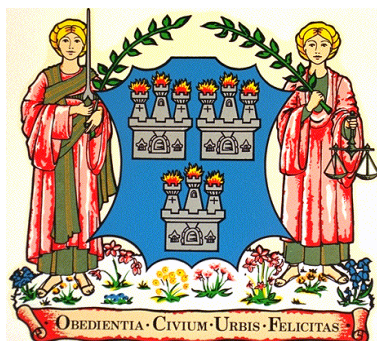


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 2 Deireadh Fómhair 2023 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid An Dáma agus ar físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmheara Daithí de Róiste sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Christy Burke
Danny Byrne
Hazel Chu
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Hazel de Nortúin
Máire Devine
Pat Dunne
Terence Flanagan
Deirdre Heney
Jane Horgan Jones
John Lyons
Ray McAdam
Séamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Catherine Stocker

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Dearbháil Butler
Deborah Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Caroline Conroy
Daniel Céitinn
Daithí de Róiste
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Mannix Flynn
Janet Horner
Dermot Lacey
Micheál MacDonncha
Paddy McCartan
Declan Meenagh
Sophie Nicoulaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Michael Watters

Comhairleoir:

Tom Brabazon
Claire Byrne
Mary Callaghan
Fiona Connelly
Deirdre Conroy
Kelsey May Daly
Tara Deacy
Daithí Doolan
Declan Flanagan
James Geoghegan
Vincent Jackson
Darcy Lonergan
Briege MacOscar
Eimer McCormack
Carolyn Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Damian O'Farrell
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring

Oifigigh

Prajwal K. Annibabu
Ruth Dowling
Michael Gallagher
Yvonne Kelly
Brendan O'Brien
Michelle Robinson

Enda Currid
John Flanagan
Kirsten Hart
Natalie Leonard
Eileen Quinlivan
Richard Shakespeare

Frank d'Arcy
Anthony Flynn
Shannon Kelly
Fintan Moran
Kathy Quinn
Andy Walsh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to the meeting. He extended best wishes on behalf of all the Members to Councillor Michael Pidgeon who got married at the weekend.

The Lord Mayor informed Members that it was his intension to hold the March 2024 Council meeting in Irish to support Seachtain na Gaeilge. He will be consulting with Councillors, the Protocol Committee and Management as to how to best facilitate the meeting. However, he reassured Members that the meeting would be inclusive and translation services would be provided. The Members welcomed the Lord Mayor's initiative.

- 2 Consideration of Section 140 Motion in the names of Councillors Ray McAdam, Nial Ring, Cieran Perry and Colm O'Rourke and Report No. 220/2023 of the Executive Manager (D. Kelly).

On behalf of the Members who submitted the Section 140 motion, Councillor Ray McAdam informed the meeting that they wished to withdraw the motion. He extended his thanks to Executive Manager Derek Kelly and Chief Executive Richard Shakespeare for their efforts on this matter and was satisfied with the commitments provided.

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It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** to these minutes.

- 4 Correspondence was received from the following Local Authorities;
 - Mayo County Council
 - Clare County Council
 - Cork City Council

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

- 5 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on the 4th September 2023

The Manager informed the meeting that the minutes would be amended to include the attendance of Councillors Deborah Byrne and Kelsey May Daly.

The minutes of the City Council meeting held on 4th September 2023 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 6 Vacancies

- (a) To fill one vacancy on the Local Community Development Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Sophie Nicoullaud with effect from the 17th August 2023.

The Lord Mayor informed Members that following a discussion on LCDC Membership at the Group Leaders meeting, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would write to the Department Secretary General, Mary Hurley to outline the concerns of the Members with the LCDC guidelines and to request a meeting with Group Leaders.

It was agreed that the filling of this vacancy be deferred to a future meeting.

- (b) To fill one vacancy on the City of Dublin Education and Training Board following the resignation of Councillor Claire O'Connor on 21st September 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Janet Horner that Councillor Donna Cooney be appointed to the City of Dublin Education and Training Board following the resignation of Councillor Claire O'Connor. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 193/2023 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Draft Budget Strategy for Financial Year 2024 in compliance with the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 193/2023 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

The Head of Finance, Kathy Quinn requested that Group Leaders submit their nomination for membership of the Budget Consultative Group.

- 8 Report No. 192/2023 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Budget 2024 Local Property Tax Public Consultation Process

It was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 192/2023 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 194/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Consideration of the Local Property Tax Local Adjustment Factor in respect of the financial year 2024 **44**

The Manager informed the Members that 5 motions had been received in relation to the LPT Local Adjustment Factor and that the motions would be dealt with in the order they had been received.

Motion No.1: It was proposed by the Labour Party, Green Party and the Social Democrats that "Dublin City Council determines, in accordance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of local property tax should stand for 2024 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Dublin City Council and that the resulting of funds of €14.5m should be applied €12m to works to improve public streets and €2.5m to the Area Discretionary Fund. This proposed application of funds is subject to the final decision of the elected members at the Statutory Budget meeting". The motion was put to a vote and was defeated. Details of the vote are contained within **Appendix B** to these minutes.

Following the closure of the vote Councillor Darragh Moriarty informed Members that he had been unable to vote due to technical reasons but that he support the motion as proposed.

Motion No.2: It was proposed by Sein Féin that "Dublin City Council determines, in accordance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of local property tax should be varied downwards by 15 per cent for 2024 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Dublin City Council." As the three other motions proposed by Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil and Councillors Perry, Dunne, O'Farrell, Lyons Nicoullaud and Reilly all supported the downward variation of the LPT by 15%, the Sinn Féin motion as proposed was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 219/2023 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (F. d'Arcy) With reference to the Proposed Borrowing for Housing Capital Planned Maintenance and Construction of Affordable Homes

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 219/2013 and hereby approves the borrowing requirement as set out therein, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government. The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 202/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and Revenue Accounts for the Period from 1st January to 31st December 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council consents to the continuation of the same value of borrowing by way of temporary overdraft or other short-term borrowing arrangements up to a maximum of €80 million for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 as outlined in report 202/2023 subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to this borrowing. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 200/2023 of the Area Manager (D. Forde) - With reference to Taking in Charge the laneway at Connaught Street, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Councillor Seámas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that we, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Road Authority for the City of Dublin declare that the laneway at Connaught Street be Taken in Charge as shown on map SM 2018-0684-01 in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 204/2023 of the Area Manager (D. Forde) - With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of houses at 27-33 West Road, East Wall, Dublin 3

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan 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 the rear of the houses at 27-33 West Road, East Wall, Dublin 3 as shown on the attached Drawing SM 2023/0309 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.

- 14 Report No. 205/2023 of the Area Manager (D. Forde) - With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over a walkway/desire lines and carpark on the site known as Dominick Street (West) the site contains the now void properties 109-198 Dominick Street Lower, Dublin 1

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke 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 a walkway/desire lines and carpark on the site known as Dominick Street (West) The site contains the now void properties 109-198 Dominick street Lower, Dublin1 as shown on the attached Drawing SM 2023-0331 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.

- 15 Report No. 207/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (B. Phillips) - With reference to the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over road and footpath at Millwood Court, Tonlegee Road, Dublin 5

It was proposed by Councillor Mícheál MacDonncha and seconded by Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste 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 a section of road and footpath at Millwood Court, Tonlegee Road, Dublin 5, as shown on the attached Drawing No SM-2023-0104 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.

- 16 Report No. 190/2023 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (T. Flynn) - With reference to Proposed Draft Variation (No. 2) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. Lands adjacent to Dublin City University Glasnevin Campus and Albert College Park, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Seámas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of report 190/2023 and initiates the variation process, which entails a 4 week public consultation process, followed by a Chief Executive’s Report and Recommendation to the members of the City Council for consideration and decision. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 191/2023 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (T. Flynn) - With reference to Proposed Draft Variation (No. 3) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022 – 2028. Lands at Botany Weaving Mill Ltd, Emerald Square, Cork Street, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Councillor Máire Devine and seconded by Councillor Anne Feeney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of report 191/2023 and initiates the variation process, which entails a 4 week public consultation process, followed by a Chief Executive’s Report and Recommendation to the members of the City Council for consideration and decision. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Disposal of Fee Simple and Freehold Interest:

- (a) Report No. 197/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Robinson) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 197/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 210/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Disposal of fee simple of a plot and grant of a right of way and wayleave at a site at Red House Square, Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 210/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

19 Granting of Licenses and Leases:

- (a) Report No. 196/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the lease of a plot adjacent to 90 Fairlawn Road, Finglas, Dublin 11

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 196/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 211/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of Ilac Centre Multi Storey Car Park, Dublin 1 to Park Rite

It was proposed by Councillor James Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 211/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Donna Cooney wished her opposition to the motion be noted.

- (c) Report No. 212/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of Dawson Street Multi Storey Car Park, Dublin 2 to Park Rite

It was proposed by Councillor James Geoghegan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 212/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

Councillor Donna Cooney wished her opposition to the motion be noted.

