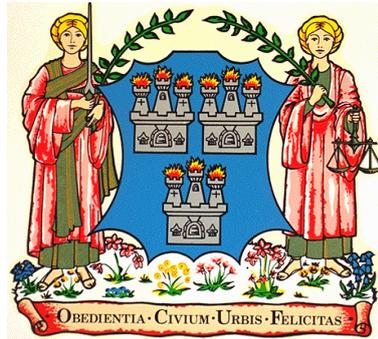


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Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 6 Meán Fómhair 2021 ar Cruinn Ag Teach An Ardmhéara agus físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 i.n,i láthair an tArdmhéara Alison Gilliland sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Claire Byrne
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Joe Costello
Tara Deacy
Daithí Doolan
Declan Flanagan
Mary Freehill
Deirdre Heney
Vincent Jackson
John Lyons
Ray McAdam
Declan Meenagh
Sophie Nicoulaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring
Michael Watters

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Christy Burke
Danny Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Deirdre Conroy
Daniel Céitinn
Máire Devine
Pat Dunne
Terence Flanagan
James Geoghegan
Jane Horgan-Jones
Dermot Lacey
Micheál MacDonncha
Eimer McCormack
Carolyn Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Damian O'Farrell
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Comhairleoir:

Janice Boylan
Dearbháil Butler
Mary Callaghan
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Daithí de Róiste
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Mannix Flynn
Alison Gilliland
Janet Horner
Darcy Lonergan
Briega MacOscar
Séamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Noeleen Reilly
Catherine Stocker

Oifigigh

Oliver Douglas
John Flanagan
Yvonne Kelly
Antoinette Power
Sandra Walley

Ruth Dowling
Michael Gallagher
Brendan Kenny
Eileen Quinlivan

Caroline Fallon
Owen P. Keegan
Brendan O'Brien
Richard Shakespeare

- 1 Presentation by Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of Ireland, Eamon Ryan.

Minister Eamon Ryan, thanked the Chief Executive and Members of Dublin City Council for accepting his request to address them on the issue of Climate Change. The Minister outlined the significant challenges that lay ahead in order to achieve the

ambitious targets set out in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021. He emphasised the importance of Local Government in helping to meet those targets and committed the Government to working with Local Authorities to bring about the changes necessary to deliver on their national and international commitments.

The Members welcomed the Minister and thanked him for his presentation. Representatives of all the political groups on the Council were given the opportunity to comment on the Ministers address and set forth their own concerns on the challenges facing the City in reducing carbon emissions, the transition to more sustainable modes of transport and maintaining the economic and social viability of the city.

2 Lord Mayor's Business

In Memoriam:

The Lord Mayor extended her sympathies on behalf of the City Council to the family and friends of the following:

Paddy Burke, brother of our colleague Councillor Christy Burke who sadly died on 15th July.

Councillor Anthony Flynn who died tragically on 18th August 2021. Cllr Flynn was first elected to the City Council to represent the Central Area in May 2019. He was an active member of the Housing SPC, the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Homelessness and the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee.

Pat Hume, wife of the late John Hume, who died on 2nd September 2021. Pat was a strong woman who in her own way played a prominent role in the peace process. She provided unwavering support to all those who worked for peace, particularly her husband John.

The Lord Mayor asked for a minutes silence as a sign of respect for those who had passed away.

The Lord Mayor invited representatives from all the political groups on the Council to speak on the passing of Cllr. Anthony Flynn. The Members expressed their sympathies to his family, friends and community who are suffering during this difficult time.

Congratulations:

The Lord Mayor congratulated all those from Dublin who participated in the Olympics and the Paralympics. In particular, Gold Medallists Kellie Harrington and Ellen Keane and Bronze Medallist Eimear Lambe. They have been invited individually in their family bubbles to the Mansion House for formal recognition on behalf of the city.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the Dublin Ladies Senior Footballers who had a tremendous season but were narrowly beaten by a great Meath team in the All Ireland Final.

Update Cllr. Mannix Flynn Motion:

The Lord Mayor informed Members that she had met with the Artane School of Music and Cllr. Flynn separately. She intended to host a meeting between the Artane School of Music and Cllr. Flynn later this month. The conclusion and vote on Cllr Flynn's motion will occur at the October meeting where it will be the first motion on the agenda.

High Level Street Issues Group:

The Lord Mayor informed Members that in response to a number of incidents of city centre street assaults and anti-social behaviour, she met with Assistant Garda Commissioner, Anne Marie Cagney, and the North Central and South Central Chief Superintendents and separately with the Commissioner, Drew Harris. A request for greater Garda visibility on city centre streets was top of the agenda at both these meetings and a commitment to such visibility was forthcoming. The Lord Mayor will chair the High Level Street Issues Group, previously chaired by Assistant Chief Executive Brendan Kenny. This group was formed as a response to the 2011 Better City for All publication, led by former Lord Mayor Gerry Breen. The Group will focus on actions to support street safety and an attractive public realm and to support those who find themselves homeless or engaging in substance misuse on the street. An Garda Síochána, DRHE, the HSE, Ana Liffey and the Director of City Recovery sit on the Group. The Group meets monthly and the Lord Mayor's first meeting on the Group takes place this Friday. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the views of Group leaders regarding councillor representation on the Group and will be taking that on board.

Tender for Local Employment Services:

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the various Group representatives who attended a briefing on the proposed local employment service, provided by representatives of the local partnerships who provide such employment services across the city. At this briefing the local partnerships highlighted their concerns regarding the Department of Social Protection's new approach for the next request for tender for local employment services anticipated to be issued later this year. In particular the potential requirement for them to financially front load service provision when they do not have such financial reserves and at a community level the potential loss of walk-ins to local partnerships, the potential loss of inter-agency referrals and a payment per placement approach that disregards the wrap around person centred approach currently at the centre of local partnership work. Subsequent to that meeting the Lord Mayor wrote to Minister Humphreys and received a response from her on Friday, which acknowledged but did not address in detail the issues of concern. Both of those pieces of correspondence were circulated to the Members.

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the demonstration of local employment services workers held earlier today at government buildings and thanked Cllr. Sophie Nicoulaud for co-ordinating a statement of support from this Council for both unions involved, FORSA and SIPTU.

Freedom of the City:

The Lord Mayor thanked the Members for their suggestions for the Freedom of the City. She would consider all suitable persons before making a recommendation for bestowing the Freedom of the City early next year.

Development Plan:

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the concerns of some Members regarding the meeting proposals for the Development Plan. A meeting of Group Leaders will take place on 21st September to discuss how to manage the meetings and Councillor requirements

Pedestrianisation:

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the support from all Groups to extend the trial of weekend evening pedestrianisation of Capel Street and Parliament Street. She asked Members to encourage participation in the public consultation process on the future pedestrianisation. Group leaders agreed that the trial extension would also include the weekend of Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October. This issue will be included for discussion as a separate agenda item at the October Council meeting.

Afghanistan:

On behalf of the Council the Lord Mayor expressed concern for the many people in Afghanistan, particularly women and girls, who are having their democratic rights endangered by the Taliban. She extended her gratitude to the Irish soldiers who assisted in the evacuation of Irish citizens seeking to leave Afghanistan and called on the Irish Government to use its role as President of the UN Security Council, to advocate on the upholding of human and civil rights in Afghanistan.

3 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 18

It was moved by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 104 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** to these minutes.

4 Correspondence received from other Local Authorities;

It was moved by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

5 To confirm the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22nd June 2021, the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 5th July 2021 and the Special City Council Meeting held on the 19th July 2021.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22nd June 2021, the Monthly City Council meeting held on the 5th July 2021 and the Special City Council 2021 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

6 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:

- (a) To appoint a Member to the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Dermot Lacey.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland be appointed to the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) To appoint a Member to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland.

It was proposed by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Mary Freehill that Councillor Dermot Lacey be appointed to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) To appoint a Chairperson of the Housing SPC following the resignation of the Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland.

It was proposed by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Mary Freehill that Councillor Dermot Lacey be appointed as Chairperson of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 232/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the period from 1st January to 31st December 2022.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 232/2021 and hereby approves the borrowing requirement as set out therein, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The motion was put and carried.

8 Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way:

- (a) Report No. 223/2021 of the A/Director of Services (K. Mitchell) - Proposed Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at the Laneway to rear and adjoining 242 Phibsborough Road, 243 Phibsborough Road, Broadstone Hall (244 Phibsborough Road and 4 Royal Canal Bank, Dublin 7).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that we, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over the Laneway to rear and adjoining 242 Phibsborough Road, 243 Phibsborough Road, Broadstone Hall and 4 Royal Canal Bank, Dublin 7 as shown on the attached Drawing RM 37614 is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993. The motion was put and carried

- (b) Report No. 231/2021 of the A/Director of Services (K. Mitchell) - With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over the laneway at 4-26 Carndonagh Park & 73-93 Donaghmede Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that we, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over the Laneway at 4-26 Carndonagh Park & 73-91 Donaghmede Road, Dublin 13 as shown on the attached Drawing RM 37650 is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993. The motion was put and carried

9 Disposal of Property and Fee Simple and Freehold Interest:

- (a) Report No. 237/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 24 Carleton Road, Marino, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 237/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 244/2021 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (A. Flynn) - With reference to the proposed disposal of 2 apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 244/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 226/2021 of the Executive Manager (F. D'Arcy) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 24 premises.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 226/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein.

Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud asked for further information regarding the disposal of the fee simple interest to Midland Heating & Plumbing Limited at the premises located at 100 Kickham Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.

It was agreed to defer the disposal of the fee simple interest at the premises located at 100 Kickham Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8. The motion to dispose of the fee simple interest in the remaining 23 properties included in the report was put and carried.

10 Granting of Licenses and Leases:

- (a) Report No. 236/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the Tea Room Pavilion at Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 to Lolly and Cooks Limited.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 236/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 235/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence for the premises at The Red Stables, St Anne's Park to Olive's Room Limited.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 235/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 238/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the premises known as the Junction, 112 Pearse Street, Dublin 2 to St Andrew's Resource Centre.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 238/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 239/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of a premises at Mountjoy Square Park, Dublin 1 to Community After Schools Project CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 239/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 240/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the premises known as the Basin Street Centre, No.2 Upper Basin Street, Dublin 8 to the Fountain Resource Group CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 240/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 241/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of the premises known as the Bluebell Community & Youth Centre, Bluebell Road, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 241/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (g) Report No. 242/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit 5, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1 to Hands on Peer Education CLG (H.O.P.E.).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 242/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (h) Report No. 245/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed grant of a license of the All-weather Pitch at Brickfield Park, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 to St. John Bosco FC.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 245/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (i) Report No. 246/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Lourdes Parish Hall, Rutland Street, Dublin 1 to Francesca Arkins and Christy Fagan.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 246/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (j) Report No. 243/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a 3-year licence to the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board at Grand Canal Spur Linear Park, St James's Walk, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 243/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (k) Report No. 247/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the grant of a lease of a plot at Golden Lane, Dublin 8 to Gas Networks Ireland.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 247/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (l) Report No. 248/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of lease of the premises known as 2 Sybil Hill Road (ground floor), Raheny, Dublin 5 to Northside Home Care Services CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 248/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (m) Report No. 249/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of 19 Manor Street, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 249/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 230/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 230/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 233/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Dublin City Play Strategy 2021- 2025.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 233/2021 and hereby approves the contents therein.

