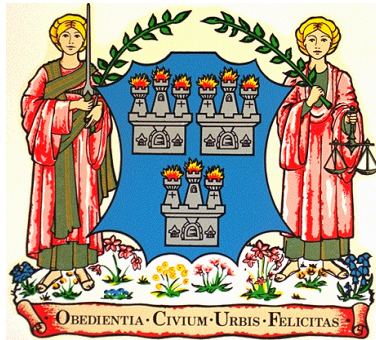


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Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 4 Nollaig 2023 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid An Dáma agus ar físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmheara Daithí de Róiste sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Claire Byrne
Mary Callaghan
Fiona Connelly
Deirdre Conroy
Kelsey May Daly
Tara Deacy
Daithí Doolan
Declan Flanagan
James Geoghegan
Janet Horner
Dermot Lacey
Micheál MacDonncha
Paddy McCartan
Declan Meenagh
Sophie Nicoullaud
Cat O'Driscoll
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Catherine Stocker

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Christy Burke
Danny Byrne
Hazel Chu
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Hazel de Nortúin
Máire Devine
Pat Dunne
Terence Flanagan
Alison Gilliland
Vincent Jackson
Darcy Lonergan
Briega MacOscar
Eimer McCormack
Carolyn Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Damian O'Farrell
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring
Michael Watters

Comhairleoir:

Janice Boylan
Dearbháil Butler
Deborah Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Caroline Conroy
Daniel Céitinn
Daithí de Róiste
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Mannix Flynn
Deirdre Heney
Jane Horgan Jones
John Lyons
Ray McAdam
Séamas McGrattan
Darragh Moriarty
Claire O'Connor
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe

Oifigigh

Prajwal K. Annibabu
Ruth Dowling
Samantha Gill
Marie Kavanagh
Fintan Moran
Kathy Quinn
Michael Gallagher

Aisling Browne
Anthony Flynn
Kirsten Hart
Natalie Leonard
Brendan O'Brien
Richard Shakespeare
Marie Kavanagh

Frank d'Arcy
Michael Gallagher
Mary Hayes
Victor Leonov
Eileen Quinlivan
Andy Walsh

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by thanking the operational staff in Dublin City Council and the members of Dublin Fire Brigade for all their work on Thursday 23rd November and Friday 24th November, following the appalling scenes in Parnell Square and subsequent rioting on the streets. While it was a dark day in the history of Dublin City, the Lord Mayor expressed his pride in the immense work that was carried out to clean up the City and open it back up for the people of the City, tourists and businesses. He also paid tribute to the Chief Executive for the leadership he showed during this time.

Richard Shakespeare, Chief Executive and Karl Mitchell, Executive Manager provided an update to the members on the ongoing activities by the City Recovery team.

Representatives from all political parties echoed the Lord Mayor's condemnation of the attacks and the subsequent events that took place on 23rd November. They also expressed their gratitude to all the City Council staff and emergency personnel for their swift response to this event.

The Lord Mayor then congratulated the students and staff at UCD involved in launching Ireland's first satellite, EIRSAT-1.

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It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council approves the 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.

3 Correspondence was received from Clare County Council

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 6th November 2023 and the Budget Meeting held on 20th November 2023.

The minutes of the City Council meeting held on 6th November 2023 and the Budget Meeting Held on the 20th November 2023 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

5 Vacancies:

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

It was proposed by Councillor Cieran Perry and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Councillor Vincent Jackson be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee following the resignation of Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) To fill one vacancy on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Kelsey May Daly.

It was proposed by Councillor Kelsey May Daly and seconded by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll that Councillor Hazel de Nortúin be appointed to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Kelsey May Daly. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) To fill one vacancy on the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Cllr. Hazel de Nortúin.

It was proposed by Councillor Hazel de Nortúin and seconded by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll that Councillor Kelsey May Daly be appointed to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee following the resignation of Councillor Hazel de Nortúin. The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Report No. 253/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Capital Programme 2024 to 2026.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report Number 253/2023 Capital Programme 2024 to 2026. The motion was put and carried.

The following motion in the name of Councillor John Lyons and seconded by Councillor Pat Dunne was taken with the report without debate:

"That this City Council supports the vote of the North Central Area Councillors in October 2021 calling for a new publicly-owned and managed full-sized all-weather football facility in the Coolock-Artane area, notes the lack of progress to date in delivering this desperately needed and much deserved facility, urges council officials to refocus their efforts on this project and to ensure provision is made in the 2024 capital budget for the funding of this essential community and sports facility."

The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 271/2023 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (F. d'Arcy) - Community Grants Scheme 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Naoise O'Muirí that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report Number 271/2023 and hereby approves the community grants as set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 258/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8: Proposal to undertake public realm improvements to Meath Street and its immediate environs.

It was proposed by councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Naoise O' Muirí notes the contents of Report No. 258/2023 and hereby approves the contents therein. The Motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 245/2023 of the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) - End of Second Term Report 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 245/2023 and hereby approves the contents therein. The motion was put and carried.

The Lord Mayor vacated the Chair to Councillor Vincent Jackson at 8.18 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

- 10 Report No. 260/2023 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 Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Declan Meenagh that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 260/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Granting of Licenses and Leases:

- (a) Report No. 264/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Exchange of title at junction of James Walk and Forbes Lane, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Meenagh and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 264/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 265/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Grant of a Short Term Letting of the Community Centre at Lorcan O'Toole Court, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Meenagh and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 265/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 268/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Grant of a 3 year licence for Café Unit, Bull Wall North, Clontarf, Dublin 3 to Container Café Limited.

It was agreed that this report be deferred to the January 2024 meeting as it did not include the provision of a clause agreed by the North Central Area. Anthony Flynn, Acting Assistant Chief Executive agreed to amend the report to include the agreed clause and to bring the report back to the January meeting

- (d) Report No. 272/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 Year Short Term Letting in Unit 3, The Turnpike, Santry Cross, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Meenagh and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 272/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

12 Disposal of Property:

- (a) Report No. 266/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 39 Shelmalier Road, East Wall, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McCartan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 266/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 267/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 20 Carleton Road, Marino, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McCartan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 267/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 269/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 100 Grattan Lodge, Grange, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McCartan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 269/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 270/2023 of the A/Executive Manager (M. Igoe) - Disposal of a plot to the front of 44 Dolmen Court, Poppintree, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McCartan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 270/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

13 Report No. 259/2023 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (F. d'Arcy) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by Councillor John Lyons and seconded by Councillor Pat McCartan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 259/2023. The motion was put and carried.

An end of year review was presented by Frank d'Arcy, Acting Assistant Chief Executives. It was agreed that the report presented would be circulated to members. An invitation was also extended to members to forward any questions to him for reply.

14 Report No. 273/2023 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement & EU IMF Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 273/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 263/2023 of the Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 263/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 255/2023 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of November 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 262/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 262/2023 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 8th November 2023, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 262/2023. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 256/2023 of the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 8th November 2023, Councillor Noeleen Reilly, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 256/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 257/2023 of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th November 2023, Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Cat O'Driscoll and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 257/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 261/2023 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 26th October 2023, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council adopts the contents of Report No. 261/2023 and hereby assents to the proposal set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Motion to rescind the outcome of an Emergency Motion taken at City Council meeting on 6th November 2023

The following motion to rescind was proposed by Councillor Cieran Perry and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke:

"This Council agrees to rescind the previous decision not to fly the Palestinian flag on November 6th 2023. Should this motion to rescind be agreed, and in light of the unique and unprecedented circumstances that prevail in Gaza, the City Council agrees to the deviation from the "Protocol for the Flying of Flags from Civic Buildings"

and further agrees to fly the Palestinian flag above City Hall for a period of 7 days from Tuesday 5th December to demonstrate Dublin City Council's ongoing solidarity with the plight of the people of Gaza."

The motion was put and carried. Cllr Deirdre Heney and Cllr. Naoise Ó Muirí requested that be noted that they did not agree with the deviation from the Council's Flags Policy.

22 Topical Issues

No topical issues were submitted for consideration.

23 Motions on Notice

Motion No 1: It was proposed by Councillor Cieran Perry and seconded by Councillor Declan Meenagh that;

"This council supports the Fair Employment Bill 2022 drafted by the Trade Union Left Forum as a replacement for the 1990 Industrial Relations Act.

