the Chair of the Housing SPC liaise with Ms Fleming in this regard.

- 2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16
It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 117 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.
- 3 The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of City Council held on 7th March 2016 and Special Meeting of City Council held on 16th March 2016, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.
- 4 Report No. 107/2016 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.
It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 107/2016" The motion was put and carried.
- 5 Report No. 104/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) – With reference to revised expenditure for 2015 submitted in accordance with Section 104 Local Government Act 2001.
It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 104/2016 and hereby approves the revised expenditure as set out in the report in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 and also approves the transfers to Capital as detailed in the report" The motion was put and carried.
- 6 To fill a vacancy on the South Inner City Drugs Task Force following the resignation of Councillor Paddy Smyth from that Committee. It was proposed by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That Councillor Paddy Smyth be re-appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the South Inner City Drugs Task Force" The motion was put and carried
- 7 To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Brid Smith who was elected to the Dáil Éireann and to fill vacancies on the following Committees:
 - Environment SPC
 - Finance SPC
 - Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee

It was proposed by Councillor T MacVeigh and seconded by Councillor J Lyons "That Ms Hazel De Nortúin be co-opted to replace former Councillor Brid Smith who was elected to Dail Eireann and so has been deemed to have resigned from Dublin City Council" The motion was put and carried. Councillor De Nortúin took her place in the Chamber and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to her by the Lord Mayor, the City Manager and his staff and by the Members of the City Council.

It was then proposed by Councillor T MacVeigh and seconded by Councillor J Lyons "That Councillor De Nortuin be appointed as a member to the Environment and Finance Strategic Policy Committees and to represent Dublin City Council on the Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee" The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Appointment of Councillor Patrick Costello to the Board of the Dublin South City Partnership - nomination agreed by the South East Area Committee.
It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor P McCartan "That Councillor Patrick Costello be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on the Board of the Dublin South City Partnership" The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 123/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Special Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.
It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 123/2016 and hereby approves the Special Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management as set out therein " The motion was put and carried.

The City Council approved a suggestion put forward by Councillor B Carr that the Chair of this committee be chosen by the members of the committee and then submitted to the City Council for ratification. Nominations were then put forward by each political grouping, proposed by the Group Leader and seconded by the Lord Mayor and appointed by the City Council as follows :

- 3 x Sinn Féin: Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Ray McHugh, Noeleen Reilly
- 3 x Independent: Nial Ring, Christy Burke and Paul Hand
- 2 x Fianna Fáil: Tom Brabazon and Paul McAuliffe
- 2 x Fine Gael: Ray McAdam and Declan Flanagan
- 2 x Labour: Alison Gilliland and Brendan Carr
- 1 x People Before Profit: John Lyons
- 1 x Green Party: Patrick Costello
- 1 x Technical Left: Éilis Ryan

- 10 Report No. 100/2016 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report - 4th April 2016.
It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 100/2016" The motion was put and carried.
- 11 Report No. 99/2016 of the Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí) - Litter Management Plan (2016 - 2018).
It was proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor C O'Moore "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 99/2016 and hereby adopts Litter Management Plan (2016 – 2018) as set out therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 12 The City Council agreed to take two related motions at this time, Motions No 12 & 26 of Item 31 on the Agenda Paper. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor E Ryan and seconded by Councillor N Ring "That Dublin City Council cease using the removal of litter bins as a tool to combat illegal dumping, suspend the removal of public litter bins and carry out a full review of where litter bins need to be installed, including those recently removed. A review should focus on areas worst effected by littering" The motion was put and carried.
- 13 It was then proposed by Councillor A Connaghan and seconded by Councillor T Keegan "That the Chief Executive arranges for a full review of litter bins in the Northwest Area. Can the Chief Executive arrange for bins which were removed in recent times to be replaced. There is an large amount of dog dirt being bagged and dropped around the place which might be avoided if bins were in place to put the bags into" The motion was put and carried.
- 14 Report No. 103/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Proposal to grant a lease of property at 44 East Essex Street, Temple Bar to the Youth Mental Health organisation "Headstrong".
It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 103/2016 and hereby approves the contents therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 15 Report No. 105/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Ballymun Local Area Plan - The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received for the Pre-Draft Public Consultation Issues Paper.
It was proposed by Councillor N Reilly and seconded by Councillor A Clancy "That the LAP proceed to draft stage, based on the existing LAP boundary (see Appendix 1) and taking on board the comments and submissions received during the public consultation stage, as summarised above, and that the Draft LAP is prepared in compliance with EU directives including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment processes, legislation and the Dublin City Development Plan" The motion was put and carried.
- 16 Report No. 111/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in the premises now known as Unit 110 Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13.
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No111/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 17 Report No. 112/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the rear of the premises No. 5 Cardiffsbridge Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 112/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 18 Report No. 113/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the Former Fire Station, 190a Rathmines Road Lower, Dublin 6.
It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 113/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 114/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of a site at Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 114/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 20 Report No. 115/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in a site in the Ballyfermot Industrial Estate (now known as Unit 3C Kylemore Park South), Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 115/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 21 Report No. 116/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to a lease of lands at Gardiner Street Middle and Temple Lane North, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 116/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 22 Report No. 117/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further Temporary Convenience Letting of a plot of land at Cherry Orchard Green, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 117/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 23 Report No. 118/2016 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of 3 year licence of Workshop 3 & 4 Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 118/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 24 Report No. 119/2016 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - With reference to the proposed disposal of properties at 17-18 Thomas Street and 9 Thomas Street to the Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA). It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 119/2016 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried. Following discussion on this item, Councillor P McAuliffe, Chair of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC, put forward a suggestion that he would invite the CEO of the Digital Hub to attend a meeting of that SPC. This was agreed by the City Council and all Members are to be notified of that meeting.
- 25 Report No. 96/2016 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Daithí Doolan) - Breviate of meeting held on 29th February 2016. It was proposed by Councillor D De Roiste and seconded by Councillor A Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 96/2016". The motion was put and carried. Members requested that a report referred to on page 219 of the Agenda, briefing note on licence agreement, be circulated to all. Members also expressed their dissatisfaction at the level of information included in the recent Housing Lists circulated to them.

26 Emergency Motions - The City Council suspended Standing Orders to agree the following emergency motion without debate.

(a) This motion was submitted in the name of Councillor D Lacey "Acknowledging the ruling in the High Court regarding the Moore Street and Battlefield sites and the need for appropriate protection and preservation and acknowledging the need for the rejuvenation of the O'Connell Street area this Council requests the Chairman of the Committee and the Moore Street Committee and the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals that can progress the twin aims of preservation and rejuvenation of these areas"

(b) This motion was submitted by Councillor M MacDonncha on behalf of the Sinn Fein Group "This City Council:

- Welcomes the recent High Court victory which prevents the demolition of the Moore Street battlefield site and now ensures its designation as a national monument under the protection of the State.
- acknowledges the dedication of the concerned relatives of the 1916 leaders, and those who have supported their campaign over many years, to save Moore Street
- and the laneways of history which were the last outpost of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic in 1916 from demolition by developers;
- recognises the significant public support across Ireland and the Diaspora for the full preservation of the national monument and the development of the surrounding General Post Office/Moore Street area into an historic revolutionary quarter and battlefield site;
- calls on the Planning Department of the Council to ensure that the High Court judgement is fully implemented, so far as it concerns the roles and functions of this Council;
- commits the Council to work with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that a new plan for this historic area is brought forward in line with the High Court judgement and in accord with the repeatedly expressed will of the elected members and of the majority of citizens of Dublin".

The Assistant Chief Executive, Planning and Property Development Department, informed the Members that the High Court proceedings had not yet concluded and that the High Court would on 5th April 2016 perfect the Order of the Court. Dublin City Council are not a party to these proceedings and any decision to appeal will be a matter for the defendants, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the owners of the site "Chartered Lands". It was also agreed that a report would be issued to all Members once the High Court Order had been perfected.

27 In accordance with Standing Orders, it was then proposed by 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" This motion was still under discussion at 9pm when the meeting reverted to Item 17 on the Agenda Paper in accordance with Standing Orders. The motion will be carried forward to the May City Council Meeting.