- 13 Report No. 227/2021 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 227/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 229/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Covid Mobility Measures and Major Walking and Cycling Projects.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 227/2021. The motion was put and carried.

Due to time constraints the Members were unable to discuss matters of interest relating to the report. However, the Chief Executive informed Members that they could forward any queries they had to him and he would arrange for a response from the Manager.

- 15 Report No. 250/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 250/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 251/2021 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on 18th June 2021, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 251/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 224/2021 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 14th July 2021, Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 224/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 228/2021 of the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 27th April 2021, Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 228/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 222/2021 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of July 2021.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 222/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 221/2021 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committees - Breviates of JPC meetings held in the month of July 2021.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 221/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 225/2021 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 29th July 2021, Councillor Anne Feeney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and second by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 225/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Topical Issues

The following Topical Issue was proposed: "Government's Housing for All Plan"

In accordance with Standing Orders the topical issue was put to a vote and achieved the requisite two thirds support to be debated. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix B** to these minutes.

Representatives from all the political groups were invited to make a contribution on the issue.

- 23 Motions on Notice

All motions on notice were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on 4th October 2021.

- 24 Emergency Motion(s)

No Emergency Motions were accepted for debate.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 06TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if a facility could be added to the Council Website to easily let people know which ward they live in and who their Cllrs are?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The web unit will review the request and report back to the Councillor.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to support **(details supplied)** in respect of a council home. Please provide details of his time and position on DCC's area lists and what options are available to him.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List, with an application date of 22/09/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	37
Area M	2	22
Area N	2	34

The applicant will be considered for an offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP (Housing Assisted Payment), which will provide him with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to allow Electric Vehicle Charging Channels be installed in areas that have no access to off street parking that significantly restricts EV owner's ability to charge their vehicles. You can follow this link to see what such a channel would look like: <https://green-mole.co.uk/ev-charging-for-terraced-households/>.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required

to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points. However, there still remains some key items that require additional work and consequently the strategy has not as of yet been fully finalised and agreed.

Some of the remaining key items relate to collaboration across the four Dublin Authorities to ensure interoperability for the citizen and resourcing requirements. Nonetheless, discussions are continuing as a pressing matter and are ongoing with ESN, the Department, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and internally in this fast evolving space, with a view to finalising and agreeing a way forward (to include presentation to Council) at the very earliest opportunity.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and also incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above mentioned study.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the **(details supplied)** will be painted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have a planned programme of works in place to paint all of our flats complexes. **(details supplied)** is due to be painted in the first quarter of 2022.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the local area office make contact with **(details supplied)** to discuss ways of preventing residents at the rear of the address to stop dumping into this address.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our Estate Management team made a house call to **(details supplied)**. We inspected the site in question. As a preventive measure and to stop/reduce residents living at the rear of **(details supplied)** from dumping onto this site, the Area Office will send written notification to each resident asking them to refrain from dumping at this site. The notification will also indicate the implications for residents involved in this type of behaviour. The Estate Management team will liaise with our Housing Maintenance Division with a view to a clean-up of this site.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the 2 units will be let at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have refurbished these units under the Framework.

The units at **(details supplied)** are now ready to let.

- Unit 1- Out on offer to applicant
- Unit 2- Nomination to be made soon

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the work on the small patch of ground opposite **(details supplied)** will be carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have been in contact with the Housing Maintenance section and they have informed me this work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

I will continue to monitor this site to ensure work is carryout ASAP.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can supply this Councillor with a detailed response as to why Dublin City Council decided not to take action in relation to this planning matter bearing in mind the comments from the complainant below **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is arranging to carry out a further inspection in order to clarify the matter raised in this question. She will contact the Councillor directly by e-mail once this inspection has been carried out and inform both him and the complainant of her findings in this matter.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for the works at Temple Road as outlined in the details outlined below to be carried out as soon as possible and to make a general statement on the issues involved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services is liaising with Drainage Services to examine the feasibility of installing an additional gully at this location.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive why has there been no response to a report on environmental issues commissioned by a council tenant **(details supplied)** and submitted to DCC over 8 months ago?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has carried out an inspection of this property on Wednesday, 25th August 2021. A programme of works has been agreed. The tenant is happy for these works to be done.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for a definitive report on the window and door replacement at Thomas Court, Dublin 8. This protected building requires specialist input and responses previously sought lack detail of schedule /financial commitment for these essential works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are well aware of the issues with the windows at Thomas Bawn Court. We appointed an Architect to design and project manage the installation of the windows here.

The project is very detailed and costs will be excessive. We have funding set aside to carry out these works.

However, the delay has been down to resources within our section and seeking approval through the Conservation Architect.

An Engineer has been recently appointed to solely deal with outstanding projects on our list. We are working through this backlog and would hope to have the project up and running in the coming months.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to update the members on the status of the legal dispute taken against the council with regards to the Iveagh Market and if an interim agreement can be reached to immediately commence essential repairs to stabilise the building and prevent further irreparable deterioration?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is the subject of court proceedings and is still before the courts, it is therefore sub judice.

As the matter is still the subject of legal proceedings, it is sub judice and therefore, cannot be discussed. However, DCC is currently in mediation with the relevant parties and is actively seeking to rectify all issues.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A medical assessment has been completed in relation to this case and a written communication will be issued to the family shortly.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing issue **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 13/09/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
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Area B	2	408
Area D	2	181
Area E	2	469

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue a formal response to the issues raised below:

Telecommunication boxes. Traditionally these were underground. Walk any street and you will come across footpath located manhole covers stamped with P and T/Telecom Eireann/Eircom. But the undergrounding ceased with the privatisation of Eircom. Streets are littered with these boxes which inconvenience pedestrians, deface streetscapes. Attracted graffiti and rubbish pushed down behind them. This practice of telecommunication boxes over ground is unheard of in many European countries. It is difficult to find one in London. In Ireland, to take two examples, they are not allowed by the local authority in Westport, Kilkenny and many other towns.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to this question, DCC consulted with Eir, who provided the following response:

"Eir's access network infrastructure has traditionally, and continues to be, underground. 100mm pipes are buried appropriately underneath footpaths and roadways with access to connecting chambers which are accessed via the manhole covers referenced in the Councillor's question. There has been no change to this practice over the years.

Cross connection to provide service to customers was traditionally done in street-side cabinets and these were always placed to be as unobtrusive as possible to the public realm. With the onset of high speed broadband it was necessary to replicate the electronics that heretofore had been placed in exchanges, closer to the customers. This resulted in the deployment of an additional cabinet, co-located with the existing street-side cabinet and again every effort was made in site selection to minimise any public inconvenience.

To ameliorate the visual intrusion of these cabinets and to address the issue of graffiti to which the Councillor has referred, eir and others including Councils have funded a number of artistic initiatives which have been very well received by the public.

The cross connection and electronic cabinets are present in all countries with a developed telecommunications infrastructure, and as telecommunications infrastructure competition has developed in Ireland, this has resulted in operators other than eir also deploying street furniture. Local authorities place stringent conditions on all telecommunications operators in the placement of these cabinets.”

Telecommunication operator (EIR in this instance) are required to have a licence from Dublin City Council under Section 254 of The Planning and Development Act 2000, to place aboveground infrastructure on the public road. The licencing process is analogous to the planning process. For each broadband cabinet, referenced in EIR’s response above, a section 254 licence was applied for and granted. Decisions to grant each licence took the following into consideration: planning recommendations & conditions plus observations from the public, elected representatives and other stakeholders.

Prior to the rollout of the EIR broadband cabinets, DCC consulted with The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) to determine whether underground infrastructure was a feasible option to the proposed aboveground cabinets in the DCC administrative area. ComReg confirmed that aboveground cabinets were necessary to provide this broadband service.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Church of Annunciation site in Finglas?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

On the 20th March 2020, under Register Reference 3023/19 planning permission was granted to the Finglas West Parish for the demolition of the existing Church of Annunciation building and construction of a new church and parish pastoral centre building on a smaller site of 0.44ha.

The development of the remainder of the site will be subject of a separate future application.

Dublin City Council is about to finalise the legal agreement to acquire this site. Once these legal matters are completed, the City Council will progress to the design stage for the development of a senior citizens scheme.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what assistance is available to Communities for spaying Cats.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Communities may avail of the Irish Blue Cross Veterinary Service which is low cost to those who qualify. Their mobile clinics are as follows:

Mondays – Tallaght & Cabra from 6:00pm.

Tuesdays – Blanchardstown & Crumlin from 6:00pm.

Wednesdays – Ballyfermot, Ballybrack, & Smithfield, from 6:00pm.

Thursdays – Walkinstown & Finglas, from 6:00pm.

Fridays – Whitehall (formerly Donnycarney), from 6:00pm.

Other options may include the:

Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DSPCA)

Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA)

Cat & Dog Protection Association of Ireland

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the plans for the Ballymun Shopping Centre Site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A presentation on the findings of the Feasibility Study and the Retail Report on the former shopping centre site is currently being prepared for the members of the NWAC and from which a workshop to discuss same will be arranged.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on St Margaret's Travellers site in Ballymun with regards to new caravans, connected water supplies and ESB suppliers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has supplied 10 mobile homes to families in St Margaret's Park. All bays have connections to water supplies and also to electricity supplies. One tenant is required to contact the electricity supplier to complete the connection as per supply agreement. Contractors are currently on site refurbishing all bays.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of how the council goes about buying houses for social housing. What budget is used for this? Is there any government funding? Is there an approval process from the department? How long does the process take?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Councils process for acquiring housing from the private second hand housing market is as follows.

When a Vendor or Agent approaches the Council wishing to sell a property to Dublin City Council for use as social housing a housing needs check is carried out based on details on the housing waiting lists in that particular area.

If a social housing need is identified in the area an inspection of the property is carried out by a Dublin City Council Building Inspector. If the property is deemed to be suitable for use as social housing the property is then referred to the City Valuers to carry out a valuation.

If the valuation falls within the Departmental cost guidelines for purchase of second hand properties our Valuers will submit an offer to the Vendor. If our Valuers are advised that there are first time buyers in negotiations on the property DCC will not proceed any further and will withdraw.

If the Vendor accepts the offer and has agreed to proceed with the sale the Law Department is instructed to proceed with the acquisition.

Dublin City Council does not require prior approval from the Department of Housing to purchase individual properties unless an individual acquisition cost is in excess of €600 000.

All funding for housing acquisitions is fully recoupable including refurbishment costs from the Department of Housing under the Social Housing Investment Programme or under Buy and Renew funding.