The 1990 Industrial Relations Act was introduced as a control mechanism on trade unions. The act introduced many changes to the accepted norms of industrial relations up to that time. It banned support strikes, solidarity action, political strikes, sit-ins and immediate action. It isolated individual workers and introduced 7 day notice. It puts many conditions and restrictions around balloting for industrial action it ended Union autonomy and transferred what were always Union decisions to the judiciary.

At the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) biennial delegate conference last year the following motion proposed by the Dublin Council of Trade Unions (DCTU) was unanimously passed and is now ICTU policy

"Conference recognises that the restrictions on trade union action in the 1990 Industrial Relations Act need to be opposed, and that the act should be reformed to restore rights which trade unions had before 1990. Conference mandates the executive to seek an alternative legislative regime which would allow trade union and industrial action for workers, for issues that concern workers across society and, across employers, and for effective solidarity to workers in dispute"

The motion was put and carried. The Lord Mayor agreed to send correspondence to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Motion No. 2 in the name of Councillor Racheal Batten "That this council agrees that as of this day all Dublin City Council residential leases will include first right of refusal on sale of the said property. This clause will be inserted into all new lease agreements with an independent assessment of fair market value to take place. The landlord shall not commence placing the property on the market without such 60 days' notice been given to the council." It was proposed by Councillor Lacey that this motion would be forwarded to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee for consideration. Agreed.

Motion No. 3: It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pigeon and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney;

"That Dublin City Council supports libraries in their rightful provision of LGBTQ+ community supportive literature and related educational material in libraries.

No library worker should have to deal with harassment or threats: this Council stands in support with them, and in opposition to hateful, homophobic and transphobic protests that we have seen at Irish libraries in recent months.

Libraries must be safe, inclusive and supportive services for Dublin's diverse communities, and through their provision of knowledge counteract prejudice.”

The motion was put and carried.

24 Emergency Motion(s)

No Emergency motions were accepted for debate.

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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, 4th OF DECEMBER 2023

Q.1 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the talks between Dublin City Council and Shelbourne FC regarding the status of Tolka Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Terms are agreed between the Club and the City Valuers on the basis of a long leasehold disposal of Tolka Park (to continue as a football stadium) and have been reported to the A/Assistant Chief Executive for approval in advance of bringing them to the elected members for Section 183 approval.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have a positive response issued to the residents of (**details supplied**) in relation to Public lighting on their Streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is planned to upgrade all street lights in the City Council's administrative area to LED street lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project over the course of the next 5 to 8 years.

The first few years of the upgrade project primarily focusses on the high volume standard street lights that you see around the city in particular in residential areas. While the street lights in (**details supplied**) are standard street lights they are installed on heritage lighting columns that will not be upgraded until later in the project and an exact timeframe for the upgrade of these cannot be provided at this time. In the meantime the existing lights will continue to be maintained in accordance with normal maintenance regimes.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016-2020. Does the manager believe a new strategy is needed and when will this be published? Can he comment on the strategic direction and coordination between the numerous greening strategies across the city and state when the greening strategy for Cabra will happen?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The policies and actions of the 2016-2020 Dublin City Tree Strategy are still relevant so the existing document will be reviewed and updated in 2024. This will also include a public consultation.

The Liberties, North East Inner City and Stoneybatter were selected for greening interventions because of the deficit of quality green space and tree canopy cover which was identified in the Parks Strategy. Each of these projects have been well received by local communities who have been consulted from the beginning in the planning and implementation.

It is intended to extend the greening interventions to other parts of the city (subject to additional resourcing) and a number of communities have expressed a wish to see greening in their neighbourhoods. There has been one meeting with Cabra Connects in relation to greening opportunities and another meeting can be arranged to progress potential opportunities.

Q.4 **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many DCC homes will have the retro fit program fitted in 2024 .Would the CEO outline the areas that will be fitted and complete.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of homes that will be retrofitted under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in 2024 will be determined by our funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, which we have yet to receive. In line with Departmental guidelines for the programme, we are required to submit an annual works programme to the Department for review and approval of same. The works programme is normally requested by the Department in Q1 of each calendar year. Our 2024 works programme is currently being compiled, however, it has not been finalised and will be subject to Departmental approval on submission of same.

Consequently, the areas/properties which will be submitted in our 2024 works programme have yet be finalised, however, the works will be citywide and will be spread across all areas in as equal and as fair a manner, as possible.

Q.5 **COUNCILLOR CHIRSTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when the applicants who have been selected for the one bed units for (Details Supplied). When can the applicant move to their homes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Two applicants have signed for these units recently. The remaining units will be signed for on a phased basis over the next few months. We have not been provided with an exact timeframe by Tuath Housing for when this will be completed.

Q.6 **COUNCILLOR CHIRSTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the traffic section put in place HGV ban on (**details supplied**) as local residents are concerned given the street is two way traffic system. HGV's are up and down the street 6 days a week.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a Draft public realm plan for the Markets Area being prepared by DCC City Architects. Currently there is no defined timeline for when it will go on display. Once DCC Traffic receive the proposed plans for the area we will assess these plans including the possibility of a HGV ban on (**details supplied**)

Q.7 **COUNCILLOR CHIRSTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clear the shores on (**Details supplied**) to help avoid flooding in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The gullies have been cleaned as follows:

(**Details supplied**) – 22 of 26 gullies cleaned and inspected on 09/11/2023. 4 gullies were covered by parked cars. All cleaned gullies are in good working order.

Q.8 **COUNCILLOR MICHEAL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive if any further indoor cycle facilities are being considered, beyond the three currently in place, and if council management are open to funding any further ones should sites become available?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have no immediate plans to develop an indoor velodrome.

Q.9 **COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in detail, including the name or staff position of the representative, any Task Forces/ State Boards/ Government appointed bodies etc on which the City Council is represented by a staff member. To further request the Chief Executive to outline how such appointments are made and for how long such terms may last.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Richard Shakespeare, Chief Executive has been appointed to the following bodies:

1. Digital Hub Development Agency (DHDA)

Richard Shakespeare appointed to Board by Minister Eamon Ryan on 10 September 2023. Appointment for term of 3 years or until date of termination of term of office, or dissolution of Board, whichever is earliest.

2. National Transport Authority (NTA)

Richard Shakespeare has been appointed on an interim basis by the Minister of Transport.

3. National Centre for Research & Remembrance (NCRR) Steering Group

Richard Shakespeare appointed as member of Steering Group by Minister Roderic O'Gorman.

4. The Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015 acts as independent Forum to advise the Council in the performance of its functions within the Docklands. The Forum consist of a Chairperson and 21 ordinary members, all of whom are appointed by the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Group appointed by Minister Roderic O'Gorman.

Grangegorman development Authority

Deirdre Scully is the Ministerial appointee on board of Grangegorman development Authority as a DCC CE representative.

Q.10 **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive that provision is made for the funding of a new full-size all-weather football facility in the Coolock-Artane area in the next capital budget as the North Central Area councillors endorsed a motion calling for this investment in the much needed sports facility in October 2021 yet no progress has been made to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report will be presented to the next North Central Area Committee on the options available for all weather training facilities and the planning timeline for such work to happen.

Q.11 **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the capital expenditure in each administrative area in Dublin City for each year 2015-22.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The financial management system is structured to provide financial information both in revenue and capital by service division which meets statutory reporting requirements for the budget; annual financial statements and financial reporting etc.

It is not possible to provide capital expenditure for each administrative area as requested.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Is he aware of the lower levels of capital investment in the North Central area compared to every other part of the city, and noting the vote of North Central Area councillors in October 2021 calling for the funding and delivery of a publicly-owned full-size all-weather football facility for Artane-Whitehall LEA, and the response from the city council (motion and response below), what is the next step that needs to be taken to include a funding line in next year's capital budget for the delivery of a new all-weather football facility in the Artane/Whitehall LEA.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report will be presented to the next North Central Area Committee on the options available for all weather training facilities and the planning timeline for such work to happen.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive about a major parking issue on Copeland Avenue. People park and use the dart and residents have issues getting their cars parked in their own drive-ins. They even want meters and they get free passes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Street Parking Services, our clamping enforcement contractor, should be contacted directly by the resident in situations where there are vehicles obstructing a driveway. Appropriate action can then be taken by DSPS once the owner of the property authorises them to remove the vehicle causing the obstruction.