- 28 Report No. 95/2016 of the Chairperson of the Planning, International Relations and Property Development Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Andrew Montague) - Breviate of meeting held on 23rd February 2016.
It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor N Ring "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 95/2016". The motion was put and carried.
- 29 Report No. 98/2016 of the Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí) - Breviate of meeting held on 9th March 2016.
It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 98/2016". The motion was put and carried. It was further agreed that Postering Protocols for non election periods be examined by the Environment SPC.
- 30 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 S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor M Mac Donncha "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 110/2016". This item was still under discussion at the end of the meeting and will be carried over to the May City Council meeting. A discussion took place on the issue of a banner currently displayed at the Bank of Ireland premises at College Green.

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 9th May 2016.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 4th APRIL 2016

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue me with a response to the issue relating to DSPS who are acting for Dublin City Council as outlined in the detailed letter supplied with this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An appeal in relation to this incident was received in Dublin Street Parking Services on 16th February 2016 and a refund was issued to the payee's credit card.

The information provided to the complainant's husband by the Customer Services Section was incorrect or incorrectly interpreted. Dublin Street Parking Services staff, regardless of their position, does not have access to Dublin City Council records or databases and could therefore not determine that any error had been made, clerical or otherwise. Dublin Street Parking Services are provided with a list of permit numbers, associated registration numbers and the roads which are valid for that permit number. To provide any further information would be a breach of Data Protection legislation.

Dublin Street Parking Services' supervisor was not in a position to know that any mistake had been made or that the complainant was not at fault. Dublin Street Parking Services are not allowed any discretion by the Council in cancelling clamps as to do so would leave the system open to possible abuse.

Dublin City Council when sending out permits requests that residents "note that your Resident's Parking Permit is only valid for the vehicle and the Permit Parking road/s indicated on the Permit". It is not a common occurrence for residents permits to be issued with the wrong registration number unless this information is provided by the applicant.

This Section has brought this matter to the attention of the Customer Services Centre and requested that they review their processes to ensure that all permit details are checked for accuracy before issue. The Council has had lengthy correspondence with the complainant and has apologised for the manner in which this issue was dealt with.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive can he detail who was on the electoral register for 15 South Cumberland Street, Dublin 2 for the following years: 1998, 2003, 2008, 2012, 2015 and 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under data protection legislation this information cannot be given out.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive, to give this councillor an update as to when the promised 4 Bollards will be placed at (**details supplied**), and arrange the repair of the damaged bollard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.4 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the DCC site at 29/30 Fishamble Street for use with modular housing to help alleviate the housing crisis in the city. Can the Manager say how long this site has been lying vacant?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site at 29/30 Fishamble Street has been vacant since the adjoining apartment development at Smock Alley was completed in 1998. Dublin City Council has, since then, endeavoured to develop the site as social housing, however the restricted area has meant that it is not possible to design homes that meet DEHLG size and cost limits.

Dublin City Council subsequently initiated a pilot project for the site called 'Dublin House', aimed at encouraging the development of privately financed owner-occupier family-friendly apartments in the city. The main objective of the project was to demonstrate that family-friendly apartments are possible and desirable within the city centre, and provide positive built examples of this. Despite significant interest in the pilot project and extensive negotiations, the group of applicants selected for the Dublin House development opportunity at 29-30 Fishamble St. withdrew their expression of interest in July 2015. Further information on this initiative is available on <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-housing-city-architects-division/dublin-house>

Dublin City Council has reviewed the Dublin House pilot project and has identified a number of issues which will need to be addressed prior to proceeding with the Fishamble Street site. These include the logistical difficulty and associated costs of developing 4-5 apartments on a restricted city centre site using traditional methods of concrete framed masonry construction. Dublin City Council therefore wishes to engage with a number of system-built housing suppliers with a view to developing a high quality, multi-storey apartment building at the Fishamble St. site. It is considered that this is a timely opportunity to explore system-built multi-unit (apartment) development in addition to the rapid build terraced housing development currently being completed in Dublin 11.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection of the reported damp problems at **(details supplied)**. The tenant said that vents were put in but they did not solve the problem. Can the Chief Executive arrange for this house to be included in any upcoming Insulation Programme please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to provide figures for the **(Details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when he expects a replacement ramp at the front of **(details supplied)** to be installed, following the lodging of an application in December 2015?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive arrange to have a fire inspection of all the flats in Bride Street, Nicholas Street and Ross Road following concerns raised at a recent meeting between Council officials and residents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The flat complexes in question were built in 1900 and accordingly pre-date the 1963 planning regulations. In order to meet the Building Regulations introduced in 1992, the flats were refurbished in three phases over the period 1995 - 2000, and as part of the refurbishment were upgraded in consultation with Dublin City Council Fire Prevention department to conform with the relevant provisions of Building Regulations and the Codes of Practice normally relied on for compliance with these regulations.

The scope of the upgrading works has been assessed and complies with the relevant provisions and with the recommendations of Fire Prevention given at the time of the completion of the design / specification of the works. In addition, since 2002 additional measures have been incorporated into the units in question to further improve the robustness of the fire safety provisions i.e. the installation of self closing fire doors, the installation of fire alarms, the installation of balconies to act as a place of safety in the event of a fire and the installation of tilt and turn windows to provide the means of escape from the ground floor apartments.

The local Project Estate Officer and the local Area Housing Manager are in constant communication with the residents and are happy to engage with any concerns the residents may have with regards to these complexes.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive indicate when the next phase of the Coca-cola Zero Dublin bike scheme is going to be rolled out and where will the next points of the bike scheme be located and can he give a time line for the next points being established.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent expansion of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme, 'phase 2' was based on the 'dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework' plan. This strategy was adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council in 2010 and proposes an expansion programme to provide for 5,000 bikes and approximately 300 bike stations throughout the city.

Future expansion is based on the plan led approach set out in the dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework providing for co-ordinated geographical growth. Specific station locations are determined at the design stage of each particular phase in the expansion.

There are no definite timeframes in place for the delivery of the next expansion phases beyond the current scheme. All further expansion will be subject to securing the necessary levels of substantial funding for both capital and annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. All potential funding sources are being explored at present.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

When does the Chief Executive expect the Coca-cola Zero Dublin bike scheme to reach Harty Place, Harolds X Bridge and Mount Drummond area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no immediate plans to expand the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme to the areas of Harty Place, Harolds Cross Bridge or Mount Drummond at this time. Any expansion beyond the existing scheme is subject to identifying the necessary levels of funding for both capital and annual operational costs over the life of the scheme. All potential funding sources are being explored at present.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive put in place measures that will prevent the burning of bins in the flats in Beech Hill Villas and will the manager consider putting in cameras to catch the culprits?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bin that was burned has been replaced and there are no plans to install CCTV at the above location.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate claims that **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive given that the street is been used for bus traffic, to have the traffic department install a pedestrian crossing or a slowdown system as children from Avondale House have problems crossing the road due to buses at **(Details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many families along with single men and women have reported to homeless services since January of this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were 429 adults who were new to homeless accommodation and presented during January and February 2016. This figure includes 208 new families who presented during January and February 2016. These figures represent the Dublin Region as a whole.

The data for new presentations for individuals is not available by the month, only quarterly so Q1 2016 will be available at the end of April.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when management will replace a housing advisor at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether he is satisfied with the existing legislation to deal with derelict sites and building from a City Council point of view, with particular regard to enforcement and tackling the blight that is dereliction of sites, buildings and properties across the city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council through the effective implementation of the existing Derelict Sites legislation strives for the prevention and eradication of dereliction in the city. The existing legislation, the Derelict Sites Act 1990, provides a range of extensive enforcement mechanisms to local authorities to tackle derelict sites. The major powers contained in the act are the following :

1. Informal action [S.10]
2. Notice of Intention to enter on the Derelict Sites Register [S.8(2)]
3. Entry on the Derelict Sites Register [S.8(7)] with resultant imposition of a levy equating to 3% of market value of the derelict site. Unpaid levies attract interest of 1.25% per month.
4. Service of a Notice requiring specified works to be carried out [S.11].
5. Compulsory acquisition of a Derelict Site [S.14 & S.17]

Dereliction is a complex issue and occurs through the neglect of a property and arises in the majority of cases where there are title difficulties, probate issues, owners with personal difficulties, companies in liquidation and unfinished developments. The vast majority of sites are improved following intervention from the Derelict Sites Unit. Utilising Derelict Sites powers under the legislation is a statutory process that can lead to judicial procedures so the Local Authority must be seen to be compliant with all aspects of the legislation.