The process from the date of initial contact by a vendor to close of sale can take in some circumstances up six months.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have this work carried out: **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for the area 2021-22.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request: **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have carried out an inspection of the wall and have spoken to the tenants and have agreed to make the wall safe.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive, with regard to the vacant structures at 13, 13A and 13b Conyngham Road, and 10, 11 and 12 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 can the Chief Executive clarify:

-whether they are on the Derelict Sites Register;

-who the owners are;

-what fines, levies or rates have been placed on the buildings and what has been paid in the last five years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The CIE owned site at 10 – 13 Conyngham Road, D8 having been declared derelict was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 7th August, 2019. Notwithstanding that the site is entered on the Register the Derelict Sites Act 1990 provides that land owned by a State Authority does not attract a derelict sites levy.

Q.24 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing to what extent the recommendations, as they pertain to DCC and DCC related collaborations and responsibilities, in the A Better City for All (2011)

http://www.drugs.ie/resourcesfiles/reports/SRG_report.pdf, have been realised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Para 5.5 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022 contains the following policy in relation to Homeless Services:

“The City Council and other statutory agencies provide appropriate accommodation and work together to improve the range and quality of services available for homeless persons. An over-concentration of institutional accommodation can have an undue impact on residential communities and on the inner city in particular. A co-ordinated approach to the provision and management of these facilities as well as their spread across the city is important.

It is the Policy of Dublin City Council:

QH 29: To support the implementation of the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin and support related initiatives to address homelessness.

QH30: To ensure that all proposals to provide or extend temporary homeless accommodation or support services shall be supported by information demonstrating

that the proposal would not result in an undue concentration of such uses nor undermine the existing local economy, resident community or regeneration of an area. All such applications shall include: a map of all homeless services within a 500 metre radius of the application site, a statement on the catchment area identifying whether the proposal is to serve local or regional demand; and a statement regarding management of the service/facility.”

Following on from the work carried out through the Better City for All Initiative, the following collaborative working structures were established:

1. A high level working group involving Dublin City Council, the Gardaí and the HSE focusing on street issues in the city centre, particularly around homelessness and drug activity.
2. A city Business Forum involving all the representative groups from the Business and Hospitality Sector in the City, Fáilte Ireland, the Gardaí and Dublin City Council. The Forum is chaired by a retired Assistant Garda Commissioner.

Both of these groupings continue to operate and meet on a regular basis.

With regard to the design of transport infrastructure, DCC in working with transport agencies brings matters of public realm and security to the attention of designers highlighting the need for stops and stations, and surrounding public realm, to be well lit and secure.

Through the development management process DCC can require upgrades to existing public realm and access routes to public transports stops and stations including improved public lighting.

The street lighting on the streets listed below was improved under the Better City for All initiative in 2013

- Williams Lane – 3 no. Lights Upgraded
- Trinity Street – 3 no. Lights Upgraded
- Dame Court – 3 no. Lights Upgraded
- Anne's Lane – 7 no. Lights Upgraded
- St. Andrew's Lane – 4 no. Lights Upgraded
- Dawson Court – 2 no. Lights upgraded
- Stephen Street Lower – 4 no. Lights Upgraded
- St. Andrew Street – 4 no. Lights upgraded
- Harbour Court – 7 no. Lights upgraded

Q.25 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the total number of single person emergency accommodation beds available across the DCC area and identify from these the number of beds that are individual/own room/door and the number of beds that are shared with i) one other person ii) two other people iii) three or more people.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines the particulars requested. This information relates to the DCC area alone.

Total Capacity	2,765
Total No. of Rooms	1,513 (incl. 1 isolation room)
(i) Single Rooms	590
(ii) Double Rooms	569 (incl. 1 Cold Weather Initiative room)

(iii)	Triple Rooms	110
(iv)	Rooms for more than 3 people	162

Q.26 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to install Sheffield stands for bicycle parking at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location will be investigated and if considered suitable cycle stands will be installed as part of the next batch of cycle parking.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that additional public lighting be installed at **(details supplied)** due to the lack of lighting on this street at night time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is considered to be adequately lit and there are no plans to install additional lighting here.

The existing lighting will be upgraded to LED as part of a future lighting upgrade project, subject to available finances.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to put measures in place at **(details supplied)** due to a large volume of dogs roaming freely off their leashes at all hours during opening hours, which is concerning some parents whose children use the playground here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Animal Welfare Unit will work with the Parks and Landscaping Division to address this issue.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have carried have inspection of the Park and have arranged for new dog signs to be erected to inform dog owners of their responsibilities while having a dog in a public park. Also, a request has been sent to the dog warden to increase visits to the Park in the coming weeks.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the verge at **(details supplied)** to be repurposed. Due to a crèche nearby, there is regularly cars parking on the verge and this area is full of mud which can be a hazard during inclement weather.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following an inspection of the area, the location is not deemed suitable for a layby due to the proximity of a neighbouring driveway.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the details of any contractual arrangement made with the providers of the new digital advertising hoardings/phone points that have been provided around the city in recent weeks close to or replacing Eir phone boxes. In his reply can he itemise the full details of any permissions granted under the Planning Acts, as well as any financial arrangements that are in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The upgrading of 22 sites from single/double telephone boxes to kiosks incorporating digital advertising panels was considered in the context of an overall rationalization of

the public payphone network in the administrative area of Dublin City Council. It can be confirmed that the City Council is not the beneficiary of any contractual or financial arrangements with the provider or operator of the telephone kiosks.

Details of planning permissions

1. Plan No. 4380/19 - Harold's Cross Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
2. Plan No. 4749/19 – Clontarf Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display - granted 21st February 2020
3. Plan No. 4399/19 – Terenure Road North - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
4. Plan No. 4398/19 – Rathmines Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
5. Plan No. 4397/19 – Annesley Bridge Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
6. Plan No. 4396/19 – South Circular Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – REFUSED 10th January 2020
7. Plan No. 4395/19 – Talbot Street - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
8. Plan No 4392/19 – Clanbrassil Street -Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
9. Plan No. 4391/19 – Mary Street - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
10. Plan No. 4390/19 – North Circular Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
11. Plan No. 4389/19 – South Circular Road (outside Kilmainham P.O.) - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
12. Plan No. 4388/19 – Abbey Street Lower - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
13. Plan No. 4387/19 – Howth Road, Killester - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
14. Plan No. 4386/19 – Bolton Street - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
15. Plan No. 4385/19 – Dorset Street Lower - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
16. Plan No. 4384/19 – Merrion Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
17. Plan No. 4383/19 – Ballyfermot Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
18. Plan No. 4381/19 – Malahide Road, Donnycarney - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
19. Plan No. 4379/19 – Dorset Street (outside No. 13) - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 10th January 2020
20. Plan No. 4378/19 – Swords Road Upper - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
21. Plan No. 4377/19 – Drumcondra Road Upper - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 9th January 2020
22. Plan No. 2021/20 - Cabra Road - Telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.m digital display – granted 3rd March 2020

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify what fire-fighting equipment is available to the Council to rescue people trapped in buildings at a height of over 24 metres? In his reply can the Chief Executive comment on his general approach to examining or

granting Fire Certificate approval for residential accommodation at, or exceeding these heights.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade invest in a broad range of specialised equipment to provide for the rescue of people trapped in buildings this equipment includes 30 metre mobile ladders and a hydraulic Platform. There is also a broad range of rescue equipment such as breathing apparatus and importantly personal protective equipment for our crews. All of the equipment and procedures are underpinned with appropriate training and operational guidelines.

Dublin City Council receive fire safety certificate applications for all types of buildings including residential accommodation. The applicant must demonstrate compliance with Building Regulations 1997-2019, and our decisions will be to grant, grant with conditions or refuse these proposals.

Guidance on compliance with Building Regulations is provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the form of Technical Guidance Document B and other guidance.

Buildings of the heights in question must be fitted with fire safety features to provide for means of escape, control of the internal and external spread of fire and for firefighting facilities to achieve compliance with Building Regulations 1997-2019.

Q.32 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of free sanitary/period products in DCC facilities as per the provision of spending for same in our 2020 and 2021 budgets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Free sanitary/period products are available to the public in all DCC buildings including sports and leisure facilities, public libraries, recreation centres, Arts & Culture buildings and the public toilets in the Civic Offices.

Homeless facilities confirm they will have the products available by September 1st

Q.33 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with Eir/Eircom to remove all broken and redundant public phone boxes from our streets before the end of this year, starting in our city centre such as the one in the photo taken on Stephen's Green (RSCI side).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to this question, DCC consulted with Eir, who provided the following response:

"Eir are always looking at ways in which infrastructure can better serve the community. Eir is working with county councils to agree on the best use of legacy infrastructure. As agreed with Dublin City Council, 22 new Digital Pedestals have been installed in Dublin City replacing old payphone kiosks.

Eir works closely with DCC and requests for payphone removal are regularly received. Recently the kiosk in Gardiner St was removed and the following are scheduled for recovery in the coming weeks:

Ballyfermot Road

<i>Drumcondra Road</i>
<i>Camden St. Lr.</i>
<i>Santry @ Comet Pub</i>
<i>Mount Brown</i>
<i>Tyrconnell Road</i>
<i>Inchicore Village</i>

Eir is also rolling out another national infrastructure upgrade programme, to replace payphone kiosks with rapid electrical vehicle charging points, at no cost to the Local Authorities, with 180 telephone kiosks initially targeted nationwide. "

Road Maintenance Services follows up on the removal of redundant assets from the public road. Cormac Healy is managing the policy response to EV charging, see below his input to this question.

DCC are currently evaluating this EIR proposal regarding the payphone kiosks within the DCC area in the context of the recently approved draft EVCP strategy for the four Dublin Local Authorities. Discussions with the Department of Transport are ongoing and a consultation process with key stakeholders is currently being planned to assist with finalising the strategy.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to how DCC and the HSE are tackling the rat infestation problem within Dublin City Council's housing estates? In particular, the massive rat infestation that is constantly taking place in and around York St, Mercer Street, Glovers Court flat complexes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, working with the Health Service Executive (HSE), takes the matter of pest control extremely seriously and are working with all stakeholders to eradicate any pest issues that arise in City Council apartment complexes, like York Street (newer), Mercer Street and Glovers Court complexes.

Specifically, a significant programme of works has been undertaken across these complexes and the details are outlined below:

1. The Council has established a specific Pest Control Unit in order to bring greater focus to the issue of pest control and to build upon the successful results we have had in other locations. This Unit will be more visible to residents and it will involve increased numbers of staff working in this area.
2. Within Dublin City Council's apartment complexes, the responsibility for problems with rats in particular is split between the City Council and the HSE. The HSE is responsible for rat issues within internal properties, including gardens. The Council is responsible for rat issues in common areas within the apartment complexes.

We acknowledge that there has been an increased number of reports of rodents over the last few months and so the Council is committing to setting up unique email address for pest control queries across our housing provision and to setting up unique mobile number, so that residents can text pest control queries directly into the City

Council, thereby simplifying the process. We will also work with our Customer Services section to ensure that callers with any pest control issues are being dealt with in a manner that will facilitate a quick turnaround and resolution of any problems.