Motorists are entitled to park on the road provided they are not causing an obstruction/parked illegally. If residents wish to apply for a Residential Permit Parking Scheme on this road they can find all the information on this link: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme> If a scheme is voted in by the residents there would be a permit fee applicable to residents who are eligible to apply for a permit.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to put extra lighting on Copeland Avenue, as with the bad lighting people have had several falls.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A lighting assessment has been carried out on the street lighting on Copeland Avenue and the light levels are considered to be adequate. It is noted, however, that a number of lamps in the existing lanterns haven't been changed for a few years and this may be resulting in them being dimmer than we would like so these will be bulk changed on this road in the coming weeks. It is planned to upgrade these lights to LED street lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project over the coming years but we cannot give an exact timeframe for this work at present. In the meantime the existing street lighting will continue to be maintained in accordance with our normal maintenance regimes.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to cut the trees on Copeland Avenue as they are very over grown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2023-24.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on all services and hardware provided to the city council by Hewlett Packard (including any of its subsidiaries) and a status update on all current contracts with same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not currently have any contracts for services or hardware with HP or its subsidiaries. To provide full disclosure, Dublin City Council does have a contract with a supplier who supplies monitors under a whole of government framework managed by the Office of Government Procurement that currently supplies HP monitors.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report on the ending and potentially renewal of the JC Decaux contract. This report to include a full copy of the original agreement between Dublin City Council and the advertising company. This is to safeguard against monopoly of any one company in the advertising business, create a fair process for all who wish to tender for such contracts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is currently under review and an update will be issued for the January 2024 City Council Meeting.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the process to have Ringsend Library placed on the record of protected structures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On foot of a previous request from An Taisce, the Conservation Section have included Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4 on their nominations list of structures to assess with a view to adding them to the Record of protected Structures (RPS). In November 2019, the Planning & Property Development SPC agreed a methodology to expedite the proposed additions / deletions to the RPS in a systematic manner, based on the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines 2011 and NIAH/Ministerial Recommendations under Section 53(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The methodology agreed is to prioritise industrial, twentieth century, early buildings and underrepresented typologies that were given a Ministerial Recommendation of Regional or above. The NIAH have not yet completed their inventory for Dublin 4, but it is expected that Ringsend Library will be surveyed and be identified as being of Regional interest. The NIAH recently assigned Architectural, Historical & Social Significance to a similar library site at Drumcondra (NIAH Ref: 50080156). Moreover, as the library is a 20th C structure, it would fall within the above priority categories and the section would aim to expedite its addition to the RPS once Ministerial Recommendations are received.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the continuing use of Taylor's Hall as a pub and what efforts are being made by DCC to remove this unlawful development. Further, can the CEO make available to me all the relevant documentation regarding the lease in the first instance of this premises. Also, what involvement Dublin City Council had in allowing a public house trade from this listed protected structure. Also to ascertain whether An Taisce are still using this building as their main headquarters. Dublin City Council has a statutory obligation here regarding this nationally important building in that regard. I request that the CEO take back the

building charge to Dublin City Council and created a much needed community arts culture facility at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are the landlord to An Taisce the current Lessee, Under Indenture of Lease dated 22 November 1968 the premises Tailors Hall, Back Lane, Dublin 8, for a term of 99 years from 25 March 1968. DCC does not disclose or make available Lease agreements to third parties.

Under the terms of the lease, DCC consented to a sub-lease by An Taisce to Liberties Renaissance Ltd. of part of Tailor's Hall for café/restaurant use. The Letter of Consent was issued on 10th March 2022 but should be noted that consent does not imply approval for change of use or development for which permission under the Planning Acts or Building Regulations would be required. The matter of the location of the An Taisce head office is not relevant to DCC as landlord and the Lease does not specify the location of a headquarters.

The residual term of the Lease currently is 44 years. Under the terms of the lease it is required that consent is sought in advance of any works and subsequently that our Conservation Office is satisfied with proposals and post works inspection.

The Planning Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council have ongoing investigations in respect of this premises. There are two stands in respect of the investigations concerned. An Enforcement Notice was served in respect of multiple breaches of planning relating to physical works/structures that had been taken place/put in situ at the property. The compliance date associated with this Enforcement Notice was the end of October 2023. An inspection carried out by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area has revealed that this Enforcement Notice has been complied with.

The issue of the alleged change of use of the premises remains under investigation. In this regard following the issuing of a statutory Warning Letter relating to the alleged change of use of the premises, a detailed response has recently being received to this letter from the operators planning consultant. This submission is currently being considered by the Planning Enforcement Section. A decision will be made in due course following the completion of our investigations as to whether further enforcement action is required relating to the current uses taking place at the premises concerned.

Q.20 **COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the use of mobile advertising vans at frequent events such as sports and entertainment concerts but not limited to them. What are the licences and permits available to those who wish to trade and offer this service? Are there designated locations for the parking and operation of these vans in the city centre area? What bylaws and legal acts cover this area bearing in mind many advances in technology within the advertising industry?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking Policy and Enforcement enforce illegal parking and parking in designated pay and display areas where no payment has been made or displayed. Parking bays are not suspended for the purposes of such advertising. Any such vehicle, as described above parked on a footpath, cycle track, bus lane or in any other restricted area will be enforced.

The Planning code does not extend to motorised vehicles, as they are not considered to be structures within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) or the associated regulations.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive can you indicate when (**Details supplied**) will be offered alternative accommodation. (**Details supplies**) in on the transferred list to relocate from her present address

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List, with an application date of 26/11/2010, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
B	3	186

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

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive can traffic calming measures be implemented at this location?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Clonsaugh Drive has 2 No.Speed ramps are located at a distance of 20 metres approximately from the junction with Moatview Court.

These speed ramps act as traffic calming measures reducing vehicular speed and danger to pedestrians. No other engineering measures are recommended at this time. Instances dangerous driving should be reported to An Garda Síochána as a matter for enforcement.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to contact the company or body responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the environs of (**details supplied**). With a view to dealing with the following issues.

- A. Broken boundary wall.
- B. Railings on top of wall were removed some years ago and never replaced.
- C. General maintenance and bad disrepair of the complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a privately managed apartment development, it is the responsibility of the management company to carry out maintenance works to boundaries and common areas. DCC has acquired some units in this development and we will make contact with the management company in relation to the issues highlighted.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for a pedestrian pathway from (**Details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter will be investigated and considered for inclusion in the prioritised schedule of Parks works.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive please give a full update on our efforts to help re-develop Richmond Park in Inchicore Dublin 8 the scope of works we hope to do to help the new FAI League Champions realise their dream of a new stadium deeply rooted in the Community of Inchicore since 1929. I welcome our progress in Dallymount Park's Redevelopment and look forward to St Patrick's Athletics' ground becoming a focal point in the re-generation of Inchicore Village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is engaging with property owners adjoining Richmond Park, in the context of assisting and facilitating the future redevelopment of the stadium and grounds, by St. Patrick's Athletic FC. Any effected property owners willing to engage with or keen to continue negotiations with the City Council, should contact the City Valuers Office.

As with any city block, there are a myriad of property titles to be acquired and in this context a Compulsory Purchase Order is being prepared to acquire any outstanding interests. The City Council plan to continue discussions with property owners and agree to acquire property interest by consent/agreement and if required to initiate a Compulsory Purchase Order. The City Council propose to finalise a CPO for publication in 2024 if deemed necessary.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive Can DCC please ensure that the developer of the De La Salle Site on Ballyfermot Road brings in a new cleansing regime for all vehicles leaving this huge site in Ballyfermot I regret the efforts to date to keep the area clean leaves a lot to be desired and residents are fed up with the much along Ballyfermot Road , only recently a couple of cyclists approached me in relation to the filth in the Cycle-lane outside the old school and are asking why this area is not cleaned by the builder as it is a serious health hazard along this busy Road. I think a proper wash scheme needs to be put into operation which would see the truck wheels etc washed as they leave the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct a litter warden to visit the site mentioned and speak with the manager to make sure they have a wheel wash in place to clean the vehicles leaving the site and also a large road sweeper to make sure the road remains free of muck and dirt throughout the period of the building works.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in order to access the trees along Ballyfermot Roads Commercial district can DCC consider removal of the metal tree surrounds we in the Ballyfermot Environmental Group find it very difficult to keep these surrounds / Tree pits free of Weeds, waste etc on an ongoing basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree guards on these trees offer protection from vandalism. However, I can appreciate the difficulty of picking litter from between the railings so will arrange removal of railings early in the New Year.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me an estate management plan for the new development at Chapelizod Hill / Kylemore Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10, Due to the extremely high density of this development it is essential we have a fit for purpose estate management plan. The old way of managing large developments is I regret not

fit for purpose in a modern society hence we need to learn from others how to manage big estates with very complex issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC has progressed an agreement to lease units subject to legal due diligence at the Faulkners site Chapelizod Hill, Dublin 20. The units are expected to be delivered during early 2024. Tuath Housing have been engaged as the agents for DCC to manage this development. Tuath have recruited additional housing officers to manage this development who will be in control of the day to day management of the units and resolving tenant issues as they arise.