- (d) Report No. 216/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the grant of a lease of Unit S5, Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 11

It was proposed by Councillor Noeleen Reilly and seconded by Councillor Keith Connelly that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 216/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

20 Disposal of Property:

- (a) Report No. 214/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Disposal of plots to the front and rear of 47 Marigold Grove, Darndale, Dublin 17

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Nial Ring that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.214/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 215/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) -Disposal of a plot to the rear of 57 Shanliss Road, Santry, Dublin 9

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Nial Ring that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.215/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 201/2023 of the Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.201/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 218/2023 of the Assistant Chief Executive and City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Quarterly Report of the Traffic Department

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.218/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 199/2023 of the Assistant Chief Executive (F. d'Arcy) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Tara Deacy that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.199/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 208/2023 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Eimer McCormack that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.208/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 189/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Monthly Management Report

It was proposed by Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 189/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 195/2023 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of September 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 195/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 188/2023 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 24th July 2023, Councillor Tara Deacy, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Daithi Doolan and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 188/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 209/2023 of the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 7th June 2023, Councillor Noeleen Reilly, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Damian O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 209/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 206/2023 of the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 13th September 2023, Councillor Noeleen Reilly, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Damian O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 206/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 30 Report No. 203/2023 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 13th September 2023, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Larry O'Toole that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 203/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 31 Report No. 198/2023 of the Economic and Development Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 12th September 2023, Councillor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Seámas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 198/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 32 Report No. 217/2023 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on 28th July 2023, Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste, Chairperson.

- 33 Topical Issues

No topical issues were submitted for consideration.

- 34 Motions on Notice

1) Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot Lacey:

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Council Mannix Flynn that:

“Recognizing the importance of good planning for the future of the City Acknowledging Irelands commitments under the terms of the Aarhus Convention, and thanking the many community, voluntary and civic minded bodies for their work in trying to ensure a better and more inclusive City.

Dublin City Council rejects the terms of the Planning and Development Bill currently before the Oireachtas, which seriously threatens good planning, ignores the Aarhus Convention and significantly reduces the opportunities for Citizens and Councillors to actively engage in the planning process.

The Council further calls on TDs and Senators to use their influence to reject the Bill as it currently stands and to defend the rights of Citizens and Councillors to proactively engage in good planning and to ensure that there is certainty for all – Communities and Developers - in agreed Development Plans.

As the largest Local Authority in the Country the Council further requests an opportunity to present a case to the Oireachtas Committee dealing with the Bill and requests the Planning SPC to prepare a submission for same.”

The motion was put and carried.

Councillors Ray McAdam and Claire O'Connor requested that their opposition to this motion be noted.

2) Motion in the name of Councillor Mannix Flynn:

It was agreed to defer this motion to the next meeting.

3) Motion in the name of Councillor Daniel Céitinn

Councillor Céitinn withdrew his motion as the relevant date had passed.

4) Motion in the name of Councillor Danny Byrne:

It was proposed by Councillor Danny Byrne and seconded by Councillor James Geoghegan that:

“That this Council agrees to give a rates rebate of commercial rates to premises which allow the public to use their toilet facilities.”

Head of Finance, Kathy Quinn informed Members that there was no current facility available within the regulations to implement Councillor Byrne’s motion. Consequently, the Lord Mayor ruled it out of order.

5) Motion in the name of Donna Cooney

It was proposed by Councillor Donna Cooney and seconded by Councillor Catherine Stocker that:

“Dublin City Council as part of the major emergency management and flood emergency plan agrees to engage communities at risk of mayor flooding in a flood drill after a simulated flood emergency, involving DCC emergency services, the coastguard, residents in the flood risk areas and provide a training exercise for emergency services and community volunteers.”

Assistant Chief Executive, John Flanagan informed Members that the existing emergency management plans are currently being reviewed and that once complete they will assess the feasibility of a full flood drill and training exercise that will involve the community.

The motion was put and carried.

6) Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring:

It was agreed to defer this motion to the next meeting.

7) Motion in the name of Catherine Stocker:

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn that:

“That this council commends the work of the Parks department in implementing the collaborative Story Trail project in St Anne’s Park, and agrees to allocate resources to introduce this project to one park in each of Dublin City’s 5 administrative areas in collaboration with the Fighting Words charity and local DEIS schools.”

The motion was put and carried.

8) Motion in the name of Councillor Vincent Jackson:

Councillor Vincent Jackson requested that his motion be moved for report and that the report to be circulated to all Members:

“That Dublin City Council bring in proper enforceable bye laws in relation to redundant Cars / Vans littering the suburban streets of Dublin it is not uncommon to see cars parked outside on the public road with no car tax, insurance for many years, in many cases these vehicles are basically rotting on

the public road and will almost certainly never drive again what recourse have neighbours / Dublin City Council have to clear these vehicles from our streets.”

The request to move the motion for report was agreed.

35 Emergency Motion(s)

The Lord Mayor informed Members that four Emergency motions had been submitted but none had been accepted for debate as they did not meet the criteria. However, he called on the Acting Assistant Chief Executive for Housing, Frank d’Arcy, to make a statement in relation to concerns regarding the Peter McVerry Trust.

Statement by Frank d’Arcy, A/Assistant Chief Executive, Housing Department

“Notified of concerns regarding the financial position at the Peter McVerry Trust, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive were contracted to carry out a preliminary Financial and Governance review at Peter McVerry Trust in August 2023. It is a function of the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to ensure good governance and oversight is in place in relation to funding provided to bodies under Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1988.

The preliminary review carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers received the full co-operation of the Board and Management of the Peter McVerry Trust. A draft report was prepared and is currently under consideration by an oversight group with representation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.

Peter McVerry Trust notified the relevant regulators, the Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority and the Charities Regulator of the review and that it was facing financial difficulties. Members will be aware of the decision by the Approved Housing Body regulator to appoint inspectors on foot of reported financial difficulties. This is now a matter for the Independent Regulatory Authority.

The primary focus for Dublin City Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive is the continued delivery of service to vulnerable homeless people in emergency accommodation and Housing First provided by Peter McVerry Trust. The DRHE is engaged in an ongoing process with PMVT and the Department of Housing in relation to financial and governance matters identified by PWC.

Housing Delivery

DCC Housing Delivery is also aware of the current challenges facing the Peter McVerry Trust and the recent commencement of a statutory investigation by the Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority. PMVT are a valued partner in the delivery of new social housing in the DCC area, I can confirm that all PMVT active housing development sites in the DCC area remain on track.”

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, 2nd OF OCTOBER 2023

Q.1 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the Verges/ Footpaths at (details **supplied**) be cleared of weeds and overgrowth that is impacting upon the drainage system and complicating areas already prone to spot flooding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current weed spraying programme has finished. However, areas and streets that were not covered under the spraying programme are currently under consideration for manual weeding. I will ask for the area to be added for inspection/manual weeding.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to review its current tree and emergency services strategy. The recent damage in our area caused by Storm Betty has again highlighted the need to a review of the maintenance, sustainability and risks posed by the location and types of trees in our community. While biodiversity, wildlife conservation and aesthetic concerns must be a priority safety must be the number one concern. Couple this with the subcontracting of parks services which lead to there being only one emergency response team available across Dublin 9, to deal with the fallout from Storm Betty. The outsourcing of facilities within our city is to the detriment of our communities including, waste services, grass verges, green leaves collections.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On Thursday, August 17th, MET Eireann warned of an impending Storm 'Betty' and issued a status Orange alert for the south coast and a status yellow alert for a number of other counties including Dublin for heavy rain and strong winds.

Parks, Biodiversity, and Landscapes Services (PBLs) oversee the management of an urban tree population exceeding 100,000 trees. In anticipation of this storm, PBLs issued the following message on social media: "In light of Met Éireann's 'yellow' weather warning, the public is urged to exercise caution and avoid entering areas with large trees during high winds. Vigilance is also urged for roads and paths given the risk of falling trees/branches."

In response to the storm and reports of trees/branches down, each of the Parks Districts mobilised staff to clear fallen trees and debris from roads and parks in that order of priority. Tree maintenance contractors were also engaged where more specialist skills were required to deal with larger trees or where power lines were involved. PBLs staff also attended to parks where there were planned events to ensure all venues were safe from dangerous trees and hanging tree branches.

It is estimated that there are in the order of two hundred trees which will have required attention as a consequence of Storm Betty. However, it is evident that there were no failures or significant incidents involving trees along the main roads all of which had been surveyed and the trees maintained in recent Tree Care Programmes.

It is evident that the most affected area was North Central close to the coast where strong east/south east gusts (the prevailing winds in Ireland are south and west) twisted branches and uprooted trees in full leaf. This gusting summer storm and untypical wind direction may become more commonplace as a result of climate change. PBLs are re-viewing the resources required to deal with this challenge.

Roads Maintenance Services manage a year round 24 hour emergency service on behalf of Dublin City Council. However, the District Parks Officer for the North Central Parks District mobilised a crew as soon as practicable after the storm and responded to the multiple communications from the public and councillors in an effective and efficient manner that went well beyond the call of duty. There were no resource limitations on the clean up after Storm Betty.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive the following - with the impending decision regarding Whitehall church car park and ongoing issues with traffic management on the Swords road, Collins Ave/Grace Park road junction that the Council Conduct a Traffic Management Plan for Santry/Whitehall Junctions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer contacted Cllr. Batten via email on 8th September 2023 for clarification regarding:

"I ask this Council with the impending decision regarding Whitehall church car park and ongoing issues with traffic management on the Swords road, Collins Ave/Grace Park road junction that the Council Conduct a Traffic Management Plan for Santry/Whitehall Junctions".

The Area Engineer has requested further information from Cllr. Batten regarding specific issues the Councillor is concerned with at the aforementioned locations.