3. We have secured the bin area and any visible access points to the bin area in the York Street (newer) complex and will investigate what further works are required across these complexes. We have also made all of the bins pest-proof through the installation of bungs to prevent rats gaining access through the exit valves.
4. We have undertaken specialists training with our caretakers to assist with the identification and resolution of issues to ensure enhanced pest control. Furthermore, to lay bait in our housing complexes requires specialist training and we have increased the numbers of qualified staff able to do this from two to six.
5. Where needed, the relevant complexes are being treated on an ongoing basis for pests by both City Council staff that are especially trained in this field, and by the HSE. The Council are committing significant staff resources to these areas in particular and the HSE have similarly attended regularly too.
6. To deal with the pest control issue effectively, it is essential to eliminate the food source for pests and so we work with all relevant parties to identify and remove any accessible food source for rodents. This includes working with our on-site caretaking service to ensure the bins are secure and that lids are closed, and also providing advice to ensure we reduce any available food source for rodents.
7. A significant programme of works has been undertaken by the Council across these complexes and where we identify any additional remedial or improvement works necessary, these will be undertaken. We also commit to working with residents to fully resolve this issue.

The Council, in conjunction with the HSE, will continue to monitor this situation, and engage with all relevant stakeholders to identify and eradicate any pest control issues.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the process to establish a local area plan for the Sandymount area and environs. This unique area of Dublin is in need of a strong local area plan going forward.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current Dublin City Development Plan contains a robust policy position to manage the development of public and private land.

The preparation of the new Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has commenced. As part of the preparation of the new Development Plan the elected members will have an opportunity to consider and prioritise areas/ villages for the preparation of LAPs (Local Area Plans) and LEIPs (Local Environment Improvement Plans). It will be up to the elected members of DCC to agree on the requirement to prepare an LAP for Sandymount. An LAP must be consistent with the higher-level Development Plan, including existing zonings.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full and comprehensive report with regards the intended disposal of the unique Chatham Street School of music building on Chatham Street. This report also to include a full evaluation of the condition of the building. A

full evaluation of the guide price for sale. Whether other avenues for use were considered for this building? And whether the School of Music wish to continue in the building. And also whether this building is listed on the record of protected structures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The leasehold interest in the former School of Music, Chatham Row, Dublin 2 was surrendered by TU Dublin (formerly Dublin Institute of Technology) in January 2021.

The Council has engaged consultants to explore possible uses for the building including cultural use such as artists' studios, exhibition space, music venue etc. There are no plans to place this property on the market.

The former Conservatory of Music and Drama (now TU Dublin Conservatoire) building on Chatham Row is not on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

Q.37 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full comprehensive report as to how many sleeping bags and tents have been removed from the city streets and derelict sites, canal, etc. by DCC in the past two years, and the exact locations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) provides a comprehensive outreach service (through Dublin Simon) for those people who sleep rough including those using tents.

This outreach service works very hard at coaxing those who are sleeping rough to access Emergency Accommodation at several different locations throughout the Dublin Area.

This Emergency Accommodation has been in plentiful supply over the last few months. There is sufficient Emergency Accommodation for all those who require it and who are willing to accept it.

The DRHE does not remove sleeping bags or tents that are no longer being used, this is a matter for the Waste Management division of Dublin City Council as part of the Council's Litter Management operation.

Full record of sleeping bags or tents being removed is not retained.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 14/11/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area H	1	449
Area L	1	411
Area M	1	313

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide him with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if a rubbish bin can be provided at the new very welcome “teen zone “in Ringsend Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There are currently 5 No. litter bins in the park which are emptied regularly by park staff. Litter bins are not installed within the confines of playground as they can attract insects and vermin to the play environment. We also encourage children and guardians to ‘Leave No Trace’ when visiting the park and playground by taking their litter home for recycling. In most cases this is very well received and we would like to thank children who have adopted this policy.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City Council to provide upgrades to the existing playground in Ceannt Fort, Dublin 8, located at Burke Place, which is in poor condition and not fit for purpose for existing young families in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The playground mentioned above is subject to an independent Annual Inspection and has received a high score in its most recent inspection, which assesses the safety of the play equipment provided. The playground received an upgrade a number of years ago (2017) which improved the play value and opportunities for play in the space. This is reflected in the scoring that the playground has received in its inspections since that. There are currently no plans to significantly upgrade this playground as it is considered to be of a sufficient standard.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline Dublin City Council’s plans to provide for more permanent pedestrianisation on Parliament Street and Capel Street. While the further extension is welcome, the success and popularity of the trial periods sure warrant a more permanent solution. Re: Parliament St, the preferred outcome for business owners is a reduction from two lanes of traffic to one, and permanent footpath widening to allow for outside dining. Can the Chief Executive specifically reply to the feasibility of this option and comment on whether a similar reduction of traffic, from two lanes to one, on Capel Street is possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A three week non statutory public consultation from the 30th of August until the 20th of September will be taking place to get people’s views on:

- Their experience of the Traffic free weekend evenings and
- What options should be further explored for both Capel Street and Parliament Street

Following this a report will be prepared for consideration by the elected members on consideration of this and the consultation detailed planning of the preferred option will be advanced. Any option which is advanced will be subject to further consultation and any necessary statutory requirements.

The option of reducing the traffic lanes on Parliament Street to one lane is one of the options presented for public consultation. Any changes to the layout of Parliament Street needs to be considered with Capel Street as the flow of traffic on both is strongly linked. A detailed assessment will need to be undertaken if this is the preferred option. Capel Street has already been largely reduced to one lane except for between Strand Street and the north quays.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on DCC's commitment to deliver a football pitch adjacent to the Emmet Road development in Inchicore. 2018 and 2019 drawings of the regeneration of St. Michael's Estate included the retention and enhancement of an existing community sports amenity. Despite repeated questioning and a motion adopted by the June 2021 South Central Area Committee seeking this five-a-side be retained, the Design Team has confirmed it will now not be possible due to "design reasons". While this is greatly disappointing, it presents an opportunity to deliver a full-sized all-weather pitch nearby for use by local sports teams, schools and the general public in the area. Can the Chief Executive provide an update on where these plans are currently at?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following meetings with nearby schools the Council have identified a potential site in a school grounds to accommodate a 5 aside all -weather pitch.

Detailed discussions are currently ongoing to determine the suitability of this site and to work out a sustainable management plan so that the investment can make a long term positive contribution to local communities.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on Dublin City Council's ongoing work to combat the use of e-scooters on footpaths. While these scooters can and should play a role in reducing car dependency in our city, many users of these scooters are minors and continue to mount footpaths posing a danger to pedestrians and other road users. Can the Chief Executive comment on what DCC is doing to tackle this issue, particularly in the James's Street and Inchicore area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's understanding is that a Bill on the subject of eScooters is being prepared by Government to be brought before the Dáil in September, as reported. It is not known whether this particular issue will be addressed by the Bill. Notwithstanding this, the issue raised within this correspondence is a matter for An Garda Síochána and this issue should be brought to their attention.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Minister Eamon Ryan seeking an update on the rollout of water foundations. DCC allocated funding to these in 2019 but has not installed any as we are waiting for the review from his department. Can the Minister update us on the progress of the review?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to water filling stations:

We are proceeding to purchase a trial of 7 units for installation pre December and will monitor their successful implementation, operation and maintenance.

Our primary concerns relate to ensuring:

- Universal Design
–Easy to understand and operate
- Environmental Impact
–Water saving and overall design life
- Robustness and Security
–Materials, fittings and anti-social behaviour
- Covered spout and pedal operation
–Preventing direct drinking and minimises infection
- Cleaning and Maintenance
–Cost and effectiveness

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if he will list the SHD applications that have come before the City Council since the enactment of the relevant legislation to date; their locations and number of units; their tenure mix; and if he will state the number currently in process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

	Location	Number of units	Tenure mix	Status
O'Devaney Gardens	Former O'Devaney Gardens Flat Estate, Off Infirmary Road, Dublin 7	1047	30% Social – 275 20% Affordable – 248 50% Private – 524	Planning decision pending Due: 14 th Sept.
Donore	Former St.Teresa's Gardens Flat Estate, Off Donore Ave., Dublin 8	600 approx	30% Social Housing – 180 units, 70% Cost Rental – 420 units	Planning submission due end 2021
Oscar Traynor Road	Oscar Traynor Road Dublin 17	853 units	Under review	On hold

Please see attached document.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to list the number and location of allotments in Dublin; to state the procedure for acquiring one and if there is a waiting list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Allotments in the South Central Area.

There are 6 allotment sites in the South Central Area managed by DCC comprising some 173 allotments with a combined waiting list of 195 applicants.

Chapelizod Allotments

Location: Chapelizod Road (adjacent Donore Harriers)

Number of Allotments: 41

Size of waiting list: 53 at present

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: ballyfermot.areaoffice@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

Bluebell Allotments

Location: Bluebell Avenue

Number of Allotments: 36

Size of waiting list: 15 at present

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: ballyfermot.areaoffice@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

Grattan Crescent Allotments

Location: Grattan Crescent Park, Inchicore

Number of Allotments: 48

Size of waiting list: 58 at present

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: southcentral@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

SWIC Allotments*:

St Thomas Abbey Allotments

Location: South Earl St. D8

Number of Allotments: 17

Size of waiting list: SWIC combined* waiting list 69

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: southcentral@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

Braithwaite St. Allotments

Location: South Earl St. D8

Number of Allotments: 21

Size of waiting list: SWIC combined* waiting list 69

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: southcentral@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

Reuben Street & Back of the Pipes Allotments

Location: South Earl St. D8

Number of Allotments: 10

Size of waiting list: SWIC combined* waiting list 69

Application procedure: By email - stating name of allotment site being applied for to: southcentral@dublincity.ie stating name, address, contact number and e-mail address.

Kimmage Rathmines LEA has an allotment site at Blarney Park, Crumlin. As the current waiting list has over 50 applicants for just 12 allotment spaces, additional applications are not being accepted at this time.

The Community Development Section of the South East Area Office manage 62 allotments in their area. These allotments are located at Blarney Park (12 allotments), Herbert Park (13 allotments) and Ringsend Park (37 allotments). The application process involves the completion of an application form. There is currently a waiting list of 202 applicants. However, this list is currently suspended due to the high demand for allotments coupled with a low return of allotments from plot holders.

The Belmayne Allotments, which are located on Belmayne Avenue, Dublin 13 currently have a waiting list. Residents can contact the North Central Area office on 01 2228870 or email northcentral@dublincity.ie to request an application form.

Listed below are licence agreements in the Central Area for Community Gardens.

North Inner City:

Newcomen Court - Mud Island Community Garden
Larkin Unemployed Centre Community Garden
Summer Street North Community Garden (licencing process currently in progress)

Cabra/ Glasnevin Area:

Gt. Western Square / Serenity Garden Residents Association
De Courcey Square Garden
Royal Canal Park Community Garden
Broadstone Community Garden (within Park).
Infirmary Road – Temporary, subject to Housing development

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscapes Services Division manage two Allotment sites;

1. The Walled Garden Allotments St Anne's park Raheny / Clontarf (80 plots plus 10 designated as a community garden)
2. Meakstown Allotments situated off the M50 between Ballymun and Finglas. (60 plots)

To apply for an allotment a member of the public can contact us by letter, phone or email parks@dublincity.ie

At the moment the waiting list for St Anne's is 120 people and as a result no further names are being accepted. The waiting list for Meakstown allotments remains open.