In line with Tuath Housing tenant management policies, all tenants will receive induction and training on their new tenancy on their rights and obligations as a tenant. Where issues of estate management or anti-social behaviour are not resolved by the Tuath Housing Officer on the ground, they will be referred to DCC Housing Management teams locally for investigation and resolution.

Q.29 **COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the damaged speed ramps on (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An enquiry (ref. 11148608) has been created & forwarded to the Area Inspector for inspection and to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Q.30 **COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install traffic calming measures and increased signage to slow traffic down approaching the (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It was observed that on all four roads approaching the mini roundabout have pedestrian islands to slow traffic before/after the mini roundabout thus reducing vehicular speed at this location.

There are 14 No. speed ramps; 5 No. Slow road markings; 1 No. Children crossing warning signs; 4 No. Mini-roundabout ahead warning signs; 4 No. Mini-roundabout signs (Blue circles with white clockwise arrows) and Yield signs with associated road markings. The existing traffic calming measures are considered to be effective in reducing traffic speeds

Instances of poor behaviour should be reported to the Gardaí as they occur. TAG has a long list of roads for traffic calming within the Central Area. Generally, those roads without any vertical deflection are considered a priority over roads which are currently traffic calmed.

Q.31 **COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to higher the boundary railings between (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Maintenance local area depot has inspected this wall and the walls/railings here are considered high enough and meet a sufficient standard of wall height.

Q.32 **COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install a new litter bin outside (**1.details supplied**) and to include (**2. Details supplied**) on a more regular cleaning schedule.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Waste Management Service will monitor litter levels at this location to see if there is a requirement for a litter bin there.
2. Waste Management Service will monitor the cleanliness of the above mentioned roads and arrange extra cleaning when necessary.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that the "E" be included in the Ann Devlin plaque at the Luas Bridge, Suir Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bridge in question, erected in 2004, is in the ownership of Transport for Ireland.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that the entrance doors at Thomas Court complex, The Liberties (listed building), which have been subject to ongoing damage, be strengthened and robust locks fitted so as to withstand wanton regular vandalism?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance is looking at ways to improve the strength on the existing doors in this complex and the necessary works will be undertaken.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that the inaccessible external windows at the Timberyard Cork Street be urgently cleaned of accumulated dust and carbon build up to allow light filter into the apartments

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has a large housing stock and does not clean or wash the windows of Council properties and we currently would not be in a position to take on this responsibility.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that a meeting be convened for local residents, National Stadium, Parking Enforcement and Gardaí to agree a traffic management plan to resolve the parking saturation created by attendees during the busy event schedule at the Stadium ?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have met the management of the National Stadium. The National Stadium management are committed to working with the City Council and our Parking Enforcement team to reduce impacts of events on surrounding communities. The National Stadium pointed out that they encourage people attending events to travel by public transport. They agreed to share information on planned events with the City Council and have said that most events are posted on their website.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could list in tabular form; all completed flood alleviation projects in the last 5 years; all ongoing flood relief schemes and summary of their status; all future schemes earmarked for Dublin City Council to deliver but which have not yet reached pre-planning or pre-pre-planning stage; and the total number of staff directly employed by Dublin City Council with responsibility for flood relief schemes referable to each specific job title.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see flood alleviation projects completed in the last five years and all ongoing flood relief schemes, with a brief summary of their status listed in the table below:

Flood Alleviation Scheme Title:	Status/Comment
Dodder Phase 2 from Lansdowne Railway Bridge to Lower Smurfit weir	Substantially Complete/Operational
The South Campshires Flood Alleviation Scheme 1,100m from Butt Bridge to 100m south of Cardiff Lane	Substantially Complete/Operational
Repair and Maintenance of Liffey Quay Walls, including Quay Wall at Island Bridge	Complete/Ongoing inspection monitoring programme
Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme	Ongoing - at preferred option stage.
Dodder Phase 3 from Clonskeagh Bridge to Orwell Bridge	Ongoing - Planning Application to be lodged with ABP Q4 2024
Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme	Ongoing - Currently out to tender with a consultant programmed to be appointed in March 2024
Clontarf Flood Alleviation Scheme	Ongoing - Consultants to be appointed in Q2 2024
Wad river Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2	Ongoing - Works programmed to be completed in Q2 and Q3 2024

It is noted that there are a large number of smaller local flood schemes which are fitted into the programme as priorities and resources allow. Additional information on ongoing projects can be found at:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/flood-projects/flood-alleviation-projects>

The number of staff employed by Dublin City Council on Flood relief Schemes is 8 at the following substantive Grades:

- One Senior Engineer;
- Two Senior Executive Engineers;
- One Resident Engineer;
- Three Executive Engineers;
- One Staff Officer

For further information, please contact gerry.oconnell@dublincity.ie

Q.38 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could detail the total amount of the current revenue budget and capital budget that was spent towards flood relief programmes by Dublin City Council in tabular form for each year from 2019 to date in 2023, inclusive referable to each scheme and budget.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:.

Flood Alleviation Schemes are funded totally from grants and development levies and so have no revenue funding. The table below gives expenditure for the main flood alleviation schemes including VAT from 2019 to 2023 inclusive of in house personnel and administration. There are miscellaneous smaller projects which come to around €1,2m over the five years.

FAS Scheme	2019 €m	2020 €m	2021 €m	2022 €m	2023 €m	Total €m
Dodder	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.75	0.5	7.75
Camac	0.1	0.3	0.25	0.25	0.2	1.1
Liffey	0.05	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.75
Wad	0.1	0.15	0.25	0.15	0.25	0.9
Sandymount	0.1	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.55
Clontarf	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6
South Campshires	0.35	0.3	0.2	0.15	0.1	1.1
Total	2.3	3.05	3.35	2.7	1.35	12.75

Q.39 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to identify by name each entity that has been contracted by Dublin City Council in respect of flood relief schemes either through a tender process, or where a tender process was not required, for each year from 2019 to date in 2023 referable to each identified flood relief project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The name of the main entity and years of contract for each flood alleviation scheme are set out below, it is noted that there are also sub-contractors and sub-consultants which would not have a direct contract with Dublin City Council. It is further noted that some flood relief schemes are led by other Local Authority, with significant support from Dublin City Council staff as works are completed within the Dublin City Council's functional area. However Dublin City Council would not have a direct contract with the contractor.

There are other smaller commissions some for only a few hundred euro.

Dodder Flood Alleviation Works Phases 2 and 3

- Office of Public Works 2019-2023
- Byrne Looby/Ayesa 2020-2023
- Cunningham and Marine 2019-2023
- Invas 2019-2023
- Arup 2019-2023
- RPS 2019-2023
- IGSL 2023
- All about Trees 2020-2022.
- Knotweed Solutions. 2022-2023
- RIBUS 2020 and 2023
- Murphy's 2020-2021
- Amelio 2020

Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme

- AECOM 2019-2023
- IGSL 2022-2023

Wad Flood Alleviation Scheme

- Nicholas O'Dwyer 2019-2023
- Veolia Ltd. 2019-2023

South Campshires

- Office of Public Works. 2022
- AECOM 2021-2023

Liffey Islandbridge Wall Collapse

- Craddock Ltd. 2020-2021
- McCarthy Consulting. 2020-2021
- INVAS 2021

Tolka

- Invas

Sandymount

- Hayes Higgins Consulting. 2019
- RPS Consulting. 2021
- AECOM consulting. 2019

Clontarf Promenade

- Hayes Higgins Consulting. 2022-2023

Liffey Estuary Surveys.

