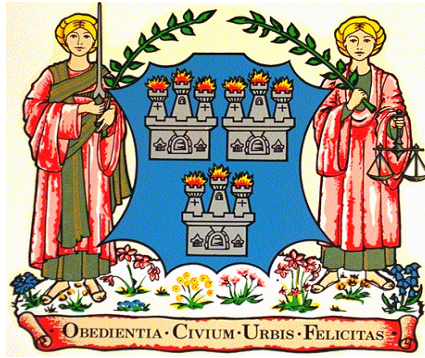


**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 7 Márta 2016 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n.  
I Láthair an tArdmheara Críona Ní Dhálaigh sa chathaoir

**Attendance:**

**Comhairleoir:**

Chris Andrews  
Janice Boylan  
Claire Byrne  
Aine Clancy  
Patrick Costello  
Daithi Doolan  
Declan Flanagan  
Gary Gannon  
Deirdre Heney  
Andrew Keegan  
Frank Kennedy  
Micheal Mac Donncha  
Paddy McCartan  
Ray McHugh  
Emma Murphy  
Damian O'Farrell  
Cieran Perry  
Eilis Ryan  
Denise Mitchell  
Sean Haughey

**Comhairleoir:**

Kieran Binchy  
Tom Brabazon  
Cathleen Carney Boud  
Anthony Connaghan  
Ciaran Cuffe  
Pat Dunne  
Mannix Flynn  
Alison Gilliland  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Teresa Keegan  
Dermot Lacey  
Ray McAdam  
Ruairi McGinley  
Andrew Montague  
Naoise Muiri  
Ciaran O'Moore  
Noeleen Reilly  
Paddy Smyth  
Jim O'Callaghan  
Noel Rock

**Comhairleoir:**

Paddy Bourke  
Christy Burke  
Brendan Carr  
David Costello  
Daithi De Roiste  
Gaye Fagan  
Mary Freehill  
Paul Hand  
Vincent Jackson  
Greg Kelly  
John Lyons  
Paul McAuliffe  
Seamas McGrattan  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Michael O'Brien  
Larry O'Toole  
Nial Ring  
Sonya Stapleton  
Kate O'Connell  
Brid Smith

**Oifigiúir**

Dick Brady  
Brendan Kenny  
Terence O'Keeffe  
Declan Wallace

Oonagh Casey  
Jim Keogan  
Mary Pyne

Owen P. Keegan  
Vincent Norton  
Kathy Quinn  
Joanna Travers

1 Lord Mayors Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by expressing condolences to the families and friends of the following and holding a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the deceased:-

- Victims of the fire in Carrickmines who died Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015

- Garda Anthony Golden who died Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015
  - Maureen O'Hara (Actress born in Ranelagh) who died Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Permission was given by the City Council for the erection of Banner on Liberty Hall on behalf of SAFE Ireland for the period 13<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The Lord Mayor then reminded Members to complete the survey circulated by Chief Executive's Department from Paul Lemass, Chair of the Local Government Advisory Group.

The Lord Mayor and Members of the City Council thanked Dublin Fire Brigade who worked in very hard conditions on Saturday night, 31<sup>st</sup> October, and in some cases who came under threat for doing their duty. Members expressed their abhorrence of these attacks on members of the Fire Brigade carrying out their duties. Members also expressed their appreciation to staff of Dublin City Council who organised events for children and young people in an effort to avoid accidents at this time of year. Mr Brian Mongey, a member of the Culture, Recreation, Amenity & Community Department, who is based in Ballymun, was thanked for his extraordinary contribution in this regard over the years.

Approval was given for the attendance of Councillor Andrew Montague at Conference Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, organised by The Heritage Council on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 on "Realising the Hidden Potential of Ireland's Towns" Councillor D O'Farrell asked that his efforts to raise the issue of the Flood Defence Wall currently under construction in Clontarf be recorded in the minutes.

- 2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16  
It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Bourke "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 143 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in Appendix A attached.
- 3 Letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from Donegal County Council calling on their Council to ask the government to issue a bus pass to all cancer and all other patients travelling to Galway or Dublin during the period of their treatment regardless of their age. It was moved by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 4 The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and Monthly Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor. Members asked for an update on the progress on the Dodder Greenway Project and also on the situation in relation to Longboat Quay. The Chief Executive provided a summary of the current situation in relation to Longboat Quay and expressed the hope that a meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November would find a compromise proposal that could be put to the residents by the management company. The Chief Executive also undertook to update the Members on the outcome of the meeting.
- 5 Report No. 334/2016 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 334/2015". The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Report No. 333/2015 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the period 1st January to 31st December 2016. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 333/2015 and hereby approves the temporary overdraft accommodation requirement as set out therein, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government" The motion was put and carried.
- 7 Report No. 278/2015 of the Chief Executive, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Rockfield Park, Off Whitethorn Avenue, Dublin 5. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor N O Muiri "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 278/2015 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.
- 8 To fill a vacancy on the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Gary Gannon from that Committee. The City Council agreed to defer the filling of a vacancy on the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Gary Gannon from that Committee.
- 9 To fill a vacancy on St. Michael's Estate Regeneration Board following the resignation of Councillor Daithi De Róiste from that Board. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Councillor Vincent Jackson be appointed as a member to represent Dublin City Council on St. Michael's Estate Regeneration Board" The motion was put and carried. A second nominee, Councillor B Smith, was proposed but defeated on a vote.
- 10 Report No. 321/2015 of the Chief Executive - Monthly Management Report - 2nd November 2015. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor N Reilly "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 321/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 11 Report No. 319/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Grant towards running costs of Swimming Pool. It was proposed by Councillor M Mac Donncha and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 319/2015 and hereby approves the grant towards running costs of Trinity Swimming Pool at Donaghmede, Dublin 13 as outlined therein". The motion was put and carried. It was also agreed that a full report of the usage and associated costs of running the city's swimming pools would be prepared for Members, including grants too private swimming pools.
- 12 Report No. 323/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Addition of 16A, Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 323/2015 and approves the addition of 16A, Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 324/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Addition of 107, Grafton Street, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 323/2015 and approves the addition of 16A, Kenilworth Road, Dublin 6, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 14 Report No. 325/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Deletion of 109a Marlborough Road from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Amendment of the existing entry for RPS Ref 5022: 109/109a Marlborough Road, House to read RPS Ref 5022: 109 Marlborough Road, House. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 325/2015 and approves the deletion of 109a Marlborough Road from the Record of Protected Structures and Amendment of the existing entry for RPS Ref 5022: 109/109a Marlborough Road, House to read RPS Ref 5022: 109 Marlborough Road, House in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 15 Report No. 326/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Record of Protected Structures : Amendment of current entry for Poolbeg Lighthouse and South Bull Wall, Ringsend, Dublin 4 and amendment of the cross reference entry for Poolbeg Lighthouse and South Bull Wall, Ringsend, Dublin 4, in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 326/2015 and approves the amendment of current entry for Poolbeg Lighthouse and South Bull Wall, Ringsend, Dublin 4 and amendment of the cross reference entry for Poolbeg Lighthouse and South Bull Wall, Ringsend, Dublin 4, on the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 16 Report No. 327/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Addition of 94-96 Middle Abbey Street to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 327/2015 and approves the addition of 94-96 Middle Abbey Street, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 17 Report No. 328/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Deletion of 16 Mary Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 328/2015 and approves the deletion of 16 Mary Street, Dublin 1 from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 18 Report No. 329/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Amendment of

the current entry for 57-75 Botanic Road, Dublin 9 on the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 329/2015 and approves the Amendment of the current entry for 57-75 Botanic Road, Dublin 9, from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 330/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - Addition of 49 Glasnevin Hill, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 330/2015 and approves the addition of 49 Glasnevin Hill, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
- 20 Report No. 341/2015 of the Executive Manager (C. Reilly) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 9 premises. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 341/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 21 Report No. 337/2015 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of a premises in Mountjoy Square Park, Dublin 1 to St Brigid's Day Nursery Limited. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 337/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 22 Report No. 338/2015 of Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Ushers Street, Dublin 8 to P. Elliott and Company Limited. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 338/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 23 Report No. 339/2015 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site to rear of 15 Brian Boru Street, Clontarf, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 339/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 24 Report No. 340/2015 of the Assistant Chief Executive (J. Keogan) - With reference to the proposed Disposal of Lands at Croke Villas, Ardilaun Road/Sackville Avenue, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor R McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 340/2015 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 25 Report No. 331/2015 of the Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Daithí Doolan) - Breviate of meeting held on 28th September 2015. It was proposed by Councillor D Doolan and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 331/2015". The motion

was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 346/2015 of the Chairperson of the Planning and International Relations Strategic Policy Committee (Councillor Andrew Montague) - Breviate of meeting held on 8th September 2015. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor J Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 346/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 27 Report No. 347/2015 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate for the month of October 2015 - Councillor Áine Clancy, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Hand "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 347/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 28 Report No. 335/2015 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of October 2015 - Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Hand "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 335/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 29 Report No. 332/2015 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of October 2015 - Councillor Nial Ring, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Hand "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 332/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 30 Report No. 345/2015 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate for the month of October 2015 - Councillor Ray McHugh, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor P Hand "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 345/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 31 Report No. 322/2015 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate for the month of October 2015 - Councillor Paddy McCartan, Chairperson. It was proposed by Councillor J O'Callaghan and seconded by Councillor C Andrews "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 322/2015". The motion was put and carried.