North West Area:

Listed below are licence agreements in the North West Area for Community Gardens

Fairlawn/Prospect Hill, Finglas South, Community Group

Greenview Community Garden, Tolka Valley Road Finglas,
Dublin North West Partnership Group

Q.47 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the amount of income received in on-street parking in each of the past five years and the effects this loss of income has on the City's finances.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The income from on-street parking for 2016 to 2020 is detailed below:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
On-Street Car Parking Income	26,846,859	27,876,827	27,846,001	30,163,376	18,833,332
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				*Parking Fee increase applied	

While there was a significant reduction in on-street parking income in 2020 due to the impact of Covid 19, additional Exchequer funding was received to off-set this loss.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his plans to convert student accommodation into homeless accommodation and if planning permission will be required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans at present to acquire residential developments that are currently used as student accommodation. But it is something that is under consideration and we will look at suitable opportunities that might arise in the city.

Planning permission would be required for the change of use of an approved student accommodation scheme to use as homeless accommodation as the two uses have different land use definitions under the Planning and Development Acts/Regulations. Student accommodation is defined in the *Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016* as;

(a) a building or part thereof used or to be used to accommodate students whether or not provided by a relevant provider (within the meaning of [Qualifications and Quality Assurance \(Education and Training\) Act 2012](#)), and that is not for use—

(i) as permanent residential accommodation, or

(ii) subject to paragraph (b), as a hotel, hostel, apart-hotel or similar type accommodation,

And

(b) includes residential accommodation that is used as tourist or visitor accommodation but only if it is so used outside of academic term times;”

In contrast to student accommodation, hostels fall within either Class 6 or Class 9, as defined in the Classes of Use – Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, depending on whether the hostel provides care to people in need of care.

Class 6 - Use as a residential club, a guest house or a hostel (other than a hostel where care is provided)

Class 9 - Use-

- (a) *For the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care (but not the use of a house for that purpose),*
- (b) *As a hospital or nursing home,
As a residential school, residential college or residential training centre*

Q.49 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of properties the National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) has offered to the City Council to date and the number of units which the City Council has accepted for social housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

By end of 2018 there was 853 units offered to DCC at that time by NAMA, 190 were subsequently withdrawn or sold elsewhere by NAMA. Of the remaining available units for DCC, 238 were assessed as unsuitable at that time due to the poor condition of the units, structural issues or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development.

Any offers from NAMA are now progressed through the Housing Agency.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to support the pedestrianization of Capel Street, and it's outdoor dining. Can the Council ensure that loud noise is not caused by visitors who are not dining on the street? Local residents complaining on media about noise issues in the late evening and after midnight.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A three week non statutory public consultation from the 30th of August until the 20th of September will be taking place to get people's views on:

- Their experience of the Traffic free weekend evenings and
- What options should be further explored for both Capel Street and Parliament Street

Following this a report will be prepared for consideration by the elected members on consideration of this and the consultation detailed planning of the preferred option will be advanced. Any option which is advanced will be subject to further consultation and any necessary statutory requirements.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update relating to the four day week passed at the July meeting of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Human Resources Department has received representations from both FORSA and SIPTU trade unions in relation to the establishment of a four-day week and the introduction of a pilot programme within the City Council.

The implementation of a four-day week requires very detailed discussions at national level and requires cross sectoral agreement.

Senior management from the HR Department attended a presentation given by the Chairperson of the Four Day Week Ireland campaign and representatives from FORSA trade union on the proposed four-day week pilot programme.

It is understood that the trade unions will pursue this matter at central level and the City Council will await the outcome of these discussions before making a decision on participating in a pilot programme.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive about the possibility of introducing permanent measures for pedestrianisation of Parliament & Capel Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A three week non statutory public consultation from the 30th of August until the 20th of September will be taking place to get people's views on:

- Their experience of the Traffic free weekend evenings and
- What options should be further explored for both Capel Street and Parliament Street

Following this a report will be prepared for consideration by the elected members on consideration of this and the consultation detailed planning of the preferred option will be advanced. Any option which is advanced will be subject to further consultation and any necessary statutory requirements.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding storm water drainage capacity in South Lotts. Heavy rains in August caused flooding on the streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no storm water drainage in the South Lotts area. The area is drained via a combined drainage network, where foulds and storm water drain into the same system. This is common in older parts of the city.

On 22nd August, the city, especially the south east of the city, experienced very heavy rainfall of up to 24mm in one hour. This caused the combined drainage network to become overwhelmed.

While there was road flooding, there were no reports of property flooding in the South Lotts area. In 2002 and 2011, properties in this area were flooded. DCC would advise householders at risk to install non return valves, so as to increase the protection to their properties.

If the Councillor is aware of any reports of property flooding, please let me know and I'll have it investigated.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed housing adaptation at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has agreed to install a stair lift and a level access shower at the above address. In March of this year, we wrote to the tenants asking them to submit Occupational Therapy report. To date Dublin City Council have not received this report.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for works to be carried out at **(details supplied)** where a tree needs to be cut back to allow exterior insulation to be finished and for the

gutters to be repaired/replaced as they are badly deteriorated and are not working as needed in the rain.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The subject trees are not in Parks charge. Please refer to Housing maintenance section, for possible solution.

Dublin City Council has inspected this property on August 26th 2021 and spoke to the tenant. As per Tenant's Handbook, gardening works are tenant's responsibility. Tenant has agreed to have these done. The repairs to the gutters will be carried out when insulation works are complete.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the leak on Ballygall Road West (steps at the rear of the Bottom of the Hill pub) to be repaired. This leak is going on for at least 6 months now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Reports of leaks at this location have been investigated many times by Dublin City Council Water and Drainage Divisions. No leaks have been found in the public road or footpath. There are reports of leaks on the service pipes, carrying drinking water on private property, to a number of houses in this area. These issues have been reported to both the property owners and to Irish Water. It is the property owners business to fix these leaks.

Parks Department have carried out investigations at this location and only recently have had the site cleared and re-opened access. Unfortunately the source of the leak could not be established by the Contractor for Parks or by our Drainage Department. Further investigations will be required to establish the source of the leak.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with **(details supplied)** to ensure that late night activities on the rooftop are stopped and that access to the area would be restricted after 11pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We contacted the Manager of **(details supplied)** in relation to this matter. They confirmed that there had recently being a complaint made in relation to same. On the evening in question all activities were stopped and the rooftop garden was closed. The rooftop garden remains closed and they are currently working on control measures to ensure similar activates are not repeated.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the following: **(details supplied)** was onto me in relation to an infestation of mice in her home for the past few months she has told me she and her neighbours in the adjoining houses have seen dozens of mice many which have gone into their homes leaving mice droppings all over the place. They were quoted €650 from a private company to get poison etc. laid in the houses and the vicinity. I am asking this issue be looked into as a matter of urgency as there is a number of children in the housing units concerned and the constant hassle is having a profound effect on the health of the residents concerned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per Tenant's Handbook, responsibility for getting rid of mice lies with the tenants. However, our specialised trained personnel will call to **(details supplied)** help and advise her on best solutions to eradicate the mice.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the following problems residents are encountering **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are currently engaging with a tenant **(details supplied)** in relation to ongoing anti-social behaviour and issues with domestic waste to the front and back garden. Dublin City Council and Ballyfermot Garda are aware of the issues and are actively pursuing same. However I would urge all residents to call Gardaí immediately if the anti-social behaviour continues.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the serious ongoing issues with flooding along Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12 residents have contacted me to state that when heavy rain falls the surface water shores cannot cope leaving spot flooding and then the main sewers are full with human waste flowing out along the road, there are a number of problems now happening here due to the above on the 6th of July emergency vehicles, ambulances etc. could not travel along the road with the flooding. I was told by residents they have raised this issue for the past few years with both DCC and Irish water and they feel this issue is not treated with the seriousness it deserves. I am asking for a full report on the causes and what action we propose to sort the situation out once and for all.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is aware of the issues of road flooding along Mourne Road and Errigal Road during very heavy rainfall events.

All the gullies have been checked and cleaned in the area, and are working correctly.

This area has been surveyed by the Drainage Division and the location between No. 114 and Errigal Road is the lowest point along this sewer run. There is a section of surface water sewer downstream that is extremely flat and is likely restricting the capacity of the surface water sewer and causing the flows to back up.

Dublin City Council is looking at a number of solutions, both short term and long term to alleviate this. Just to make you aware that simply removing the flat section of pipe is a larger job than you would imagine.

The problems in this location relate to the surface water sewer and not the foul sewers, so I'm surprised to hear that sewage is coming into the homes. If this is the case, please advise me the households affected so they can be advised as to how to protect their properties.

While the flooding in this area was extensive, this would not have prevented the emergency services from accessing the area due to the type of vehicles they have.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the following: **(details supplied)**. That the ongoing problems with the heating system be addressed as a matter of urgency he has told me they have a baby and young children in the home and need heating

and hot water for baths etc. I would be very grateful if the issue could be sorted as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has carried out an inspection of the heating system at the above address. The tenants have been informed that a new heating system will be installed and the contractor will be in touch with the tenants to organise a start date.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive for an account of how many kissing gates are in place in areas within the Councils remit (e.g. Parks, Greenways, Residential estates) and to outline the costs to install and maintain them from 2015 to 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general parks and park entrances are open and not gated. However, swing/kissing gates have been placed at some locations in response to concerns by local people about unauthorised vehicles, quad bikes and scramblers gaining access to their local park. These gates were designed to still permit access for buggies and most wheelchairs however we are aware that motorised wheelchairs now have difficulty gaining access in some instances and we welcome meeting those affected on site to see how the issue can be resolved. Queries in this regard can be emailed to parks@dublincity.ie.

Any gates along the canals are generally a matter for Waterways Ireland and not DCC.

However, the NTA have recently agreed to fund the cost of a survey to identify the number and location of existing swing/kissing gates and to consider alternative site specific designs to facilitate people with disabilities and cyclists while taking into account any local community safety considerations. This survey and design will be carried out by Environment and Transport Department and Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services and reported back to each Area Committee.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of complaints received about kissing gates in the last 18 months and the three most common issues raised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We estimate that we have received approximately one communication a month over the period of 2020 and 2021 from members of the public and councillors in relation to swing/kissing gates.