- Murphy Geospatial. 2022-2023

Q.40 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could confirm that the commitment made at the South East Area meeting on the 11th of September 2023 by the presenting executive manager on Item 4 (III) on that agenda, that the first meeting of the Sandymount Taskforce would take place in November 2023, will be honoured.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting of the task force will be convened as soon as possible. The undersigned will contact the Councillor directly.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can agree to put in place some form of appropriate lighting at **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service does not install such lighting in public parks other than along recognised commuter routes as they are officially closed after dark.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the ownership of access roadway at **(Details supplied)** and who is responsible for maintenance of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance can confirm that the driveway into the complex from the main road up to the complex pillars is owned by a religious institution. And from these pillars into the complex is owned by Dublin City Council.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to garage at rear of property at **(Details supplied)** and say if he can be of assistance in installing a mechanism that will prevent this elder's property from constant flooding and resultant water damage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An enquiry (ref.11148427) has been created and forwarded to the Area Engineer who will investigate this matter.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to estate in which residents are experiencing horrendously dangerous and regularly aggressive chaotic traffic incidents accessing/egressing the estate, and say

(a) If there was any stipulation in the original planning permission, in terms of parking/access for residents accessing/egressing (**Details attached**) that was not followed through on

(b) If there is any opportunity that a solution can be found at this stage to assist residents with these horrendously aggressive experiences as stated above?

(c) If an alternative access/egress route (that was used during the original construction phase of this development) could be examined with a view to reopening same to residents to access/egress details attached

(d) And if he could make a statement on the matter that might be of assistance in finding a resolution

Details attached: Gracepark Manor, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 – residents exit onto Swords Road, D9 as to the users of the neighbouring Bonnington Hotel and the recently developed Broomhill House housing development.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details Supplied)

The development includes an under-croft car park with 54 no. car parking spaces. Vehicular access to the car park is through the reconfigured hotel car park, leading to the subject residential under-croft car park.

An Bord Pleanála did not attach any specific conditions to the planning permission regarding access/egress from the development. Any alternative access arrangement, if available to the development, would likely require planning permission.

Regarding traffic management, the TAG Area Traffic Engineer should be consulted. Notwithstanding, it is noted that the access road is mainly private and in that regard Dublin City Council would not have any legal jurisdiction.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please arrange for urgent repairs at (**details supplied**) to be carried out as soon as possible. It requires a new front door, back door, windows, bannisters, hole in the bedroom ceiling since foam was pumped in as part of the insulation programme, hole in the kitchen ceiling as a result of leak from bathroom. DCC informed family that no works would be carried out since she is on the transfer list. This is unacceptable particularly in light of the fact that her son has special needs and these housing conditions are having a very negative effect on his physical and mental health.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance local area depot have confirmed that the windows and doors were measured on 15/8/23 and sent to the Joinery Workshop for manufacture. And we will follow up for an installation date. We have no report of any issues with the bannister nor do we have any reports of leaks in the kitchen and bathroom. However, we have logged all of these now for inspection and all necessary works will be carried out.

Housing Maintenance depot confirmed that none of their staff issued above statement in relation to a transfer and we treat maintenance requests and transfer matters as two separate issues.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding was spent on management fees for Part V units in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and what is the projected spend on management fees for 2024?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines the spend on Part V unit management fees from 2019 – 2024.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual Part V Total
2019	€31,000						€31,000
2020	€31,000	€46,000					€77,000
2021	€31,000	€46,000	€151,710				€228,710
2022	€31,000	€46,000	€151,710	€176,200			€404,910
2023	€31,000	€46,000	€151,710	€176,200	€84,000*		€488,910
2024	€31,000	€46,000	€151,710	€176,200	€84,000*	€50,000*	€538,910

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned insulation programme of City Council residential properties in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and Crumlin. Please include how many units have been completed to date and what units will be included in the works programme for 2024.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Phase one of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting targeted houses of cavity wall construction and the tender/rollout was spread across each of the five city areas. Consequently, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of houses that were upgraded in the Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and Crumlin areas, however, we can confirm that 2,114 units were upgraded in the South Central Area and 961 units were upgraded in the South East Area under Phase One of the programme. Phase one is now complete.

With regards to the current Phase 2 of the programme, it is targeted at houses of solid/hollow block construction and the tender/rollout is spread across the eleven electoral areas into respective lots. Consequently, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of houses that were upgraded in the Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and Crumlin areas however we can confirm that 86 units have been upgraded in Lot 9 which is the Ballyfermot West Area, 279 units have been upgraded in Lot 10 which is the Ballyfermot East/Drimnagh/Part Crumlin Areas and 142 units have been upgraded in Lot 11 which is the Kimmage/Rathmines/Pembroke/Part Crumlin Areas.

The number of homes that will be retrofitted under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in 2024 will be determined by our funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, which we have yet to receive. In line with Departmental guidelines for the programme, we are required to submit an annual works programme to the Department for review and approval of same. The works programme is normally requested by the Department in Q1 of each calendar year. Our 2024 works programme is currently being compiled and will be subject to Departmental approval on submission of same. Consequently, the areas/properties which will be

submitted in our 2024 works programme have yet be finalised, however, the works will be citywide and will be spread across all areas in as equal and as fair a manner as possible.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his plans for the future of the City Morgue building across the road from Busárus at 3 Store Street, Dublin 1, D01R638.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The property at 3 Store Street, Dublin 1 is owned by Dublin City Council. The building is operated as the Coroners Court by the Department of Justice. There are no future plans to change the use of the building.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what powers are available to him to phase out the use of above-ground utility wires such as electricity and telephone cables in the city, and in particular can he phase out the use of above-ground electricity cables for street lighting on residential streets?”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The phasing out of the use of above ground utility wires is a matter for the utilities themselves, such as ESB Networks and Telephone providers and so on. Dublin City Council has no powers available to it to force utilities to phase out their use. In general the continued use of above ground utility cables and wires really only applies to those older estates and roads that already have above ground utility cables and wires. Where projects arise, as in new developments, on existing roads that have these over ground utility cables opportunities to remove the over ground utility infrastructure may be captured under planning conditions associated with these developments. Over ground Utility cables and wires isn’t an issue in new green field developments, such as new roads and residential estates, where it is standard practice for all utility services to be located underground.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive outline what steps he has taken to address the significant under-use and dereliction of buildings including Protected Structures from 18-25 Aungier Street, Dublin 2?”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

20, 21, 22-24 and 25 Aungier Street:

The Conservation Section confirm that there are open Buildings at Risk Files for the structures at 19-20, 21, 22-24 and 25 Aungier Street. The Buildings at Risk Officer prepares reports for all structures on this list outlining the steps to be taken by the owners to bring the structures out of endangerment.

22, 23, 23A, 24 Aungier Street:

Planning permission was granted in May 2019 (DCC Reg. Ref. 4170/18 and ABP-303453-19) for the redevelopment of 22, 23 (incorporating 23A), and 24 Aungier Street (Protected Structures), and No. 40 Bow Lane East, Dublin 2 for hotel accommodation, bar/restaurant and retail/cafe development to be incorporated within the historic structures to be utilised by the Bow Lane Hotel.

25 Aungier Street:

No. 25 Aungier Street has recently been added to the Derelict Sites Register. As part of this process the Buildings at Risk Officer outlines the steps to be taken to bring the structure out of endangerment.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if a contingency plan is in place for public toilets when the cafe/ toilet set up doesn't work. As per the case in Eamon Ceannt park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

From experience we know that if public toilets do not have full time oversight and supervision they inevitably become unusable because of mis-use and abuse. If the café is not in place we do not have another option for full time oversight and our staff are fully employed on parks maintenance operations.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for the appropriate trimming of trees along the length of Sean Moore Road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks will arrange an inspection of the trees mentioned above and will schedule any works deemed necessary in due course.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could install lighting along the path on Sean Moore Road along Sean Moore Park from the entrance to Clanna Gael down to Beach Road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A response will issue to the Councillor on this matter within two weeks.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could provide a cost estimate for the resurfacing of the housing lanes off Bremen Rd, Bremen Grove, Kyle-Clare Rd, Cymric Rd, Pine Rd, Clonlara Rd, Leukos Rd, Isolda Rd; if he could arrange for same

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will carry out a survey of the lanes in question and arrange any required reinstatement.