If Cllr. Batten could contact the Area Engineer in due course a more detailed response will be afforded to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive for Traffic Management to conduct a review to assess the construction of the cycle lanes and the junctions of Swords Roads and the Ballymun Road as there has been a number of near missed. This alone with the timing on the lights has caused excessive delays. The residence in Courtland's and the Rise peace and enjoyment of their homes have been severely affected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic signals at the junction of Ballymun Road and Griffith Avenue were upgraded in December 2021 and the operation modified which greatly improved pedestrian and cycle facilities. The traffic signals at the junction of Swords Road Griffith Avenue were upgraded in August 2022 which again greatly improved pedestrian and cycle facilities, including a full wraparound pedestrian crossing. This is in line with Dublin City Council's policy to prioritise sustainable and active means of travel. In addition, public transport routes approaching the junction receive priority traffic signal timings which can reduce traffic signal green time available to other approaches. We have optimised the timings of these signals to manage traffic flow with the reduced cycle time available. We will continue to monitor traffic of all modes through these junctions, and make amendments to traffic signals timings as required where there is scope to do so.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the units at Spencer Place Dublin Docklands will be ready for letting

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sale of the 33 apartments at Spencer Place North is due to close within the next two weeks. The homes will be tenanted immediately thereafter through the Choice Base Lettings Scheme.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the weeding on (**Details supplied**) take place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above mentioned area will be weeded in the North Central area within the next 3-4 weeks.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive which (**Details supplied**) are let in DCC flat complex's in the north inner city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately there is a delay to responses to political representations due to recent industrial action by Forsa Members. This dispute has ceased and a response will issue to your question as soon as possible.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many outstanding litter fines are not yet paid in the central area..

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below as requested: The figures provided relate to fines issued for Alleged offences in the Central Area from 1 January to 31 August 2023.

Fines Issued	280
Fines Paid for those issued	139
Unpaid Fines	141
Prosecutions	61
Convictions	5
Out Of Court Settlements	3

Q.9 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for trees to be planted outside (**Details supplied**), as there are none at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no verges or exiting planting pits on this side of the road that would allow for the requested planting. There are overhead services, public lighting, ongoing on-pavement parking and a significant number of service covers in the pavement outside these addresses that would suggest that this is an unsuitable location for such tree planting.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a zebra crossing on Mount Prospect Park to Mount Prospect Avenue, as it is very dangerous for children and adults crossing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2022, the Traffic and Transport SPC established a working group to consider the issues surrounding the use of Zebra Crossings in the DCC Area. In February 2023, this working group presented a report (Proposed Installation of Zebra Crossing in the DCC Area) to the Traffic and Transport SPC which was subsequently approved by the SPC members. As per this report and following a final review of the locations which passed the committee's criteria, a priority list for the first set of sites to be further developed was voted on by the committee members. The Zebra Crossing Working Group recommended that the City Council should begin to install zebra crossings at locations where they meet the criteria listed in the aforementioned report. The intention is for the first 5 zebra crossings installed to be reviewed after 6 months operation. The report also identifies a further 13 zebra crossing locations to be assessed in relation to producing a detailed design.

Regarding the request for a zebra crossing on Mount Prospect Park to Mount Prospect Avenue please note that this crossing will be assessed using the criteria identified in the Zebra Crossing report subject to funding and the success or otherwise of the trial locations. A follow up response will be issued via TAMS when this assessment is complete.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for trees to be replanted where necessary on Ennafort Park, Raheny.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A significant programme of street tree planting was carried out in this estate in January 2023. The area will be inspected to ascertain if replanting is required and to include same in the upcoming winter tree planting programme for the area Nov 23 – Mar 24.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for speeding signs to be placed on the main road at Abbeyfield and St. Brigid's Road, as cars speed there and cut through it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Abbeyfield and St. Brigid's Road is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, which indicates the lower speed limit and warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. This sign is provided at the entrance of the housing estate. During the site inspection, no visibility issues were observed. Therefore, additional signage is not recommended at this location to avoid a proliferation of signage. Speeding should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to supply the following. History of previous requests to have the laneway between (**Details supplied**) extinguished and details of any consultation with residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The NCA have numerous requests to close this laneway dating back to 1987. The most recent request was in 2015. The residents could not agree on a method of closure satisfactory to the requirements of the service providers:

- There is a sewer in the laneway and DCC Drainage Department need access to this 24/7/365 days.

- ESB have services in the laneway to which they require vehicular access 24/7/365 days in the event of a fault, They have no objection to the laneway being closed by means of a gate once a key/code is made available to them.

The residents stated they did not want to incur the cost of installing gates and requested the laneway to be closed by means of walls. In December 2015 the North Central Area Office facilitated meetings with residents, public representatives and engineers to offer solutions to residents. In February 2016 the residents were advised that gates are the only viable option to closing the laneway.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the redevelopment of the Croke Villas site, upgrade of Sackville Avenue and development of adjoining sites pursuant to Part 8 applications 3435/17, 3789/20.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Croke Villas & Sackville Avenue sites are being delivered, as part of the National Social Housing PPP Bundle 4. The PPP Project Team presented an update to the Central Area Councillors members on site scale, density, progress to date & next steps in July of this year. The Design Team has conducted a detailed assessment of the current Part 8 approvals and has determined that a new Part 8 application will be brought forward for the apartments blocks (Croke Villas). The programme for the PPP Bundle 4 sets out the initiation of planning in Q1 2024. The Area Office will co-ordinate stakeholder engagement with the community before the new planning application for the Croke Villas is lodged.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with the information I requested some time back regarding how many staff salaries and expenses are paid by the NTA and how much overall is the financial contribution from the NTA regards, active, travel and traffic, free initiatives, pedestrian and cycle lane infrastructure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

For the Traffic Department four members of staff salaries are recouped from the NTA, these are staff working in the public transportation area of Bus Connects, Metrolink and LUAS. Traffic staff who are working on NTA funded projects may also charge their actual time on these projects to the project itself.

For the Active Travel Programme Office, all Members of staff (currently 32 no.) salaries are recouped from the NTA. These staff role relates exclusively to the Active Travel Network.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a review of how many XL Bull dogs are now in the Dublin City Council administered area? Where are these dogs housed, who are their owners? What threat does this breed pose, if any? What precautions do Dublin City Council's animal welfare unit have on standby to manage this breed of dog and what legislation govern these dogs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present there is no database of dogs in any given Local Authority area other than the register of dogs held at the municipal shelters. Details of microchips are held by 4 separate organisations making it very difficult to get an overall picture of breeds in any particular area. Section 2 (1) of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 states that it is unlawful to keep a dog without a valid licence. Details of licences purchased are held by An

Post and supplied to the Council but specific breed information can be unreliable as it is not validated by the online licencing application. It is not possible to accurately identify where all XL Bull Dogs reside or who they are owned by but call data would suggest that they are spread throughout the city. The XL Bully is an extremely powerful dog with perceived tendency towards aggression and for that reason is defined as a Ban Dog under the S.I. No. 123/1991 – Control of Dogs (Restriction of Certain Dogs) Regulations. The Animal Welfare Unit operates a warden service whereby any Authorised Officer possess the powers to seize animals or issue fines where persons are found to be in breach of the Regulations cited above and also under Section 16 – Powers of the dog wardens – of the Control of Dogs Act 1986

Q.17 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full overview of staff and their qualifications and training who are employed or paid for by the Dublin regional homeless, executive to administrate and manage emergency homeless accommodation in the entire administrative area. Many homeless clients who are using these facilities allege intimidation and that the accommodation is unsafe and dangerous with their possessions, phones et cetera constantly being stolen and a little done about it. Add to this the recent social media post by a homeless service user alleging an assault by staff would warrant a full review of management and the health and safety of these services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately there is a delay to responses to political representations due to recent industrial action by Forsa Members. This dispute has ceased and a response will issue to your question as soon as possible.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a public awareness campaign of the Franchise to vote and the need to register your vote before the next Local Authority / European Parliament Elections, of May 2024.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The four Dublin Local Authorities of Dublin (Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and South Dublin County Council) launched a joint campaign on 25th September, calling on all Dublin residents to use the portal www.Voter.ie to register to vote, or to update their details. This campaign has been funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The campaign aims to promote the digital portal that offers all residents living in Dublin an efficient and accessible way to engage in the democratic process and ensure their voice is heard in upcoming elections. The campaign also focuses on some new key information, including:

- People aged 16-17 can pre-register to vote now. This means that when they turn 18 they will be automatically eligible to vote. This will simplify and modernise the process for new voters and reduce the possibility of missing registration.
- Recent changes in legislation underscore the importance of maintaining accurate voter information. For existing registered voters, it is crucial to update personal details, including current address and Eircode, date of birth, and Personal Public Service Number (PPSN). These updates enable local authorities to cross-reference and verify voter information, reinforcing the integrity of the voting system and upholding the principles of fairness and transparency.

This campaign will be rolled out across radio, outdoor, print and digital channels. The campaign also contains messages in Polish, Spanish and Portuguese. Stakeholder packs are also being circulated across the Dublin Region. Other more local activities include stands in some of the universities to encourage students to register to vote. Dublin City Council will also undertake further initiatives in advance of the European and Local elections.