The City Council agreed to take Emergency Motions No 2 and 3 at this point as they related to property in the South East Area. Accordingly Standing Orders were suspended to agree the following motions :

(a) ' That the City Council agrees there will be no sale or disposal of Dublin City Council lands in the Temple Bar area until a full cultural and commercial of the entire area audit is carried out and clear vision for the future of Temple Bar is established and agreed by the Council'

**Submitted by Councillors C Byrne, P Costello and C Cuffe**

(b) This Council agrees to conduct a strategic review of Temple Bar setting out the strategic priorities and vision for the cultural and commercial spaces. We agree not to proceed with any sale of assets while this review is taking place.

**Submitted by Councillors R Moynihan, D Lacey, M Freehill and A Gilliland**

- 32 Report No. 320/2015 of the Protocol Committee (Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson) - Breviate of meeting held on 1st October 2015. It was proposed by Councillor T Keegan and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council hereby approves Report No 320/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 33 Report No. 336/2015 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee (Councillor Larry O'Toole, Chairperson) - Breviate of meeting held on 19th October

2015. It was proposed by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 336/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 34 Report No. 310/2015 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee (Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson) - Breviate of meeting held on 28th September 2015. It was proposed by Councillor R McAdam and seconded by Councillor D Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 310/2015". The motion was put and carried.
- 35 As decided by Council on the night  
Following a vote, it was agreed to take Issue No 1 - Adequacy of Traveller Accommodation in Dublin City. A discussion on this subject followed. The City Council also agreed to take a related Item on the Agenda at this time, Item No 58, Motion in the name of Councillor B Smith. The following motion therefore was seconded by Councillor D Doolan and was put to a Roll Call vote and carried. For details of the vote, please see **Appendix B** to these Minutes.  
*"This Council calls on management to seek an immediate meeting with the DOE for an increase in the Traveller Accommodation Budget as the €366,000 allocated this year will not even facilitate the delivery of 20% of the current TAP targets"*  
Members thanked the Chief Fire Officer and members of his staff who attended a meeting of the Local Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee and agreed to roll out a fire safety educational programme for traveller halting sites.
- 36 Emergency Motion - The City Council suspended Standing Orders to take the following motion :-  
"That this Council supports CO-OP Housing and O Cualann cohousing alliance in delivering 40 homes in Poppintree for Ballymun residents. That the site for which planning permission is still live be used for Co-op and not modular housing. That senior Dublin City Council management, the local councillors and the O Cualann cohousing alliance work in partnership to ensure the project can proceed as soon as possible and to facilitate modular housing on an alternative location on the site" the Assistant Chief Executive's report was noted that progress was being made in this regard.
- 37 It was proposed by Councillor S McGrattan and seconded by Councillor T Brabazon: "This City Council calls on the Department of the Taoiseach to press the British Prime Minister to release all files associated with the Dublin & Monaghan bombings of 1974" The motion was put and carried.
- 38 It was proposed by Councillor D Costello and seconded by the Lord Mayor: "With consideration to the anniversary of 1916 and the recent anniversary of the foundation of Cumann na mBan, that this Council requests the Heritage Officer of Dublin City Council to actively encourage the naming of currently unnamed public buildings, housing developments, roads, bridges and parks in memory of Cumann na mBan or members of Cumann na mBan during commemoration year"

An amendment to this motion was put forward by Councillor N Ring and seconded by Councillor P Dunne . Accordingly the following amended motion was put and carried :-

"With consideration to the anniversary of 1916 and the recent anniversary of the foundation of Cumann na mBan, that this Council requests the Heritage Officer of Dublin City Council to actively encourage the naming of currently unnamed public buildings, housing developments, roads, bridges and parks in memory of Cumann na mBan or members of Cumann na mBan, the Citizens' Army and other female participants in the war for independence"

39 It was proposed by Councillor A Gilliland and seconded by the Lord Mayor :-  
“The Congress *Charter for Fair Conditions at Work* seeks a societal consensus as to what constitutes fair conditions of employment. The charter identifies five key principles which, as a minimum, should be respected by every employer: a living wage, fair hours of work, the right to representation and collective bargaining, to be treated with dignity when at work and fair public procurement. This council supports and advocates the implementation of the Congress *Charter for Fair Conditions at Work* for all DCC employees and applies its principles in its public procurement process. In particular, DCC will:

I. Work with DCC employees' union representatives to ensure the implementation of the Charter across all DCC departments/sections

II. Apply the following principles of public procurement as per EU Public Procurement Directives:

- **Most economically advantageous tender (M.E.A.T.)** so formulated to always include social considerations such as the impact on local employment. Under this DIRECTIVE it is essential that social considerations are given a suitable weighting.

- **Compliance with Labour Law:** *‘Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure that in the performance of public contracts economic operators comply with applicable obligations in the fields of environmental, social and labour law established by Union law, national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social and labour law provisions’* Article 18

- **Inclusion of Social Clauses:** to detail specific criteria to require as a condition of the contract, respect for employment rights, including respect for right to collective bargaining and compliance with relevant JLCs (and EROs/REOs and REAs) and/or relevant Minimum/Living Wages (ILO Convention 94 on Labour Clauses in Public Contracts).

- **Selection and Exclusion Grounds for Tendering:** including the exclusion of abnormally low tenders, having regard for economic and financial standing of tenders and previous behaviour compliance behaviour with legal/employment rights obligations

- **Joint and Several Liability in Contracting Chains:** that the tenderer be asked to indicate in its tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and to name and have oversight of any proposed subcontractors”

The motion was put and carried.

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 7th December 2015 .

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**



### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive as to why the green area at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement with regards to any involvement of Shelbourne FC in the Dalymount Park deal and the current status of Tolka Park with respect to such a deal.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has agreed to purchase Dalymount Park from Bohemian Football Club with the intention of using it as a municipal sports centre with Bohemian FC as the anchor tenant. This purchase transaction is not yet fully completed but will be in the coming weeks.

Originally it was hoped that Shelbourne FC could be part of the Dalymount deal and become a joint anchor tenant there with Bohemians. Such a scenario was dependent on the surrender of the Leasehold interest in Tolka Park to Dublin City Council; however it was not possible to deliver this objective.

However discussions have been continuing with Shelbourne FC to see if such surrender could still be achieved prior to full finalisation of the Dalymount Park purchase.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the planning enforcement policies in respect of satellite dishes on front of properties having regard for the number of such dishes on DCC properties and to ask the Chief Executive to desist in seeking to collect significant fine in recent court case in Terenure area common sense would have dictated that the issue would have been resolved had more time been allowed. The Chief Executive in his response should indicate if any changes are required to current laws in this area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under the provisions of planning legislation, all written representations concerning unauthorised development must be investigated and, (unless clearly minor, trivial or compelling circumstances apply), an enforcement notice must be served in respect of those developments found to be unauthorised. On commencement of an investigation, the Planning Authority must advise the developer/property owner by way of warning letter, that the investigation is underway.

However, this obligation to investigate all complaints is qualified by section 157, (4) of the Act which states that a warning letter, enforcement notice or legal proceedings may not be served if seven years has elapsed since the commencement of the development.

In the specific case mentioned, the matter has been addressed by the Courts and the Council accepts the Court's decision in this matter.

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It is the intention of this office to review current planning legislation as it pertains to various areas including the issue of satellite dishes.

### **Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a date, as soon as possible, by when the disposal of Dublin City Council interest in car park site to HSE will be fully completed in order to allow the project for the primary health care centre to proceed.

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

The disposal of the City Council site to the rear of 19-26 Eaton Road, Terenure was approved by elected members in May 2014.

The case rests with the legal departments of both the HSE and City Council and should be completed before end of 2015.

### **Q.5 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in detail any instances of NAMA offering housing units to DCC for social housing purposes and DCC not accepting such offers, in the period Jan 1st 2014 to date.

The Chief Executive should indicate in his response if DCC have the option of revisiting any such refusals.

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

The majority of the 828 NAMA properties offered in the Dublin City Council area to date were offered prior to 2014. 178 properties were offered by NAMA since 2014. Of those 162 have now closed and allocated or are contracted to close shortly. 16 properties were turned down. 8 units in one building were deemed not suitable as the cost of remediation was too high. 8 other apartments offered for lease were deemed not suitable as the operational costs did not offer value for money for social housing. All 16 properties are still on the market though the loan on the former is due to be sold shortly.

### **Q.6 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.7 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.8 AN TARDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.9 AN TARDMHÉARA CRIONA DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why the old unused phone box is still on **(details supplied)**? Numerous requests have been made to have it removed and guarantees

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given that it would but it is still there. It's a magnate for anti social behaviour and illegal dumping.