Any pruning required will also be done by Housing. On completion we will open up the possibility of handing the laneways over to the private residents here through dialogue with our Area Office.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for the cleaning and repaving/flattening of the pathway between Bremen road and pine road; if he could provide a cost estimate for same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks will investigate this request with a view to including as part of Parks Improvements Programme 2024.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a housing inspection of (**Details supplied**) where the tenant has reported issues with the front windows are broken and that an element for immersion was left here but nobody ever returned to fit it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Maintenance Area Maintenance Officer will examine the matter and all necessary works will be undertaken. The depot has also logged a call for the installation of the immersion at this property.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a Full maintenance inspection at (details supplied) where the tenant has reported several issues which have been affecting the health of her and her children. There is a leak coming from the upstairs property. The heating has not worked properly since moving in and there are issues with the vents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance local area depot have no record of any leak being reported by the tenant from the property above. We will log this now for inspection and all necessary works will be undertaken. The heating system is due to be re-piped and this should resolve the issues here. The vents in the windows are broken and the depot are going to install vents in the walls to address this.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the consultation activities conducted for the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Way with residents of Strandville Avenue, Strandville Place, Bessborough Avenue, Xavier Avenue, Bayview Avenue, Nottingham Street, Waterloo Avenue, Charleville Avenue, Northbrook Avenue and Northbrook Terrace that resulted in the removal of bus stops on North Strand Road, Dublin 3. Furthermore please provide information on consultations with groups representing disabled people and those with mobility challenges in the locality.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are aware of particular items raised in relation to the removal of bus stops on North Strand Road, specifically at Strandville Avenue and Bayview Avenue. The C2CC Project Team are in discussion with the National Transport Authority (NTA), and over the next few months all potential options are being investigated and assessed. When this assessment is complete, a report on the findings and changes, if any, will be forwarded the Area Committee Members.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to outline any plans for the area known as the Meadows on Ossory Road, North Dock, Dublin 3 and to consider the installation of a public Sensory Garden to support the City Councils ambition to be an Autism Friendly Capital City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service has been in communication with the Councillor in relation to this question and will be in further communication with her.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to install public seating in the green space bound by the Tolka river to the south and Violet Hill Drive and Park to the north. The space is a wonderful recreation facility but with an older age cohort in the immediate area the lack of seating is an access issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks services will list this proposal for consideration and inclusion in the NW Parks improvement programme 2024.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of the full Housing list for Dublin City Council in a tabular form as of the end of October 2023

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see attached Quarterly report that was circulated recently.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the finishing works will be completed at Ventry Park, Dublin 7. The gate area needs completion and the entire area surrounding needs to be cleaned of rubbish and leaves. Can I also request an official opening for the finally fully finished park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks service will arrange for an inspection of the entranceway and ensure any maintenance issues are rectified. Park services will liaise with the local area office regards scheduling an official opening of the Park.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the skate park planned for John Paul 2 park at the Bogies, Dublin 7 will commence? Planned since before the pandemic, there seems to have been no progress with this much needed and frequently requested facility.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC will undertake a review of facilities (including the existing skate park) at Cabra Parkside Community Sports Centre in 2024. This will be undertaken with the intention of developing and implementing a programme of capital upgrades and improvements. Proposals will be presented to the area committee in 2024.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on when all requested works and additions might be expected in Ashington Park. These include the installation of outdoor exercise equipment, repainting of goalposts, reinstating of the basketball nets. Replacement of trees removed during station works and a fence for the tennis court. All facilities currently provided to other parks in the area and Ashington should not be an exception

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regard to installation of gym equipment at Ashington Park, a contractor has been appointed and works are scheduled to commence next Tuesday 6th December. The painting of the goalpost was completed earlier in the year. 22no. additional trees were planted following station works at Ashington, this was thought to be sufficient amount of planting to complement existing planting and for an open space of this size. Parks will continue to monitor tree stock and add to this as required.

Ashington Park is an open residential open space. Unmanned facilities such as this tarmac court area are generally left open to reduce antisocial element and sense of ownership that fenced off areas often invite. Park service do not have any plans to erect fencing at this location currently.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the trees at Riverston, Dublin 7, lost to disease, will be fully replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park services provided a detailed programme for replanting of trees in the Riverston area following tree removal. It was agreed that replanting would take place over a 3-5 year period. Parks services planted 36no. Trees during our 22/23 winter planting programme. A further 6no. Trees will be planted in early 2024 once tree orders are secured from our supplier.

Q.66 **COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Glenveagh intend to commence the construction of the proposed signalised junction at the entrance to the residential development at (**Details supplied**) in Jan 2024 with operation of this junction anticipated for Q2/Q3 2024. These works are front loaded in their delivery programme to alleviate impact of construction traffic on the existing road network and ensure the junction is operation well in advance of the development being occupied.

The dwellings located in Phase 1B, 1C and Phases 2.1 to 2.4 of the scheme will make use of this junction to enter and exit this site. Phase 1A will join to the existing road network at Lorcan Park. The remaining issues raised are outside the control of this development site and the development proposal itself. The Traffic Forum is being run by the Local Area Office.

The North Central area office arranged a traffic summit in October. Unfortunately, only two members of the (**Details supplied**) consultative forum were available to attend. Accordingly, we are currently liaising with the Traffic Department and will be in touch with local councillors and members of the consultative forum shortly, with a view to holding a traffic summit early in the New Year.

Q.67 **COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding footpath:

a) There needs to be a pathway constructed from (**Details supplied**) numerous residents use this walkway which is impossible to walk through in winter due to being very mucky and dangerous

b) Can an audit be carried out of the state of the footpaths in (**Details supplied**) some require repair. Also, can they be swept a lot more regularly?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter will be investigated and considered for inclusion in the prioritised schedule of Parks works. In regard to part B of the question the Councillor will have to provide additional information regarding the exact location to enable Road Maintenance to provide a reply.

Q.69 **COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

Also, can the CEO contact the owners of the lands and advise them of the motion that was unanimously passed by the city council for enterprise & employment to take place on these lands and ask the owners about their future ownership plans.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lands referenced at (**details supplied**) are in private ownership. Any employment feasibility study regarding the use of these lands or relating to the Enterprise & Employment designation would be a matter for the owners of these lands, if they chose to carry out such a study in line with their own future plans for this land.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what action he has taken to render the shop unit that is vacant for many years at the junction of 109 Capel Street and Little Britain Street, Dublin 1, D01 ET67. In particular can he provide me with details of any:

-Planning Permissions granted on the site, including uses of the ground and upper floors,

-Commencement Notices lodged,

-Fire Certificates granted,

-Commercial rates paid on the building,

-Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, and

-Vacant site levy notices issued under Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

In summary, can he outline what actions he has taken to tackle vacancy in this important property on a street that the local authority has invested in heavily in recent years?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DFB has records for two fire safety certificates granted in 1993 and 1994_ at this address namely;-

F929/94; - CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BASEMENT AND GROUND FLOOR RESTAURANT TO 2 RETAIL UNITS

F420/93; - CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BASEMENT AND GROUND FLOOR, RESTAURANT TO 2 NO. RETAIL UNITS, CHANGE OF USE OF PART 1ST FLOOR RESTAURANT TO RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION, ALTERATIONS TO 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD FLOOR TO CONVERT 7 EXISTING RESIDENTIAL UNITS TO 9 APARTMENTS

Commercial Rates

The building at the junction of 109 Capel Street and Little Britain Street, Dublin 1 was not listed by the Valuation Office on the valuation list following the revaluation of Dublin City in 2014 as it was considered to be incapable of beneficial occupation. Therefore there are no commercial rates currently levied on this building.

There are no recent Planning Permissions granted for this site, the most recent dated from 1993 to 1996. No commencement notices have been lodged.

The Derelict Sites Unit has no active file on this property. It will arrange to have it inspected and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of their condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

The Vacant Sites Unit has no file on this property and vacant site levy notices have not issued under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015. The site is not on the Draft or Supplemental RZLT Map, a new tax measure that will in time replace the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR MICHEAL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to consult with councillors on a DCC commitment to improving public lighting and the streetscape. This commitment was outlined in a briefing document presented at a meeting on 22nd November with Minister McEntee on the introduction of community safety partnerships."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The briefing document on this has been received by the Public Lighting Department and once internal discussions have been concluded an update will be issued to the councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made on the extension of all bus lanes to 24 hours and what steps will be taken in the coming 12 months

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bus priority team is reviewing bus lane operational times throughout the city. While 24-hour operation is the most advantageous, implementing it is not always possible due to the need for a business loading window. The team will continue to expand bus lane hours of operation wherever possible.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what progress was made to stop procurement of HP goods in response to Council vote in previous term.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The award of public procurement contracts are governed by EU Public Procurement Directives. Revised Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council were transposed into Irish law in 2017. This Directive addresses the procurement of goods and services.

The core principles of EU Procurement are transparency, equal treatment, open competition, and sound procedural management. They are designed to achieve a procurement market that is competitive, open, and well regulated. This is essential for putting public funds to good use.