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have also produced information leaflets for the electorate in 14 different languages.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if the Traffic Report that was commissioned to assess the impact on **(details supplied)** and surrounding roads in the Sandymount area, which took the brunt of the diverted traffic during the water works on the Strand Road has been circulated and if not to do so now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information will be made available on the City Council website and circulated to the members of the South East Area committee.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could help resolve an ongoing issue in Dartmouth square, Ranelagh, where there is no one to lock gates to the park at night time; if this decision could be re-visited; and if alternative arrangements could be put in place to close the gates during the night and open them in the morning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While Dartmouth Square park is not locked (as is the case with most city parks), it is attended to six days a week and there has not been any noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if further to the meeting between the Parks Department and the CDET B in the summer, whether the CDET B have progressed matters and come back with a response to Dublin City Council as to how it could work with Dublin City Council in putting the ETB Sports Grounds in Terenure into better use, for the benefit of clubs in the South East Area badly in need of recreational pitches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City of Dublin Education & Training Board (CDET B) have responded and outlined that they 'are happy to explore the potential partnership'.

A further meeting will be arranged shortly to facilitate further discussion.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the footpath outside of **(Details supplied)** could be inspected and remedial work carried out where required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is included in our 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme. We are currently in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out these works. The contractor will carry out remedial works as required outside **(Details supplied)**

Q.23 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could update as to when the Road Maintenance Services will be carried out in respect of the following roads listed and budgeted for the 2023 Road Maintenance Services Works Programme, Beechwood Road (Beechwood Ave lower to Mountainview Road) Cowper Gardens Park Drive Tudor Road Charlston Road (Oakley Rd to Belgrave Square), Leeson Park Avenue; and if he could set out an update in respect of each.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Beechwood Road (Beechwood Ave Lower to Mountainview Road) and Leeson Park Avenue are included in our 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme. We are currently in the middle of the tender process to procure a contractor to carry out these works. When a contractor is appointed, a schedule of dates for the works will be available.

Cowper Gardens, Park Drive, Tudor Road and Charlston Road (Oakley Rd to Belgrave Square) are included in our 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme. We are currently in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out these works. When the appointment is finalised, a schedule of dates for the works will be available.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Many local residents have been in touch with me in relation to concerns about unauthorised occupants causing issues at (**details supplied**).

Can the CEO confirm that he is aware of issues at this location? Has Dublin City Council investigated ownership and initiated action related to its Derelict Sites responsibilities? Can the CEO provide a full report on the matter and also ensure that activities of the various Dublin City Council departments are co-ordinated in this regard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site is entered on the Derelict Sites Register and is one of a number of sites that have been identified for acquisition as part of the Council's ongoing acquisitions strategy to tackle dereliction. A Public Notice of "Intention to Acquire" the site compulsorily is due for publication on 2nd October, 2023 and a formal notice will be served on the owner. While local residents have shared some concerns regarding the site, the Council is currently unable to address these matters while it is in private ownership.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

While we await for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Mount Prospect Avenue can the CEO organise for the local school crossing warden service to be adjusted as follows:

- Extend the current 8.30am finish for Greenlanes to 8.50am to cover children attending Belgrove
- Extend the afternoon crossing session until 1.45pm and 2.45pm to enable children who walk up from Belgrove to Mount Prospect Avenue to cross safely

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The school warden on Mount Prospect Avenue was assigned to Greenlanes School and therefore works under the hours of that school. However, the warden crosses

children from all local school. The school warden duties are usually up to 50 minutes long.

Having looked at the times of the school warden duties on Mount Prospect Avenue I am able to amend the morning time duty to cover 8am to 8.50am. This will cover all schools.

Unfortunately, extending the duty time in the afternoon would not be long enough to cover the children at the later finish in Belgrove, as the warden would have finished her duty by the time the children make their way to Mount Prospect Avenue.

The road safety Unit will assess this location for a school warden to assist children returning from Belgrove. This request will be added to the Traffic Advisory Group agenda.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for an assessment of traffic calming measures for Rathmore Park in Raheny to address the issues as laid out in the correspondence below (**details supplied**). Can the CEO confirm that the request referenced below has been acknowledged and actioned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rathmore Park is residential and a cul-de-sac road that is short in length, not conducive to speed and doesn't meet the criteria for traffic calming measures as it doesn't have a straight road of more than 200m. The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. The purpose of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme is to eliminate long term commuter parking in residential areas such Rathmore Park. If the residents would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website by clicking the following link: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

Q.27 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please advise on concrete steps that Dublin City Council can take to deal with the following issue (**details supplied**) occurring in a laneway exiting onto (**details supplied**) which is at risk of escalation. Can the Chief Executive outline if there are other public agencies that should be involved in resolving this issue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue does not fall under the remit of Dublin City Council. In an effort to assist however, contact was made with the DSPCA (Tel: (01 – 4994700) for their advice on the matter. The following information may be useful to the Councillor **Details Supplied:**

Q.28 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to try to address the issues with parking outside the (**details supplied**), this is particularly bad in the mornings).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Inspector is aware that An Garda Síochána are patrolling this location and will seek a meeting to discuss appropriate enforcement action that can be taken.

A consultation took place in May 2023 for a School Zone at the ETNS on (**detail supplied**). A final design has been agreed and is currently being tendered for.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the trees pruned in **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at **(details supplied)** will be inspected and any work found necessary will be added to the prioritised list of list of works for the area.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install additional speed ramps on **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is currently traffic calmed with on street parking, 4 No. speed ramps appropriately spaced to offer optimum traffic calming in a 50 km/h road, and 6 No. controlled pedestrian crossings. Recently a speed survey was conducted on the road. The resultant 85% percentile speed was found to be appropriate and have not indicated the presence of speeding vehicles, which suggests that the road is compliant with the speed limit.

Generally when considering the installation of traffic calming measures, those roads without any vertical deflection are considered a priority over roads, which are currently traffic calmed.

It was observed that there was illegal parking on the footpaths on **(Details supplied)**. Under S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, section 36 Prohibitions on Parking “(2) a vehicle shall not be parked – (i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;”

On street parking offers traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing the speed on the road. Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email info@dspd.ie or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or an Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install double yellow lines at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently it is not the policy of Dublin City Council to provide parking restrictions where it's already covered under the law.

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph “(2) A vehicle shall not be parked— (c) within 5 metres of a road junction; (d) on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided;

Please note that instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500 or Email info@dspd.ie) or to the local Gardaí, as a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the affordable housing in Ballymun regarding site 12/14. When will the lists be open and when will people be able to apply?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, local authorities need to publicly advertise when an Affordable Housing Scheme becomes available. In advance of the date when the particular dwellings are scheduled to be completed, the Council will advertise the availability of the dwellings in at least one newspaper circulating within the administrative area and on Dublin City Council's website.

The advertisement will include details regarding the location, number and type of dwellings to be sold, their price, the income limits for eligibility, as well as how and when to apply.

Planning permission has not yet been secured for affordable housing on Sites 12/14 but the homes are expected to be delivered in 2025. Dublin City Council is developing our Affordable Housing website and will advertise all affordable homes on this site in due course.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive why there is such a delay in new employees getting start dates for DCC after being advised they were successful in their interview process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The timeline/process for appointing successful applicants for positions in Dublin City Council after their interview can vary depending on a number of issues.

In most cases panels are formed and successful applicants are offered positions as they become vacant / available. In many cases applicants have to give notice to their current employers before they can start in their new position with Dublin City Council. Successful applicants generally have to provide information in relation to educational achievements and also to provide references before they can actually start in their new position. There is also a requirement to undertake a medical assessment prior to starting in new position and the medical appointment has to be agreed with both the applicant and the Health provider. There are also a number of position specific requirements which may require evidence of appropriate qualifications i.e. Driving Licences. In some positions there is also a need to go through the Garda Vetting process and in these cases it is necessary for the applicant to provide relevant information, then submit this to the Garda Vetting Section and await a response.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive given that Ballymun D has one of the lowest rates of car ownership in Dublin City why there is not more supports measures in place in terms of active travel.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Active travel projects that are proposed for the Ballymun region include *Santry to Poppintree* and *Glasnevin to Clontarf*. The Active Travel Network also includes the Ballymun to City Centre BusConnects. When delivered, these projects will bring residents and schools in Ballymun D with 400 metres of the network.

These projects are currently in the early stages of development and will be progressed upon availability of sufficient staffing resources. The Active Travel Programme Office also notes that further connectivity could be enhanced through interventions on Marewood Crescent and Sillogue Avenue. However, there is no immediate plan to consider this route. The extents of aforementioned projects can be found on the Active Travel Programme Office's Interactive Maps.

(LINK - <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/active-travel/about-active-travel/interactive-maps-qis>).

Q.35 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath outside (**Details supplied**) to be repaired as it is badly sinking and dangerous. It has been reported a long time and should already be on the system

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. Job number 41143157 has been scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. At present there is a large backlog of repairs outstanding which we are working through.

Q.36 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of the traffic calming at the junction of Balcurris Park West and Balbutcher Lane which is used as a crossing by children going to school. There is a slightly raised platform but it does not deter speeding and there are no signs requesting cars to slow down

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Balbutcher Lane is a bus route. According to Traffic Management Guidelines, it is not recommended to add higher ramps on bus and emergency service routes. This allows the buses and emergency vehicles to straddle the raised table and proceed unhindered without damage to the vehicle.

A number of Children Crossing Signs (W142) and School Ahead Signs (W141) were provided in the area to warn motorists to slow down and to expect children.

The road will continue to be monitored by the Area Engineer.

Q.37 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath at (**Details supplied**) to be reinstated as it is in very poor condition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An enquiry (Confirm reference 11143623) has been passed to the local Inspector who will inspect this issues in this area.