With the new Vacant Land legislation, it is our opinion that this legislation along with the Derelict Site legislation will go a long way to successfully resolving the issue of dereliction.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all planning applications received since 2013 relating specifically to student accommodation and to indicate for each the number of

bed spaces, parking spaces for each as well as an indication of the planning status, appeal status, commencement status, expected commencement and completion date where applicable and proposed financial contribution of each.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the information requested will take some time to compile a reply will issue directly to the Councillor within 2 weeks.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update to the answer given to my question no. 67 at the July 2015 City Council meeting regarding IPB and self insurance costs and study.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Value for Money study into the City Council's insurance portfolio commenced in late 2015 and is ongoing. It is hoped to have the final report as soon as possible.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

In relation to the answer supplied to me in respect of Q32 of the City Council Meeting dated 12th January 2015, can the Chief Executive detail how many of the 3,375 units (66% of the 5,105 units inspected), which following inspection were deemed non-compliant on Fire Safety Grounds, have been re examined to ensure compliance and/or referred to the Chief Fire officer for further action.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All of the 3,375 private rented housing units which were deemed non-compliant on fire safety grounds have been re-inspected and the appropriate enforcement action taken where necessary. Of these 3,375 private rented housing units, 151 were referred to the Chief Fire Officer.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to report to this Committee on the policy for the location of taxi ranks in the City, specifically if the location of taxi ranks is a reserved function and what criteria are applied before existing public car parking is transformed into a taxi rank?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is empowered, in accordance with Section 25 of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013, to make Bye-Laws for the provision of taxi ranks in Dublin City. The adoption of such Bye-laws is a reserved function of the elected Members of the City Council.

The recommendation for new proposed taxi rank locations is identified by the Area Traffic Engineer in consultation with key stakeholders. The Area Engineer makes an on-site assessment for all proposed locations submitted to ascertain if, in his/her opinion, based on his/her expertise, the locations are suitable as taxi ranks. The Area Engineer also proposes additional ranks that he/she feels are suitable as taxi ranks. These recommendations are then reviewed by the senior traffic management team to assess their suitability before drafting recommended bye-laws. The draft bye-laws then go through a full statutory public consultation process in which the public and Members of the Council are given the opportunity to make submissions in relation to the draft bye-laws. The final agreed draft bye-laws are then submitted to the City Council for adoption.

The current Bye-Laws were adopted by the City Council at its meeting of 5th October 2015 and came into effect on the 1st November 2015.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can give a report to this Committee on the reasons why the speed limit on the N4/R148 Chapelizod By-pass between Con Colbert Road and The Oval, Palmerstown was altered recently, and what factors were considered in this decision, and further if he will say what the nature of the speed limit was and is, i.e. is/was it a special speed limit?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carried out Roadwork's along the Chapelizod Bypass between South Circular Road and the boundary with South Dublin County Council, in both directions, as part of the Chapelizod Bypass (R148) Bus Lane Upgrade. In order to facilitate these works an application for a Road Works Speed Limit Order as per Road Traffic Act 2004 was made to impose a 60km/h between Con Colbert Road and the City/County boundary. All the statutory procedures were followed in applying for the Road Works Speed Limit Order.

This Special Roadwork's Speed Limit came into effect on the 1st September and was rescinded on 30th November 2015.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will report on the use of parking bays on Chancery Place, Dublin 7, why certain spaces appear to have been de facto given over to construction workers working on a building there, and if there can be greater enforcement against taxi drivers who routinely use the footpath on the west side of Chancery place as an unofficial rank?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Roadwork's Control Section has confirmed that the builder's at this location have paid for a hoarding licence and that, on inspection, the conditions of the licence are being complied with. The licence expires on the 18th April 2016. The Council's Parking Enforcement contractor cannot immobilise occupied vehicles such as taxis, however, the matter will be referred to the Taxi Regulator for enforcement.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive if the hours of operation of the pay and display scheme on Merchant's Quay, Dublin 8, can be altered so that the scheme does not operate on a Saturday, as there does not appear to be a demand for the service on Saturdays?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request to reduce the operational hours of the Pay and Display Parking on Merchant's Quay has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** the family are suffering bad health because of dampness in the flat.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

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

Q.28 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details Supplied**)

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

Q.29 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details Supplied**) to confirm the following;

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

Q.30 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details Supplied**)

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

Q.31 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to (**details supplied**) who requires housing and say when it is likely this family who urgently need to obtain housing in their own right will be accommodated.

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

Q.32 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE
Can the Chief Executive please refer to the poor condition of footpath at (**Details supplied**) and say if he can repair them ASAP as they are a danger to pedestrians, particularly senior citizens.

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

Q.33 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to (**details supplied**) who requires housing for herself and her disabled son and say when it is likely this family who urgently need to obtain housing in their own right will be accommodated.

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

Q.34 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY
To ask the Chief Executive to refer to road sign at (**details supplied**) and say if he can relocate same to a more easily visible location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to very large roadside tree at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange pruning of same which residents fear if dangerously large

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to green at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to replace capping on wall surrounding same as a matter of urgency

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to green area at location as per **(Details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Bollard at the Junction of **(details supplied)** be replaced as it was damaged recently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Tree at the Junction of **(Details supplied)** be replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive initiate an awareness campaign with regards cycling on footpaths? This initiative should be run through JCDecaux Coca-Cola Zero DCC Bike Scheme. Now that the tourist season is upon us, tourists use these bicycles and are inclined to use the footpath. There is no direct signage anywhere within the city to say that it is unlawful to cycle on the footpath. It has now become a big issue in the city centre area and is placing the elderly, children, and people with disability at great risk not to mention the absolute confusion and anger it creates among unsuspecting pedestrians who constantly find themselves being harangued and intimidated by enraged cyclists who simply wish to speed past them on the footpath. In many incidences this is leading to footpath rage and confrontation. What is needed is clear signage on poles and footpaths. The rules of the road, which are constantly mentioned any time a request like this is made to DCC, are not suffice here. What we need is clear signage and a public awareness campaign. We need to protect pedestrian's rights on the footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cycling on footpaths is an offence which is dealt with under the Rules of the Road and the City Council is satisfied that awareness to not cycle on footpaths is adequately highlighted to members through existing measures, i.e. website, terms and conditions of scheme, etc.

It is not considered that the erection of further signage in an already visually cluttered public realm would further inform members of their obligations under the rules of the road.

As an alternative, it is proposed that Dublin City Council work with the operator JCDecaux, in order to communicate directly to each member of the scheme through the news/alerts function of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes official app in order to reinforce the message that members must not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones and must in all cases obey the rules of the road.

In addition the Environment and Transportation Department is currently drawing up a brief for the cycledublin.ie website. To be included in this is printable visuals of the rules of the road which will be distributed to all area offices. Awareness of road safety and various initiatives to encourage safe road use by all road users will also be made widely available via the website.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a report regarding the negotiations taking place with Trade Unions in relation to the Litter Management Plan and any proposals to alter working rosters/schedules and staffing numbers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the past twelve months a comprehensive study of the Waste Management Division has been undertaken. The review included an examination of work practices, manning levels, shift patterns, management, supervision, overall effectiveness and efficiency. We have been engaging with the Trade Union representatives and are now at the stage where definite proposals are being tabled. The process is being progressed in accordance with the agreed Industrial Relations process as outlined in the Public Service Agreement 2010-2018.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report in relation to the proposal to install a project called 'Ireland's Legacy' behind the Rutland fountain at Merrion Square Park? This report to include what, if any, contact was made to Dublin City Council management by former Government ministers in relation to this initiative? What procedures did this initiative go through? Was it ever officially brought before the Commemorative naming committee, Arts Advisory Group, Arts SPC, the Planning and Development SPC? Was the project ever tendered for? Was there ever a call for public interest in this particular site? What contact was made between the City Manager's office, the Parks Department and Norma Smurfit's Irish Famine Commemoration fund? Is there a record of any meetings, phone calls and contacts? How much financial contribution, to date, has the Irish Famine commemoration fund committed to this project? Has a record been kept of the design concepts for this project and all its relevant meetings? Who gave permission for this project to be included in a Part 8 application design report that was brought before the South East Area committee on the 14th March? Can the Chief Executive confirm that this project is no longer on the table? Can the Chief Executive also confirm that this project was not in breach of any policy procedures as laid down by law and also laid down by conditions attached to any applications for such projects by third parties? Further, can the Chief Executive carry out a full examination and investigation as to how this project came to be before DCC elected representatives in order to give confidence to the public and artistic community?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the South East Area Committee meeting of the City Council on 14th March, a presentation was made by James Howley, Howley Hayes Architects on behalf of Norma Smurfit for a 'garden' pavilion to be located in Merrion Square Park.