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

The public payphone on (**details supplied**) belongs to Eir (formerly Eircom) and a request was submitted to Eircom in September 2014 for the removal of this payphone under the removals criteria set out in the Commission for Communications Regulation's decision document "Provision of Public Payphones, Universal Service: Scope and Designation". Further to Council Question 9 above, Dublin City Council has requested an update from Eir on the status of this request. It should be noted that the final decision and action regarding the removal of payphones remains with Eir.

### **Q.10 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue the full report into fire safety and relevant matters with regards to Longboat Quay apartments that was initiated by the Longboat management company and paid for by Dublin Docklands Development Authority. That this report be issued to all councillors and all residents.

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

The report in question is the property of the Longboat Management Company although paid for by the Dublin Docklands Development Authority being one of several interventions by the Authority to resolve this matter. It is therefore not in the gift of the Authority to issue this report.

### **Q.11 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards how much overtime has been paid to date to DCC staff and also a breakdown of what departments and in what capacity.

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

The total expenditure on overtime from January to September 2015 is €10,876,289. It is analysed in the following tables as follows;

**Table 1** – Analysis of Overtime

<b>Payroll Category</b>	<b>€ Amount</b>
Wages	8,650,216
Salaries	2,226,073
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,876,289</b>

**Table 2** – Analysis of Overtime by Staff Category

<b>Staff Category</b>	<b>€ Amount</b>
General Operative	4,532,787
Craft	1,206,432
Firefighter	2,910,997
Salary	2,226,073
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,876,289</b>

**Table 3** – Analysis of Overtime by Division

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Division	Division Description	€ Amount
A	Housing & Building	1,911,164
B	Road Transport & Safety	1,284,856
C	Water Services_Non SLA	52,791
C	Water Services_SL A	1,644,176
D	Development Management	101,431
E	Environmental Services_Other	1,225,476
E	Environmental Services_Fire Service & Civil Defence	3,261,825
F	Culture, Recreation & Amenity	802,971
H	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,803
H	Miscellaneous Services	320,807
J	Central Management Charges	268,989
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,876,289</b>

### Q.12 **COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards any Christmas markets that are intended for the north side of the city this Christmas (mainly Earl St)? This report to include the intended Christmas market on Earl Street and also whether the traders in the area, including the stall holders who are part of the Henry Street Christmas market, have been consulted and informed.

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

The only proposal so far received by Dublin City Council is one for the CHQ area in the Docklands which will be situated on private lands and will not require any licence from Dublin City Council. We are not aware of any other proposals for Christmas Markets on the Northside or indeed the Southside of the City. We have not received any proposal for Earl Street. It would be a condition for an application that the promoter would consult with all local traders and their representative organisations.

### Q.13 **COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive initiate a campaign to inform cyclists that it is illegal to cycle on the footpaths, this issue is becoming a great nuisance to pedestrians, footpath users - especially for the elderly and people with young children. Some of the main offenders are the users of the Dublin bike scheme. It is time that these individuals, many of whom don't realise they are breaking the law, are now informed.

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

The Road Safety Authority routinely runs national campaigns on various aspects of road safety and appropriate road user behaviour. They may be contacted on tel: 1890406040 or email [drivingtest@rsa.ie](mailto:drivingtest@rsa.ie).

It is not the policy of the Environment and Transport Department to initiate information campaigns targeting a particular class of road user for a particular offence. All road users must adhere correctly to the Rules of the Road, enforcement of which is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme:

Cycling on footpaths is an offence which is dealt with under the Rules of the Road. Dublin City Council is satisfied that awareness to not cycle on footpaths is adequately highlighted and communicated to Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes subscribers.

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All subscribers to the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme are advised to not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones. The communication measures that are in place are as follows;

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes Website includes the following guidance and information:

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

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

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

- Always obey the rules of the road.

Dublin City Council support and liaise with An Garda Síochána in their efforts to enforce the law in this area in relation to Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes subscribers. Where an identified member of the scheme is found to be acting in a reckless manner or failing to comply with the GCAU they are locked out of their membership and expelled from the scheme.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**  
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.15 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive the current update position with regards to the other half of the former tennis courts on Carndonagh Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services proposes to carry out basic landscaping and grassing of the area of the former tennis courts at this area in Donaghmede Park. These works will be carried out in early spring 2016 when ground conditions and growing conditions permit.

**Q.18 AN TARDMHÉARA CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately carry out a safety audit at the following traffic junction **(details supplied 1)** with a view to amending the traffic signal system to make it safer for pedestrians. The problems are outlined below.

The Drimnagh Road is divided into a virtual dual carriage-way at this point with islands in the middle of the road & a large yellow box at the centre of the crossing.

The flow of traffic is controlled by a combination of traffic & pedestrian lights but unfortunately, no filter lights. The yellow box is totally ignored by most drivers particularly at peak travel times. As a result, even though the traffic lights turn to red, vehicular traffic still continues to move through the junction.

There are three large schools very close to this junction, not to mention the very busy bus stop on the pavement opposite the Bank of Ireland leading to a large number of pedestrians using this junction at peak travel times.

As a result the following happens:

- **(Details supplied 2).**
- No staggered traffic flow or filter light currently exists.
- Vehicular traffic is still crossing the junction when traffic lights change to red.
- Pedestrian lights turn to green.
- Vehicular traffic continues through the junction.
- Pedestrians must dodge traffic or try to manoeuvre between vehicles.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A site assessment will be carried out by an ITS Officer in relation to the operation of the traffic signals and an update issued once the assessment is completed.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repair to the dip at (**details supplied**) residents informed me that the dip was damaged when DCC done roadwork's some time back.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the footpath dishing outside (**details supplied**). A small piece of concrete has broken away from the footpath dishing. The ongoing parking of vehicles on the footpath are liable to cause such damage. Arrangements will be made to repair this small defect when we have a concrete crew available. Co-operation from the residents will be required as previous attempts to carry out this repair have been made without success due to vehicles being parked on the footpath dishing.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this councillor with an update on the position on the housing list of (**details supplied**). This lady informs me she is on the housing list some time.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The application of (**details supplied**) is currently postponed pending proof of her address. The Applicant contacted the City Council in March 2015 and stated that she was now residing in her mother's home. She was advised at that time to submit proof of her new address. When proof of address is submitted her application can be reviewed and her eligibility assessed for social housing support.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance services carried out an inspection of the footpath outside (**details supplied**). The public footpath has been damaged from vehicles parking on it. Arrangements will be made to repair the damaged section of footpath when we have a concrete crew available. The footpath will be dressed and made safe in the meantime.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this councillor with how many constituents are on both the Welfare Priority and Medical Priority housing Lists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 384 applicants with Medical Priority and 397 with Welfare Priority. The number can be broken down as follows:  
Housing Medical List 172  
Housing Medical Older List 35  
Transfer Medical List 141  
Transfer Medical Older List 36  
Housing Welfare List 102

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Housing Welfare Older List 17

Transfer Welfare List 260

Transfer Welfare Older List 18

A further breakdown of priorities, both medical and welfare for each individual area is attached.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive

(a) To what extent, if any, staff members of Dublin City Council have been involved to date in the proposal to relocate the National Maternity Hospital to the site of St. Vincent's University Hospital.

(b) for a list of meetings attended by staff members of Dublin City Council the subject or purpose of which has been the relocation of the National Maternity Hospital to the site of St. Vincent's University Hospital;

(c) and the minutes of any such meetings.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The South East area office senior staff had a presentation from the design team for the proposal to relocate the national maternity hospital on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the request of the design team. It was determined that the same presentation would be made to South East area councillors. This presentation took place on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The presentation was based on drawings/designs owned by the consultants and therefore they were not circulated.

The area office was contacted by email on 29<sup>th</sup> September to advise South East area councillors that a public consultation meeting was arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at St. Vincent's University hospital campus. No meetings took place with south east area office therefore there are no minutes.



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The proposed redevelopment of the National Maternity Hospital on the St. Vincent's Hospital Campus will be the subject of an application under Section 37F of the Planning and Development Acts pertaining to Strategic Infrastructure Development. The assessment and adjudication on the application will be made by An Bord Pleanála. As part of the consultation process, the applicant is required to consult with the Planning Authority and to date two meetings have been held. In keeping with other pre-application consultation meetings, notes of these meetings are confidential until the application has been lodged.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the bollard at the Donnybrook end of Belmont Avenue which is at the service entrance to the rear of the mall on Belmont Avenue, and which is located beside the Tesco store (photo attached)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has inspected the bollard at the rear entrance of Tesco on Belmont Avenue. The repair of this bollard has been added to our works programme. This repair will be carried out when a crew becomes available in the neighbouring area.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive for the report requested by councillors in 2014 regarding the possible deployment by Dublin City Council of the very helpful system used for councillors by South Dublin Co. Council and Fingal Co. Council whereby councillors can lodge questions to particular departments on a website and view/track the replies they have received. This prevents the problem of queries being lodged by email and going unanswered or where a response to a councillor promises a report or reply and neither is ultimately forthcoming.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As the councillor may be aware, there is an IT project currently nearing completion to streamline the City Council Meeting process. Part of the new meetings' management system, provided by Modern.Gov, will involve the submission of questions and issue of replies through the new system.