Q.38 **COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a Pedestrian crossing at junction of Ballyboggan Road and Broombridge Road. The number of pedestrians crossing here has increased significantly since the Luas Station opened and this junction can be very busy with vehicular traffic a lot of the time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The works at the junction of Ballyboggan Road and Broombridge Road are almost complete and the new pedestrian crossing is due to be switched on in the coming weeks.

Q.39 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify the streets within the North Inner City identified for possible inclusion in (**Details Attached**); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services does not yet have a list of the proposed carriageways & footpaths to be included (**Details supplied**) at this point. This draft will not be available until December 2023/January 2024.

Q.40 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify the actions being taken by this Council to tackle **(Details Attached)**, so that these unauthorised events stop and the concerns of residents in the area can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive has provided the following statement **(details supplied)**.

Q.41 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive his views on the effectiveness of the weed removal programme this year; how many streets have been either sprayed; what treatment has been used in spraying weeds; which streets within the North Inner City have sprayed; which streets have Council crews manually removed weeds; the amount of money spent to date on the weed removal programme; what the Council has learned from this year's weed removal programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Note the contract for the control of weeds in the Dublin City Council Administrative area is not complete for 2023 so it not possible to provide a review of the effectiveness of the current method utilised. The bad weather in July and August has curtailed the contractor in carrying out weed spraying.

In general in 2023 we are using 'New Way Spray' for the control of weeds which contains acetic acid. This is the first time we have used this product on a wide scale.

In 2023 the budget for weeds in Road Maintenance was €550,000 excluding VAT which covered approximately 300km of the city.

In August 2023 Road Maintenance have provided an additional €75,000 excluding VAT to enable the manual removal of weeds.

(Note in 2018 the budget for weeds in Road Maintenance was €285,000 excluding VAT when using glyphosate which covered 1131km of the city)

Q.42 **COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the options open to residents of Dublin 7 in the event that the proposed downgrading of **(Details Attached)** takes place, despite this Councillor's efforts to keep it fully open at the existing service level; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied 2) have offered Dublin City Council a small site currently in the direct ownership of the **(Details supplied 2)** adjoining the existing **(Details supplied 1)** as an interim replacement facility, while Waste Management Services continue to search for a suitable new permanent bring centre location in the Central Area. Should the existing bring centre close before Waste Management Services find and develop a suitable permanent facility, the proposed interim facility would be an unmanned site and would not be capable of facilitating the full range of services currently on offer. The site being offered can provide glass bottle, textile and dry mixed recyclable (i.e. paper, plastic, cardboard) services only.

There have also been discussions around the potential to find a space on the **(Details supplied 3)** for the annual Christmas tree recycling scheme. We are confident that this service will be available in January 2024 should the existing site be closed as outlined above. Efforts are also being made to identify a suitable location on which to host regular WEEE collection days, but this search has not been successful to date.

Many councillors have expressed concern regarding the proposed interim facility and potential downgrading of services on offer by way of council questions, motions,

emergency motions and direct correspondence with the Chief Executive and Executive Manager, and the matter was again raised and discussed at the September Central Area Committee meeting. Following these representations, Waste Management Services have again made contact with the **(Details supplied 2)** regarding these concerns and a meeting has been scheduled for the week of September 25th in an effort to reach a satisfactory outcome for all parties. The Executive Manager will keep the Central Area Committee informed of developments via the Local Area Office.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a traffic engineer to visit school (**details supplied**); with a view to improve parking and safety in the vicinity. The school is having major issues with parents parking and wonder if a site visit could be arranged to discuss and look at options with a traffic engineer? The Principal is happy to be contacted directly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will arrange a site visit at **(details supplied)** to understand and discuss the problems about parking in the road. The principal will be contacted in due course, to arrange the best day for a visit.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the junk collections to be held in each LEA as budgeted for last year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The budget allocated in 2022 for free junk collections in Dublin City Council has not been spent. This budget and request was discussed at Environment SPC throughout 2022. The budget amendment to reintroduce a free bulky household waste collection service delivered by Dublin City Council (DCC) is in direct contradiction to European, National and Local policy governing waste disposal and specifically ignores the overarching Polluter Pays Principle.

DCC provides a competitively priced on demand service for bulky household waste which is successful and services all properties in the administrative area. DCC also accepts Bulky Household Waste at 3 Civic Amenity Sites with appropriate charging structures in place for acceptance of both small and large volumes of various waste streams: €15 per car, €20 estate car or SUV, €40 car and trailer, €70 Van/Double Axle Vehicle. WEEE (incl white goods), Bottles, Textiles and Mixed Dry Recyclables are accepted free of charge. Online applications and Charity Shops provide a means of donating or selling for free some bulky household products increasing Reduce-Reuse-Recycle principles.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a full review of planning enforcement at (**details supplied**). One person was granted permission but now a number of other openings have occurred.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section and a detailed response will be sent out to the Councillor once a report has been compiled following a site inspection.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of the shrubbery at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service will be in contact directly with the councillor to establish the precise location of the issues with shrubbery concerned at **(details supplied)**

Q.47 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the recent American Football game (Notre Dame V Navy) held in Dublin, can the Chief Executive detail:

- a. The economic benefit to the city accruing from the game.
- b. The role of DCC in the staging of the game
- c. If DCC will support any further such initiatives and
- d. If there are any plans for future such games?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The post event report for 2023 game is currently being compiled but is not yet available. Attached to this reply is last year's "Post Game Economic Report" for the Councillor's information. A copy of the 2023 Report will be forwarded to the Councillor when complete.

Dublin City Council provides the following support to the event:

- A financial contribution to support the hosting of the game
- Transportation and Road Closures
- Waste Management Services
- Animating the City with lamp post banners to promote the event
- Staging of a tailgating event in Dame Street for Notre Dame Supporters

Dublin City Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the event organisers for the period 2022 – 2026 which includes a financial contribution from Dublin City Council of €250,000 per year to host the games.

Georgia Tech and Florida State University have been announced as the two teams set to contest the 2024 edition of the Aer Lingus College Football Classic in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin, on Saturday, 24th August 2024. Further information on the event can be found here <https://collegefootballireland.com/news/georgia-tech-florida-state-2024-aer-lingus-college-football-classic/>

Q.48 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive in noting that some Belly Bins now contain adverts for local businesses/facilities can the Chief Executive detail the following:

- a. How many businesses are advertising on Belly Bins?
- b. What is the cost to the advertiser of such advertising e.g. one side per month etc.?
- c. What revenue is being earned (on a monthly basis) from this advertising?
- d. How much has been earned to date?
- f. What is the process/procedure to avail of this advertising opportunity?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current position of DCC Waste Management Services is that Solar Compactor signage space will be used to support public service messages, promote local areas and the city. This may include generic Heritage covers or visuals.

A bin audit of existing signage and current imagery has commenced, and will be reviewed on completion.

A further detailed response will be forthcoming in due course, including details of question (a-f) and rationale for generic and public messaging rather than advertising currently.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the appointment of Bernard Seymour, Landscape Architects for "East Wall Park Refurbishment" (as described on the monthly manager's orders list no. 200/2023) can the Chief Executive detail the following:

- a. What is the location of "East Wall Park" or is there a plan to develop a park in East Wall which local councillors and residents have not been informed of?
- b. What is the scope of the design brief?
- c. What is the budget for the refurbishment programme?
- d. What is the timescale for the refurbishment programme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The Existing Park is at Russell Ave (East Wall Recreational Centre). The team are currently under taking desktop studies before going out to Public Consultation.
- b) The scope of the design brief is for full refurbishment of the existing site. The design brief will develop based on feedback from the public.
- c) The Allocated budget is €450,000.00
- d) This is dependent on the outcome of the Public consultations and feedback, so it is likely to be 12 months.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, it is the policy of Dublin City Council to randomly announce new traffic initiatives without any regard to the confusion, speculation and indeed agitation such announcements cause. In relation to the recently announced "plans" for the city centre can the Chief Executive further confirm whether, or not, it is the policy of Dublin City Council to, in particular, ignore the needs of motorists to travel in the city and to also ignore impact of any such plans the business owners in the city, as this would appear to have been the case in past decisions and is clearly the case in the most recent announcement regarding plans for the Quays, Westland Row, Pearse Street etc. Finally, does DCC have any regard for private motorists who have no option but to travel into and across the city either due to the nature of their business or due to the lack of public transport to and from where they are travelling?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Draft City Centre Transport Plan was an objective within the 2022- 2028 development plan (SMT05) asking that the 2016 Transport study be updated by DCC and the NTA and required us to prioritise Active Travel and Public transport, while integrating high quality public realm. The work on this started in 2022 and this was reported to the councillors via monthly council report. At the June 2023 Transportation SPC an update was given on the progress on this and a commitment was given to present to the members of the SPC in September before the Draft plan went to public consultation. The monthly report to the City Council in September would have notified members that the report was to be presented at the SPC prior to going to public consultation.