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

The 'garden' pavilion has been designed and proposed as part of a 'legacy' project by Norma Smurfit to raise significant funding for charitable causes by drawing on donations from the diaspora. Norma Smurfit is one of the most recognised philanthropists in Ireland and previously commissioned the 'Famine' **sculpture** which

was gifted to the City of Dublin in 1997. That sculpture was a commemorative work dedicated to those Irish people forced to emigrate during the 19th century Irish Famine. The bronze sculptures were designed and crafted by Dublin sculptor Rowan Gillespie and are located on Custom House Quay in Dublin's Docklands.

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

There are no Government Departments involved in this project and as it is privately funded there are no public procurement issues for Dublin City Council.

The pavilion proposal was not brought before the Commemorative Naming Committee as the initiative does not relate to the decade of commemorations and it is not a memorial.

It is proposed that the digital display will be designed by the highly regarded Dublin firm of Martello Multimedia. In its initial concept the digital display will illustrate names which will change continuously and will also display artistic imagery and quotations from Irish poets and writers. The digital display is a key element of the project and the nature and content of the display will be informed by the City Councils Arts and Cultural Advisory Group.

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

The pavilion design constitutes an important piece of 'garden' architecture which if implemented would add another important layer of built heritage to Merrion Square. It is not a piece of art.

The appropriate route for initiating the consultation on the initiative and the pavilion design was to present to the elected representatives for the South East Area before any other forum or group. The proposal will in due course be subject to a Part VIII planning process which will require the approval of city councillors.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report as to the cost of private security firms and services that were deployed throughout Dublin city on St Patricks Day? Also can the Chief Executive provide, in this report, the processes and mechanisms by which these extra private security services were sourced. Was there a tendering process etc? Does the Chief Executive intend to continue this large scale use of private security for further events?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cost of procuring a private security firm to assist the Gardai in the Temple Bar area during the St Patrick's Day festival was ten thousand euro for the manpower element and four thousand euro for the use of barriers etc. As the cost involved was below the public procurement thresholds there was no requirement for a tendering process for this particular once off arrangement.

This arrangement was put in place following intensive consultation with the Gardai and the local business representative group, as a response to concerns raised about

serious congestion and on street-drinking in the Temple Bar area after the festival parade in recent years.

There has been very positive feedback from the Gardai and business following this trial/pilot arrangement and we consider that it was a very successful operation.

We will now evaluate the arrangement together with the Gardai and business in the area with a view to considering something similar for other major events that effect this area but we do expect that such occasions would be a very small number in the course of the year.

In addition we have to consider the cost/funding of such operations, for St Patrick's Day, Dublin City Council carried the full cost (from its festivals budget) but in the future there should be an appropriate contribution from the business sector in the area.

A new public procurement process will be arranged for any future operations of this type.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following repairs carried out (**Details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that consideration be given to the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC look into the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can DCC please install kissing gates at (**details supplied?**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that I be given a full report on the proposed redevelopment of Labre Park Kylemore Road Ballyfermot to include a full management plan for the housing scheme post re-development, plans for the redevelopment / maintenance of the adjoining lands, in addition can I ask who is responsible for the removal of a burned out car opposite Labre Park & the replacement fence section off Kylemore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traveller Accommodation Unit met with the DECLG in February to discuss the long term plan for Labre Park. On foot of this a revised capital appraisal is being drawn up by Clúid Housing Association. A presentation on this to the Area Committee can be arranged when this is complete.

Abandoned vehicles have responsibility for removing such vehicles. Tel: 222 4254. The repair of fencing is under discussion with the ESB.

The burnt out car opposite Labre Park is on private property and the owner of this property is responsible for the removal of this car.

Q.54 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.55 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.56 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.57 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.58 COUNCILLOR GARRY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR GARRY GANNON

To inquire if the Chief Executive agrees that **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 **COUNCILLOR GARRY GANNON**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 **COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the understanding that Council propose to develop a "Super Depot" on Marrowbone Lane, and if so was there a feasibility study carried out in regard to the environmental and social impact to the surrounding community, and if such study was carried out can you supply same, and if not, why not?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an active project to rationalise the number of depots in the Dublin City Council Area and the intention has always been to maintain an operational presence in Marrowbone Lane. A draft design layout has been prepared for the Marrowbone Lane Depot lands (see attached sketch) which complies fully with the Liberties Local Area Plan.

The Liberties LAP is the approved local framework guiding the development of the Liberties area, including Marrowbone Lane. This plan was developed following a very extensive public consultation process. The LAP states that the development of the City Council's land holding in the Liberties Area is a key element of the LAP.

As recognised in the LAP, the Marrowbone Lane lands have a multi-functional role. The site is strategically important in the provision of critical operations which support and maintain the City's infrastructure. The LAP also provides for employment and new housing on the lands, with new streets linked to the surrounding area. Part of the site adjacent to St. Catherine's Church is identified in the LAP for outdoor recreational purposes.

In recognition of the above points in the LAP the draft design that has been prepared for Marrowbone Lane facilitates redevelopment of the depot site to ensure the improved delivery of critical operations on 45% of Dublin City Council lands. It also facilitates the delivery of an additional 10,135m² of residential development with public realm improvements along the existing Marrowbone Lane and on the proposed two new routes on Robert Street South and Allingham Street. It also provides additional all weather practice facilities adjacent to St. Catherine's.

In progressing the redevelopment of this site the Council would undergo a Part 8 planning process which would include public consultation covering environmental / social concerns.

Q.63 **COUNCILLOR CATHERINE ARDAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to have resurfacing work carried out on Grand Canal Bank from the junction of South Circular Road as a matter of urgency. It is extremely dangerous for cyclists who are suffering serious injuries as a result of the poor road surface. (**Details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for each of the Dublin City Council depots located on the South side of the City (as per the list provided to this Councillor in response to a question for the Council meeting of 7th March 2016), please provide this Councillor with the following information, for each of the years 2016 to date, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012.

1. The number of emergency responses carried out by each depot
2. The nature of the emergency responses as per 1. Above (i.e. housing maintenance, drains, etc.)
3. as per 1. And 2. Above, the geographical locations of the emergencies that were being responded to

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested is not readily available. Many of the operations receive work through multiple channels (telephone calls, office drop in, fax, email) and multiple sources (public, public reps, Gardai, emergency services, internal referrals). Many service requests are still recorded on paper not electronically. Without having a centralised means of recording service requests and classifying them it is very difficult to report.

Depending on the operational area some emergencies are dealt with as part of day to day operations e.g. cleaning up after a road accident, oil spills, lighting pole collapse etc. and are therefore not categorised as emergencies. However, other emergencies are dealt with through an on call service. For instance, Waste Management deal with oil spills until 4 p.m. and thereafter Road Maintenance deal with them as part of an out of hours service.

The project to consolidate depots will address technology issues and aims to modernise the way in which work is allocated and recorded which means we will be able to report on number of call outs based on type and area in the future.

Public Lighting Services

Typically we get about 275 call-outs each year. These can come in during the working day or after hours through the Traffic Control Room

Emergency call-outs for the Public Lighting Division are safety related. The typical types of call-outs we get are as follows

- Lighting columns that have been struck and could pose a danger either electrically or structurally. On average we get about 40 Knockdowns each year
- Lighting Columns Doors Missing/damaged posing an electrical risk
- Lanterns or brackets or appendages hanging off or loose on columns posing electrical and other risks (such as being struck by something falling off)
- Wires exposed/ Overhead & underground cables being damaged posing electrical risk.
- Multiple Lights out of order posing general safety risks to the public etc.
- Lantern Visors hanging – risk of being struck

The call-outs are reasonably spread throughout the city.