The Directive contains strict rules around the principles of treating all economic operators equally, without discrimination by acting in a transparent and proportionate manner.

Failure to conduct Public Procurement in keeping with these principles or the Directive could result in penalties being imposed on the Contracting Authority, including financial penalties.

The Directive (Article 57) provides specific grounds for the exclusion of economic operators including, for example;

Participation in a criminal organisation

Corruption or fraud

Terrorist offences

Money laundering or terrorist financing

Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings

This is a non-exhaustive list - see Article 57 below for full list of exclusion grounds).

Contracting authorities are required to exclude economic operators from participation in a procurement procedure where they have established, by verifying in accordance with Articles 59, 60 and 61, or are otherwise aware that that economic operator has been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for one of the reasons stated above.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made to implement a traffic school to help young people and others practice learning the rules of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Environment and Transportation Department, in partnership with the Micromobility unit and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, is actively engaged in the search for a suitable location to establish a Mobility Educational School. This facility aims to educate children on safe cycling practices within Dublin City. The councillor will be updated on securing a suitable location for the Mobility Educational School.

An update on the progress will be issued for the January 2024 City Council Meeting.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive repair the pothole and cracked surface in the ramp at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be carried out by the local Inspector and any defects identified during the inspection will be scheduled for repair when a works crew is available in the area (Enquiry Ref 11148530).

The current 2023 Resurfacing Programme is closed and the budget is exhausted. This area will be considered for repair as part of the 2024 Resurfacing programme, under the localised Ramp repairs carried out each year.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MAOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive can the tree outside (1.**details supplied**) be inspected? The tree is causing significant pavement and wall damage due to roots and the stump at (2.**details supplied**) needs to be removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of the above tree will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to review the speed limit on **(Details supplied)** is 60km/h appropriate given the location and the proximity of houses, a school and a football club?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is currently under review and an update will be issued for the January 2024 City Council Meeting.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the height of the trees in **(details supplied)** they are very tall and branches blow in to gardens during storms.

EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks services have inspected these trees and satisfied that the subject trees are a sufficient distance from the adjoining properties. These residents can exercise their legal right to maintain the boundary of their property prune back any overhanging branches to the boundary line. Parks services will not be undertaking this work. All tree works are carried out on a prioritised basis subject to available budget.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed resurfacing upgrade of Ratoath Road (between Ratoath Avenue and Westwood Road).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location in Councillor Connaghan's question was not scheduled or included as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Works Programme. This budget is now exhausted with no further works planned.

Ratoath Road, between the junctions of Ratoath Avenue and Westwood Road, will be investigated and considered for the 2024 Resurfacing Works Programme.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for extra parking for the Poppintree Parade shops to be installed at the green open space (Balbutcher Lane/ Poppintree Lane/Poppintree Terrace. There is limited parking here at the shops and extra space would alleviate congestion in front of the shops.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In line with DCC's Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 it is not Dublin City Council's policy to remove areas/spaces in order to provide additional parking spaces.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a filter light (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ITS section in DCC have reviewed the operation of the signal timings at the location in question and adjusted the all red signal following (**Details supplied**) movements (above the safety minimum requirements) to allow extra time for vehicles waiting beyond the stop line to turn right at the end of the traffic phase. (When **Details supplied** movements stop)

We have also made some other adjustments via the SCATS traffic management system to allow increased green signal time for (**Details supplied**) which may assist with queuing and facilitate an increased number of gaps in traffic for vehicles making right turn movements.

Please note that as part of our review we have contacted AGS in Coolock for further details on the road traffic collision to inform any future plans for the junction. We note also that Active Travel are planning a future cycling / walking scheme through this junction which may impact available space for filter lanes. Please note there are no drawings available for this scheme as yet.

The assessment of Dublin City Council's ITS section remains that any introduction of right turn filters signals / right turn signal phasing will reduce the available green signal timings along the main (**Details supplied**) and thus increase public transport journey times, delaying hundreds of passengers, contrary to Dublin City Council policy to prioritise sustainable modes of transportation.

However, following the raising of road safety concerns by local public representatives, a count of traffic / pedestrian movements at this junction will be arranged to assess any requirement for an upgrade of traffic signal operation.

It is anticipated that this traffic / pedestrian count would be undertaken early in the New Year. The operation of the traffic signals will again be assessed once the results of the traffic count are received and a report on findings / decisions will be circulated.

Thank you for your query.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding lack of car parking (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of DCC's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 DCC do not provide additional locations/spaces for private vehicles to park. If the residents of (**Details supplied**) wish to formalise current parking arrangements they can do so by applying for a residential parking scheme. Full details can be found by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

Q.83 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding tree pruning (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

According to our records, Parks services carried out a programme of tree pruning to the London plane trees along (**Details supplied**) in early 2020. The next programme of contracted pruning works are scheduled for 2025 subject to survey and available budget.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park Services will arrange for an inspection of (**Details supplied**) and list any vacant tree pits or planting opportunities ahead of tree orders next year.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update as to the current works associated with the (**Details Attached**); the works that are happened, what is planned and how long will they take to complete?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

MCD Construction are currently on site and we expect that the construction will be complete in Q1 2024.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when (**Details Attached**) will be allocated and what is the nature of the delay to their allocation

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was a delay in signing tenants to these units as the heating system required additional and unanticipated works. Units are being tenanted as individual apartments are signed off for letting.

Some units from the first phase are tenanted and we expect to continue lettings as the heating upgrades progress.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the leaves in (**Details Attached**) are removed the paths cleaned by December 4th next.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Service cleared the leaves and cleaned the paths in (**Details Attached**) on the 24th November 2023.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive when the public consultation on the draft Markets Public Realm and Traffic Plan will take place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Draft Markets Area Plan proposes change to kerb lines and path widths in order to enhance pedestrian environment. All Dublin City Council Stakeholders have been consulted. In light of Members observations at the Area Committee, Traffic Dept. will

be asked for additional input. It is proposed to hold local stakeholder and residents consultations in January 2024 when the draft document is available.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive Whether, as outlined in the 2022-27 Dublin City Council Play Strategy and provided for under Temporary Minor Street Play Orders as per the 2013 DCC Traffic and Transport SPC, prioritise outdoor street play for children in Dublin Central by 1. Re-instating the Play Officer role and 2. Forming a Street Play Committee made up of local political and community representatives, community Gardaí, local area officials and other interested parties such as school boards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A response will issue to the Councillor on this matter within two weeks.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the Council's policy with regard to replacement cover for maternity or other long term sick leave

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council does not hold recruitment campaigns to cover absences on any type of leave. Work is prioritised and redistributed amongst teams, or where required and feasible, such temporary absences can be filled by local acting arrangements.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to request an update from the OPW regarding the unused site between Hammond Lane and the Luas lines and whether it can be used for a greening project while lying unused for the benefit of local residents and tourists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office will write to the OPW and revert to Cllr. Byrne once a response is received.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council could establish parking attendants during Croke Park events to address illegal parking which is preventing local residents from finding parking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Events at Croke Park are monitored by The Parking Enforcement team and are attended by Dublin Street Parking Services. At events where the capacity of the stadium is expected to be high extra patrols and enforcement staff are deployed. There is ongoing meetings and communication between Croke Park Events Management Team, Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána in relation to events. Illegal parking can be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services at info@DSPS.ie or 01 6022500.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are pleased to confirm that the address provided is a property which is eligible for upgrade works under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme, subject to a site survey.

The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion, which is 12,000 houses approximately. The timeframe for this will be

dependent on the annual allocation of funding received. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide or confirm an accurate timeframe for upgrade works to commence on any individual property. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in as equal and as fair a manner as possible and intend to increase the number of properties that we undertake. We do plan however to carry out a site survey in 2024 on the aforementioned property above and subject to the level of Departmental funding we receive, we would hope to include it in our 2025 programme of works.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive can a review of the public lighting at (**details supplied**) please take place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the street lighting on (**details supplied**) will be carried out. Under the Lighting Upgrade project these street lights will eventually be upgraded to LED street lights although an exact timeframe cannot be provided at this time. In the meantime the existing street lights will continue to be maintained in accordance with our current maintenance regimes.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if an update could be provided on the below correspondence (details supplied) to Road Maintenance in 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area was assessed by Road Maintenance Services, and while it is agreed that surface water is present, sufficient drainage is in place for surface water run-off at this location, albeit at a reduced rate to the surrounding area. This is as a result of the surrounding verge profile in the area, where the footpath is a low spot between two grass verges on either side. With this in mind, this would be an issue for the Parks Department, as any change in the profile of the adjacent verge would be carried out under their remit. While the area has been monitored following the residents query, no further correspondence has been brought to Road Maintenance Services attention in the intervening period from when this query was first raised in 2019.