The DCC Development plan 2022 – 2028 sets out an Objective of achieving a 40% reduction in car traffic (SMT01) and the development plan sets out that it is the policy of the City Council to promote modal shift from private car to more sustainable modes

(SMT1) and also that it is the policy to move towards a low traffic environment generally and to increase the amount of traffic free spaces in the city centre. (CCUV42).
The draft city centre transport plan takes the objectives and policies set out by the elected members in the current development plan and seeks to achieve the challenging targets which are set out in the development plan.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the Council currently employs an arborist, and if so provide me with their contact details, and also state when he intends providing a new Tree Strategy to replace the last one which expired last year.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Ludovic Beaumont Ludovic.beaumont@dublincity.ie is a qualified arboriculturist and is employed as a Tree Officer in the City Councils Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services. Given the huge volume of work which this role entails particularly in the aftermath of Storms Betty & Agnes, Ludovic is fully occupied and so the review and updating of the Councils Tree Strategy has not progressed. However the policies set out in the Tree Strategy are still valid and in practice.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what steps he has taken to reduce the incidence of pollution through leakage from the existing oil filled high voltage electricity cables throughout Dublin City and ensure that they are replaced with modern plastic insulated cables.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) are the national energy utility. ESB Networks (ESBN) part of the ESB group, are responsible for the installation, operation, maintenance and development of the electricity network in Ireland. Dublin City Council (DCC) implements various forms of environmental legislation including the Water Pollution Act 1977, as amended which requires notification, management and rectification of incidents which pose a risk to waters.

In 2019, ESBN established a robust incident reporting procedure in consultation with DCC, pertaining specifically to leaks from fluid filled cables. The procedure approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), outlines the steps required to notify, investigate, risk assess and remediate an incident in accordance with EPA Guidance and Article 14 of the Water Pollution Act 1977 as amended. The procedure has been implemented without issue since establishment, where ESBN actively engage and report incidents to DCC in a timely manner.

ESBN publish environmental reports relating to prior incidents on their dedicated webpage, included [here](#) for convenience. Separately, DCC is aware of ESBN’s plan to replace all fluid filled cables by 2035, where replacement is prioritised based on environmental risk for circuit involved. Further queries relating to the network and fluid filled cable replacement programme should be directed to the ESB at esbnetworks@esb.ie.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive outline how many residential properties have had applications for tax relief under the Living City Initiative, and how many have been successfully renovated in each year since the scheme was launched, and provide me this information in tabular format.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Please see table below with figures on the Living City Initiative as requested.

Year	Residential Property Applications	Residential Property Letters of Certification issued*	Rented Residential Applications	Rented Residential Letters of Certification issued*
2015	9	8	1	0
2016	12	8	3	1
2017	11	6	4	2
2018	11	10	14	9
2019	18	13	16	9
2020	15	12	20	15
2021	12	5	12	5
2022	26	8	13	5
2023	7	0	5	0
Total	121	68	86	46

*When the applicant has completed the works, Dublin City Council will issue them a Letter of Certification which the applicant submits to Revenue. Not every application has reached that stage.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the grass patches in and around Montpelier Dublin 7 to be cut down as they are severally overgrown and causing issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Parks Services will engage the services of a landscape contractor to carry out a maintenance service on the grass patches in and around Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for a complete de weeding, decluttering and tidy up of Drumalee Dublin 7. The area has been neglected and the whole estate needs some attention.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Works at Drumalee green, entrance to Drumalee Court and 1 No tree pits on each Drumalee Avenue & Road are being maintained by O’ Brien Landscapes.

Parks Services will ensure maintenance is up to date.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with how many pedestrian crossing have been installed in Dublin 1, 3 and 7 over the last calendar year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following crossings are being constructed in 2023 in those areas:

Mary's Lane D7
Portland Row D1
Parnell St D1

Q.57 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a detailed report on our playground and MUGA maintenance for this calendar year. For playgrounds and mugas across Dublin 1, 3 and 7.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When repairs are needed to equipment in playgrounds within our housing complexes, Housing Maintenance will send out our staff to make immediate repairs or remove any items that should no longer be used. A contractor will be engaged for specialist repair and maintenance of equipment or the replacement of playground equipment.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to advise what action if any Dublin City Council can take to promote the physical regeneration of areas such as Ballyfermot Village, Inchicore Village all too often these areas are allowed slip into a spiral decay with poor planning decisions with over proliferation of bookmakers, Take-Aways, Chemists etc. Allowing Take-Aways to have shutters down all day until opening late into the evenings creates a very poor visual impression to those visiting an area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Table 2-14 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 (the Development Plan) designates Ballyfermot and Kilmainham/Inchicore as locations for Proposed Local Environmental Improvement Plans (LEIPs). The purpose of a LEIP is to promote a non-statutory, locally-based approach that engages with the public and addresses various key issues such as movement, public realm, open space, community facilities, education, and greening.

The responsibility for preparing a LEIP lies with the Area Office, taking into account priorities and available resources. The LEIP aims to improve the local environment and enhance the quality of life for residents in Ballyfermot and Kilmainham/Inchicore.

Paragraph 15.14.3.7 of the Development Plan addresses the management of fast food establishments and takeaways. This policy seeks to regulate the development of such businesses in the area. One aspect of the policy focuses on integrating the design of roller shutters into the shopfront. This integration is intended to ensure that the appearance of the roller shutters aligns with the scale of the building and the overall development pattern in the area. By incorporating the design of roller shutters into the shopfront, the policy aims to maintain the visual coherence and character of the neighbourhood. The implementation of this policy is dependent upon privately owned businesses and commercial premises submitting planning permission for new/upgraded shopfronts.

Dublin City Council (DCC) also operates Shopfront Improvement Schemes (SIS), through its Area Offices, which provides support funding for the refurbishment or renewal of shopfronts. The uptake of SIS is contingent on the owners of private

businesses and commercial premises engaging with DCC and availing of this opportunity.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ask ESB Networks to re-paint all the public Lamp standards in the Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Inchicore, Drimnagh and Bluebell areas of South Central these poles have not being painted for many years and are in a very poor state there was a time when they would be done every few years alas that's not the case now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

ESB Networks (ESBN) can be requested to re-paint all the ESNB poles in Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Inchicore, Drimnagh and Bluebell. However, these locations cover a very wide area and it would be very helpful if a list of the particular roads of most concern could be provided. ESB Networks can then be requested to include these on an initial ESB painting programme.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that ongoing issue of Traffic parking mayhem caused by the builders constructing the apartments at the top of Chapelizod Hill Kylemore Road Ballyfermot, be addressed as a matter of urgency, I cannot understand how the contractors are getting away with taking every traffic car parking spot in this vicinity without little or no recourse. The area has 3 substantial Secondary Schools, 3 Primary Schools and a Training Centre, any other area the builder would negotiate with land owners to Park vehicles like they do in the City Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Inspector and Dublin Street Parking Services will visit the area at this construction site and investigate illegal parking. Similarly to permit parking and pay and display parking, the council cannot regulate or give priority to who can use free parking spaces on a public road.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of using the Filter Beds at Park West Cherry Orchard / Ballyfermot for recreational use such as swimming, paddle boarding etc it's such a waste to see a facility just lie idle. A few years ago DCC had an idea of developing a Marina at this location something which would promote boating / leisure use along the Grand Canal

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sports & recreation will investigate previous proposals and provide a report to the area committee in the near future.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made towards objective SMTO20 in the development plan; whether this sits with the active travel team or the traffic and transport team; whether the NTA has been involved in investigations and discussions to date and what resources will be assigned to it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have requested an update from the NTA on the proposal for incorporation of green roofs on new and existing bus shelters. The NTA have not yet issued a reply on the matter. We will pass on this information once it has been received.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a health and safety inspection due to the condition the businesses have left this area in at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Team inspected the laneway behind **(details supplied)**, which was littered. The laneway is deemed to be private and gated. The Litter Warden Service Inspector will arrange for a litter warden to contact the retail businesses with an instruction to clean up the area in question.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the footpath repairs will be carried out at 76 to 86 Navan Road. These works were to be included in the summer works program but remain unattended.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Works at this location form part of the 2023 Civil Works Programme for the Central Area. Due to poor weather conditions throughout the summer period, works have been delayed and the schedule extended to facilitate this. Works will commence at this location in the coming weeks.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the requested speed signage will be provided and installed on the Navan Road from the Ashtown Roundabout to the Cabra Road junction. Speeding at low traffic times is a continuing problem on this stretch of road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No new speed signage was recommended to be installed on Navan Road. Navan Road is a 50km/h road, and 50km/h signage were installed at every entry points where vehicles comes from a 30km/h roads. Any instances of speeding should be reported to the Gardai as it is a matter of enforcement.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when Pelletstown and its environs will be fully taken in Charge. Residents are waiting some time for inclusion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC are currently in active discussions with Ballymore Homes in connection with the proposed taking in charge (TIC) of Royal Canal Park. A TIC application has been received from the developer Castlethorn for the development known as Rathbourne and inspections are being arranged by the Service Divisions.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to consider setting aside the greening agenda in cases where hedgerows provide a nuisance and a cover for anti-social behaviour and instead remove such growth and replant areas, in parks in particular, with compensating flora. I refer to Ashington Park in particular.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service has recently carried out pruning works at Ashington Park. It is not intended to remove any shrubbery/ hedgerows at this location.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive when will the DCC apprenticeship scheme will re-open and to detail the numbers to be taken on under the scheme per sections and trade/skill type and if he will comment on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin city Council propose to advertise positions for apprenticeships in the coming weeks which include the following trades:

- Plumber
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Painter
- Stonemason
- Bricklayer
- Fitter Mechanic
- The numbers for each trade have yet to be determined.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Dublin bike scheme for usage figures and for expenditure and income over the last 3 years. Could the manager make a statement on how a scheme that was originally massively successful seems to have stalled and why the council will add new bike stations

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The data is currently being compiled and a reply will issue directly to Cllr Declan Meenagh when complete.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in the form of a table, the amount paid out in accident claims for trips and falls broken out by area over the last 4 years and to provide in the same table the amount spent on maintaining foot paths in the five areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services approximate spend on footpaths repairs over the past four years is as set out in the table below. This is spend allocated in the Division's Annual Works Programme for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. With respect to the figure presented for 2023, this is the budget allocation for this year and works are currently progressing on-site across each of the five areas.