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Typically most of call-outs come in as reports from Housing Department, Customer Services, People ringing in etc. during the day. About 12,000 reports come in each

year with another 750 after hours calls. They are a mixture of emergency repairs and routine repairs.

Typical call-outs / reports are

- Loss of power to Council Houses / Council Installations
- Broken / damaged / faulty sockets and lights in houses
- Faulty detectors such as Fire / Smoke / Carbon Monoxide detectors in houses
- Other faults

Road Maintenance

Road Maintenance Services provides a 365 day a year out of hours response to emergencies. There are four, two man crews rostered to respond to emergencies. Each crew is rostered on for one week in four. Three of the crews operate out of Collins Avenue Depot and one crew operates out of Marrowbone Lane Depot. The distribution of emergency crews is based on the availability of drivers, three currently in Collins Avenue and one in Marrowbone Lane. The nature of emergencies responded to varies and includes treatment of oil spillages; clean up following traffic accidents and storms, removal of debris and obstructions and emergency road works. The location of emergencies responded to are distributed throughout the Dublin City Council area.

Unfortunately the detailed information requested in this Council Question is not readily available. It would require considerable time and effort on the part of the office depot staff in addition to their normal duties, to review paper records and to compile the information requested.

Waste Management

Waste Management does not have any emergency response classification for any issues related to cleansing across the City. Essentially there are no waste management issues which can be or are classified as emergencies and consequently there are no records for inclusion.

Traffic Depot

The traffic depot in Cherry Orchard do not have any staff on site after normal working hours, but can mount a response to any emergency call if required.

Housing Maintenance

Housing Maintenance operates from three depots in the south Central area. 2 of these depots, Sundrive and Garryowen (Ballyfermot) deal exclusively with issues which arise within the South Central area. The Cherry Orchard depot includes the Joinery Workshop, Civic Maintenance and the Emergency after hours service – all of these services operate city-wide and are not exclusively servicing the South Central area.

Housing Maintenance also operate the Choke Car Service and the Emergency Plumbing Service, which, although not located in the South central area, both provides an emergency services to the South Central Area.

- On average, the combined number of call-outs (considered emergency call outs) between Sundrive and Garryowen, is 13 per week. These call outs will include flooding, fire damage, trespass/break-ins in void properties, issues associated with Senior Citizens (heating, etc).

- The After-Hours call out service, deals with, on average 7 per week in the South Central area.
- The Choke car service responds to 5 call outs per week in the South Central area.
- The Emergency Plumbing Service deals with an average of 7 call outs per week in the South Central area.

All told, housing maintenance calculates that an average of 1,664 Emergency call outs in the South Central Area are responded each year for the period 2012 to 2015, this is consistent with the fact that 30% of all DCC's housing stock is located within the South Central Area.

Drainage Division

The drainage division defined emergency as any time a Flood Advisory Group (FLAG) meeting was called. This related to high rainfall events and high tides.

Year	Rainfall	Tides	Total
2012	16	6	20
2013	17	2	19
2014	14	2	16
2015	9	4	10
2016	2	1	3

The location are broadly similar and generally city wide.

Tides generally relate to the following areas:

- Sandymount
- Ringsend
- South Quays
- Tidal reaches of the Dodder

Rainfall events generally relate to the following areas, but not exclusively, and tend to be city wide:

Pearse Square	Rathmines
Harold's Cross	Rathgar
Morehampton Road	City Centre
Sandymount	Ballyfermot
Kilmainhman	Parts of Crumlin and Drimnagh
Areas off the SCR	

Water Division

In the Water Division emergencies arise mainly from broken watermains and have averaged approximately 150 per annum for the past number of years.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide this Councillor with the information relating to our senior citizen tenants, as per the table below:

Area	Senior Citizen Complexes in each area	Capacity/number of units for each of these complexes	Total Number of Senior Citizen Tenant Households in DCC	Number of Senior Citizen Tenant Households that have applied or are

			Housing Stock excluding Senior Citizen Complexes (60years+) for each area *	currently on a waiting list for any senior citizen complex in each area/complex **
Crumlin - - --	Clonmacnoise Grove Father Kitt Court Kildare Road Lissadel Court Rafters Avenue Rockmeade Court Stannaway Court Windmill Road	24 52 2 41 2 34 44 1		
Drimnagh -				
Walkinstown -Kimmage -	Kilnamanagh Court Lorcan O Toole Court Ravensdale Close	10 57 16		
Bluebell -	Bernard Curtis Court La Touche Court	20 44		
Inchicore -	Bulfin Court Jamestown Court	51 50		
Ballyfermot (including Islandbridge & Chapelizod) --	Blackditch Court Blackditch Road Claddagh Court Father Lemass Court Rossaveal Court Rossmore Avenue Riverview Court	28 2 49 32 41 1 44		
SthWst InrCity (incorporating Dolphins Barn, SCR/Tenters/Coo mbe/ Liberties/Rialto)	City Quay Mount Drummond Court Dolphin Park Memorial Court Coombe Court	18 36 42 66 10		

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to Column 4 "Total Number of Senior Citizen Tenant Households in DCC Housing Stock excluding Senior Citizen Complexes (60years+) for each area"- This information is not readily available and from an administration perspective it would be very difficult and time consuming to provide correct statistics.

In relation to Column 5, the number of people on waiting lists is included in the quarterly report circulated to each Area Committee in February (copy enclosed).

This report includes a breakdown of applicants awaiting senior citizen accommodation in each area.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide this Councillor with a breakdown of the Dublin City Councillor Conferences Budget for each of the years, 2014 (from 1st June), 2015, and 2016 to date, indicating how much was drawn down by each Councillor and the conferences attended by each Councillor, including location of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The conference budget for Members of the City Council was set by the DoECLG following the May 2014 Local Elections (Circular LG 12/14) as follows :-

2014 - €350

2015 and future years - €700

A Member may, with the agreement of a fellow Member, use part of his/her conference allocation, subject to a maximum of €300 extra per annum – in other words, no Member may be allowed more than €1,000 conference allowance in any one year.

All other information requested in the question is available on the DCC website under the heading '**Councillors' Expenses Paid**' at this link : <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-your-council/your-city-councillors>

Q.67 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to carry out a full inspection of the property of our tenant at (**details supplied**) and to carry out whatever remedial works are necessary to resolve excessive damp and condensation throughout the dwelling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer confirms this dwelling was inspected. He reports the following:

1. The tenant requested insulation of the dwelling. Our Energy Liaison Officer reports that this dwelling is not suitable for the Government funded fabric upgrade programme as it is of solid wall construction. This dwelling may be suitable for Phase 2, which includes external cladding. However due to the fact that the quantity of the funding is currently unknown and the costs of the works not tendered no commitment can be given as to the timeframe for completion of any works.
2. The tenant wishes to have the pre-paid gas meter removed. Gas meters can only be installed/removed by Gas Networks Ireland. The tenant has been advised to contact GNI.
3. The central heating was checked by our Heating Section and found to be in good working order.
4. There was no evidence of dampness found on inspection.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if a dog fouling sign can be erected at Ellenfield Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at the above location.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive the criteria employed for installing cameras at traffic lights?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

CCTV Cameras are installed at major junctions around the city that have high volumes of traffic and pedestrian movements, and also along Quality Bus Corridor routes, Luas lines and dedicated cycle ways. They assist in the DCC Control Room, being able to monitor live images of traffic moving through the SCATS controlled junctions. This enables DCC to make any necessary changes to the SCATS system that will benefit traffic or pedestrian movements. The availability of a communications infrastructure (DCC Fibre, Eir fibre etc) on site is a prerequisite for a CCTV Camera installation.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many landlords have accepted the Housing Assistance Payment to date covering how many properties in Dublin City Council area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are 183 HAP tenancies arranged through the Homeless HAP Pilot project. These tenancies have been created throughout the entire Dublin region via the HAP section operating within Dublin City Council on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. The scheme allows landlords to nominate agents for the purpose of property management and rental collection. Some landlords have multiple properties which are in more than one Dublin Local Authority area. Hence, a specific figure as to the number of landlords who have rented properties as part of a greater portfolio within the Council administrative area to Homeless HAP tenants is not yet available.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many people are currently working for Dublin City Council on the Gateway Scheme and how many commenced on the scheme but subsequently departed it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 115 people working on the Gateway Scheme with Dublin City Council. A total of 134 persons have commenced the scheme to date and 19 have subsequently departed it.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could outline all State or Public Bodies – other than local area development type bodies – that Dublin City Council is represented on by staff members and indicate who represents the Council on same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Docklands Council (Jim Keogan and Paul Clegg)
Grangegorman Development Agency (John O'Hara)
Digital Hub Development Agency (Owen Keegan and Gerry Macken)
Local Government Management Association (LGMA) (Owen Keegan)
National Transport Authority (Owen Keegan)
Ringsend Toll Bridge Designated Activity Company. (Brendan O'Brien)
St. Patricks Festival (Vincent Norton)

The above list does not include community bases bodies.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could list all circulars received from Government Departments requiring action by the Council since January 1st 2016 and up to March 31st 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

January

Circular: Housing 1 /2016

8 January 2016

Local Authority House Purchase and Improvement Loans, Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing.