After successful implementation of the system for City Council, it may be possible to expand the system, as outlined above, for non City Council questions or queries. We have been in touch with the 2 local authorities referred to by the councillor for information on the system in use in each and have concluded that it would not be feasible to introduce a similar system in Dublin City Council at this time.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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- Q.33** **COUNCILLOR Rebecca Moynihan**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.34** **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm, whether or not, letters have been issued to tenants on the transfer list advising them of the requirement to have a clear rent account, a satisfactory payment record and an up to date rent assessment before they can be considered for a transfer.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Letters were issued to all tenants on the transfers list (including all RAS tenants) on 14/07/15, informing them that in order to be considered for transfer they are required to have a clear rent account, an up to date rent assessment and a satisfactory payment record.

Tenants were also asked to contact the Allocations Section if they are no longer interested in a transfer so that their name could be removed from the Transfer List.

They were advised to contact the Arrears Supervisor and the Rent Assessment Section to discuss their situation.

- Q.35** **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the annual cost of maintaining, repairing and upgrading the electronic gate systems currently in 57 complexes citywide. Also, to briefly outline the current state of operation and repair of these electronic gates.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no specific annual budget allocation or cost centre for electronic gates. Where gates are repeatedly vandalised, we do not carry out repeat repairs unless agreements are entered into by the local residents to actively ensure that the gates are not vandalised.

It is not possible to give an accurate report on the current state of operation of these gates as many of them are subject to repeated vandalism and in such instances are left open.

- Q.36** **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail DCC's involvement in the new tourism/marketing initiative for Dublin - "Dublin - a breath of fresh air". In particular, was DCC consulted, involved in or had any financial input into the process.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Grow Dublin Taskforce was established in late 2012 with the aim of identifying how to bring substantial growth in tourism to Dublin City and region in the period to 2020. The taskforce, led by Fáilte Irl., was a senior tourism sector group representing major stakeholders in the public and private sectors including Dublin City Council. The work of the taskforce distilled its findings into a new proposition that captures Dublin's unique appeal for visitors "*Dublin is the vibrant capital city bursting with a variety of surprising experiences – where city living thrives side by side with the natural outdoors*" leading to the publication in 2014 of [Destination Dublin - A Collective Strategy for Growth to 2020](#). Note: Dublin refers to the wider Dublin region, comprising the Dublin City, Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown local authority areas.

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The Grow Dublin Alliance (GDA), consisting of a range of public and private members including Dublin City Council, was established to implement the strategy with a number of sub-groups focussing on specific projects i.e. Visitor Experiences, Access and Transport, Accommodation and Food, Cruise Tourism, Funding and Branding. Dublin City Council was represented on each of the sub-groups.

Branding was identified as a key enabler of the overall strategy with the objective to reinvent Dublin as a 'must visit' destination with an evolving breadth and depth of stimulating experiences. Achievement of the objective requires development of a strong and coherent visual identity to involve participants in brand activity, present merchandising opportunities for Dubliners and visitors and effectively identify Dublin across all communications both domestic and international.

The work of the Branding sub-group culminated in the development of the new Dublin brand and tagline "*Dublin - a breath of fresh air*" which was launched by Paschal Donohoe TD, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. This new tourism marketing campaign for Dublin seeks to reposition the city and county as a destination and secure its appeal to overseas visitors for the long term future. The campaign will feature strongly in the UK, including targeted transport and commuter outdoor advertising. A marketing campaign will also begin shortly in France and Germany with an emphasis on digital and social media marketing. Digital marketing will play a significant role in communicating the new brand at home in order to rally Dublin businesses and the wider public behind the new messaging.

Phase 1 of the Dublin marketing campaign is being financed through a joint public/private marketing fund. Of the €1m committed to the first phase Fáilte Ireland is providing €450,000, the four Dublin local authorities are contributing a total of €300,000 (Dublin City Council €150,000; Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin €50,000 each). The hotel sector is contributing €150,000 and the balance from other private operators including Brown Thomas, the Guinness Storehouse, Irish Distillers, the Restaurants Association of Ireland, Licensed Vintners Association, Dublin Airport Authority, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Town, DCBA, Irish Ferries, Epic Ireland, Retail Excellence Ireland and Croke Park.

The [Grow Dublin Tourism Alliance Progress and Action Plan](http://www.failteireland.ie/Dublin.aspx) and other information is available on <http://www.failteireland.ie/Dublin.aspx>.

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

To ask the Chief Executive Further to the reply to my question No. 67 (June 2015 City Council Meeting), can the Chief Executive provide an update/progress report on the study undertaken to ascertain if value for money is being achieved for insurance service in respect of self insurance (amount paid out in 2014 - €10,881,863) and insurance services procured externally (premium to IPB 2014 - €2, 2926, 739)?

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

The tender process to appoint a company to undertake a detailed examination of DCC insurances was completed in early October and the successful company was appointed. It is not envisaged that the report on DCC insurances will be available until February/March of 2016. The Councillor will be informed of the report at that stage.

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**Q.38 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the finish of the new flood defence wall from the causeway to the Woodbridge. The current finish is unacceptable and will lead to graffiti etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The finish to altered portions of the sea wall between the Causeway and the Wooden Bridge in Clontarf is being considered by Dublin City Council staff. A coping stone is currently proposed but other finishes are also being investigated and costed.

A meeting has been organised between local councillors, other public representatives and Dublin City Council officials to discuss matters of public concern with regard to this new flood defence wall and cycle track project, at 9.30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Members Room of City Hall. Your question is now on the agenda. You are very welcome to attend.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR SÉAN HAUGHEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR SÉAN HAUGHEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR SÉAN HAUGHEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR SÉAN HAUGHEY**

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

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me full details of the amount of hostels / bed & breakfasts, names of establishments we use to house homeless persons around the City. Average cost of each unit, do we pay irrespective of beds been used

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on a given night. In relation to serious revelations earlier in the Summer with the use of hotel accommodation are we satisfied the owners / operators treat our homeless with respect & compassion as people have been told they cannot use front entrances, non use of car park or other facilities, is I feel unacceptable if we are spending large amounts of money without the services one would expect.

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

The local authority does not provide access to detailed information regarding the provision of private emergency accommodation and hotels used, on the basis that these details are commercially sensitive and it could damage the negotiating position of Dublin City Council with private landlords/operators/hotels and could also result in further costs and the potential loss of accommodation.

Dublin City Council Homeless Services Facilities Management have structured terms in place in relation to the provision and access to private emergency accommodation. Private emergency accommodation (apartments/ housing/ B&B's) is provided through contractual arrangements with the local authority and private landlords. The local authority do not have contractual agreements with hotels, persons are placed in hotels as per normal booking procedures for guests.

"The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (i.e. covering all four Dublin Local Authorities) have an anticipated spend of €68M under the Department of Environment Section 10 funding scheme in 2015. It is noted that this funding allocation funds the delivery of all emergency facilities, placement services, day services, long-term supported housing and the various visiting support schemes in place. "

### **Q.55 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.56 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive indicate when there will be a review of the parking by laws and will Dublin City Council amend the parking by-laws so as to end anomalies where car owners who have their own off street parking are given parking permits for neighbouring roads because there is no permit parking on their road and also will the by-laws be amended to ensure that when residents move from a particular road that the permit parking they have moves with them?

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

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 regulate eligibility and entitlement to residents' parking permits.

The Bye-Laws provide for the issue of a resident's parking permit to a resident "where the parking of vehicles on the applicant's road is significantly restricted by parking controls". Non-residents may therefore be provided with a resident's parking permit for a local residential parking scheme where they are prevented from parking on their own road due to the presence of parking restrictions, such as clearways, bus lanes, cycletracks or similar. The Bye-Laws do not make any distinction between residents of dwellings with or without driveways in this regard.

Residents who cease to reside at the address notified at the time of issue of the permit are obliged to return the resident's parking permit to the City Council. Where a resident moves to another dwelling which is eligible for residential parking, they are facilitated by way of change of address application. Eligibility criteria are based on current (not past) address, so it would not be feasible for a permit to follow the holder.

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The current Bye-Laws were made by the Members of the City Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The next review of the Bye-Laws is expected to commence in the first half of 2016.

### **Q.57 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive where a car owner has a drive-way opening onto a permit parking street, why is that car owner allowed to purchase a parking permit on roads close by, when they have at least 2 dedicated parking spaces which can't be occupied by existing permit holders (namely their driveway and the car space directly outside their own drive way)?

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

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2014 regulate eligibility and entitlement to resident's parking permits.

The Bye-Laws do not make any distinction between residents of single dwellings with or without driveways in relation to entitlement or eligibility to residents' parking permits and eligible residents may purchase a resident's parking permit for use on the road on which they reside. Residents of multi-unit dwellings with off-street parking are charged an annual fee of €400 for a permit as opposed to €50 for residents of single unit dwellings.

The current Bye-Laws were made by the Members of the City Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The next review of the Bye-Laws is expected to commence in the first half of 2016.

### **Q.58 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider having a CCTV camera placed outside Smock Alley as residents have indicated their concern for their safety and the high level of anti social behaviour in the area and could he also indicate how much would such a CCTV camera cost to put in place.