The most common issue is one of accessibility for wheelchairs and in such cases we seek to meet those affected on site to see how the situation can be remedied to their satisfaction. Smaller numbers have contacted us to have kissing gates installed in their locality and a smaller number again raised the issue of accessibility for bicycles.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an audit of the facilities in Ashington Park, Dublin 7. In particular having regard to the impending completion of works to the new rail station. New lighting requirements on the new pathways created through the park, replacement of the hardware on the newly resurfaced playing area, and parking and pedestrian access to the park. The provision of extra bins required to facilitate the extra footfall in the park is also required. When can local people and service users expect to see these additions to the park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New lighting is now operational along pathway fronting new station and central footpath leading into park which is due for a final inspection from Public Lighting section in the next two weeks. It is anticipated the new central footpath will be fully functional in the next 3 weeks. The disabled parking to the front of Ashington will also be available around this date. Parks services have ordered replacement hardware for resurfaced playing area but this order has been affected by Brexit. These items will be installed as soon as they arrive in stock. Park services will monitor litter levels at the park once station is operational and provision of extra bins will be made accordingly.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plans going forward to reduce the anti-social behaviour at the newly completed Broadstone Plaza? Gangs gathering here and instances of drug dealing and the discharging of fireworks have been reported at this location and local people are seeking assurances from council that coordinated action will be taken to resolve this problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has contacted the Bridewell Garda Station in relation to ongoing Anti-Social behaviour at the Broadstone Plaza. The Garda and Luas security are monitoring this situation and I have requested an update on any relevant information going forward.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current position at 15/17 Lower Drumcondra Road. Having regard to the Planning Enforcements sections work at these premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following inspections of the properties by the planning enforcement section in 2020, Dublin City Council received detailed drawings from the Developers Planning Consultant who are acting on behalf of the reputed owners. The drawings provided show floor plans of the existing and proposed floor layouts of numbers 15 & 17 Drumcondra Road with both properties internally interconnected with only one front entrance door. The alterations proposed primarily show the removal of 17 dwelling units and replaced with a 21 bedroom dwelling unit with an increase in the number of shower rooms, the majority of which are located at lower ground floor level. An inspection was carried out by Planning Enforcement on the 29th May, facilitated by the reputed owner. The inspection revealed the property to comprise of 21 bedrooms with 40 bed spaces available, the layout of the building is reflected in the floor plans provided as part of the enclosed submission, which I received via email on 27th May. The facility is managed onsite 24 hours a day.

Section 4.1.h of the Planning and Development Act states "*The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act:*

development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure or which do not materially affect the external appearance of the structure so as to render the appearance inconsistent with the character of the structure or of neighbouring structures".

The Definition of works in the planning act includes "*any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure".*

The above property is not included in the record of protected structures therefore The Planning Enforcement Section consider the works to be exempt development pursuant to Section 4.1.h of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.

Correspondence has been forwarded to Planning Enforcement from DCC Housing Department confirming that a contract has been entered into with the DRHE/DCC, to provide accommodation at this location. Thus, the service being provided at 15-17 Drumcondra Road Lower is on behalf of Dublin City Council as part of the delivery of its housing function.

Section 4.1.f of the planning and development act 2000 as amended reads "*The following shall be exempted developments for the purposes of this Act: development carried out on behalf of, or jointly or in partnership with, a local authority, pursuant to a contract entered into by the local authority concerned, whether in its capacity as a planning authority or in any other capacity.*"

The definition of development in the Planning and Development Act means, except where the context otherwise requires, "*the carrying out of any works on, in, over or under land or the making of any material change in the use of any structures or other land*".

Q.67 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current position at the premises at 18-19 Dorset Street. Having regard to any work carried out by the Planning Enforcements sections work at these premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A complaint was recently received by the Planning Enforcement Section in respect of alleged unauthorised works taking place at the properties concerned. Following receipt of the complaint a warning letter was issued to the owners of the premises under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) outlining the allegations concerned. The owner of the premises has 4 weeks from the date of the issuing of this letter to respond and set out his case on the matter, if he wishes to do so. Following the expiry of the 4 week period an inspection will be carried out by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area to ascertain the facts of this case and to consider whether further action is required relating to this matter.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to housing applicant (**details supplied**) who is 13 years on the housing list, is currently living in seriously over-crowded conditions and say when the family will be accommodated with their own home as they are under serious pressure to vacate their current accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 16/12/2008, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	40
Area D	3	15
Area E	3	56

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to refer new policy of not penalising motorists who park on footpaths, who leave distance of 2.5meters of footpath clear for pedestrians, and say how this new policy is being communicated to members of the public and if he can make a detailed statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking on footpaths is always illegal no matter how much space is left on the footpath for pedestrians and enforcement action either by An Garda Siochana or Parking enforcement can take place for any parking on footpath offence.

Parking enforcement have to be provided guidance on which offences they should prioritise for enforcement and a report was brought to the May 2021 SPC meeting for discussion by the members. At this meeting the members of the SPC agreed that prioritisation of enforcement should be for offences which leave less than 2.5 metres on the footpath for pedestrians. This was subsequently agreed at the June Monthly City Council meeting.

A number of issues have been raised regarding this and a further report will be brought to the SPC in 2021.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to my constituent at **(details supplied 1)** who is living in over-crowded conditions with her parents (who are in the process of selling the family home) can be housed in one of the upcoming units at **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 9/5/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	124
	2	50
Area E	3	165
	2	69
Area H	3	60
	2	25

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. With this in mind, it is unlikely that the applicant would be considered for one of the units at **(details supplied)**

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to please contact **(details supplied)** and be of assistance with her housing need.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant was contacted by a member of the Central Placement Service on 30th August 2021 to discuss their case and the HAP application process.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Dublin City Council's efforts to assist residents at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Water Pollution Control section is responsible for the protection of water quality in DCC and the implementation of the Water Pollution Act 1977, as amended. Unfortunately, Water Pollution Control does not have funds (of any description) to allocate, nor the specialised resources required to remediate the structural issue at this private location.

The ownership of the embankments at his location has been deemed unassigned. The Area Dangerous Buildings Inspector inspected this collapsed wall at **(details supplied)**.

"These properties are privately built and privately owned and as such all responsibility for repair and maintenance remains with the owners.

The Dangerous Buildings remit is generally for danger to the general public, in the public domain, of which this is neither as there is no access to the lands to the rear of these properties for the general public. Dangerous Buildings has no further remit here at this time"

Q.73 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the level of Dublin Fire Brigade vehicles off the road due to staff shortages for the last 6 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade is committed to providing the highest level of Public safety services for all our communities. An agreed joint union / management staffing arrangement is in place and is designed to help ensure full manning of all appliances at all times, the staffing numbers are currently 31 below the agreed levels with 35 recruits in training.

On occasions the desired operational crewing levels are not achieved, where this happens an agreed process to reduce the impact takes place. This process is designed to help minimise the impact on both the community and Fire fighter safety but on

occasions may necessitate the temporary withdrawal from service of appliances. Dublin City Council & Fire Brigade Management along with the Trade Unions have been in extensive protracted discussion under the auspice of the WRC in an attempt to agree a revised service delivery model.

Over the last 6 months (which includes the majority of DFB annual leave blocks) DFB have experienced varied staff shortages. Despite well-established overtime arrangements, during the 6 month leave period examined, approximately 20% of shifts experienced a level of staff shortage necessitating at least one appliance temporarily out of service.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the repair of the pathway at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The repair required outside **(details supplied)** corresponds to a sunken EIR utility reinstatement. This has been referred to EIR for action.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the closure of the Abigail Centre, Finglas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE met with local area Councillors and management in August, to set out a time frame for the proposed closure. The plan is gaining momentum and John Durkan, Deputy Director DRHE, intends to meet the Councillors in late September to update the area committee members on progress in relation to the decant process.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to broken footpath at **(details supplied)** and agree to repair same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to cul de sac at **(details supplied)** and say if he will agree to install a second cul de sac sign there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There will be a cul de sac sign erected over signals today 30/08/2021.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he will agree to install traffic calming (ramp or ramps) as residents are worried about the speed of traffic entering details attached and the impact of same on vulnerable pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The last speed survey carried out on 2019 on **(details supplied)** found that the 85th percentile speed was 33k/hr. This indicated that traffic calming is not warranted and was therefore not recommended at that time.

In light of the latest request, we will arrange for a new speed survey to be carried out under normal traffic conditions in the month of October. Following the survey, Dublin City Council will revert to the Councillor with a report on the matter. (Enquiry No: 7022371).

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to city/suburban traffic to say:

- A. what approximate total capital investment was made, by or through Dublin City Council, by government departments/government agencies in traffic control/management over the last 20 years?
- B. by what law/powers/emergency provisions has this capital infrastructure been set aside at dates since March 2020
- C. if the Traffic Control Centre has been in operation or set aside during the period since March 2020, what are those staff doing, are they working from home, what savings have accrued from limited use or closure of Traffic Control Centre
- D. what percentage of camera controlled junctions are
 - (1) inside the canal cordon;
 - (2) In suburbs outside the canal
- E. if the CE is aware of the chaos that now exists outside the canals as a result of the alterations made to traffic light controls.
- F. if all these alterations can be corrected by one switch/movement/setting in central control room or if it requires re-configuration of each & every traffic signal control
- G. if there has been any financial or technical audit or examination carried out since March 2020 by any government agency of the traffic changes made
- H. while understanding the need and policy to control the flow of traffic into the city in the morning peak, can CE explain this new policy of not letting traffic exit the city in the evening peak , can he say why there are queues on a daily basis of 200/300/500 meters at traffic signals with an open road ahead of them and consistently only 3 or 4 cars getting through on each signals change
- I. if there has been any audit done by Dublin City Council (or any agency) on the extra fuel wastage/extra emissions as a result of these unnecessary traffic build ups
- J. recognising the needs of pedestrians/cyclists to move about safely, will the CE explain why such long green man periods are now allowed for pedestrians, way beyond their obvious needs
- K. if the previous policy of trying to link traffic signals within 50/100m of one another has been dropped and can CE explain same
- L. does the CE understand that the need now is to assist suburban traffic to flow, as that's where the problems are rather than the city centre?
- M. will the CE please make a statement on the matter and say when traffic flows will be allowed to revert to pre Covid-19 restriction norms