Circular : Housing 2 / 2016

11 January 2016

New Procedure for Single Stage Approval of Social Housing Capital Construction Projects below €2m in Value

Circular: Housing 3/2016

19 January 2016

Statistical Quarterly Return for Quarter 4 2015

February

Circular: Housing 4/2016

1 February 2016

Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme – Management and Maintenance Allowance.

Circular: Housing 5/2016

1 February 2016

Housing Allocation Scheme – Ministerial Direction to 4 Dublin Housing Authorities

Circular: Housing 6/2016

1 February 2016

Housing Allocation Schemes - Ministerial Direction

Circular Housing 7/2016

2 February 2016

**Adaptations and extensions to social housing stock
Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs); DPG Extensions;
Improvement Works in Lieu (IWILS)**

Circular: Housing 8/2016

10 February 2016

Capital Funding Schemes for the Provision of Rental Accommodation by Approved Housing Bodies - Local Authority/Approved Housing Body Loan Mortgage Documents

Circular Housing 9 /2016

17 February 2016

Traveller Accommodation – Determination of Capital Allocations for 2016

Circular Housing 10 /2016

7 February 2016

2015 End of year Reports – rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

March

Circular : Housing 11/2016

8 March 2016

Energy Efficiency 2016 - Phases 1 & 2

Circular : Housing 12 of 2016

14 March 2016

Rental Accommodation Scheme Monthly Progress Reports - eReturns:

Circular : Housing 13 of 2016

22 March 2016

2016 Claims under Local Authority Mortgage to Rent (LAMTR) Scheme and certain revisions to the Scheme

The South East Area Office has not received any circulars from government departments during this time.

	Date Received	Details
Fin 01 2016	14.01.2016	Dublin City Landsdowne Road Agreement
Fin 02 2016	19.01.2016	Pay and Pensions Monthly Estimates 2016
Fin 03 2016	27.01.2016	Annual Financial Statement 2015 – Amendment to Appendix 7
DPER 01-2016	21.03.2016	Construction Procurement revision of arrangements
CLS 1.2016	22.02.2016	Pensions Ombudsman Returns
L2-2016	19.02.2016	Recoupment of Income Lost on Rates from Irish Water
S2-2016	29.02.2016	Irish Water Previous Service Pension Scheme

Please see attached list of Circulars for 2016.

- Q.74 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MACDONNCHA**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

- Q.75 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me a report on the potential land rezoning of the former Carlisle Health and Fitness Club, now controlled by Ben Dunne gyms, 52-54 Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12 in the upcoming city development plan. In this report, I would like to know the following information

- Did DCC staff meet with the property owner and when did such a meeting take place.
- Why would Dublin City Council seek to grant a partial rezoning from Z9 to Z1 when a large scale development could impact the River Poddle which has recently flooded?
- What impact would residential development have here on the nearby River Poddle.
- Were DCC staff aware of any diminution of the environment and to recreational facilities such a land rezoning could have.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issue raised here is a matter for the Development Plan process and submissions have been received in this regard. The matter will be dealt with as part of the consideration by members of the Chief Executive's report on submissions together with the Chief Executive's report on any motions received on the matter.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding has been provided by Dublin City Council to the Liberties Business Forum since its inception?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South Central Area office initiated the Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative in February 2014 as a means of providing a targeted and coordinated response to a variety of challenges facing the main commercial streets of The Liberties. These include declining commercial activity, vacancy and dereliction, declining quality of the public realm, poor perceptions of the area, and difficulty engaging stakeholders in a process of renewal.

South Central Area Office has funded the Initiative by providing a dedicated programme manager who is based within the local area office. Projects identified with the Initiative such as public realm improvements, promotional events and materials, visitor maps, and the shop front improvement scheme has also been funded by South Central Area Office as part of its overall general expenditure in the area during the period.

As part of the initiative, The Liberties Business Forum was established by Dublin City Council South Central Area Office and local stakeholders in March 2014 as a forum to engage large and small businesses and property owners in a renewal programme of the area. The forum established itself as a not for profit company in May 2015. To date, South Central Area Office has not made any funding to Liberties Business Forum. However, the Forum has made funding available to The Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative that supported the development of an area website www.libertiesdublin.ie and a contracted Marketing & Promotions Officer for the area during the year 2015/2016.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for DCC provided Social Housing in the City (excluding AHB's). In my answer I would like this broken down by housing area, and what stage the developments are at in terms of planning, finance etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An updated report on social housing projects will be circulated to each of the next Area Committee Meetings.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the chief executive, **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive when he intends to repaint the Ha'Penny Bridge this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We intend to have some cleaning and painting works (railings and outer faces of main arch ribs/superstructure) carried out before the 19th of May next.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what progress has been made on bringing revised plans for the proposed Liffey Cycle Route to the full Council for debate?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A preferred option for the Liffey Cycle Route is currently being finalised taking into account the impacts of the recent proposals for the College Green Plaza.

It is intended to present this report to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting on 27th April, 2016, with recommendations on how to proceed with this project.

The Liffey Cycle Route will be brought to the full City Council monthly meeting as part of the statutory planning process once preliminary designs have been developed.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive to take action to ensure (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details enclosed**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details enclosed**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN
Will the Chief Executive arrange for the resurfacing of the carriageway on Glasilawn Ave between Glasanoan Rd and Fitzmaurice Rd as there are several complaints from local residents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services have inspected the condition of the carriageway on Glasilawn Avenue between the junction with Fitzmaurice Road and the junction with Glasilawn Road and confirm that its condition is generally satisfactory. Therefore the resurfacing of this road is not necessary at the present time.

Localised repairs will be carried out in the concrete carriageway outside no 14.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN
Will the Chief Executive provide an estimate of the cost of replacing the concrete surface on Griffith Avenue extension between the junction of Ballygall Road East and Tolka Estate Road with a modern road surface and undertake to provide such funding to allow these works take place in the near future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance informs that the cost of overlaying a bituminous surface layer over the entire length of Griffith Avenue concrete carriageway between the above-mentioned junctions is estimated at €110,000.

In addition, the concrete road surface of Griffith Avenue road is in a satisfactory condition and does not necessitate a bituminous overlay at the present time, however its condition will be monitored and localised repairs will be carried out as necessary.

It should be noted that the current year's budget has been allocated to major works agreed at the 2016 works programme North West Area meeting in March. In addition, there are a significant number of arterial and estate roads (i.e. roadways and footways) in need of major repair works pending subsequent funding available.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN

Will the Chief Executive arrange for a survey and upgrade of the cycling surface on Beaumont Road and Skelly's Lane, Dublin 9?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services completed full carriageway resurfacing on Beaumont Road between Shantalla Road and Montrose Avenue in 2015 which included full resurfacing of the cycle lane.

Localised carriageway repairs were also completed on Beaumont Road between Shantalla Road and Collins Avenue at damaged sections of carriageway.

There are no plans to complete resurfacing works on Skelly's Lane in 2016 nor are there plans to complete additional works on Beaumont Road.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR TERESA KEEGAN

Will the Chief Executive arrange for an immediate safety review of the traffic lights outside Whitehall Church on Swords Road, Dublin 9 as motorists are complaining that it is very difficult to identify the colour of the lights when travelling south if it is sunny.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the Traffic Signals visibility will be carried out at this location and a report issued once the review has been completed.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive according to the Halloween report presented to the Central Area JPC, Dublin City Council's Waste Enforcement Unit carries out regular audits and compliance inspections on tyre retailers and garages to determine compliance for producer responsibility. Can the Chief Executive detail all audits and inspections carried out over the past two years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Waste Enforcement Unit carry out regular audits and inspections on tyre retailers and garages to ensure compliance with regard to the disposal of end-of-life tyres.