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

The issue of installing CCTV cameras outside Smock Alley housing complex would be a matter for An Garda Síochána as the area is a public thoroughfare and therefore the Garda Commissioner would have to approve CCTV for on street surveillance.

### **Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the chief Executive can he please say why there is such a long lead in period to the recruitment of 70 required fire fighters, if these positions are being recruited internally and if so, how many of the 70 does he feel will be filled internally and if he is satisfied that people's lives are not being put a risk as a result of the recruitment process and if he will make a statement on the matter and say how much over-time is costing in the interim

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

The recruitment of fire-fighters is being progressed at the earliest date possible. A competition confined to staff of the Dublin Local Authorities was advertised in July 2015 and recruitment is scheduled for January 2016.

An open competition for fire-fighters was advertised on 23<sup>rd</sup> October with recruitment scheduled for mid 2016.

This recruitment process has been agreed with a view to ensuring adequate staffing levels in DFB.

The provision for overtime in the 2015 budget is €4.1 million.

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### **Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the regulations, planning or otherwise, in relation to the use as parked dwelling units, of camper vans, mobile homes and caravans etc in front, side or rear gardens of residential houses, if the prohibitions if any, are our own (DCC) or under national legislation and in view of our housing list, cost of hotel accommodation and unsuitability of same accommodation, if he will not only set aside any planning regulations, but introduce grants/assistance to people on the homeless list to provide mobile accommodation adjacent to homes of their families/friends where it is possible/feasible for the length of time it takes to make them a reasonable housing offer and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

Class 8 of schedule 2 – part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 permits “the keeping of a caravan, campervan or boat within the curtilage of a house” subject to the following three conditions:

1. Not more than one caravan, campervan or boat shall be so kept or stored
2. The caravan, campervan or boat shall not be used for the storage, display, advertisement or sale of goods or for the purposes of any business, and
3. No caravan, campervan or boat shall be so kept or stored for more than 9 months in any year or occupied as a dwelling while so kept or stored.

The Planning and Development Regulations are national regulations made under the provisions of section 4 (2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. They may only be changed by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

### **Q.61 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the housing options we currently have to offer people in private rented accommodation who are paying a private rent for an amount near what they would pay for an affordable mortgage, and say if we have any affordable options or other alternatives suitable for such tenants and if he will make a statement on the matter

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

In June 2011 the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government announced a standing down of all Affordable Housing schemes.

The House Purchase Loan was introduced by the Department in April 2009 and sets out the regulations regarding the processing all new loan applications by local authorities.

Applicants wishing to avail of the House Purchase Loan to purchase a home must be:-

- First Time Buyers
- Be aged between 18 and 70 years
- Be in full time permanent employment for at least two years
- Be earning under €50,000 in the previous tax year as a single applicant or in the case of a joint application both incomes should not be greater than €75,000
- Be of good credit standing with satisfactory credit record
- Have a deposit of 10% of the purchase price of the property
- If you are in private rented accommodation, you must have a clear rent account for 6 months prior to applying and show a rent book or proof of rent payment

The maximum loan available is €220,000 and the maximum term is 30 years.



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### Q.62 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask Chief Executive to refer to site at **(details supplied)** which has been sold to a developer and on which the Planning Department has engaged in pre application discussions, which have now lead to a formal application and say:

A. What the zoning of this site is

B. What the history of this site is, how long is it under the control of St Paul's, who was previous owner, was it originally part of the land mass that is St Anne's Park

C. If sold or transferred by Dublin City Council to St Paul's or The Vincentian Fathers, can CEO say when that was, was it when school was planned or at a later stage, were there any conditions attached, was it meant for playing fields, are owners free to sell it for housing development etc

D. Was this site ever part of the declared Park, if so, in what form was it legally transferred and for what stated purpose at the time

E. Was it sold by the owners of St Anne's prior to being transferred to the State (DCC), was it part of the transfer deal, was it given development land status at that stage

F. If he will make a statement on the matter and say if the practice of giving/ leasing/ licensing land to educational or community groups is still the same , if we attach conditions nowadays as to future use or if such is legally possible

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q.63 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the legal obligations, responsibilities and duties of care pertaining to land owners and the local authority in regard to public footpaths adjoining their property with respect to the removal of snow and ice; and also to the removal of vegetation such as weeds.”

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no legal obligations or responsibilities for land owners regarding removal of snow and ice from public footpaths. Under Section 76(5)(b) of the Roads Act 1993, the owner or occupier of any land adjacent to a public road shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that water, soil or other material is prevented from flowing or falling onto the public road from his land. Thus, in freezing conditions there is an onus on the owner or occupier not to let water to flow onto the public footpath where it could freeze and be a hazard to users of the footpath.

There is no obligation or responsibilities for land owners regarding removal of weeds from public footpaths. Under Section 70(2)(a) of the Roads Act 1993, the owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road.

Dublin City Council is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 2000km of footpaths in its charge. This is carried out subject to resources available. A programme of weed spraying is carried out each year. During periods of severe

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weather (snow and ice), footpath clearance is to be carried out on main city streets and busy suburban locations.

### **Q.64 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive what measures he is taking to ensure that Sustainable Drainage Systems such as permeable surfaces and green infrastructure such as tree planting and extended planted areas are used by the Luas Cross City project team in their plans for the Luas extension through the North Inner City, particularly along Dominick Street so as to avoid the over-concentration of impermeable surfaces such as concrete and tarmac that currently characterise the Red and Green Line Luas surroundings in the city centre?"

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

TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) have stated that the proposed Luas Cross City works are neutral in terms of the overall impermeable area within city centre. As part of LCC scheme, the following SUDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) measures are proposed:

1. Trees with free draining tree pits are proposed in the paved areas which have free draining tree grilles incorporated in the surface. The drainage channels (valleys) in the paving areas directs water to the tree pits in general.
2. Soft Landscape areas or 'Rain gardens' are incorporated in the soft and hard landscape design in Dominick Street and Parnell Street which aids in attenuating the surface water runoff from impermeable areas and also help to improve the bio diversity of the areas.

### **Q.65 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the appropriateness of Planning Applications being considered under the Dublin Docklands Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) process when significant parts of such proposed development fall outside the SDZ and are the subject of conventional Planning Applications made to the Local Authority and to make a statement on the matter."

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

To date, the Planning Authority has received only one significant proposal for a development on lands that are located within and outside the North Lotts and Grand Canal SDZ. This proposal is the subject of two separate but interrelated applications for vehicular access, temporary accommodation and parking facility for private coaches.

Given the specific circumstances, it was a priority of the Planning Authority to ensure that the correct procedures were followed in relation to the making of both planning applications and their pending adjudication. In this regard, advice was sought and it was confirmed that legally the submission of two applications is acceptable. Furthermore, the making of two applications brings greater clarity to the decision making process, as one application will require to be assessed in accordance with the appropriate guidance set down in the SDZ while the other application will be assessed solely in accordance with the appropriate guidance set down in the Dublin City Development Plan. However, every effort will also be made to ensure that the decision making process will be co-ordinated and balanced across both applications.

Furthermore, in validating the two separate applications, every effort was made to ensure that the public notices clearly indicated the specific nature of each proposal

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including the exact locations and exact extent of each proposal. The applicant was also required to highlight the concurrent and inter-related planning application for the other part of the overall development. This should ensure that members of the public are fully informed of the totality of the development proposal.

In light of the above, it was considered appropriate and in accordance with good planning practice to accept the lodgement of two separate planning applications.

### **Q.66 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to state Dublin City Council's land interests in the city block bounded by Chancery Street, Greek Street, Mary's Lane and St. Michan's Street in Dublin 7 including the old Fishmarket lands; to provide me with a map delineating same, and to detail any encumbrances relating to these interests."

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

Dublin City Council own the lands on which St. Michan's flats complex is now situated. These lands are held by DCC in Fee Simple. DCC own the lands on which the former fish market was located and these lands are held in Fee Simple or on long leases and from the information available it would appear that they are held without encumbrances.

Attached is a map index PD2015-100 with sites shaded blue and pink respectively.

### **Q.67 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the **(details supplied)** can be moved to a new location, even on a temporary basis in order to give them more prominence. See attached some photos.

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.68 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on what is happening on the plans to extend the Grand Canal Cycle route to the city boundary? Is the Council working with South Dublin County Council to extend the cycle path further?

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

The Environment and Transportation Department is awaiting an overarching Ecological Impact Assessment and Biodiversity Impact Assessment of the entire Grand Canal Corridor. This report requires input from other local authorities where the Grand Canal traverses. It is anticipated that these reports will be completed in November 2015. Notwithstanding the above, the proposed Grand Canal Cycleway section in Dublin City Council area, between Portobello and Blackhorse is currently being finalised for Part 8, subject to Waterways Ireland and National Transport Authority approval.

### **Q.69 COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the tops of the trees on Mount Eden Road, Donnybrook can be cut back as they are very tall and the residents are fearful of branches coming down in the autumn/winter weather.