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A. There has been multiple investments traffic control and management for the provision of infrastructure such as Samuel Beckett bridges, Dublin Port Tunnel and LUAS Green and Red Lines and BXD, in addition the Quality Bus Corridors and bus priority measures have all required traffic management measures in the city. Dublin City Council with DTO and NTA funding have also significantly invested in Traffic control and management across the city with upgrading and modernising of signals, introduction of new pedestrian crossings and upgrading traffic signals to full Mobility Impaired standard. The investment across multiple agencies would be in the order of tens of millions of Euros over the 20 years but it is difficult to extract an exact figure. One item that should be noted is that the investment in traffic management and control meant that road safety in the city significantly improved with an 83% reduction in road fatalities over this time period.
- B. No capital infrastructure has been set aside or altered.
- C. The traffic control centre has stayed fully operational and staffed 24*7 during the entire Covid 19 crisis as it also takes all emergency calls for the city council outside normal hours and at all times during the initial lockdown and it is a tribute to all the staff involved that it has not been closed at any stage.
- D. Junctions are not controlled by cameras, the cameras are there to better enable traffic management operators and traffic engineers to better be able to asses and assist with traffic management The CCTV is targeted at locations with the highest flow or the most strategic locations. Approximately 50% of Cameras are within the canla cordon and the rest are in the suburbs outside the canal.
- E. At the time when the Covid 19 crisis struck a report on the measures needed to be adopted by the City Council was presented to the elected members and agreed. The main changes were a reduction in the overall cycle length at junction, this was for a number of reasons:-
1. *Due to the reduction in traffic volumes, speeds had dramatically increased and the signal timings needed to be adjusted to take account of this as a matter of safety..*
 2. *The reduction in cycle time reduced the wait time at pedestrian crossings and so reduced the numbers of pedestrians waiting at any crossing.*
- Over the last 18 months both the traffic control centre and the traffic engineers have monitored the traffic flows across the city and are adjusting timings as required, while still ensuring that the cycle times are in line with the DMURS guidance. And this work continues. If there are specific areas which the Councillor wish us to investigate and adjust please let us know. It should also be pointed that during the Covid crisis numerous upgrades to pedestrian crossings and installation of new crossings have taken place across the city.
- F. The configuration is not an overall configuration but is set across groups of controllers and requires multiple interventions including at individual controller level. .
- G. No.
- H. There is no policy of not letting cars out of the city. If the councillor can let us know any site that they wish the operation to be investigated then please let us know.
- I. No

- J. The City Council first of all observes all the requirements of the Traffic Signs manual and the DMURS manual with regard to the operation of traffic signals. This includes the amount of time which is allocated to pedestrians and in particular the amber clearance time where the minimum period required is calculated based on walking speed of 1.2 m/s and safety timings which are designed to facilitate all users of the crossings including the elderly and infirm. The TCD TILDA research showed that at 1.2 m/s a considerable number of older users would not be able to safely cross the road in the time allocated. At the January 2019 Transportation SPC a report on crossing times and a proposal to increase the amber times at crossings by calculating the amber time at the slower walking speed of 1.0 m/s, to allow a higher percentage of elderly people to safely cross the road was brought to the SPC meeting.

This was approved and subsequently brought as part of the Breviate to the February City Council meeting where again it was noted. . If the councillor wishes this policy to be changed back to 1.2 m/s then a motion to this effect would need to go to the next SPC meeting.

- K. This policy is still in place and has not been dropped
- L. The traffic management centre is open 24*7 with a free phone number for the public in addition to emails and other means to contact the City Council. The number of complaints we receive at present is very low and any complaints that are received are investigated to rectify any issues.
- M. The traffic signal settings are operated using an adaptive traffic management system which will automatically adjust within certain parameters to changes in traffic flows and this system still continues to operate. The Traffic control system will be monitored and adjusted in line with traffic demands and taking into account the DMURS requirements for traffic signal timings and the DMURS hierarchy of road users as set out.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DARYL BARRON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for funding to be allocated for restoration of the railing at **(details supplied)** as the have gone into disrepair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) has just undergone a significant refurbishment program. As part of these works quotations have been sought to restore and repair the railings at the station. Funding has been allocated and work will commence as soon as possible.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DARYL BARRON

To ask the Chief Executive of what measures for rodents within the community is used to exterminate local rodents. An increase in cases from constituents across the Local Area is alarming.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has its own professional trained pest controlled unit that look after all common areas within our Housing Complexes. When an infestation is reported, the unit will inspect the affected area and carry out all necessary measures to eradicate the rodents.

When rodents are present within the home, the tenant can contact Dublin City Council who will contact HSE to carry out baiting. Tenants can also contact HSE directly. HSE Northside 01 860 5860 and HSE Southside 01 795 5057.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of a traffic study or signage review on the green at **(details supplied)**. Cars travel around the green at speed and current speed and there are inadequate traffic calming measures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) it is under the area engineer review. An update will be provided in the next three weeks subject to completion of a site inspection. (Enquiry Ref: 7021571)

There was one 30 kmh missing around green this has been erected and all signs are now in place.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive the status of the Portobello Public Consultation and plans for same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting has been arranged with the developers of the proposed hotel for Portobello Plaza and we will then be in contact with Councillors to discuss the public consultation and the plans for same.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive his plans to refurbish various pitches and courts in Ringsend Park and if there are any plans for additional amenities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 7-a-side synthetic pitch located within the park has been recently resurfaced and the basketball court was upgraded in 2020. The tennis courts are in good condition and are on a regular maintenance schedule and not considered to require resurfacing at this time. The grass pitches are regularly maintained including goalmouth reseeding and feeding. These pitches are free draining and are generally in good condition. The playgrounds have also recently been renewed so it is not clear what refurbishment or additional amenities are being sought.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will install a new street bin **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will monitor litter levels at the above mentioned location over the coming weeks to determine whether there is a requirement for a litter bin at this location and that it is a suitable location.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive, regarding the development of the Irish Glass Bottle Site, the manner in which social housing will be allocated; the manner in which affordable housing will be allocated; the desired pricing of affordable units; and his understanding of parking arrangements on- and off-site once development begins.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The planning application for the first phase of this proposed private residential development has been submitted to Dublin City Council, but at this stage we do not have any details of the cost for the Part V Social Housing units. These units will ultimately be allocated in line/compliance with the City Council's scheme of letting priorities.

We do not have any detail or the pricing for the Affordable units and ultimately, they will be offered in line/compliance of an Affordable Housing Scheme that will in due course be developed by DCC and consistent with National Regulations on Affordable Housing. The Developer will have to formulate plans for on and off site parking arrangements as part of the Planning process.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive will any of the trees on Glasnevin Avenue be removed for either Bus Connects or any new cycle lanes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has been no decision made to remove the trees along Glasnevin Avenue. However, there is a proposal to for cycling and walking infrastructure along the entire length of Glasnevin Avenue, from Beneavin Road to Ballymun Road. This will be implemented as part of the Finglas to Killester Corridor, in line with the National Transport Authority's funding proposals for the next five years. This stretch is shown in the image below.



Figure 1 – DCC210001 – Glasnevin Ave - Google Map (mymaps)

Generally, the majority of this road is less than 9.5 meters wide. This means there is insufficient width between the existing kerb lines to provide protected cycling facilities in each direction while maintaining two traffic lanes. In An initial assessment of the road carried out by the Cycle Network Planning team in the Sustainable Mobility and Projects Division and representatives from the Parks and Landscape Division have identified limitations caused by the presence of trees along Glasnevin Avenue. The inspections concluded that the overwhelming majority of trees are too well established to be relocated or moved and would need to be replaced fully if the ideal carriageway widths and fully segregated cycle lanes are to be achieved using conventional road construction methods. It is preferred that the trees are retained. The project team, once set up, will work closely with the Parks and Landscape Services Division to develop a design solution that can achieve this as far as practicable.

Regarding the BusConnects project, the BusConnects schemes do not run on Glasnevin Ave, only interacting with this road at its junction with Collins Avenue and Ballymun Road, as shown in the image below. As a result, there is no impact on trees along Glasnevin Avenue envisaged as a result of Busconnects.



Figure 2 – Map 4 - Page 35- BusConnects Preferred Route Document

For the BusConnects corridors project, the BusConnects corridor schemes do not run on Glasnevin Ave., and there are no impacts on trees on the junction with Glasnevin Ave. on the Ballymun Scheme

Q.88 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can a path be put in place to the bus stop at the junction of Tolka Valley Road and Finglas Road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter will be investigated and a reply will issue directly to the councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can the resident at **(details supplied)** be included in the external Insulation programme for their home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is not a Dublin City Council Property, therefore the owner of the house is required to arrange for a private contractor and possibly avail of Insulation Grant through www.seai.ie.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can the leaking pipe around the steps at the bottom of the Hill in Finglas please be urgently repaired and the steps made safe.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Department have carried out investigations at this location and only recently have had the site cleared and re-opened access. Unfortunately the source of the leak could not be established by the Contractor for Parks or by our Drainage Department. Further investigations will be required to establish the source of the leak.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive, in regard to the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) for the triangle of land bounded by Ryder's Row, Parnell Street and Capel Street, Dublin 1 can the Chief Executive clarify whether these have been drafted and executed and to make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/Capel Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential / Commercial Development), Order 2019 became operative on 25th October, 2019. The Council has served all statutory Notices on the affected parties and will take possession of all properties included in the CPO in the very near future.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive how many/what proportion of junctions in the city use the SCATS system to automatically detect cars and what proportion can detect light bicycles and micro vehicles?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have 820 traffic signal locations of which 659 are on our SCATS System. At the majority of sites there is vehicle detection, this can be via inductive loops, vehicle presence sensors, vehicle radar detectors, cycle specific inductive loops and cycle specific radars. These units in the main use either the amount of metal in the unit (for the case of inductive loops) or presence detection in the case of the radars and presence sensors and are designed to detect the majority of cyclist.

Currently in conjunction with the NTA DCC is trialling a cycle specific radar which classifies individual cyclist and is programmed to allow additional clearance time for cyclist movements. These units are being trialled at 15 locations.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive how many staff have been recruited to support sustainable travel in the city since the government provided increased funding for this purpose and what the skills are for each hire?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Government proposal for the Active Travel Programme indicated that Dublin City Council would be deemed at Category 1 level and the structure set out the newly funded posts as follows:

- 1 x Programme Director
- 3 x Senior Engineer
- 9 x Senior Executive Engineer (or equivalent)
- 18 x Executive Engineer (or equivalent)
- 9 x Assistant Engineer (or equivalent)
- 3 x Administration staff
- 3 x Communications Personnel
- 6 x Technicians
- 3 x Other Grades

55 in Total

17 posts have been filled to date as follows:

- 1 x Senior Engineer/Senior Transportation Officer
- 3 x Senior Executive Engineer
- 1 x Senior Executive ITS Officer
- 5 x Executive Engineer (or equivalent)
- 5 x Assistant Engineer (or equivalent)
- 1 x Cycling & Walking officer
- 1 x Administration staff

All remaining posts will be filled from existing panels and by competition, where required.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what the current anticipated timeline is for the delivery of the Clerys Quarter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted in 2017 for the refurbishment, extension and partial change of use of the former Clerys department store to provide for a mixed use retail, office and restaurant development (Final Grant Date 24/03/17). The record on the planning file states that the date of commencement of works to the building was 12/09/2019. The agent for the applicants has indicated that the works on the Clerys building are due to be completed and handed over to the tenants in August/September 2022.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive when we can expect to progress more safe routes to school, as putting in pedestrian crossings can take up to 8 or 10 years many roads are not safe to cross for example Mount Prospect Road Clontarf which is busy also on a frequent bus route and has no traffic warden as not deemed necessary though it is the route to four primary schools in the area and would provide safe active transport route to St Anne's park playing field at Woodside also, if cost is a hindering progress can DCC apply for more funding from the NTA and the department of transport as it is government policy to provide safe routes to school.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date a total of 47 School Zones have been installed across the city. The breakdown of the School Zones completed per administrative area of Dublin City are, 14 in the South Central Area, 10 in the South East Area, 11 in the Central Area, 7 for the North West Area and 5 in the North Central Area. In addition, there are a total of 33 schools, at design stage, subject to final consultation with school Principals and the NTA.