Year	Spend on Footpath Repairs
2020	€3.5 Million
2021	€4.2 Million
2022	€3.6 Million
2023	€4.4 Million

I set out below amounts paid out in accident claims for trips and falls broken down per quarter over the last four years. The City Council does not hold the information broken down by area.

2020		€ 5,036,432
2021		€ 5,312,597
2022		€ 7,569,902
2023 (Q1 & Q2)		€ 3,782,264

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many units are being long term leased by DCC as part of new developments and at what cost will the leasing's cost at the conclusion of the agreements.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks of the Council Meeting.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many Part V units are part of Build to Rent developments and how many Part V units in the pipeline are part of BTR developments?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 237 Part V units agreed under "Build to Rent" developments. The Housing Department have agreed to lease 180 units and acquire 57 units. There are a further 160 units under negotiation along with 811 units that have planning permission but are yet to commence on site. Therefore, a potential total of 1,208 homes to be provided under BTR developments if all planning permissions are executed.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ask parks to give serious consideration to locking the Eamon Ceannt Park gates at night as both Gardaí and residents believe it will make the wider community in Crumlin safer for everyone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the weeks leading up to Halloween and after Halloween, Parks intend locking the two main gates when the staff leave, as a deterrent to bonfires lighting. This will be communicated in advance to the public.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ask parks to improve lighting in Eamon Ceant Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks are looking into improving lighting at the entrance into Eamonn Ceannt Park from Rutland Grove and will keep the Cllr informed of plans as they develop. Due to consideration for biodiversity, in particular bats, there are currently no plans to light the full path network in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the implementation of the Play Strategy and for an update on the recruitment of a new Play Officer as the role is now vacant

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Community Development Officer who was promoting play development was successful at interview and promoted to a new role. The Parks Service is seeking to add to its team to support the on-going management, development and renewal of

playgrounds and play opportunities. There will be an update on the implementation of the Play Strategy at the end of the year.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding an estate (**Details supplied**):

- a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads (**details supplied**)?
- b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting on these roads (**Detail supplied**) etc.?
- c) Also, can all the footpaths on these roads be repaired and the trees pruned (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads (**details supplied**)?

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

(**Details supplied**) – 21 of 21 gullies cleaned on 20/09/2023.

(**Details supplied**) – 5 of 5 gullies cleaned on 11/09/2023.

(**Details supplied**)– 6 of 6 gullies cleaned on 13/09/2023.

(**Details supplied**)- 5 of 5 gullies cleaned on 14/09/2023.

(**Details supplied**) - 9 of 9 gullies cleaned on 20/09/2023.

All gullies mentioned above are in good working order.

- b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting on these roads (**Detail supplied**) etc.?

The existing public lighting on (**details supplied**) and the surrounding roads of (**Details supplied**), will be upgraded to LED under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time, other than to say they will be upgraded within the next five years or so.

Until such time as the existing lights on these roads are replaced with the LED lights, they will continue to be night checked and we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

C) An Enquiry Defect (ref.11144278) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection of the footpaths (**details supplied**), and assign crews to carry out footpath repairs. Sections of footpaths along (**Details supplied**) be included as part of the 2024 works programme.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding art gallery closure (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Hugh Lane Gallery regrets that it does not have space available. The gallery is already limited for space to meet its own collections care and public programming roles.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a park (**Details supplied**):

- a) Can the perimeter railings please be painted?
- b) Can an Autism communication board be installed?
- c) Can a swing for children with special needs please be installed
- d) Can 'No cycling' be painted on all the footpaths at the exits/entrances?
- e) Can an audit be carried out of all bins in the park to ensure there are sufficient bins and can there frequency of collection be increased.
- f) Are there any plans to provide some improvements to the park this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a significant body of work for which there are no current proposals. This request can be considered as part of future improvement programmes subject to the identification of suitable resources.

- a) There are proposals to install such boards city-wide within playgrounds. Once this programme has been implemented consideration can be given to their installation at other locations.
- b) There are funded proposals to install 2 such inclusive and accessible swings within the North Central Area within playground settings at Fr. Collins Park just to the north of this local park and at St Anne's Park. Procurement of these swings is to commence in the coming weeks.
- c) The entrances will be inspected and no cycling signage or ground graphics considered.
- d) The Parks Service does not install bins within such local parks where resources are not available to service same. Waste Management may consider installing additional street bins at the entrances.
- e) Considerable improvements have been carried out in recent years including a boules facility, new planting, seating and adult exercise equipment. There are no proposals for further improvements this year.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Dog Fouling (**Details supplied**):

- a) Can the council take action by distributing leaflets to the homes on (**Details supplied**) next to the (**Details supplied**)?
- b) Can more signage be erected along this stretch
- c) Are there plans to have another awareness campaign in the area
- d) Can the CEO advice as to how many fines have been given out for dog fouling this year in the city and last year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below respond to above questions

- a) Arrangements will be made to distribute information to the homes on (**details supplied**) next to (**details supplied**).
- b) Signage will be erected.
- c) There are no plans in place by Waste Management Services to carry out another awareness campaign specifically in the Drumcondra area.
- d) A total of 6 fines were issued for dog fouling in Dublin City from 1 January 2023.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council is contractually obliged to ensure a minimum level of waste input to Dublin's Waste to Energy incineration plant in Ringsend.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No, there is no contractual requirement to ensure that a minimum level of waste is delivered to the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility.

It is noted that the DWtE project was developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract which covers the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance (DBFO&M) of the 'waste to energy' facility. It is standard practice in PPP agreements that the public agency shares the project risk and especially the project revenue risk during the initial years of the project in return for a share of project revenues above a certain level over the life of the project. The DWtE project is no different in this regard.

The key Risk/Revenue sharing mechanisms within the contract are set out below:

Authority Contingent Obligation (ACO)

During the first 15 years of the Facility's Operation, '*the PPP period*', the Dublin Local Authorities (DLA's) are bound by an Authority Contingent Obligation (ACO) mechanism to underpin the waste market revenue of the Facility. Under the ACO the DLA's will provide partial (i.e. 58%) revenue support in respect of any shortfall below a threshold waste revenue. The ACO only becomes effective if the Operator fails to achieve the threshold waste revenue in any year during the PPP period.

DLA Revenue Streams

In return for the provision of the ACO, the DLA's will receive 54% of all DWtE waste revenue above the threshold waste revenue for the PPP period (i.e. the first 15 years). In addition, they will receive 25% of energy revenue above an agreed energy revenue threshold for the PPP period and 45% of energy revenue above the same threshold for the merchant period (i.e. the subsequent 30 years – (years 15 to 45)).

Actual returns to the DLA's will depend primarily on the development of the waste and electricity markets.

To date, there has been no payment made to Dublin Waste to Energy Limited under the ACO and there is a positive revenue stream to the DLAs under the contract since the commencement of operation in 2017.

In addition it is noted that there is sufficient waste volumes within the market, with Ireland continuing to be reliant on the export and landfilling of residual waste.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has directed local waste management companies to divert recycling waste to the incinerator in Ringsend in order to fulfil the terms of an agreement or contract to ensure a minimum level of waste input.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has not directed any local waste management companies to use the incinerator in Ringsend in order to fulfil the terms of an agreement or contract and no such agreements or contracts are currently in place.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if penalties are payable by Dublin City Council if a minimum level of waste input to the Waste to Energy incineration plant in Ringsend is not met.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) project was developed under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract which covers the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance (DBFO&M) of the 'waste to energy' facility. It is standard practice in PPP agreements that the public agency shares the project risk and especially the project revenue risk during the initial years of the project in return for a share of project

revenues above a certain level over the life of the project. The DWtE project is no different in this regard.

The key Risk/Revenue sharing mechanisms within the contract are set out below:

Authority Contingent Obligation (ACO)

During the first 15 years of the Facility's Operation, 'the PPP period', the Dublin Local Authorities (DLA's) are bound by an Authority Contingent Obligation (ACO) mechanism to underpin the waste market revenue of the Facility. Under the ACO the DLA's will provide partial (i.e. 58%) revenue support in respect of any shortfall below a threshold waste revenue. The ACO only becomes effective if the Operator fails to achieve the threshold waste revenue in any year during the PPP period.

In addition it is noted that there is sufficient waste volumes within the market, with Ireland continuing to be reliant on the export and landfilling of residual waste.

DLA Revenue Streams

In return for the provision of the ACO, the DLA's will receive 54% of all DWtE waste revenue above the threshold waste revenue for the PPP period (i.e. the first 15 years). In addition, they will receive 25% of energy revenue above an agreed energy revenue threshold for the PPP period and 45% of energy revenue above the same threshold for the merchant period (i.e. the subsequent 30 years – (years 15 to 45)).

Actual returns to the DLA's will depend primarily on the development of the waste and electricity markets.