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

The trees at this location have been inspected and considered to be growing in a healthy condition. They were pruned some years ago to remove the lower branches and lighten the tree crown. Cutting back the 'tops of the trees' at this time would not

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only be expensive to undertake but would remove 'apical dominance' causing increased branching throughout the tree.

Therefore it is not proposed to have the trees 'topped' as requested but to monitor them at regular intervals and undertake pruning work on specific trees as and when it may be required.

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

To ask the Chief Executive whether there is any possibility of extra parking being introduced onto Heytesbury Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 for residents who are finding it increasingly difficult to park there.

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

Due to the number of entrances on Heytesbury Lane and the necessity to provide for access / egress, there is no further capacity for increasing parking on Heytesbury Lane. Any resident finding difficulty in parking on Heytesbury Lane may apply to the Parking Policy and Enforcement Section to seek to have an additional valid street added to their permit (most likely Wellington Road). Each application is considered on its merits.

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

To ask the Chief Executive whether something can be done about the sign which has recently gone up just beside the café (before Bradys) on Templeogue Road and which is causing some confusion for motorists in that people coming from Templeogue have mistaken the left turn for Harold's Cross for the one at Rathdown Motors.

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

The directional sign outside "Head to Toe" has been in situ since October 2014, the mounted height of this sign has been recently raised to facilitate the owners of "Head to Toe" in getting customer recognition of their business. During this period from October 2014 the Environment and Transportation Department have not received complaints that would indicate that the signage was causing confusion for motorists. However, now that this has been brought to our attention, the junction will be monitored to assess the extent of the problem and any remedial measures deemed necessary will be undertaken.

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of all readings of air pollution in the Dublin City area carried out by the City Council since January 2013.

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

Air quality monitoring to ascertain compliance with EU air quality limits is carried out by the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit of Dublin City Council as part of the national air quality monitoring network under the auspices of the Environmental Protection Agency. Much of this monitoring is carried out on an hourly basis and the volume of data would be of the order of over 50,000 separate readings.

All the readings from this monitoring, including real time data, can be found at the EPA website at: <http://www.epa.ie/air/quality/data/#.Vi9FC37hDGg>

Additionally the Unit also publishes an annual report on air quality in Dublin and these can be found on the Dublin City Council website at <http://bit.ly/1O82gyq>

The 2014 annual report will be issued in the coming week. It is traditionally timed to follow on from the EPA annual report for the same period which was published at the end of September.

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**Q.73 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.74. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief executive **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the following remedial works are carried out on **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the planning permission compliance with regard to the sewage pipes at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This relates to private drains for which DCC Drainage Division has no responsibility. This is not a Planning matter, the houses in question are private and therefore this is a civil matter between the residents.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR ALISIN GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the original housing areas that homeless people are coming from and the causes giving rise to their homelessness so as to ascertain the most prevalent causes and areas suffering greatest housing difficulties

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following detail indicates the area of persons at risk of homelessness across the Dublin region to the Tenancy Protection Service (TPS), provided by Threshold on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities.

The TPS works with single adult and family private rental tenants to assist them with sustaining their tenancies through the uplift of Rent Supplement (RS) with the Department of Social Protection. By targeting additional resources at those most at risk, the TPS has assisted in halting the economic evictions that make families homeless.

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Of the 2,575 tenants who contacted the TPS between June 2014 (when initially set – up) and June 2015 who were deemed at an immediate risk of homelessness only 15 tenant ended up having to enter homeless services.

While those receiving a RS increases through were living in all areas of Dublin, Dublin 15 (Blanchardstown, Clonsilla and Mulhuddart) was the single most common area where successful applicants resided (20%).

Overall, more tenants receiving RS increases through the ITSP were living in North Dublin (60%) than South Dublin (40%).

Other significant areas where RS increases were needed were North County Dublin 9%, Dublin 11 (Ballymun, Finglas and Glasnevin) 8%, Dublin 22 (Clondalkin) and Dublin 24 (Firhouse, Jobstown, and Tallaght) 8%.

The following link provides full detail in relation to report referenced.

<http://www.threshold.ie/publications/dublin-tenancy-protection-service/>

### **Q.80 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of Dublin City Council tenancy agreement and to outline the procedures that are followed/enacted when tenants break such agreements, particularly cases of persistent anti-social behaviour.

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

**Sample Tenancy Agreement attached as requested.**

Procedures in relation to Rent Arrears.

The City Council has an extensive and proactive early intervention system in place that monitors accounts and issues letters to alert tenants whose accounts are in arrears. The process which derives its legal basis from the newly commenced Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2014 as outlined in Section 8.

- i. A first warning letter is issued to tenants if no payments are received for 3 weeks.
- ii. If there is no response from the tenant, a second warning letter is issued 2 weeks later.
- iii. If there is still no response from the tenant, a third warning letter is issued after another 2 weeks followed by a personal visit or telephone call to tenant.
- iv. Failure to respond to the warning letters results in a Tenancy Warning being served on the tenant. If the tenant does not accept that a breach of a tenancy agreement or rent related obligation has occurred, they may request in writing that the Council reviews the Tenancy Warning issued to him or her. A review request shall be received by the housing authority within 10 working days from the issuing of the Tenancy Warning to the tenant.
- v. Within 2 months after this Tenancy Warning comes into effect, if the tenant has not paid the rent arrears to the Council or alternatively have not entered into rescheduling arrangements with the Council for repayment of the arrears, the Council may apply to the District Court to initiate proceedings under section 12 of the above mentioned Act to recover possession of the dwelling.

The Rent Arrears Section contacts all tenants who are in arrears of rent, at an early stage, in an effort to enter into agreements with the tenants to pay off the arrears. Tenants are encouraged to avail of the Household Budget Scheme which allows tenants who receive certain Social Services payments to pay a regular amount by

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direct deduction from their payments or to pay by Direct Debit from their bank account.

Our policy and procedures for dealing with anti social behaviour are contained within **Dublin City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2010 – 2015**. Our strategy can be downloaded from our web site at [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie). A hard copy can also be provided on request.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**  
To ask the Chief Executive if he has had any correspondence from South Dublin County Council or any other statutory body regarding Walkinstown Roundabout. There is significant works planned for this area between the 2 local authorities and the local Councillors and residents have not been consulted or are even aware of what the planned works are. This Councillor would be appreciative if a full report on this can be issued to me on this matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
Road Design and Construction have not received any correspondence from SDCC or any other statutory body regarding works at Walkinstown Roundabout.

The Traffic Department have not received any correspondence from SDCC or any other statutory body regarding works at Walkinstown Roundabout.

South Dublin County Council will be providing a presentation on the works planned for the Walkinstown Roundabout to the November South Central Area Committee meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full audit of (**details supplied**) and confirm what action will take place.

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

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive to request speed ramps and yellow boxes (**Details Supplied**)

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

The request for speed ramp outside (**details supplied**) and for yellow box outside (**details supplied**) has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations in due course.

### **Q.87 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.88 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the chief executive (**Details Supplied**)

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the site at 21, 27-29 Richmond Avenue, Fairview D.3 (also rear 21-29 Richmond Avenue) please. This site has been the source of chronic problems for neighbouring residents at Richmond Estate and Avenue as well as Dublin City Council. The report is to include past and current action by Dublin City Council under planning enforcement, derelict sites and dangerous buildings criteria. I visited the site recently and the gate was wide open, with vehicles parked inside along with full access to a very dangerous looking building including scaffolding behind (photos to follow). I note a Dublin City Council report on this site dated November 2013 (below in italics)

*The current status of the site is abandoned. There are no building works ongoing on the site but it seems to be used for parking Lorries and contractor's equipment. There is also scaffolding in place and as there are no construction works currently being undertaken the scaffolding should be dismantled and removed. On foot of the last inspection it is therefore intended to issue a warning letter to the site owner requesting the removal of the abandoned materials and scaffolding to prevent the place becoming a danger to the public under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 as amended. Dublin City Council Enforcement Section issued a Warning Letter under s.152 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000– 2012) on the 10th of July 2013 on the basis that the current use of the site is unauthorised.*

It seems that little has changed since 2013 and this site continues to be a major health & safety concern with little regard for neighbouring residents and members of the public not to mention a visual eyesore in the Fairview area.

The report to also include details of fines, penalties, bills and legal costs levied since this development first began please including the total amount paid and the total amount still outstanding to date. The report is to also clarify who the registered owner of the site is please and also who is responsible for the outstanding monies due to DCC.

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

This site has been classified as an unfinished housing development and has been reported to Dangerous Buildings Section on numerous occasions.



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The Dangerous Buildings Section's first inspection was carried out on 1/06/2011 and the site was reported as secured against entry with no DB action warranted.

Subsequent inspections on:

29/11/2012, 29/01/2013, 11/04/2013, 5/07/2013, 22/01/2014, 5/05/2015 confirmed the site as secured against entry apart from the inspection dated 22/01/2014 when access to the site was denied by persons unknown.

The scaffolding referred to in report dated 5/07/2013 was reported as dismantled in report dated 5/05/2015.

DCC DB Section has previously attained an interim Structural Report carried out by Barrett Mahony Structural Engineers on 27/05/2015.