The School Zone Outreach Officers visited completed School Zones at the end of the school term at either drop off or collect times to observe the traffic behaviour around the school gate. These site visits will inform the development of a Communication and Engagement Toolkit for schools with completed School Zones so support them to promote cycling and walking to school and improve drop off or parking behaviours around the School Zones. This toolkit is being drafted in collaboration the An Taste's Green-Schools.

During September and October there will be continued monitoring of completed School Zones at drop off and collect times. School Outreach Officers will conduct conversations at the school gates with principals, students, parents/ guardians, school

wardens and local community to identify barriers to compliance with and benefits of the School Zones. These conversations will inform resource and support material for schools to encourage active travel.

In addition to School Zone applications, twenty-eight schools in the DCC area have been successful in round 1 of the Safer Routes to School programme. The aim of this programme is to:

1. Improve safety at the school gate by providing “front of school” treatments to alleviate congestion and improve access;
2. Improve access routes to school by improving walking and cycling infrastructure;
3. Increase the number of students who cycle to school by expanding the amount of cycle parking.

The applications were assessed by Green-Schools and the shortlist compiled based on criteria agreed with the Department of Transport and the National Transport Authority as follows:

- Mix of school type (primary, post-primary, other)
- Mix of location (Urban(village, town, city) suburban, rural)
- Socio- economic mix (non-DEIS, DEIS schools)
- Schools commitment to sustainable travel
- Cluster of schools

Due to the large volume of schools both on the School Zone and Safer Routes to School lists, prioritisation criteria has been established to determine the most effective way to schedule the works.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the demolition of the lifeguard structure on Bull Island and remedial works to repair damage to the dunes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A full report is currently being prepared and will be available in the coming weeks. With regard to remedial works the advice received at the time of the damage was to take no action but to allow nature to take its course.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive what progress is being made to discourage the use of private cars to commute into and out of the city when people return to offices in September, that it has come to the councillor’s attention that city centre car parks are being approached to offer deals for company employees as they distrust public transport, this is on concern as will increase cars driving in and out of the city at peak times leading to congestion, increased air pollution and adding CO2 to the atmosphere which is against climate change policy to reduce CO2, could Dublin City Council work with public transport operators the NTA and the department of transport and climate change to advocate for cycling and public transport use and disincentives for using private car, congestion charging, free indoor bike parking, reduced or free commuter time public transport use also through promotions and appeal action for the common good.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will continue to promote modal shift from private car use towards increased use of more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport, and to work with the National Transport Authority, in advancing the implementation of sustainable transport measures. In terms of car parking

management, some of the more recent private car parks within the city have conditions that place limitations on operators' ability to apply special offers for all-day parking charges. In that regard, elected representatives may wish to forward specific names for checking for compliance. Dublin City Council acknowledges the importance of transitioning to low carbon mobility solutions to mitigate against climate change and will continue to work with the National Transport Authority and Government Departments. However, congestion charging and reduced or free commuter time public transport are matters for the Department of Transport.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the decision to appeal the High Court judgement in respect of the Strand Road Cycleway, Sandymount. I understand this decision was made on foot of legal advice. In this situation is the legal advice referenced by the CEO from the Counsel who will be acting for DCC in the appeal or did DCC look for legal advice elsewhere? In the event DCC loses the appeal who will be paying the bills i.e. where will DCC's costs be coming from and can you explain a little about that please e.g. will there be cutbacks in services etc. to pay these bills.

I know there is an impression that when in general tax payer funded bodies go to court there often isn't much thought as to who is paying the bill and I want to be provided with more information on the thought process behind the decision to appeal incl. the chances of successfully appealing the decision as per the legal advice referenced and the potential exposure to further costs etc. please..

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The legal advice is that received from Counsel acting for DCC in the matter of the High Court proceedings. A decision to appeal any decision of the High Court is considered very carefully and not taken lightly. There is no proposal to cut back services due to legal costs.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the full costs to be paid i.e. applicants and respondents (legal and other professional fees / charges associated) by DCC in relation to the recent High Court action in respect of the Strand Road Cycleway, Sandymount, whereby the judge ruled against the respondents. If the final figure is not available I'm looking for an estimate please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A decision has been made to appeal the decision of the High Court. Costs in the High Court action have not yet been quantified. An estimate is not available at this time as there are many variables including whether or not DCC is successful in its appeal.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to further report please on improvements to the Marino Area to commemorate the forthcoming centenary of the Marino Scheme, the first local authority housing scheme built after the foundation of our state.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Manager will liaise with the Councillor with regards to the types of improvements he is requesting.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the ongoing flooding on Mourne Rd, Drimnagh, (**details supplied**), and put in place a work plan to carry works to resolve this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is aware of the issues of road flooding along (**details supplied 1**) during very heavy rainfall events.

All the gullies have been checked and cleaned in the area, and are working correctly.

This area has been surveyed by the Drainage Division and the location between (**details supplied 2**) is the lowest point along this sewer run. There is a section of surface water sewer downstream that is extremely flat and is likely restricting the capacity of the surface water sewer and causing the flows to back up.

Dublin City Council is looking at a number of solutions, both short term and long term to alleviate this. Just to make you aware that simply removing the flat section of pipe is a larger job than you would imagine.

The problems in this location relate to the surface water sewer and not the foul sewers, so I'm surprised to hear that sewage is coming into the homes. If this is the case, please advise me the households affected so they can be advised as to how to protect their properties.

While the flooding in this area was extensive, this would not have prevented the emergency services from accessing the area due to the type of vehicles they have.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install traffic calming, including signage, on Dowland Rd, Walkinstown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will investigate and review the appropriate traffic calming measures on Dowland Road between the junctions of Balfe Road East and Moeran Rd.

The Area Engineer will report back their findings to the elected member of Dublin City Council. Ref No: 7022365.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the Cherry Orchard LAP.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Park West / Cherry Orchard LAP has a total of 86 objectives, as follows

- 11 Economic Objectives
- 12 Housing Objectives
- 16 Movement Objectives
- 17 Urban Design Objectives
- 11 Community and Social Objectives
- 4 Heritage Objectives
- 8 Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity Objectives
- 7 Infrastructure Objectives

Many of these objectives are ongoing, many are dependent on funding and will be achieved through the development and amenity sites. The current status of sites is listed below:

- Site 1: Elmdale Hospital site: DCC Housing Department is progressing design for affordable housing. Part 8 expected Q4 2021.
- Site 4 M50 Cedarbrook Avenue & Site 5 Barnville: Land Development Agency (LDA) is progressing a design.
- Site 6 Park West Avenue: An Bord Pleanála has issued an opinion that an application for 763 apartments is deemed to fall within the parameters of SHD. A formal SHD application has yet to be submitted.
- Cherry Orchard Park: DCC Parks Dept. is to commence scoping works for design of new park.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many public DCC bins are in the Drimnagh area and how many are in Crumlin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management bin infrastructure is tracked and managed through our GIS system. All bins have coordinates and reported in terms of Electoral area and Dublin city operating area.

Complete bin stock is at 3300, this figure is updated when changes are made. South East Area: 410 bins and South Central Area: 470 bins.

Further breakdown by electoral area:

Bin_Area	Electoral_Area	Bin_Type	Bin_Status	No of Bins
South Central	CRUMLIN A	Class B	In Service	1
South Central	CRUMLIN B	Class B	In Service	1
South Central	CRUMLIN B	Dog Bin	In Service	2
South East	CRUMLIN B	Class B	In Service	8
South East	CRUMLIN C	Class B	In Service	8
South Central	CRUMLIN D	Class B	In Service	1
South East	CRUMLIN D	Class B	In Service	10
South Central	CRUMLIN F	Bigbelly Bin	In Service	2
South Central	CRUMLIN F	Cast Iron	In Service	2
South Central	CRUMLIN F	Class B	In Service	5
South Central	KILMAINHAM C	Bigbelly Bin	In Service	1
South Central	KILMAINHAM C	Cast Iron	In Service	4
South Central	KILMAINHAM C	Class B	In Service	11
South Central	KILMAINHAM C	Dog Bin	In Service	2
South Central	WALKINSTOWN A	Bigbelly Bin	In Service	2
South Central	WALKINSTOWN A	Class B	In Service	12
South Central	WALKINSTOWN B	Bigbelly Bin	In Service	1
South Central	WALKINSTOWN B	Cast Iron	In Service	2
South Central	WALKINSTOWN B	Class B	In Service	6
South Central	WALKINSTOWN C	Bigbelly Bin	In Service	3
South Central	WALKINSTOWN C	Class B	In Service	6
South East	WALKINSTOWN C	Class B	In Service	1

RECORD OF DIVISION ON TOPICAL ISSUE AT 6TH SEPTEMBER MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Appendix B

COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	COUNCILLORS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councillor Daryl Barron	X				Councillor Deirdre Heney	X			
Councillor Racheal Batten				X	Councillor Jane Horgan Jones				X
Councillor Janice Boylan	X				Councillor Janet Horner		X		
Councillor Tom Brabazon	X				Councillor Vincent Jackson	X			
Councillor Christy Burke	X				Councillor Dermot Lacey	X			
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	X				Councillor Darcy Lonergan		X		
Councillor Claire Byrne	X				Councillor John Lyons	X			
Councillor Danny Byrne	X				Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	X			
Councillor Mary Callaghan	X				Councillor Briege MacOscar			X	
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	X				Councillor Tina MacVeigh				X
Councillor Hazel Chu				X	Councillor Ray McAdam	X			
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	X				Councillor Paddy McCartan				X
Councillor Keith Connolly	X				Councillor Eimer McCormack	X			
Councillor Caroline Conroy	X				Councillor Séamas McGrattan	X			
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	X				Councillor Declan Meenagh	X			
Councillor Donna Cooney	X				Councillor Carolyn Moore		X		
Councillor Joe Costello	X				Councillor Darragh Moriarty	X			
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin				X	Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	X			
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	X				Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí			X	
Councillor Tara Deacy	X				Councillor Claire O'Connor	X			
Councillor Máire Devine	X				Councillor Cat O'Driscoll	X			
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	X				Councillor Damian O'Farrell				X
Councillor Daithí Doolan	X				Councillor Colm O'Rourke	X			
Councillor Pat Dunne	X				Councillor Larry O'Toole				X
Councillor Anne Feeney		X			Councillor Cieran Perry	X			
Councillor Declan Flanagan	X				Councillor Michael Pidgeon		X		
Councillor Terence Flanagan	X				Councillor Noeleen Reilly	X			
Councillor Mannix Flynn				X	Councillor Nial Ring	X			
Councillor Mary Freehill	X				Councillor Patricia Roe	X			
Councillor James Geoghegan	X				Councillor Catherine Stocker	X			
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	X				Councillor Michael Watters	X			

FOR: 46

AGAINST: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

ABSENT: 9