In 2014, out of 39 audits carried out, 13 were within the Central area and, in 2015, 43 audits were carried out of which 7 were within the Central Area, by the Waste Enforcement Unit to ensure compliance.

These audits are conducted throughout the year; however, increased priority is assigned to this function during the two month period prior to Halloween.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive confirm whether Dublin City Council management are currently in discussions regarding the further outsourcing of aspects of waste management services?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the past twelve months a comprehensive study of the Waste Management Division has been undertaken. The review included an examination of work practices, manning levels, shift patterns, management, supervision, overall effectiveness and efficiency. We have been engaging with the Trade Union representatives and are now at the stage where definite proposals are being tabled. The process is being progressed in accordance with the agreed Industrial Relations process as outlined in the Public Service Agreement 2010-2018. The question of outsourcing the service is not being discussed as part of the current negotiations.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a map with locations of all public litter bins in the Central Area, and a list of all public litter bins, and their locations, which have been removed over the last five years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council completed a comprehensive survey of all litter bins in its administrative area in October 2013. . Attached is a map of the locations of litter bins in the Central Area as at 13/10/2013. A complete review of the locations is currently underway and is expected to be completed before June 2016.

There are no figures available for the number of bins removed from different areas over the past five years. We are in the process of upgrading our computer records systems and electronically tagging all our litter bins so such information should be available in the future once this process is complete.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on which waste collection companies intend to operate bag collections after July 2016, and, if the Chief Executive does not have a definitive list, what the council's back-up plan is in the case of no company choosing to continue bag collection after July 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are a number of waste collection companies currently providing a bag collection service to households in the City and the Council is not aware that any of them will cease to provide this service after the 1st July 2016. This matter has also been raised at the Special Committee of the City Council on Waste Regulations where it will receive further consideration.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on costs of providing a public waste collection service in (a) Dublin as a whole, and (b) the Central Area, per annum, in the three years preceding the introduction of waste charges, including details of labour numbers and wages paid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently compiling a report on the above issue and it will be forwarded to the Councillor once completed.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the costs to the council in waste management in the three years preceding the introduction of waste collection charges, and in 2013, 2014 and 2015, including a breakdown of

(a) The cost of removal of illegally dumped waste (including a breakdown of labour time, equipment, time to investigate, maintenance of litter reporting mechanisms);

(b) The cost of street sweeping (including a breakdown of labour time and equipment)

(c) The cost of operating investigation and compliance schemes such as the north inner city litter action scheme

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently compiling a report on the above issue and it will be forwarded to the Councillor once completed.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of any lands owned or controlled by Dublin City Council in the centre of Chapelizod such as the former vegetable shop known as Gambel's Building, and to make a statement on the matter."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council owns Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Martins Row also known as Main Street Chapelizod. No.18, which includes the land to rear and No. 19 are recent acquisitions. It is necessary for the City Council to use its powers to compulsorily acquire the title of the unknown fee simple owner in nos. 18 and 19 and the access laneway to the side. It is then intended to advertise the combined lands for sale at the earliest opportunity.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement regarding the future management and upgrading of Darndale Park, and to comment on how issues relating to horses, quad bikes and litter will be addressed?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Darndale Park is an important neighbourhood park and amenity located to the north of Darndale Estate. Parks and Landscape Services maintain this park by direct labour to the extent that current available resources permit. This Service together with The North Central Area office have regular meetings with stakeholders of the park from the Darndale area and challenges such as those associated with abuse of this park by those with horses, motorbikes and dumping regularly discussed and addressed. In the past number of years investment has taken place to encourage use of the park through playground improvement, gateway modifications, and increase in the frequency of removal of dumped material. Unfortunately at present there is a high level of abuse of this park despite the efforts of Dublin City Council and of Community Groups and Sports Clubs in the area. At the current time through the involvement of the Area Community staff, a specific Gateway project is in the process of being put in place for operations to be carried out at the park which it is considered will have a positive impact on the extent of such abuses taking place and through its interaction with community groups in the area should increase the positive use of the park. Further investment is planned with regard to facilities

improvement with drainage operations planned for the playing pitches and surface renewal of the kick about area.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on his plans for a large maintenance depot on Marrowbone Lane and to indicate whether he can ensure that the plans for a sports centre in this part of the south-west inner city are also accommodated, and would he consider producing an urban framework to tackle the poor quality urban environment along the entire street while recognising that most of the lands and property are controlled by the City Council.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Liberties Local Area Plan is the approved local framework guiding the development of the Liberties area, including Marrowbone Lane. The LAP states that the development of the City Council’s land holding in the Liberties Area is a key element of the LAP. Section 1.3.2, the purpose of the LAP, states:

The depot sites in addition to the housing estates make up a considerable portion of the study area and the proposals for these sites aim to deliver a number of objectives including:

- *promoting investment, economic development, employment growth and market services such as shopping*
- *improving the urban design quality of the area*
- *building homes to better space and construction standards with energy efficient systems*
- *developing a modern depot facility*
- *improving the legibility and permeability of the area*
- *creating a network of high quality public spaces*
- *improving cultural, leisure and sport facilities*
- *supporting economic regeneration*
- *providing childcare facilities*

The LAP identifies the subject area, the Depot Lands, as being a significant redevelopment site (section 7.4 of the LAP). In relation to the development of the area, it states:

Two new routes are proposed that open up the depot lands and create frontages for landlocked underdeveloped sites. The east-west and north-south routes will form new streets increasing connectivity generally in the Liberties area and permitting access to two key public green open spaces at the Weir Home and HSE facilities on the north and south of Cork Street.

St Catharine’s Leisure Centre will benefit from an expanded site including a new all weather sport pitches to the rear. The centre will have an enhanced setting by means of a widening of Marrowbone Lane and an adjacent mixed use active frontage as part of the DCC paving depot redevelopment.

Continuous and active street frontages and suitable pavement widths are to be sought to enhanced the quality of the public realm along Marrowbone and Forbes Lanes in particular where the industrial uses currently offer up blank boundary walls or fences

The LAP identifies community and public realm improvements to be delivered by the redevelopment of the site including the provision of an all weather pitch, development

of a crèche, improved permeability through the area, provision of an extension to Robert Street and Allingham Street

The Liberties area is also identified as a Strategic Development and Regeneration Area under the draft Plan, with the subject area being indicated as a key development area.

There is a motion under the Draft Development Plan to rezone these lands to Z9. Having regard to the identification of the site as a key development site in the Liberties LAP and to the SDR designation in the draft Plan, it is considered that the Z9 zoning over the whole site is not appropriate and would conflict with the objectives of the LAP and would also undermine City Council service provision by preventing the development of a new Depot on a greatly reduced site.

As recognised in the LAP, the Marrowbone Lane lands have a multi-functional role. The site is strategically important to provide critical services which support and maintain the City's infrastructure. The LAP also provides for employment and new housing on the lands, with new streets linked to the surrounding area.

Part of the site adjacent to St. Catherine's Church is identified in the LAP for outdoor recreational purposes and it is recommended that this should be zoned Z9, with the remainder zoned Z6 and Z10.

There is an active project to rationalise the number of depots in the Dublin City Council Area and the intention has always been to maintain an operational presence in Marrowbone Lane. The draft design layout that has been prepared for the Marrowbone Lane Depot lands (see attached sketch) complies fully with the LAP. It will facilitate redevelopment of the depot site to ensure the improved delivery of critical operations on 45% of Dublin City Council lands. It will also facilitate the delivery of an additional 10,135m² of residential development, public realm improvements along the existing Marrowbone Lane and on the proposed two new routes on Robert Street South and Allingham Street. It will also provide three additional all weather practice size pitches (two 20x35m pitches and one 40x25m) adjacent to St. Catherine's.

In a recent report I have recommended that the council should revert to the zoning as per Local Area Plan and current City Development Plan, Z6 and Z10, with new Z9 zoning, open space, adjacent to St Catherine's and to the west of the proposed new link road between Marrowbone Lane and Allingham Street.