To date the DB Section has been advised a reference of Title dated 10/07/2013 indicating Mr. Gerry Beades as the beneficial owner. We are currently seeking any updated reference with regard to the site from DCC Property & Title Research Section.

The present status of the site remains an abandoned unfinished development which appears to be in frequent use for storage, parking etc. by the owner and/or his agents. DCC Dangerous Building Section has no mandate to interfere with their access to the site per directions from DCC Law Dept.

DB Inspectors will again inspect the site to ascertain if there are any DB issues.

### Planning issues:

Planning permission was granted on 12 November 2003 for the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of apartments at and to the rear of 21 and 29 Richmond Avenue and to side of 31 Richmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin 3 (Planning Register reference 2575/03 refers). Work began on the approved development but was not complete when the permission expired on 11 November 2011.

Under the provisions of section 40 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2015, permission only ceases in respect of so much of the development as is not completed within the 'life' of the permission. Works that have been carried out are authorised.

This site has given rise to three separate complaints since permission was granted in 2003.

1. E0782/05: non-compliance with conditions restricting working hours, clay and soil strewn on Richmond Avenue and parking of cement trucks on the site.

Following intervention of the Planning Enforcement Officer, the developer complied with his condition regarding working hours. The Enforcement Officer noted that there were other development ongoing in the vicinity at that time and it was not possible to ascribe the condition of the road to any particular developer. There was a lack of information available at the time to sustain enforcement proceedings in respect of the storage of cement trucks.

Following further complaints concerning breaches of the permission in respect of working hours, the site was monitored throughout 2006 but there was no evidence found that warranted enforcement proceedings.

2. E0104/08: operation of a concrete business from the site.

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Investigation found that there was no manufacture of concrete taking place but that the site had been used by the owner as a builder's yard, including the storage of trucks, for a considerable number of years. Under the provisions of section 157 (4) of the Planning and Development Acts, the Council are statute barred from taking enforcement action in respect of this use.

### 3. E0465/13: storage of vans & building materials.

Following receipt of further complaints concerning storage of vans & building materials, inspections have not shown any material difference between the current storage of vehicles and that investigated in 2008. This use is statute barred.

#### Derelict Sites:

The site has been the subject of ongoing inspections by staff from the Derelict Sites Section since December 2011 and has been entered on the City Council's Derelict Sites Register since 13 December 2012. The owner of the site is recorded as living in Northern Ireland.

Since its entry on the Register, Derelict Sites Levies totalling approximately €28,000 have been raised, but have not been paid to date. The Law Department has been instructed to place a charge on the land in respect of these unpaid levies.

#### **Q.90 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a progress report on the **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q.91 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

#### **Q.92 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive to request an emergency meeting with the DOE to advance the redevelopment of Labre Park as a matter of urgency.

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

The DECLG has already committed funds from the 2015 TAP allocation to **Phase 1 - Redevelopment of Labre Park**, i.e. the rebuild of 3 houses in Kylemore Grove for 2015. The tender for these works issued following Approval to Tender - received in August 2015. The immediate risk to redevelopment is the presence of an unauthorised caravan on the site of one of the planned rebuilds.

The substantive redevelopment - **Phase 2 - Redevelopment of Labre Park** is included under DCC's Traveller Accommodation Programme for 2017/8. The immediate priority is to complete Phase One to accommodate 3 families using temporary arrangements on the site. The City Council meet with the DOECLG on a regular basis and the redevelopment proposals submitted by Cluid on the 18<sup>th</sup> September will be raised at the next such meeting.

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### **Q.93 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a full clean up of the Car Park opposite Tesco, the Library and the College in Ballyfermot as a matter of urgency.

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

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned car park cleaned on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **Q.94 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the community of Moatview, Belcamp and Darndale is provided with estate cleaning on a regular basis and to provide this councillor with a detailed report on cleaning and maintenance of the common areas, i.e. public spaces, in the following North Central areas: Edenmore, Kilbarrack, Kilmore and Darndale.

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

Waste Management Services clean the residential estates of Moatview, Belcamp and Darndale on a twelve week cycle. The common shopfront areas in Edenmore, Kilbarrack, Kilmore and Darndale are cleaned on a daily basis. The public laneways in these areas are cleaned on a twelve week cycle. The public green spaces in these areas are maintained by the Parks Section.

The public open spaces in Moatview, Belcamp, and Darndale, are cleaned on a regular basis prior to grass maintenance operations during the growing season. During the winter months these areas are checked weekly and litter is removed. Public trees are inspected and maintenance operations are arranged as required and subject to availability of resources. Weed control operations on public open space are carried out in Spring and as required during the growing season. Where dumping occurs this is addressed during the scheduled grass maintenance operations and based on available resources.

### **Q.95 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the quality of water in the home of one of our tenants, **(details supplied)**

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.96 COUNCILLOR BRÍD SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full list of spending on all of the Dublin City Council parks, itemised by each location, over the past two years and to outline future plans for park attendants, itemised by each location.

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

The revenue budget adopted by the City Council for Parks, Pitches and Open spaces For 2014 was €17,562,513. The corresponding figure for 2013 was €18,083,027.

Parks expenditure is not broken down by individual parks, rather it is broken down by Parks District and operation. The Parks budget has decreased in recent years in line with cut backs in public spending which have affected all DCC revenues and operations. Standards however have not decreased due to the endeavour of Parks staff to achieve efficiencies and economies in our work.

In relation to Parks attendants, our staff are employed as general operatives and their duties in some cases involve "ranging" duties. There are proposals in negotiation with the Trade Unions at the moment to consolidate our staff resources to ensure that our operations continue to deliver quality service to the public. This will

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involve the reallocation of some staff to other depots . This matter is being dealt with under the Public Service (Haddington Road/Croke Park ) agreements.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out the following works on **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q102. COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

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

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍDE RÓISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can report on the status of current contracts Dublin City Council hold with Greyhound Recycling, the date of their expiration, what stage any tendering processes are at (if any) and finally to confirm that if any contract currently held by Greyhound is subsequent to a tendering process won by another company then TUPE regulations will apply and the workers in Greyhound Recycling affected would transfer to the company that made the successful bid?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At present Dublin City Council Housing Section has in place a contract with Greyhound Recycling for the collection of waste from its various flat complexes'. This contract is coming to its end in the next few months, however It will remain in place until the award of a new contract. A new tender document is currently been prepared by our Housing Department in consultation with Dublin City Council's Procurement Section for the provision of this waste collection service and it is expected that this tender contract will be completed and advertised within the next three months.

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All such tenders comply with existing legislation for the advertising and awarding of services.

There is no scope for the City Council, as the contracting party, to comment on issues associated with TUPE.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he can bring a series of options forward for consideration by the relevant SPC in regard to the future of City Council owned lands in Temple Bar including the following

- DCC continuing as landlord and developing proposals for underused lands;
- Disposal of lands with a preference to housing or cultural bodies;
- Disposal of lands in individual lots on open market;
- Disposal of lands in one or several groupings;

and to make a statement on the matter."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Board of Temple-Bar Cultural Trust is scheduled to meet on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. Following this meeting a full report will be made available to all the Dublin City Councillors in relation to the disposal of commercial properties in Temple-Bar.

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### **Q.119 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following:

- When the results of the audit on bike parking facilities in the city centre will be published, what the outcome of that audit was and what plans are in place to address the deficit of bike parking facilities in the City
- The appointment of the new Cycling Officer for Dublin City
- The replacement of the Green Business Officer for Dublin City

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

- It is intended to submit a report on the Dublin City Centre Cycle Parking Strategy to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.
- The closing date for the competition for the position of Cycling/Walking Promotion Officer (Temporary) was October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and interviews are expected to commence in the coming weeks.
- The role and duties of the Green Business Officer are currently under review and a decision on any replacement will be made when this review is completed.

### **Q.120 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive what measurement and reporting mechanisms are currently in place to assess the impact of the Climate Change Strategy for Dublin 2008- 2012, and if he can provide data on the following:

- i. The carbon emission reductions since the strategy was introduced and whether the City has reached its target of 3% annual reduction
- ii. Measurements and outputs for each of the 12 indicators
- iii. The number of new wetlands built in the city since the strategy was introduced
- iv. The number of kilometres of bicycle lanes have been built since the strategy was introduced
- v. The number of district heating systems that have been built since the strategy was introduced
- vi. The number of sustainable / energy efficient retrofits on the social housing stock that have taken place since the strategy was introduced

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

- i. Regarding the measurement and reporting mechanisms for CO2 emissions from energy consumption in Dublin City, there are two mechanisms in place: (i) Citywide emissions of the city as a whole and (ii) Council emissions directly under the control of the City Council itself (for running public buildings, public lighting, fleet and other Council services).
  - (i) The Citywide emissions are assessed every 5 years by Codema, based on a complex and wide range of data sources including the National Census. Hence the most recent and most accurate assessment available is for the (Census) year 2011, for which Dublin City's total CO2 emissions amounted to 2,942,349 tonnes CO2, equivalent to 5.6 tonnes CO2/citizen/year.
  - (ii) The City Council's own emissions are monitored annually by Codema. This is based on the actual utility bills. Accordingly, the Council's

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emissions have decreased from a total of 85,805 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/year in 2006 to 67,639 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>/year in 2013. This represents an average reduction in carbon emissions of -3.02% per year and hence the City Council has reached its target of 3% annual reduction.