To date, there has been no payment made to Dublin Waste to Energy Limited under the ACO and there is a positive revenue stream to the DLAs under the contract since the commencement of operation in 2017.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide an update on the recruitment of a Night Time Advisor for Dublin City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council recently advertised for the position of Night Time Economic Advisor. Following the recruitment process and interviews, there was no successful candidate selected to fill the position.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please address the issue of bike theft in Drury Street car park, it is being targeted for bike theft and the area around the bike stands isn't being well maintained.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following response has been received from Park Rite's General Manager who manage this facility on behalf of Dublin City Council.

There is CCTV covering the bicycle parking area, and it is monitored. We maintain records of bike thefts and we liaise closely with the Gardaí. There were seven bike thefts reports since the start of June. We have also intercepted individuals on a number of occasions who have come armed with items including bolt cutters and angle grinders. Gardai have indicated an increase in bike thefts across the city.

Cleaning of the bike park area is part of the daily cleaning regime of the car park. We will arrange for some additional cleaning of this area. I will be on site this week to inspect the area and ensure the area is brought up to standard.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please work to address the illegal dumping that is regularly happening around the walkway at the entrance to the Tom Clarke Bridge near Saint Patrick's rowing club. This area is one of the main pedestrian entrances to Ringsend with heavy footfall but it is very unsightly due to this activity. Can the CEO also please paint the electricity box there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Litter Enforcement Manager will detail the Litter Wardens for the area to visit and remove any illegally dumped waste for investigation and issue fines for any evidence found within the waste.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide an update on the delivery of the Bloodstone Bridge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The project has been on hold since An Bord Pleanana's decision in September 2020 to reject the application to amend the SDZ to relocate the bridge to Blood Stoney Rd. The NTA's Greater Dublin Transport Strategy has provided clarity on the adjacent DART+Tunnel and DART+West projects, and have now confirmed that they support progressing a pedestrian/cycling bridge at the original Forbes St location. An external consultant has been appointed to advice on the interaction between the Forbes St Bridge and the future DART+tunnel project. Procurement options are being reviewed on how best to advance the design of the new bridge.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive Is there any update as to when the pedestrian lights will be installed at **(1.details supplied)** also are there any plans to install more pedestrian lights in the **(2.details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The works at **(Details Supplied 1)** are almost complete and the new pedestrian crossing is due to be switched on in the coming weeks. The list of pedestrian crossings for 2024 is currently being compiled. Details of the proposed locations will be issued to councillors once complete.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Road sweeping **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will ensure that the hand cart cleaner includes the above mentioned footpath as part of his cleaning routes.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Parks **(Details supplied)**.

- a) Can I get the sports and leisure equipment hire box into the above Parks?.
- b) Can I get an autism board and a swing suitable for children with a disability

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The proposed sports equipment hire boxes is not a Parks Service initiative.
- b) There are proposals to install such boards city-wide within playgrounds. There are funded proposals to install 2 such inclusive and accessible swings within the

North Central Area within playground settings at Fr. Collins Park and at St Anne's Park. Procurement of these swings is to commence in the coming weeks.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding an estate (**Details supplied**):

- a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads
- b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting on these roads
- c) Also, can all the roads and footpaths on these roads be repaired and the trees pruned

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads (**details supplied**)

The gullies have been cleaned as follows (**Details supplied**)

b)The public lighting on the following roads in the (**Details supplied** have been upgraded to LED. The existing public lighting on (**Details supplied**), are planned to be upgraded to LED. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023. An Enquiry Defect (Ref.11144290) has been created for **part C**) of this question & forwarded to the Area Inspector for assessment. A list of defects will be drafted & added to a works list for repair.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline a plan for the Greening Strategy for the North Inner City and how he will ensure the targets of 30% set out in the City Development Plan are met and within the proposed timeframe.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North East Inner City Greening Strategy is one of a number of greening strategies that Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are implementing to increase the city's urban tree canopy cover. Other strategies include the Stoneybatter Greening Strategy and the Liberties Greening Strategy. It should be noted that trees are planted at a young age and they require a number of years growth depending on the species and cultivar to achieve their mature tree canopy. The North East Inner City Greening Strategy to date, has seen the planting of over 400 trees, the de-paving of over 2 acres of hard surface/paving to vegetated ground and the re-development of three parks, the Royal Canal, James Joyce Street Park and Diamond Park. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are also currently carrying out public consultations with communities in relation to other streets which will see another 100 trees planted in 2024.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he would write to the Department of the Taoiseach requesting that East Wall be included within the remit of the NEIC Taskforce.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has issued to the Department of the Taoiseach. I will update Cllr. Byrne when a response is received.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to explain how the Council's current electric vehicle charging policy, which effectively excludes the majority of those living in the North Inner City using on street parking and with no access to a private front garden, aligns with our Climate goals. Will the Chief Executive review the policy and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy was developed by the 4 DLAs to anticipate the demand for public charging infrastructure across the whole county up to 2030, and to model an investment strategy for public and private partnerships and resources to satisfy the demand for public EV charging equipment. The preferred model for investment is one where the private sector own and operate public fast charging hubs, under license and regulation from Local Authorities and National bodies. However, it is recognised that both Local Authorities and national bodies including ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland) have facilitator roles to encourage and seed investment in the infrastructure.

To demonstrate our commitment to developing the infrastructure, DCC is validating the Charging Strategy with a pilot scheme to develop public Electric Vehicle fast charging hubs across the City at facilities owned and controlled by Dublin City Council. 15 locations distributed evenly across the city have been identified for inclusion in the initial phase of the project. Additional locations are under consideration for subsequent phases of the project.

Our current priority is to facilitate the citywide installation of public rapid charging hubs to accommodate all EV users. DCC encourage householder to install domestic EV charging equipment (and to avail of grant aid) on their properties where off-street parking is available, however, not all properties are suitable, and DCC will not endorse the use of EV charging cables traversing public footpaths or roadways.

The following written policies from the City Development Plan 2022-2028 under Sustainable Movement and Transport align with DCC's climate action goals.

SMT1 – Modal Shift and Compact Growth. To continue to promote modal shift from private car ownership towards increased use of more sustainable forms of transport such as active mobility and public transport, and to work with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and other transport agencies to progress an integrated set of transport objective to achieve compact growth.

SMT2 – Decarbonising Transport. To support the decarbonising of motorised transport and facilitate the rollout of alternative low emission fuel infrastructure, prioritising electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure.

DCC will also ensure, through the planning process, that EV charging facilities are included in new developments with car parking spaces.'

Q.94 **COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to the provision of full recycling facilities in the Grangegorman/Stoneybatter area equivalent to those currently being provided at the Grangegorman Bring Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to providing the best possible recycling infrastructure to communities across the city, including those in the Central Area.

The site on which the existing Grangegorman Bring Centre is situated is in the ownership of TU Dublin and is part of the Grangegorman Strategic Development Zone. Grangegorman Development Agency (GDA) is the organisation appointed by central Government to facilitate the development of the Grangegorman campus. The GDA informed Waste Management Services in mid-2022 that they now require the land on which Grangegorman Bring Centre is situated in order to further develop the Grangegorman campus, specifically the "Clock Tower" building which lies adjacent to the bring centre site. Since that time, there has been ongoing negotiations between Waste Management Services and the GDA in relation to potential alternatives to the

existing site. Most recently, the GDA offered a small site currently in the direct ownership of the GDA adjoining the existing bring centre as an interim replacement facility, while Waste Management Services continue to search for a suitable new permanent bring centre location in the Central Area. Due to the smaller footprint, the proposed interim facility would be an unmanned site and would not be capable of facilitating the full range of services currently on offer. The site being offered can provide glass bottle, textile and dry mixed recyclable (i.e. paper, plastic, cardboard) recycling services only.

Many councillors have expressed concern regarding the proposed interim facility and potential downgrading of services on offer by way of council questions, motions, emergency motions and direct correspondence with the Chief Executive and Executive Manager, and the matter was again raised and discussed at the September Central Area Committee meeting. Following these representations, Waste Management Services have again made contact with the GDA regarding these concerns and a meeting has been scheduled for the week of September 25th in an effort to reach a satisfactory outcome for all parties. The Executive Manager will keep the Central Area Committee informed of developments via the Local Area Office.

Q.95 **COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide extra cleansing resources, a more frequent cleaning schedule and install extra public bins at (**Details supplied**) which is blighted by lettering and illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have (**Details supplied**) cleaned on a daily basis and the bins there are emptied regularly also on a daily basis. We will monitor the cleaning of this location to see what improvements can be made. We are satisfied that there is a sufficient number of litter bins there at this time.

Q.96 **COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the unacceptable and ongoing release of fumes/odours from a food premises (**details supplied**) that is noted, in a DCC report, for having no proper ventilation system.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit can deal with this complaint under the provisions of the Air Pollution Act 1987. The complainant will be contacted and an inspection of (**details supplied**) will take place.

Q.97 **COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive ensure all materials accumulated (ahead of Halloween) at the Bailey Gibson site Dublin 8 be removed and that the developer Hines secure the site and remain vigilant to boundary breaches and material hoarding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer confirms that the site is cleared and secured. Hines are aware of the need to be vigilant and ensure site remains secured. Public Domain will continue to monitor all sites particularly in the run-up to Halloween.

RECORD of DIVISION AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2ND OCTOBER 2023

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

FOR: 22
AGAINST: 35

ABSTAIN:
ABSENT: 5