The depot lands in Marrowbone Lane currently accommodate a number of operational City Council Depots providing flooding and surface water drainage, public lighting and electrical, waste management and water supply & waste water services to the citizens and businesses of the city. The operation of these Depots is essential to the continued efficient provision of City Council services by direct labour in the inner city area. The City Council has prepared plans to consolidate the existing Depot, which will improve the working conditions of staff, address health and safety concerns and improve operational efficiency. The proposed redevelopment of the Depot will reduce the extent of the site it occupies thus releasing land to meet specific objectives in the Liberties Local Area Plan including the development of a number of all weather pitches adjacent to St. Catherine's Leisure Centre. The realisation of this plan will not be possible under the currently proposed zoning in the Draft Development Plan and will be a missed opportunity to improve the public realm, provide additional routes and permeability in the area while also delivering on additional sporting facilities adjacent to St. Catherine's Sports Centre.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement regarding the level of staffing at hostels used by Dublin City Council Homeless services, and to comment on the training that front line staff receive in relation to tackling anti-social behaviour in such accommodation?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Staffing:

There are agreed staff to client ratios which are in place and which form the basis of a) funding for service providers and the support to be provided and b) service level agreements with agreed targets for service providers and c) which ensures that adequate staffing is in place to deliver homeless services and supports. It is also noted that a key element of SLAs for service providers includes intervention where challenging behaviour occurs and in terms of good neighbourhood policies and procedures.

Training and Staff Competencies:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive¹ (DRHE) completes an annual review of staff training needs to ascertain demand and identify key areas of train need/ gaps to inform the annual programme of training provision.

Current Training Provision

Accredited Training (delivered on site in Dublin City University)

- a. 16 month three module **Undergraduate Certificate Programme in Homeless Prevention and Intervention**. Training is aimed at key workers/frontline local authority homeless services and wider homeless sector services staff engaged in assessment and placement functions and support planning interventions to build on existing skill, knowledge and competence in effectively supporting people moving out of homelessness. Programme commenced in September 2009 with 290 staff successfully completed
Annual intake 30 - 40 students every September for academic year. Students undertake three modules on *Assessment and Support Planning: Process and Practice*, *Socio-Economic Needs of People/Families Experiencing Homelessness* and *Health, Illness, Addiction and Homelessness*.
- b. Three month **Effective Management in Homeless Services Module**. Training is aimed at managers in homeless sector services to enhance their management/ leadership practice and develop their expertise in operational supervision/support of staff engaged in assessment and support planning interventions Initial module commenced in 2009 with 3 modules delivered in 2009/2010 and 2011 with 57 managers successfully completed
Improved and updated module re-commenced in February 2016 with 24 managers currently enrolled. Students undertaking lectures on areas *Caring for Self, Supporting Staff, Strategic Management and Socio-Political Contexts, Operational Supervision and Project Management*.

Both Certificate Programme and Managers module are accredited at Level 8 with 10 credits per module on the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) National Framework of Qualifications (equivalent to primary degree level)

¹ DRHE is a regional shared service and support unit within DCCs Housing and Residential

Local Authority Training Framework 2016

- c. The DRHE is providing a framework of training for local authority staff commencing from April 21st for the remainder of 2016. This training takes place for three hours bi-monthly and is provided **primarily** for new or existing local authority staff from the four Dublin local authority areas and secondly to Section 10 funded service staff.
- d. The areas of training include:
 - i. Staff Support: Self Care, Boundary Setting and Work/Life Balance
 - ii. Working with People who Experience Mental Health Difficulties
 - iii. Assessment, Case Management Processes, Inter-agency Protocols and Working
 - iv. PASS System/Data Protection/FOI
 - v. Understanding the Social Protection/Welfare System and Entitlements
 - vi. Dealing with Challenging Behaviour/Potential Violence in the Workplace
 - vii. Housing Policies/Practice, Estate Management, Move On Options
 - viii. Prevention/Tenancy Sustainment
 - ix. Support to Live Independently (SLI), Long-Term Accommodation
 - x. Housing Assistance Payment/Dublin Place Finders Service
 - xi. Helpline Skills
 - xii. Working with People who Experience Mental Health Difficulties
 - xiii. Assessment, Case Management Processes, Inter-agency Protocols and Working
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 - xx. Housing Assistance Payment/Dublin Place Finders Service
 - xxi. Helpline Skills

Induction Training within Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)

- e. Dublin City Council is working to put in place a training induction programme for landlords/ house managers working within a PEA setting landlords outlining the new PEA Guidelines that are being put into place by Dublin City Council.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.114 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive please explain the process and criteria by which Marrowbone Lane was chosen as the preferred location of a proposed "Super Depot".

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review is currently underway of DCC's existing depot network with a view to improving the working conditions of the operational staff while also achieving a major rationalisation with resulting operational efficiencies and savings.

The proposal is to develop a consolidated depot incorporating Waste Management, Housing, Public Lighting, Traffic, Water, Drainage and Roads Maintenance operations. The consolidated depot will operate on a shared basis with shared stores, staff and welfare facilities, parking, workshops, fleet management and office accommodation. This project will deliver improved facilities and working conditions for staff, operational efficiencies and the opportunity to enhance operations through greater use of technology. The consolidation of operations into a greatly reduced number of locations will facilitate the release of Council owned lands for more appropriate uses.

The project will also examine the opportunity to provide community gain at the locations selected.

The current proposal is a two depot strategy with one large operational centre at St. Margaret's Road in Ballymun and a second location at Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.

An analysis of all current depots was carried out to examine the locations, current zonings, condition, number of staff, number of fleet, hours of operation, type of operations etc. A number of options were considered, one of which was to examine the opportunity to consolidate operations in one of the larger depots. This was not deemed possible for most depots with the exception of Marrowbone Lane. Dublin City Council has had an operational presence in Marrowbone Lane for over 40 years and it has proven to be a strategically well located depot to deliver services to the South side of the City and city centre as well as deal with emergency situations. There is also a Local Area Plan in place that was developed following extensive public consultation with the community that recognised the importance of the depot lands from an operational perspective.

A number of other Dublin City Council sites were considered for suitability for city centre and southside operations including lands in Cherry Orchard, Pigeon House Road and Jamestown Road. Marrowbone Lane was selected as the most centrally located depot that would serve city centre and southside operations.

This project is still in its initial stages and full feasibility studies have yet to be carried out. However, it should be noted that these lands currently accommodate a number of operational City Council Depots providing flooding and surface water drainage, public lighting and electrical, waste management and water supply & waste water services to the citizens and businesses of the city. The operation of these Depots is

essential to the continued efficient provision of City Council services by direct labour in the inner city area. The City Council has prepared plans to consolidate the existing Depot, which will improve the working conditions of staff, address health and safety concerns and improve operational efficiency. The proposed redevelopment of the Depot will reduce the extent of the site it occupies thus releasing land to meet specific objectives in the Liberties Local Area Plan including the development of a number of all weather pitches adjacent to St. Catherine's Leisure Centre, increased permeability with two new routes, improved public realm and housing.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask that our Housing Maintenance Section includes the Ravensdale Close, Dublin 12 complex, in a complete insulation programme; these units suffer bad dampness from poor insulation. Additionally, in the meantime can they ensure that all vacant units be fully insulated to BER standards before been allocated to new tenants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has carried out surveys on some of these units for suitability for inclusion in the Fabric Upgrade Insulation Programme.

D.C.C. is currently in the process of completing phase one of the programmes (Cavity wall Units).

As these are of solid wall construction, Our Energy Liaison Officer reports that these dwellings are not suitable for the Government funded fabric upgrade programme. These dwellings may be suitable for Phase 2, which includes external cladding. However due to the fact that the quantity of the funding is currently unknown and the costs of the works not tendered no commitment can be given as to the timeframe for completion of any works.

Any vacant units are insulated as part of the refurbishment works prior to being allocated to new tenants.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive give a report on the progress of the development of the linear park on Dolphins Barn Street? Can this report explain why work seems to come to a standstill, and when the ugly bollards/fencing will be removed and the space opened up as a public domain facility.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The concrete barriers are a temporary measure to prevent casual use of the site as a car park given the proximity of the Coombe Hospital and the parking problems in the area. It is planned to replace the barriers with new raised kerbing before a pop-up linear park is created in the area between the new boundary wall and the public footpath prior to its possible future development.