In addition to the above, the Council produces Sustainability Reports with one of the themes being Climate Change and Energy. These reports also contain indicators and are on the Council website.

- ii. Measurement and outputs for each of the 12 indicators will be reviewed and analysed by the recently established Working Group of the Environment SPC (who is tasked with preparing a new climate change strategy for Dublin) as part of their review of the Climate Change Strategy for Dublin 2008-2012.
- iii. Since 2008, one constructed wetland has been completed within the functional area of Dublin City. It is located in Tolka Valley Park (Cardiffsbridge) and was developed as part of the new natural park located in the area surrounded by Scribblestown Avenue, Ratoath Road, River Road and the River Tolka.
- iv. Information regarding the number of kilometres of bicycle lanes that have been built since the strategy was introduced is not readily available. A further reply will issue to the Councillor in this regard when the information has been compiled.
- v. There are 2 district heating systems in operation: Heuston South Quarter and Elm Park
- vi. 7,205 energy efficient retrofits have been carried out to the social housing stock of the City Council since commencement of the programme.

### **Q.121 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the low uptake of the Living City initiative, what barriers have been identified that may be contributing to the low uptake, and whether he feels that expanding the scheme and not limiting it to buildings over 100 years old might help increase the uptake.

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

The Living City Initiative was launched by the Minister of Finance on 5<sup>th</sup> May this year. It relates to pre 1915 buildings in the central area of Dublin and 6 other Irish cities, and was subject to EU state approval. The LCI allows owners of relevant properties to claim tax relief for refurbishment at a rate of 10% over a period of 10 years.

The uptake to date has been much less than expected. There are a number of potential reasons for this low uptake to date which need to be explored more fully, including:

- the property size limitations (up to 210m<sup>2</sup>) which may exclude larger, typically Georgian, buildings
- the residential tax relief only applies to owner/occupiers, and not persons acquiring a unit for letting or property developers
- the refurbishment must exceed 10% of the value of the property in order to qualify for tax relief



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- residential buildings (not commercial) must have been built pre-1915 to qualify
- tax relief for commercial property is capped at 400,000 euros for an individual, which may have implications for large scale conversions.

The City Council has commissioned consultants to report on these matters and a workshop is being organised, under the auspices of the Planning & Property Development SPC and relevant sectors, in order to identify ways by which the poor uptake can be addressed and the LCI can be promoted, including, if necessary, recommendations to the Department of Finance.

### **Q.122 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate fully how the housing list is operating, we have a standard housing list, an emergency housing list as I understand. If you could enlighten me if there is any other criteria that operates that I am not aware of. I am assuming, naively perhaps, that the days of clientelism are long gone.

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

Housing applicants are placed on the Housing Waiting List based on a band system as per the Scheme of Letting. Band one includes all priority applicants such as homeless, medical and welfare cases. Band two includes applicants who are living in overcrowded conditions and Band three includes all other housing applicants.

The Homeless Section in Parkgate Hall allocate accommodation to homeless applicants listed in the Band 1 category.

There are also applicants on the Council's transfer waiting list who may be tenants of the City Council and who wish to downsize to smaller more suitable accommodation such as older person's accommodation. The City Council also operates a Financial Contribution Scheme. This is for older people who own their own property and whose house is too big for them. These applicants sell their homes to the City Council in lieu of older persons accommodation and pay a contribution amount to the City Council from the proceeds of the sale of their home.

We reject completely any suggestion of what you refer to above as "clientelism" and would ask that you contact the office directly should you have specific concerns rather than making unsubstantiated statements. The Scheme of Letting, as adopted by Dublin City Councillors is operated based on Time on List and any allegations of irregularities would be treated very seriously.

### **Q.123 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when a full and independent audit be put in place of our managing the housing allocation. As a matter of urgency.

As in best practice, to give oversight and authority to senior management to manage housing allocations.

Replace any unprofessional and knee jerk approach inherited from the old days,

At present we are being viewed as being unfair and corrupt, fairly or unfairly I do not know, as I and other councilors know the housing staff work very hard across the city. So we need an audit of process and managing the crisis so we can show we are being fair.

This is feed back from the doors and no direct criticism intended.

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

We reject completely any allegations such as those outlined above and would ask the Councillor to contact the office directly should he have specific concerns rather than making unsubstantiated statements. The current allocation scheme was adopted by the Councillors in 2013 and allocations are made in accordance with this scheme except where directed otherwise by the Minister.

The Local Government Auditor carried out an audit of allocations and transfers in 2014 and the Auditor at the time was happy with our response and with his findings.

### **Q.124 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.125 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.126 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.127 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.128 COUNCILLOR DENISE MITCHELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.129 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.130 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.131 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.132 COUNCILLOR NOEL ROCK**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q135. COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q136. COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q137. COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVES REPLY**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.139 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the request of the 4 local authorities to conduct a fire risk assessment of all Traveller sites, to

- a) Outline DCC Fire Risk Assessment Policy and procedures;
- b) Clarify the role and responsibility for checking/maintenance of fire extinguishers installed on Traveller sites
- c) Outline Safety Officer staffing levels over the last 10 years and

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d) Indicate the timeline for the filling of any vacant posts so as to enable Dublin Fire Brigade to fully carry out their fire risk assessment duties and responsibilities

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

- a) The Traveller Accommodation unit is guided by the Good Practice Recommendation No32 (CRH: 2008) for **authorised** sites. DFB and the Local Traveller Accommodation Co-ordination Committee are meeting on 2/11/15 to plan for a review of fire safety in Traveller accommodation in Dublin City Council.
- b) The Traveller Accommodation Unit uses the services of an independent Fire & Safety company for all our portable fire extinguishers and fire alarms. They are serviced annually by this company. We have a weekly Health & Safety Site Inspection on all our traveller sites and our fire hoses are checked for repair/replacement. Since 2010 we have spent approx. €106,186 repairing/replacing fire hoses that have been damaged on our halting sites. The Fire Prevention Officer has also given a talk to the residents in St Margarets Park on fire safety and maintaining fire hoses.
- c) A dedicated Health & Safety unit for Housing was set up in 2006 and there is a full-time safety officer.
- d) A recruitment process is in train to fill vacancies in Dublin Fire Brigade. This will not impact on the Dublin Fire Brigade response to Traveller fire safety initiatives.

### **Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

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

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.141 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many winter initiative beds for homeless personnel are in place for the winter months?

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

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive will commence the 2015-2016 cold weather action plan from November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015.

The aim is to prevent fatalities and/or serious harm due to rough sleeping in very cold weather.

This annual proactive measure is undertaken each year as winter approaches with the emphasis being to have a variety of additional options for people who generally do not / or cannot avail of existing services.

It is noted that whilst emphasis has always been placed on single/ couples sleeping rough, this plan will also have important regard to measures being taken to respond to family homelessness which remains a substantial cause for concern in the region.

The plan involves the following key elements under the headings of **a)** co-ordination, **b)** additional accommodation and supports and **c)** ongoing monitoring.

**All elected representatives will receive a written brief on the Cold Weather Initiative including overview on the number and allocation of additional beds for families, single adults and couples by the first week in November 2015.**

### **Q.142 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.143 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.



Voting Results

Meeting	Monthly City Council Meeting		
Agenda Subject	Roll Call Prepared or Ad Hoc Votes		
Voting Number	Vote No 2		
Name	Motion No 58		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	02/11/2015 20:21:38	Voting end at:	02/11/2015 20:22:21

**Total Results**

Voting attendants	Present in the vote	40
	Present and not voted	0
Answers	Yes	40
	No	0
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Group Results**

Dublin City Co.	Yes	40
	No	0
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Individual Results**



Yes

Greg Kelly	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Sonya Stapleton	Dublin City Co.
Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Mary Freehill	Dublin City Co.
Jane Horgan-Jones	Dublin City Co.
Vincent Jackson	Dublin City Co.
Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
Ray McAdam	Dublin City Co.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Andrew Keegan	Dublin City Co.
Ruairi McGinley	Dublin City Co.
Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
Frank Kennedy	Dublin City Co.
Andrew Montague	Dublin City Co.
Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin City Co.
Jim O'Callaghan	Dublin City Co.
Ciaran Cuffe	Dublin City Co.
Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.
Cathleen Carney Boud	Dublin City Co.
Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
Gaye Fagan	Dublin City Co.
Brid Smith	Dublin City Co.
Chris Andrews	Dublin City Co.
Paul Hand	Dublin City Co.
Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.
Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.
Teresa Keegan	Dublin City Co.
David Costello	Dublin City Co.
John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
Ray McHugh	Dublin City Co.
Emma Murphy	Dublin City Co.
Ciaran O'Moore	Dublin City Co.
Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.
Eilis Ryan	Dublin City Co.
Paddy Smyth	Dublin City Co.
Michael O'Brien	Dublin City Co.