Road Maintenance Services are aware of the concern of the resident and will continue to monitor the area and liaise with the Parks Department if required, going forward.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the grass verges subcommittee that was set up last year and how the €650,000 allocated in the recent budget will be managed to ensure that public grass verges are cut next year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting will be arranged in the New Year in relation to this matter.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he would write to the Courts Service to ask for an active traffic management plan and information campaign to encourage legal staff and Gardai attending the CCJ to use active travel and therefore reduce congestion and illegal parking in the area

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will organise to contact the Courts service as requested.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to assess the feasibility to piloting traffic noise cameras as used in the UK and pilot this on Queen Street and other congested streets in the Central Area

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic department will investigate this technology to see if there is an application in Dublin.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if a snow and ice strategy can be expanded to cover more footpaths and cycle paths as in previous years there was very little gritting and snow removal done on these areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services Division has prepared its '*Winter Maintenance Plan*' for the forthcoming winter season. In accordance with this '*Plan*', Road Maintenance Services' primary focus will be on the treatment of 300km of the City's main roads when freezing conditions and/or snow has been forecast. This equates to approximately twenty-five percent of the overall road network in the City Council's administrative area. It includes the main public transport corridors and bus routes, the main routes to the City's principal hospitals, access to Dublin Port, the main route from the City to the airport, access to the main bus, Luas and train stations, access to the City Council's depots and salt storage facilities and access to the fire stations.

These routes are prioritised in order to ensure that public transport services are maintained across the City to the greatest extent possible, that there is continued access to the City's main hospitals, that emergency services can safely traverse the City's main roads, that the delivery of essential supplies, such as food and medicines, can continue, insofar as possible, to supermarkets, shops, pharmacies and businesses.

Key elements of the '*Plan*' include:

Rosters are in place for Duty Engineers to monitor forecasted weather conditions and predicted road surface conditions on a daily basis utilising Vaisala Manager, Transport Infrastructure Ireland's weather system.

Rosters are in place for the Division's Engineers, Inspectors, Drivers, Fitters and General Operatives that may be called upon to manage and deliver the Winter Maintenance Plan.

Ten gritters and five snow ploughs are available to the Division for the purpose of gritting and snow clearance. Additional fleet and machinery that may be utilised by the Division include lorries, JCBs and 4 wheeled drive vehicles.

Twenty-five salt bins will soon be placed at strategic locations across the city and these will be used by operational staff to spread salt locally should the need arise.

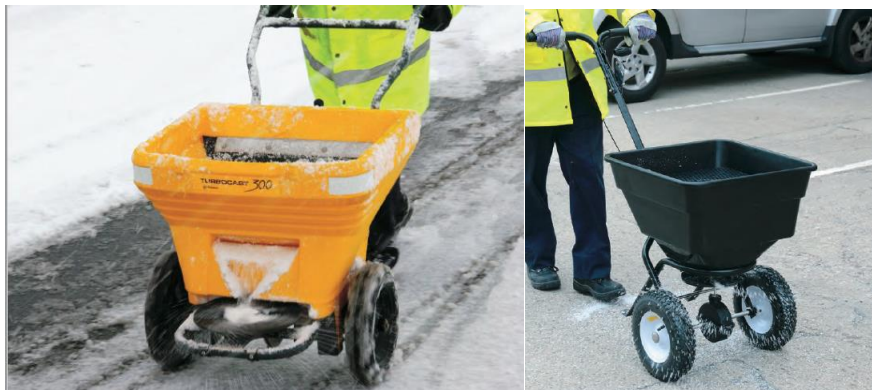
Approximately 2,100 tonnes of salt is in storage in three depots across the city. Furthermore arrangements are in place with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to secure additional salt at short notice in the event that it is required.

Dublin City Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team will convene upon issue of a weather warning from Met Éireann. As severe weather events are dynamic in their

nature, and this team will adapt the City Council’s response based on the prevailing weather conditions, the condition of the roads and footpaths, ensuring the health and safety of staff, availability of resources, the critical needs of the City and other priority functions that the City Council will need to continue to deliver.

During periods where there is severe ice on the footpaths and/or snow, staff from Dublin City Council’s other operational Divisions, such as Waste Management Services, Parks and Drainage Divisions, will requested to provide support to Road Maintenance Services. In this regard they will be responsible for spreading salt on footpaths and/or removing snow from footpaths at priority locations. This includes footpaths adjacent to public transport hubs, footpaths with high pedestrian footfall and footpaths adjacent the main hospitals.

Additional plant has been procured since the 2022/2023 winter season, to allow operational staff spread salt swiftly, efficiently and safely on footpaths at priority locations. Please see images below:



Additional points:

Whilst the treatment of our main roads and footpaths improves their condition and safety during periods of severe snow and ice, it does not guarantee that they will be completely clear of ice. There is an increased risk of slips and falls and therefore injury during these periods. It is therefore important that Dublin City Council continues to communicate and convey the message that people should exercise caution during these periods, that they should consider the risks before making a decision on whether or not they should make a journey and by what means they make that journey.

Spreading salt on footpaths is a relatively slow and labour intensive activity. In the interest of pedestrian safety and in the interest of protecting footpaths, Road

Maintenance Services is not in favour of vehicles, such as ‘quads’ driving on footpaths to spread salt.

When the City Council’s resources are directed to assist in the response to snow and ice events, it means the staff, plant and machinery assigned to this response are no longer available to deliver their core duties. Consequently normal core duties either cannot be performed or must be deferred to be performed at another time. For example, Waste Management Services staff reassigned to winter maintenance duties will not be available to empty bins or collect litter from the City’s streets for the period they are assisting with snow and ice clearance. Similarly, Road Maintenance Services’ staff, lorries, plant and machinery will not be available to repair defects on the road and footpath network. The delay or non-performance of these tasks can lead to other concerns and issues for the City Council.

Any proposals to increase the scope of the ‘Winter Maintenance Plan’ will require an additional budget to be made available to Road Maintenance Services, to allow for the procurement of additional plant and machinery and the appointment of additional staff. Dublin City generally has mild conditions during with winter season. Periods of severe snow and ice are generally infrequent and when they do arrive they generally only last for a relatively short period of time. Dublin City Council’s Winter Maintenance Plan and Severe Weather Plans have, in the main, served the City Council very well during periods of severe weather.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Roads Department, regarding the enquiry about ongoing challenges residents are facing in connection with on street parking in York Road, Rathmines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A Residential Parking Permit Scheme was introduced on York Road in 2002. Any new schemes introduced are usually given a 6 month period from the date the scheme commences where only residents of the particular road can apply for permits. After this time there is the possibility that residents of other streets can request a street if for example there are traffic restrictions on the road outside their property. A number of permits were issued to non-residents as far back as 2008 for York Road. We have reviewed the permits and have arranged to remove York Road from some of these permits where possible. As with most Residential Parking Schemes there will still be a number of non-residents who will retain their permit on York Road but we have ensured that no further permits will issue for York Road to non-residents in the future.

Q101 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Traffic Section, re the enquirers regarding the Dolphin’s Barn Bridge, necessity for a safe cycle lane system.

As noted, there was an immediate risk 6th November 2023 when a cyclist died following a collision between an e-bike and a lorry in Dolphin’s Barn.

In 2019 when I was meeting people in that area, they all asked for Dolphin’s Barn Bridge to be revised more safely by Dublin City Council.

Also, can the Public Transport staff notify the NTA about this issue as well.

I understand Active Travel have brought the issue on to Traffic Section to projects under construction for Dolphin’s Barn Bridge. Also, notified that An Bord Pleanala has a delay on this system to be resolved.

Can Traffic Section deal with interim measures in the meantime as per enquiries from locals?

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Roads Department in regard to the enquiries on Derravaragh Road, Terenure, re new cul de sac, blocking access.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bus connects schemes have undergone a significant public consultation processes.

Three rounds of public consultation were undertaken. Community forums were carried out to allow two-way communication between the NTA and community members. The statutory planning application for the Kimmage to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme was submitted to An Board Pleanála. This consultation is now closed, and a decision is due shortly.

No access is being cut off; some new routing might be required to undertake some journeys.

I have included a drawing of the proposal:



