

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive (**Details Supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following request from a member of the public (**Details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive .to arrange for an inspection of (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of the benches in Mellows Park on a trial basis, to see if there will be a reduction in anti-social activity in the park. There have been many incidents reported including setting of fires close to the benches.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to ongoing antisocial activity at the location of the benches and following various complaints from local residents Park Services will remove benches from Mellows Park.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the window at (**details supplied**) be repaired.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this councillor with the following information is the land at the rear of (**details supplied**) Dublin City Council owned.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the continuous flooding on (**Details supplied**) and address the problem. This road floods when we have heavy rainfall.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

How much money did Dublin City Council waste on overseas trips for the purposes of St. Patrick's Day for the past 3 years (2014/2015/2016) and to give me a line by line account of all moneys spent?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has not spent any money on overseas trips for St Patrick's Day.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

Are Dublin City Council 'cooking the books' in regards to housing completions in all housing reports for proposed council housing? For example putting voids back into use does not provide any additional social housing, neither does the regeneration/refurbishment of Dolphin House or other such projects. Will Dublin City Council give more accurate figures in the future.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All completions of housing are provided for in the Housing Programme and we report in accordance with this programme. The various means through which these completions are delivered are broadly categorised as New Build, Rapid Build, General Acquisitions, Part V Acquisitions and Regeneration. Dolphin House regeneration includes demolitions, refurbishments and construction of new units and we therefore report completions in accordance with these criteria.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

How much money has been spent / wasted to date on overseas trips abroad for the purposes of St. Patrick's Day 2017 and to give me a line by line breakdown of all monies spent?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

To date, Dublin City Council has not committed to spending any money on overseas trips for St Patrick's Day 2017.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

Could this Councillor have a list of every Dublin City Council employee from the rank of Senior Executive Officer to Chief Executive inclusive and every grade in between that has a directorship as a result of their role as a Dublin City Council official and how much remuneration they get as a result of their role as a director.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

<b>DCC Employee</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>
Dick Brady	Assistant Chief Executive	Ballymun Regeneration Ltd	None
Paul Clegg	Executive Manager	Grand Canal Harbour Management company	None
Paul Clegg	Executive manager	Docklands Affordable Housing Limited	None
Enda Currid	Professional Accountant	Ringsend Tolls Bridge DAC	None
Dave Dinnigan	Executive Manager	Northside Partnership	None
Peter Finnegan	Executive Manager	Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership Board	None
Ali Grehan	City Architect	Parnell Square Foundation	None
Ali Grehan	City Architect	PSQ Development Ltd	None
Owen Keegan	Chief Executive	Digital Hub Development Agency	None
Owen Keegan	Chief Executive	National Transportation Authority	None
Owen Keegan	Chief Executive	Local Government Management Agency	None
Owen keegan	Chief Executive	Ballymun	None

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		Regeneration Ltd	
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive	Ballymun Regeneration Ltd	None
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive	Ireland Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme Ltd	None
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive	Fishamble Music Designated Activity Company	None
Brendan Kenny	Deputy Chief Executive	Irish Film Centre Development Ltd	None
Rose Kenny	Executive Manager	Dublin City Business Improvement District trading as Dublin Town	None
Aidan Maher	Senior Executive Officer	Dublin North West Area Partnership	None
Aidan Maher	Senior Executive Officer	Finglas Cabra Local Drug & Alcohol Taskforce	None
John O'Hara	A/City Planner	Grangegorman Development Agency	None
Terence O'Keeffe	Law Agent	Ballymun Regeneration Ltd	None
Bruce Phillips	Senior Executive Officer	Canal Communities Partnership Board (Name in CRO for this company is The Bluebell, Inchicore, Islandbridge, Kilmainham and Rialto Partnership Company Limited)	None
Bruce Phillips	Senior executive Officer	F2 Centre & Enterprise Management Board	None
Bruce Phillips	Senior Executive Officer	The Liberty Business Forum Limited	None
Mary Pyne	Director	Ballymun Regeneration Ltd	
Mary Taylor	Senior Executive Officer	Young Ballymun	None
Mary Taylor	Senior Executive Officer	Ballymun Drugs Taskforce	None

Mary Taylor	Senior Executive Officer	Innovate Dublin Communities	None
Mary Taylor	Senior Executive Officer	Ballymun Arts & Community Resource Centre	None
Mary Taylor	Senior Executive Officer	Wambrook	None
Declan Wallace	A/Assistant Chief Executive	Temple Bar Cultural Trust Ltd	None
Declan Wallace	A/Assistant Chief Executive	Nor Dub Co	None
Declan Wallace	A/Assistant Chief Executive	Little Museum	None
Declan Wallace	A/Assistant Chief Executive	Parnell Square Foundation	None
Leslie Moore	City Parks Superintendant	Dublin Northside Attractions (DNA)	None
Shauna Mc Intyre	Manager	Federation of Irish Sport	None
Jim Beggan	Acting Executive Manager	Dublin City Sports & Leisure Services CLG	None
Ray Yeates	Arts Officer	Axis Ballymun	None
Ray Yeates	Arts Officer	Fishamble Music Ltd	None
Ray Yeates	Arts Officer	Irish Film Centre	None
Greg Swift	Head of Local Enterprise	Plato Dublin	None
Greg Swift	Head of Local Enterprise	Plato Ireland	None
Greg Swift	Head of Local Enterprise	Inner City Enterprise Centre	None
Greg Swift	Head of Local Enterprise	Guinness Enterprise Centre	None
Greg Swift	Head of Local Enterprise	Dublin Start up Commissioner	None
Vincent Norton	Executive Manager	St Patrick's Festival	None
Brendan O'Brien	Executive Manager	Ringsend Toll Bridge DAC	None

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the precise basis on which the sensor based traffic lights at Greenlea Place which joins Terenure Road West operates and in particular if the Chief Executive has a record of traffic light sequence at this location on Saturday Feb 11th from 13.00pm to 14.30pm.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic signals at the junction of Terenure Road West and Greenlea Road are operated using three loop detectors (two on Terenure Road West and one on Greenlea Road) and one video detector (Greenlea Place). The sequence of traffic movements is as follows: green for Terenure Road West, green for Greenlea Road,

green for Greenlea Place, green for pedestrians. There is no communication link with this site, therefore no records of historic traffic signal sequences are available.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will seek to implement the following in relation to the Poolbeg Incinerator:

- A baseline air quality study. This to be conducted as a priority in order to establish baseline emission levels before the incinerator becomes operational.
- A publicly accessible online system to publish the results of a live emissions monitoring system which will include the information on emissions and volumes of waste incinerated and to be updated in real time.
- Shutdown of any stacks which exceed emission levels as set out by the EPA license until the source of the problem is identified and remedial action has been taken to ensure the emissions are below the levels as set out in the EPA license
- Make available publicly the methods and validation of the testing methods-
- A proper and prompt system of fines where any emissions exceed the levels outlined in the license
- Appointment of a DCC liaison officer to the community to allow residents to raise any and all concerns with the operation of the facility with particular reference to the upkeep of the road infrastructure approaching the facility, the preservation and enhancement of road safety as well as the mitigation of any road transport impacts arising from the facilities operation, (including the removal of any harmful by-products of the incineration process by road.)

To further ask the Chief Executive to contact the relevant Minister and the Environmental Protection Agency with a view to securing the powers necessary to implement the above if any or all of these requests are for what any reason outside the scope, authority or remit of the Chief Executive or Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In relation to the baseline air quality study, such a study normally entails the collection of data over a period of at least 12 months and usually over a period of approximately 2 years, to give an accurate representation of the ambient air quality and this time no longer exists as the facility is due to commence fully operation in Q3 2017. I would note that a comprehensive study on ambient air quality monitoring was undertaken by the EPA in 2013 and is available on their website.

It is proposed that the following information will be available on a continuous basis on the Dublin Waste to Energy website at half hourly intervals, for each of the two combustion lines:

- Total Dust
- Total Organic Carbon (TOC)
- Hydrogen Chloride (HCL)
- Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
- Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- Carbon Monoxide

The operator is also, conditioned under the EPA licence to report extensively on the volumes of waste processed at the facility.

The facility will operate under EPA Industrial Emission licence reference W0232-01 and must meet the emission limits as set out in the licence. The EPA as the competent statutory authority will be responsible for the enforcement of the licence granted by them.

Dublin City Council has appointed CDM Smith as an advisor for the construction and commissioning phase of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility, part of their role is to report on the commissioning of the facility including the facilities compliance with the statutory consents. These reports once completed will be public documents.

The EPA as the competent statutory authority will be responsible for the enforcement of the licence granted by them. However it is noted that the Project is being delivered as a Public Private Partnership and the contract provides for the levying of deductions in the event of any breach of the statutory requirements, including emissions.

Dublin City Council has a local information office for the Dublin Waste to Energy Project which is located in Ringsend Library, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 4. The office operates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and has been in operation since 2015.

I would note that the Dublin Waste to Energy project was required to receive a number of statutory consents prior to the commencement of construction, including a waste licence (now an Industrial Emission Licence) which was granted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the competent statutory authority in December 2008.

The EPA is also the competent statutory authority in Ireland responsible for environmental monitoring and the enforcement of Industrial Emission Licences granted by them.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive examine (**details supplied**)?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

That the Chief Executive carries out (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

Can the Chief Executive examine the possibility of putting a concealed entrance sign at the entrance to St. Canices grave yard Finglas West?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council, Environment & Transportation Department does not supply and erect concealed entrance / exit signs.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would install lighting around the Daniel O'Connell Statue on O'Connell Street, Dublin 1 given its focal point on the city's Main Street.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Two important factors of how we experience the O'Connell monument include its daytime character where every detail can be seen and enjoyed, and indeed interacted with as there is public seating on its south side. Its night-time view is characterised by an iconic silhouette. Flood lighting of the monument may negatively impact on the enjoyment of the public bench.

The desirability and practicalities of providing enhanced lighting of the O'Connell Monument was seriously considered in 2005 as part of the conservation works. It was agreed at the time that it was not desirable or achievable without the installation



of a well-considered scheme of lighting that would integrate, ground lighting, lighting within the statue and also perhaps some lighting from adjacent buildings.

It would be premature to give further consideration to this matter until after the LUAS works have been completed and the monument is cleaned according to conservation best practice.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if any progress has been made regards the Dept. of Environment lifting the embargo on staff positions of GO's and apprentices at DCC.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council continues to fill positions throughout the organisation subject to the business requirement and adequate finance being in place.

We are in negotiations with the trade unions in relation to restructuring and hope to proceed with the recruitment of general operatives and apprentices shortly.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would ask the Dept. of Environment to sign off on the approved members for the Docklands Board so as to allow its first meeting to take place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Docklands Oversight & Consultative Forum membership was approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 for a term of 3 years. Each newly appointed member will have received a letter of appointment from the Department. The Docklands Office proposes to hold the first meeting of the forum in mid March and invites will issue to the members in due course.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many public housing units will be built this year 2017 given the demand for houses and the demand for families who find themselves homeless not by their own fault.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Department are progressing the construction of 369 units at the following locations with expected completions in 2017. 124 of these units will be delivered through the Approved Housing Bodies.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>
Buttercup, Darndale	35
Charlemont (B1) (PPP)	79
St. Helena's Drive (Rapid)	40
Cherry Orchard (Rapid)	24
Belcamp (H) (Rapid)	38
Mourne Road (Rapid)	29
Annamore Court (AHB)	70
Broome Lodge (AHB)	43
St. Agathas Court (AHB)	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>369</b>

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to my question Number 47 of 1st February 2016 in relation to the need for an overarching strategic plan for the Drumcondra area with specific reference to the development of Institutional lands (the response to which was that a City Council in-house study on lands in Drumcondra was to be carried out) and if he will now report progress on same and say

A If the in house study by Planning & Property Development Dept is completed

B if copy of the study can be provided to me or summary of main chapters/findings can be outlined

C If the 2003 study was ever published and if same is available

D if the results of the study were taken into consideration in conjunction with the major residential applications as listed in original question and how planning decisions were influenced by same

E if statement can be made on the matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Grace Park Road Area: Implementing the Development Plan document is attached for information. This is a draft working document which has been prepared to ensure that any planning applications for the various institutional lands take on board development plan policy in relation to matters such as school provision, conservation, permeability networks, and open space provision in an integrated manner. It is also envisaged that the 'Implementing the Development Plan' document shall guide the preparation of masterplans under the Z15 zoning objective as appropriate. This document was prepared last year under the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017 and may need to be updated to take account of the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

The 2003 study included a series of site development briefs for the Drumcondra area. This study is c.14 years old and has been largely superseded by the approval of two city development plans which seek to optimise the use of scarce urban land including the provision of additional housing in the city.

The 'Implementing the Development Plan' draft document was prepared after the major applications at the former Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation (ref. 4105/15) and Saint Joseph's School (ref.2991/15) were submitted, and as such these decisions were made in accordance with the provisions of the development plan. The 'Implementing the Development Plan' document will be used to guide the assessment of relevant future applications to ensure they accord with the policies and objectives for the Development Plan

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to planning application given and the new one under consideration for lands at Hampton Convent, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra,

a) If Planning Enforcement has inspected the lands of late

b) If the recent dawn to dusk tree felling operation is in accordance with Planning Permission granted

- c) If access to staff from Planning Enforcement has been denied
- d) If the developer has moved in advance of recent application
- e) If the Council official considering the recent application has been made aware of recent tree felling
- f) If DCC has given approval to the developer to access the strip of land fronting Griffith Ave for pedestrians/cyclists and if so, say what has been negotiated as an annual cost in return for same
- g) If the issue at F above is not a decision for Councillors to make
- h) If the maintenance of this strip will be carried out by DCC in future and if annual cost of same can be estimated
- i) What DCC's plans for this strip of land are and what was original purpose of same when acquired in 1930?
- j) If any consideration was given to the protection of wildlife e.g. badgers and foxes which have occupied this land for generations
- k) If statement can be made on the matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the assessment of all aspects of the application An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission on 15 August 2016 for "... the provision of a total of 101 no. residential units, the part change of use and part conversion of existing Protected Structure and a new residential nursing home.

The development comprises:

(1) The demolition of existing 1 no. gate lodge dwelling 1 no. existing outbuilding / shed, and parts of Protected Structure;

(2) The part change of use and part conversion of the existing 2-3 storey Protected Structure from convent to residential use with existing church to be retained in full. Internal and external alterations / modifications to existing Protected Structure are also proposed to accommodate residential use. The Protected Structure will now comprise institutional / ecclesiastical and community use on ground, first and second floor with the remaining structure comprising 6 no. apartments (2 no. 1 bed, 2 no. 2 bed & 2 no. 3 bed units) and 3 no. 3 bed, 2 storey terraced dwellings. The existing 1 no. detached 2 bed bungalow associated with Protected Structure, part of walled garden and burial ground are to be retained with new wall to be constructed around burial ground. Alterations to boundary of walled garden are also proposed.

(3) The construction of 55 no. residential dwellings as follows; 8 no. semidetached 3 storey (2no. 4 bed & 6 no. 5 bed) dwellings, 47 no terraced 3 storey (16 no. 4 bed & 31 no. 5 bed) dwellings;

(4) The construction of 2 no. apartment blocks as follows- Block A - 3 storey with underground basement car park providing for 16 no. units (2 no. 1 bed apartment units 12 no. 2 bed apartment units and 2 no. 3 bed apartment duplex units) all with balconies; Block B- 4storey with underground basement car park providing for 20 no. units (2 no. 1 bed units, 16 no. 2 bed units & 2 no. 3 bed units) all with balconies;

- (5) The construction of a 4 storey, 69 bedroom residential nursing home with roof garden and associated ancillary / common facilities and office / administration areas;
- (6) The construction of 2 no. basement car parks - 1 no. serving apartment Block B and nursing home comprising 64 no. car parking spaces ( 30 no. designated for residential use and 34 no. spaces for nursing home) and 32 no. bicycle spaces, and 1 no. serving apartment Block A and units within existing Protected Structure comprising 35 no. car parking spaces and 22 no. bicycle spaces. 113 no. surface car parking spaces to serve dwellings. 6 no. surface visitor car parking spaces to serve institutional / ecclesiastical and community use ( total no. of spaces - 226);
- (7) Construction of 2 no. new vehicular and pedestrian access points on Grace Park Road with existing entrance to be closed. The provision for a new pedestrian / cyclist entrance onto Griffith Avenue;
- (8) 1 no. esb substation;
- (9) Boundary treatments including partial removal of boundary wall along Grace Park Road to provide sightlines and footpath, removal of later additions of boundary wall on Grace Park Road and Griffith Avenue with the existing stone / brick to be reused within development and the relocation of existing piers and gate for reuse within development;
- (10) Landscaping (including playground), engineering and all site development works necessary to facilitate the development.”

While it is not a requirement of the permission that all trees on the lands be retained Condition 2(c) of the permission granted in August 2016 requires that "all existing trees within the area of land incorporated into the public open space under condition number 2 (a) shall be retained." The condition further required revised drawings and proposals to comply with this condition to be submitted to the Council and agreed. Compliance proposals have been submitted and are under consideration.

The NPWS issued the applicants with a badger derogation licence and a bat derogation licence.

The approved development includes provision of a pedestrian and cycle only access from Griffith Avenue. The pedestrian and cycle entrance to the development is provided within the boundary of the site, while the route to this entrance will be provided across lands maintained by DCC. The applicant is required to undertake works to DCC requirements at his expense to provide a connection from Griffith Avenue to this access. This will allow the public on foot and on bike to access and move through the development. It is intended as an extension to the public pedestrian and cycling environment. This is in line with national and city policy which encourages permeability as a means of promoting active travel. It is also normal practice across the city to alter the street environment where required to facilitate access to new developments e.g. new junctions with existing public roads or accesses for vehicular entrances across footpaths. There is no disposal of lands involved and the land remains in charge of DCC. The exact details of the works are not agreed therefore the cost of provision and maintenance of same are not available. Notwithstanding this, it is envisaged that standard construction, material and maintenance costs will apply.

On 21 December 2016, two separate planning applications were received for proposed amendments to the approved scheme. These latter applications are under consideration.

Finally no complaints alleging breaches of permission have been received by the Council's Planning Enforcement Section in respect of this scheme. Under the provisions of section 152 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2016, the Council must issue a warning letter to a developer at the outset of an investigation. The warning letter must provide the recipient with details of the alleged breach or breaches and afford the developer an opportunity to address and respond to same. On receipt of a specific complaint, in writing, providing details of the alleged breach, the enforcement procedures set out in Part VIII of the legislation will be commenced.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to requests from residents as per (**Details attached**) regarding the condition of trees in the estate and say if he can be of assistance with same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Chief Executive please refer to road as per (**details supplied**) and requests from resident as per (**details supplied**) and say if he can assist on both issues at A and B

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

Can the Chief Executive please report on the following (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to extending the CCTV (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to outline the composition of the Parnell Square Foundation, its legal basis, aims and structures.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
Parnell Square Foundation is a company limited by guarantee set up in conjunction with Kennedy Wilson with the object of the advancement of education and other charitable objects including assisting in the creation of a cultural quarter in Parnell Square anchored by a new Dublin City Library. The company has charitable status and two senior members of DCC staff sit on the board of directors of the company. Details of the company are publically available in the Companies Registration Office.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to outline his definition and understanding of 'amenities' in the context of planning decisions where condition are imposed that seek to safeguard the amenities of adjoining residential occupiers."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
There is no overarching definition of what determines residential amenity, as the amenities associated with a person's home (internal and external) can be effected by a development in many different ways at both construction and post constructions stage. Hence, the Planning Authority always considers each application on its own material merits and having regard to local circumstances and the nature of the site. However, in all instances, it can be confirmed that it is an overriding objective to provide an appropriate level of protection to local residents and businesses throughout and beyond the construction process.

Development plays an important part in the growth and expansion of the city, nevertheless, the City Council endeavours at all times to minimise the detrimental impact of construction works on local residents and businesses. The challenge, especially in areas designated for major redevelopment such as the North Lotts and Grand Canal SDZ or where there are large brownfield sites is in achieving an appropriate balance between facilitating and managing the construction process and protecting residential amenities. In this regard, the City Council expects all contractors to use best practicable means to minimise the likely impacts on locals residents including controlling noise, vibration and dust emissions and to liaise with local residents at all times. Site inspections are regularly carried out to ensure compliance

To further minimise impacts, hours of operation on site are controlled by planning condition. However, in certain limited circumstances it must be acknowledged that it will be necessary to carry out works outside of the approved working hours. In light of recent growth in construction activity, the Planning Department in conjunction with

the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit of the City Council have prepared a Draft Protocol for Demolition and Construction. The aim of the protocol is to standardise operation and procedures across all construction development sites but also critically to ensure that local residential amenities are protected. It is the intention of the Planning Department to strictly implement the terms of the protocol in the interest of safeguarding these amenities.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the costs and charges levied by the Planning Authority for change of use from commercial to residential use, and to detail the role of elected members in setting these charges.”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 enables a planning authority, when granting a planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to include conditions requiring the payment of a contribution. This contribution is in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of the local authority (regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities).

Subsection (2) of Section 48 requires that the basis for the determination of a contribution under subsection (1) shall be set out in a development contribution scheme made under this section. A scheme may make provision for payment of different contributions in respect of different classes or descriptions of development.

Subsection (7) provides that members of the planning authority shall consider the draft scheme, manager’s report and have regard to any recommendations of the Minister.

Subsection (8) provides that following consideration of the manager’s report, and having regard to any recommendations made by the Minister, the planning authority shall make the scheme, unless it decides, by resolution, to vary or modify the scheme, otherwise than as recommended in the manager’s report, or otherwise decides not to make the scheme.

The current Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020 was adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council at its monthly meeting of 7th December 2015 and provides for the following rates - residential €86.40 / commercial €70.06.

Section 14 of the scheme states the following:

“In the case of a change of use from residential use to commercial and vice versa, development contributions will be calculated at 50% of the applicable rate. Where development contributions under a Section 48 Scheme were paid in respect of the former use, the contribution payable on the new proposal will be net of the quantum of development previously paid for. The Development Contribution Scheme does not provide for any rebate or refund in this regard. Agents/applicants should provide evidence of prior payment at application stage in order to expedite assessment and avail of this provision.”

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he can provide a publicly accessible database (ideally with map access) that gives the address and extent of all lands owned by Dublin City Council?”

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Property Register is maintained in a number of different and non-compatible formats which are not currently accessible to the public.

The feasibility of the creation of a unified database of all City Council owned property is being actively examined by the Transformation Unit of the Housing and Community Services Department.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive provide me with (details supplied?)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive follow up on the suggestion that (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

Can the Chief Executive arrange to (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive have stone markers erected in Rutland grove that will have house numbers put on them as it is not clear where the houses are and it would also be a boost to the residents association which is doing a lot of good work?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

If the councillor makes a detailed proposal to the South East Area Office the matter will be examined.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the traffic department say why there is a number of speed ramps on Misery hill where it is virtually impossible to reach the speed limit never mind exceed it and yet other roads which cars travel faster on can't get speed ramps so as requests for Beechill Drive in Donnybrook which has had a number requests for speed ramps.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The ramps on Misery Hill were installed by the Dublin Docklands Development Authority when this location was not in the charge of Dublin City Council.

The criteria used by Dublin City Council to determine the need for traffic calming measures are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed 50km/h.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.



- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

Following receipt of a request from Councillor Andrews in January 2015, the Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, did not recommend additional speed ramps on Beech Hill Drive, following a speed survey. A request, however, for additional ramps has now been re-listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive provide details from any feasibility study that was promised for an alternative location for the JC Decoux sign outside of Donnybrook Fire Station”.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

**Identification of alternative sites for the erection of Outdoor Advertising**

**Background**

At the 2016 October City Council meeting, it was agreed to defer consideration of four Part 8 Metropole Proposals at Donnybrook Road, Shelbourne Road, Pembroke Road and Charlemont Street in order to allow for alternative sites to be considered for the erection of outdoor advertising.

Councillors were invited to submit alternative sites to the Planning Department for further evaluation and assessment. Any acceptable alternative site identified would be substituted for one of the proposed Part 8 sites.

**Sites Identified by Councillors**

One Councillor submitted four alternative sites for investigation.

One Councillor submitted a duplicate of one of the four sites submitted.

**Locations**

The four sites identified are as follows;

- Site 1 - At starting point/Bus stop at former Ever Ready Garage Donnybrook – inward bound.
- Site 2 - Stillorgan Road on RTE side – outward bound at pedestrian overbridge.
- Site 3 - Any location from Donnybrook Church to junction of Stillorgan Road with Nutley Lane – outward bound.
- Site 4 - Junction of Merrion Road and Nutley Lane at Merrion Shopping Centre – inward bound.

**Evaluation Summary**

The four sites were evaluated with respect to Technical, Planning and Commercial criteria.

Site 1 is not commercially viable due to the poor visibility of the proposed sign to outbound traffic. In addition there are a number of underground utilities present that would need to be diverted to accommodate the foundation location, adding significant cost to the project and making it unviable.

Site 2 is not commercially viable due to the poor visibility of the proposed sign to inbound traffic. In addition this site is subject to potential future development linked to RTE lands and therefore not available for development.

Site 3 is not commercially viable due to the poor visibility of the proposed sign to inbound traffic. In addition, there is insufficient space available to accommodate a proposed sign given the restricted width of the footpath / cycleway at this location.

Site 4 is not commercially viable given the presence of existing nearby advertising close to Merrion Gates level crossing on Merrion Road. In addition, geotechnical issues were identified that would prohibit the construction of the required foundation at the proposed location.

### **Conclusion**

No new sites have been identified to function as replacements for the previously approved Part 8 Metropole sites. As no suitable alternative sites were identified, the installation of the approved Part 8 Metropole advertising sites at Donnybrook Road, Charlemont Street, Pembroke Road and Shelbourne Road has commenced.

### **Q.52 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

In light of the decision to place a JC Decaux sign outside Donnybrook Fire Station what steps are being undertaken by the city council in protecting and preserving the heritage of historic Villages such as Donnybrook.

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

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 sets out the policy, objectives and standards that will be used to ensure that development within or affecting Dublin's villages protects their character. The general policy mechanisms that will be used to conserve and protect areas of special historic/ architectural interest are;

- Land-use zonings: Residential Conservation Areas (land-use zoning Z2) and Architectural and Civic Design Character Areas (land-use zoning Z8) and the red hatched conservation areas as shown on the Development Plan zoning objective maps.
- Architectural Conservation Areas: of which there are presently 21 no. designated and are intended to preserve the character of townscapes that are of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, technical or social interest.

Furthermore, it is an objective of Dublin City Council (SCO5) to prepare a number of local environmental improvement plans, Village Improvement Plans, Village Design Statements, or other non-statutory plans for existing district centres and other areas in need of a relevant plan, in conjunction with the relevant area committee insofar as priorities and resources permit.

### **Q.53 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can I be given a full breakdown on the financial support available to a constituent who due to serious health issues needs a bedroom / bathroom build downstairs in order that he can go home & live as independently as possible he lives in the family owned home with his wife & two sons they live on their old age pension.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council operates 3 schemes which provide grants for people who own their own home and are in need of essential repairs/adaptations. These schemes are:

The **Housing Adaption Grant** for People with a disability is available to assist in the carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of people with a disability who has an enduring, physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment. The types of work allowable under the scheme include the provision of access ramps, downstairs toilet facilities, stair lifts, accessible showers, adaptations to facilitate wheelchair access, extensions and any other works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability.

The scheme for **Housing Aid for Older People** is available to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. The list of works includes re-wiring, boilers broken beyond repair and the provision of central heating. Applicants and all household members must be 66 years of age or over.

The **Mobility Aids Housing Grant** is available to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing. The works grant aided under the scheme include grab-rails, access ramps, level access showers, stair lifts and other minor works deemed necessary to facilitate the mobility needs of a member of a household.

All of the above grants are subject to eligibility and criteria as determined by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. All applicants can contact the Home Grants Office on PH: 222 2195 to discuss a prospective application.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can the planning dept give me there opinion on the following (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that I have a little understanding on the following case (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

Can the City Council please give consideration to housing of (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive how many female beds are available?

What is the procedure when female beds are full - would those women always be referred to Merchants Quay night cafe?

How many couple's beds are available in each of the administrative areas across the city?

(Example: Central City, Dublin North West etc.)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table below lists the emergency accommodation facilities which provide beds for women and couples across the administrative areas in the city. There are also beds available for people experiencing homelessness in the wider DRHE area. The configuration of these facilities changes on a nightly basis to respond to need and according to demand, and so it is not possible to provide a definitive number of beds available for either group.

Women are referred to Merchants Quay night cafe in the event of the female beds being full.

Project Type	Project Name	POSTAL CODE	LA	Capacity	Target group	DCC Area
STA	PMVT - DCC - Charlemont St	D2	DCC	36	M,W,C	South East Area
STA	Simon - Emergency Shelter	D2	DCC	30	M, W, C	South East Area
PEA	Clanbrassil Street	D8	DCC	18	W, C	South East Area
STA	Crosscare - Cedar House STA	D1	DCC	59	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Haven Hse	D7	DCC	59	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - St Marys Place STA	D7	DCC	34	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	DePaul - Blessington St - ONO	D7	DCC	17	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Focus - STA George's Hill	D7	DCC	12	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Simon - Maple House STA	D7	DCC	34	M, W, C	Central Area
PEA	Ardfert	D7	DCC	29	W, C, F	Central Area
PEA	Avoca House	D7	DCC	32	W, C, F	Central Area

PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D1	DCC	26	W, C, F	Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC Whitworth Road Couples STA	D9	DCC	10	C	North West Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Hazel House	D11	DCC	14	F, C, W	North West Area
STA	Depaul - Mount Brown - A/E	D8	DCC	30	M, W, C	South Central Area
STA	Depaul - Orchid House	D8	DCC	23	M, W, C	South Central Area
ONO	Crosscare - Brú Aimsir	D8	DCC	100	M,W, C	South Central Area
STA	Carmans Hall	D.8	DCC	51	M,W,C	South Central Area

M=Men, W=Women, C=Couple, F=Family

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

Subject to my motion Last November have DCC delegated a committee or senior member of staff or staff delegation written or met with the relevant authorities in Government and the CBOI to discuss the safe keeping in public hands, of the public space that is Central Bank Plaza on Dame Street. And as per motion and agreed by council could you report back your findings of said meeting or correspondence.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Contact has been made with the new owners of the Central Bank and plaza and a meeting is proposed to discuss issues regarding the public realm at College Green and Dame Street. A further report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

Could the Chief Executive indicate how many Women's Refuges are planned to be built across the city within the Ministers Rebuild Ireland Initiative and are DCC council as a matter of urgency planning to include a women's refuge on the project on the Oscar Traynor Road and have DCC management sought funding to staff new women's refuges already built.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans to include a women's refuge in the Oscar Traynor Road Housing Land Initiative site. If the councillor is referring to refuge's for women experiencing domestic violence please note that the DRHE do not provide funding for facilities of this type.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

Could the Chief Executive indicate how many Supported Housing are planned to be built across the city within the Ministers Rebuild Ireland Initiative and are DCC council as a matter of urgency planning to including Supported Housing on the project on the Oscar Traynor Road to tie in with Women's Refuges and have DCC management sought funding to staff new women's refuges already built and supported housing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans to include a women's refuge in the Oscar Traynor Road Housing Land Initiative site. If the councillor is referring to refuge's for women experiencing domestic violence please note that the DRHE do not provide funding for facilities of this type.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

Would the Chief Executive state why so many parking spaces have been taken away from Military Road in Rathmines. This space has been used for the 9 months to locate lock up sheds for maintenance work. These spaces are very badly needed by residents and will the manager state when they will be reinstated please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to relocate these huts.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards to any emergency accommodation providers?’

Intention to use The Staircase premises (No 21 Aungier Street) for the purpose of homeless shelter/emergency accommodation. In this vicinity alone, there is an over subscription of such services. One at Peters Row run by DePaul, the other Salvation Army off Mercer Street (Noel Purcell way) and another emergency shelter in Aungier Street run by McVerry Trust (16 Aungier Street / Bow Lane) It has come to my attention that the McVerry Trust has possession of The Staircase premises.

(21 Aungier Street) This premises is a rare listed national monument and is wholly unsuited for emergency accommodation purposes. There is great concern within local business and residence community, that this 17th century street is going to be further eroded. Please see further details regarding this particular building attached.

Sandwiched in the middle of the eastern side of Aungier Street is Number 21 – a substantial early mansion dating to 1667 and the first of its kind in Dublin to be recognised for its architectural and historic significance. Completely derelict and virtually windowless by the early 1990s, the building was identified and saved from demolition by Dublin Civic Trust, and its complete transformation effected through complex structural stabilisation and reinstatement of interiors. The removal of render from its late Georgian façade and the conservation of its important early structural framing and staircase vividly demonstrates what can be achieved where there is an understanding of the historic layers to a building and how traditional construction materials interact. Number 21 was one of our most transformative building projects which, more recently, has encouraged the conservation and protection of Aungier Street’s wider historic urban landscape through public policy recognition. A number of the buildings on the street are now Registered Monuments, as well as Protected Structures, and an Architectural Conservation Area designation is currently being formulated for the street and its hinterland by Dublin City Council. Nestled between St. Stephen’s Green and St. Patrick’s Cathedral is one of the oldest planned thoroughfares in Dublin. To the casual passer-by Aungier Street holds all the appearances of a typical Dublin commercial street, lined with shop units and a mix of residential and institutional buildings. However, the simple brick and render façades conceal an extraordinary secret – namely an array of the oldest and formerly the grandest houses in Dublin constructed after the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660. This is the pioneering legacy of the developer Sir Francis Aungier, one of many influential men who redeveloped Dublin in the late 17th century.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council and the Dublin Region Homeless Executive are responding to the unprecedented demand for homeless accommodation across the Dublin Region. There were a total of 3,247 individuals and 2046 dependents homeless in January 2017.

The proposed use of the building at 21 Aungier Street is for the provision of Supported Temporary Accommodation under the *Pathway to Home* model. The Peter McVerry Trust will operate this service on behalf of Dublin City Council.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Dublin City Council and the Peter McVerry Trust will be working closely with a conservation architect and Dublin City Council's Heritage and Conservation Department to ensure that no architectural elements of this building are compromised.

The use of this building as supported temporary accommodation for persons who are homeless does not contravene planning. It has previously been operated by the Department of Justice as hostel accommodation for many years.

Due to the unprecedented housing crisis, and the situation which sees the Dublin Region with 28% of the national population but with 74% of the Homeless population, it is inevitable that we will have a disproportionate amount of homeless facilities in the Dublin region.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the cost to date on the Fruit and Veg market at St Marys Abbey? This report to include all monies paid to date for refurbishment works, restoration roof works, painting etc. All monies paid to former employees and operators at the Fruit and Veg market in relation to relocation of goods and services. All monies being paid for any external premises or services i.e. fridges, cold storage. Also, what further works are to be carried out by DCC? What is the exact budget for this project? What stage are the negotiations at with regards the relocation of the present wholesalers in the market?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Redevelopment Phase I**

This project involved upgrades to the roof and electrical systems, safe removal of paint from the roof and steel structure of the building and refinish, design and fit of new electrical lighting system, professional services and waste management fee and other expenditure relating to relocation of traders to facilitate the works in line with health and safety requirements and good practice with regard to food industry business. The overall cost was €2,826,044.

No direct payments were made to operators or employees in relation to relocation of goods and services other than through the refurbishment project or in the case of employees as part of their normal working arrangements on site. This did require provision of alternative space and/or refrigeration to some traders, where it was not possible to move their permanently fixed refrigeration units. All of this was provided within the Market building in proximity to the traders business.

**Redevelopment Phase II**

**The Fish Market**

Upgrade of the Fish Market Site, new designated area for Wholesale, new boundary treatment and redesign of road space, provision of Multi use Games Area with its own entry. This required some survey work with regard to the boundary at St Michan's house and the varying level on the site. A design contract was awarded in October last and the tender for build phase is imminent.

Spend to date  
Professional Services

Survey and enabling works €11,740 Total Budget €1.8M

**The Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market Building**

Preliminary design and brief for tender is being developed by City Architects Department in conjunction with Development Department and design detail will be tendered later this year. A number of meetings have been held with the traders collectively and individually regarding vacant possession of the building for the redevelopment works. One trader has retired and there are ongoing discussions with a number others. There are eleven traders remaining in the Market.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive in line with best practice in other jurisdictions and indeed in best practice within DCC itself, provide private security firms to assist Dublin City Council social estate management and tenants with ongoing issues in relation to anti social behaviour and criminal activity. All too often, tenants are left with no support and very little back up to deal with serious issues of anti social behaviour. Such as what is occurring in the Ringsend Irishtown Park area. An Garda Siochana is doing everything it can to deal with this issue but it is essentially a DCC estate management issue. Extra security here to back up our staff would act as a deterrent particularly in the evening time and night time when a substantial amount of anti-social behaviour occurs throughout the city housing estates. Security firms are now equipped with camera's that can capture individuals in acts of anti social behaviour, criminal activity and vandalism. This evidence is hard evidence and can be used by DCC management in relation to brining tenants and indeed their children to account.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is currently a review of estate management/anti social behaviour policy and procedures for all Dublin City Council Housing offices and a comprehensive document will be compiled. Within this review all options will be considered.

To note, issues concerning Ringsend/Irishtown Park are solely the responsibility of An Garda Siochana as they are Public Order offences which are not in the remit of Housing Officers.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report detailing how many of Dublin City Council's CCTV camera's in the entire DCC housing stock and estates are working? Also, can the Chief Executive provide the cost of this service per annum? Also to detail how many of the camera's are not working and their exact locations.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All CCTV cameras (14) in the North Central Coolock area are currently operational. See below for breakdown of costs for 2016.

Annual maintenance contract for the Darndale CCTV cameras. €1,986.25.

Call-outs, Repairs, General Maintenance etc. €3,908.05.

New cameras installed and systems updated for the Odeon Cinema complex and the Stardust Park. €16,905.83.

Total €22,800.13 incl. VAT

There are approx 116 cameras in place in DCC housing schemes in the SEA approximately 33 of these are not operational.



A number of maintenance contracts exists for different sites the total cost of these contracts is c. €4300.

Releasing the locations where cameras are not working would be inadvisable for estate management reasons.

### **NEIC area (Chris Butler)**

Patrick Heeney Crecent – 1 camera, fully operational

Avondale House – 6 cameras – 5 cameras, fully operational, 1 camera awaiting repair

Matt Talbot Court – 6 cameras, fully operational

Fitzgibbon Court – 5 cameras, fully operational

Hill Street/Alfie Byrne House – 6 cameras, fully operational

Most of these cameras have been installed recently and are under a warranty so there is no service charge currently. We hope to have a service and maintenance contract in place for all of these cameras within the next few months.

### **NEIC area (Brian Kavanagh)**

There are 51 CCTV cameras in the area. At present 2 are not working. These are situated in the Poplar Row area.

There is no annual charge as we do not have any service contract in place at this time.

### **NWIC area (Dick Whelan)**

We have cameras in O'Devaney, Drumalee and Aughrim Court all of which are working correctly. We are moving towards accessing live pictures via broadband which allows more frequent monitoring and speedier detection of any faulty cameras.

Bricin's Park is currently being refurbished and the CCTV system there has been decommissioned. Tenders for the supply and installation of a new system will be advertised when Phase 3 works there are underway.

Running costs are no more than approximately €3k per annum.

### **NWIC area (Sean Smith)**

10 cameras are not working in Rory O'Connor House and Dermott O'Dwyer House. Total of €15,000 for maintenance contract for 10 complexes this year.

### **North West Area**

#### **Finglas**

There are 5 CCTV systems in our Housing stock. As none of these have a Service Level agreement there is no recurring annual cost.

#### **Cabra**

There are 7 CCTV systems in our Housing stock. As none of these have a Services Level agreement there is no recurring annual cost.

**Ballymun**

There are 2 cameras not working on the Ballymun CCTV system due to electrical issues. They are located in a park.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask Chief Executive to give a breakdown on the following please,

In the past 3 years how many housing allocations were made to the following in %

- A. Housing list
- B. Transfer list
- C. Medical priority
- D. Welfare priority
- E. homeless priority
- F. Other (please state)

What is the official % that is supposed to be allocated to each band?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the past 3 years, the total number of allocations completed was 4130.

2816 allocations went to the Housing List and 1314 allocations went to the Transfer List.

The percentage breakdown of the allocations is shown in the table below

Allocations from the past 3 years 2014/2015/2016			
Breakdown of Cases	As % of Housing List	As % of Transfer List	As % of Overall List
Housing List			69%
Transfer List			31%
Medical Priority	6%	9%	7%
Welfare Priority	7%	9%	8%
Homeless Priority	34%		23%
Other, Points cases Band 2-Band3-Detenanting-Fire Emergency-Mortgage to Rent-Traveller, etc	53%	82%	62%

**Target Allocations Policy**

Available Council properties will be targeted towards the bands in differing proportions through the Target Allocations Policy resulting in faster or slower re-housing through the band. This Policy will be determined by the Manager and reviewed regularly (annually or more often) as is considered appropriate.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Chief Executive prepare a comprehensive replied to the (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on (**detail supplied**),

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the following (**detail supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

Can the Chief Executive provide an update on the attached please (**Detail supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Council put double yellow lines at the corners within Crestfield Estate, and a single yellow line around the green within the estate? I know this is not the usual policy of Dublin City Council, but it has been done in other locations where parking is a severe problem. Crestfield Estate faces the entrance to DCU, and there is a serious problem with spillover parking from DCU within the estate, and in particular, parking at corners. Double yellow lines at the corners would make it clearer to motorists that it is not permitted to park at the corners within the estate. Double yellow lines have been installed in nearby locations that are also affected by spillover parking from DCU such as the corner of Shanowen Park and Shanard Avenue:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for a single yellow line on Crestfield Park along the green has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

In relation to the request for double yellow lines at the corners within the Estate, it is not policy to provide parking restrictions which are already covered under the Road Traffic Regulations. It is illegal to park within 5 metres of a junction. Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor, is being instructed to monitor parking within the Estate. Instances of illegal parking can be reported also to DSPS at T: 60222500.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Council assess the ongoing flooding problem outside the Swiss Cottage. This has been a frequent location of flooding over the years. A number of years back an examination of the drainage system showed significant growth of roots into the shores and these were removed. This issue may need to be resolved again.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The gullies opposite the Swiss Cottage near the bus stop were cleaned and surveyed on 08/02/17. The gullies were checked again during rainfall on 23/02/2017 and no flooding was noted either outside or opposite Swiss Cottage.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to relay the yellow lines at (**details attached**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm by way of reference to a map where on (**details supplied**) that it is proposed to install a pedestrian crossing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that he believes that it is good practice for the Roads and Traffic Division to rely on the statutory executive powers to make decisions regarding adding bus lanes to Bachelors Walk without trying to achieve a consensus on the matter with Public Representatives and if he can demonstrate how diverting vehicular traffic into the North Inner City up Church Street etc will be good for those areas that will have to bear the extra private vehicular congestion and can he confirm if there are any alternative routes planned that might make private vehicular journey from South City to North City heading towards the North East of the City without having to sit in endless congestion?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the report presented to the SPC three statutory options were set out for the scheme.

- *Environmental Impact Assessment,*
- *Part 8 approval, using Planning and Development Act 2000*
- *Section 37/38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.*

*An environmental screening report was commissioned which stated that the scheme did not require an EIA.*

*Dublin City Council has, in the past, sought Part 8 approval for the construction of schemes, using Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act of 2000.*

*However the Public Transport Regulations Act 2009 amends this section, meaning that where works to enhance public bus services or improve facilities for cyclists, then **the Part 8 process does not apply and can no longer be sought.***

*Section 37/38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 is therefore the only legal instrument that can be used for the scheme.*

There will be a number of diversion routes both North and South of the Quays and an extensive signage scheme will be put in place for the diverted traffic.

The purpose of the scheme is to ensure that public transport passengers on the Luas and the bus services are not suffering excessive delays and that the investment in the city which Luas LCC represents can be protected and the benefits of the scheme achieved.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

Would the Chief Executive please state for March meeting the number of staff employed in the traffic Dept and state the various grades in 2011 and 2017. Also the number of traffic engineers in the traffic dept in 2011 and 2017 please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In January 2011 there were two executive engineers, two Assistant Engineers and one Senior Executive Technician reporting to a Senior Executive Engineer dealing with traffic issues for the five Committee Areas. It is not possible to establish how many vacancies, if any, there were at the time.

At the end of January 2017 there were four Graduate Engineers, one Senior ITS Officer and one Senior Executive Technician reporting to a Senior Executive Engineer. There are currently two vacancies at Assistant Engineer level awaiting approval.

The unit reports to a Senior Engineer who is responsible for other functions and projects within the Traffic Division.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask TAG as a matter of urgency to carry out a safety audit in the Basin Street area? There has always been a problem with all day parking here as it's free and next to the LUAS but recently with the commencement of works at the new children's hospital the situation is a lot worse. It is virtually impossible to cross the street because cars are parked all day bumper to bumper. There are 3 schools in this small stretch and I believe that children's life are being put in danger if this is not addressed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are existing double yellow lines and school keep clear markings already in place on Basin View, Basin Street Upper.

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, recommended additional double yellow lines on the east side of the road. Double yellow lines were also recommended on the west side of the road. The implementation of this recommendation in due course will be subject to noting by the members of the South Central Area Committee Meeting at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, and subsequent completion of the statutory consultation process with the Gardaí.

Parking restrictions will, therefore, be in place on the east side of the road from the existing school keep clear markings at the entrance to C.B.S. Secondary School to the Canalway Educate Together School. Restrictions will also be in place on the west side of the road, from the ramp, north of lamp standard No. 10, to the south of No. 6, Basin Lane (opposite the Educate Together School), apart from the indented parking area and the entrance to the Haven Adult Education Centre.

Double Yellow Lines were also recommended for a total length of 47 metres on the south side of Basin Street Lower, from a point 15 metres west of lamp standard No. 5 to a point 62 metres west of lamp standard No. 5.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

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

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive, (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive when the 2016 Q4 Performance Report relating to the Protocol Governing Delegation of Section 10 Funding for Homeless Services to Dublin City Council will be published, and to state why there has been a delay in the usually speedy process of making this report available.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Q4 2016 protocol report was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in February 2017 and it will be released as soon as the Department have made it available on their website.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the number of fine issued relating to dog fouling broken down by area of the city for each of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Central	0	1	0	1
North Central	0	0	0	14
North West	0	0	0	4
South Central	2	1	26	49
South East	0	1	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>76</b>

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

Could the Chief Executive request that the footpath and kerb is repaired at 160 Collins Ave, the tree has lifted and cracked the path, and it's a trip hazard.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

Could the Chief Executive please consider the resurface of St Declans Road, Marino, the road in particular from number 60 upwards is in very poor condition.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has insufficient funding to complete resurfacing at this location. A pothole survey will be completed and repairs scheduled when a crew is next available in the area.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

Can the Chief Executive please request the drainage dept to clear the gully between Morrogh Terrace and Croyden Gardens Marino? The gully is blocked.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

2 of 2 gullies on Croydon Gardens at Morrogh Road were checked and cleaned on 23/2/17.

We are also currently working in the Marino Area and will continue to do so until all roads are accounted for.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the poor collection of rates/rents in relation to Fingal County Councils high collection (93%). Are other councils utilising different collection methods to our own and if so and they are more successful why aren't we copying their ways?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Finance Reply:**

Dublin City Council's commercial rate collection in 2016 increased to 90% from 88% in 2015, the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the Local Authority Sector and the highest of City Councils. The sectoral average in 2015 was 83%. The sectoral average performance has not yet been finalised for 2016 but preliminary indications are that DCC will be within those top performing authorities at the top of the table. Each year a detailed report is presented to the Finance SPC and subsequently to the City Council meeting on rates performance (see link below). Dublin City Council has a very effective debt management process in regard to arrears management. However, it should be noted that a significant variation in rates collection between City and County Councils occurs due to the levels of vacancy refunds in respect of vacant properties. DCC prior to 2017 had a vacancy refund level of 50%, whereby owners had a rates liability of 50%, despite no rental income on the premises. The impact of this was that approximately €28M was subject to the vacancy refund, whereby rate payers had a liability of €14M. Fingal County Council had a vacancy refund level of 100%, whereby, such ratepayers had no rates liability. Other factors which impact on collection performances between Local Authorities are competition, economics, liquidation / receiverships and geographical location. Fingal County Council commercial rate collection in 2016 moved to 93% from 96% in 2015.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/councilmeetings/documents/s1828/Item%205%20-%20Rates%20Debtors%202015%20-%20Report%2013-2016.pdf>

**Rents Response**

When the City Council's Rent collection rate is considered as a percentage of the weekly rent charge (excluding overruns) the collection rate for 2016 was 98%. This figure has averaged 99.5% for the last four years.

**Rent Collection and Arrears Procedure**

The City Council has an extensive and proactive early intervention system in place that monitors accounts and issues letters alerting tenants whose accounts are in arrears. The Rent Section contacts all tenants who are in arrears of rent at an early stage in an effort to enter into an agreement to pay off the arrears.

When possible all new tenants and those entering into re payment plans are requested to avail of the Household Budget Scheme. This scheme allows tenants who receive certain Social Service payments to pay a regular amount by direct deduction from their payments. Tenants also have the option of making rent payments by direct debit from their bank accounts.

In lieu of requesting tenants to submit an annual household-income return Dublin City Council in recent years has adopted a more pro-active approach whereby tenants are reminded by letter attached to their quarterly statements of their obligation to submit any changes to income details. Work is currently in progress which will facilitate tenants to view their rent statements on –line.



Also it is the Rent Sections objective to conduct a rent assessment on 12,000 of the 25,000 accounts on an annual basis thereby each household will have their rent assessed every two years. From 2014 this has eliminated the need to apply large back dated debits.

Dublin City Council provides information as to where debt advice and assistance may be sought. I.e. MABS, Debt Relief Notices through Insolvency Services Ireland.

**Arrears Management:** The objective of the arrears management process currently in place is to ensure the minimisation of rent debt and the swift recovery of arrears when they do occur.

Dublin City Council's arrears recovery strategy is deliberately initiated at an early stage in order to protect the income of the authority and to ensure that the debt is kept at a level that tenants can realistically afford to repay. The Council ensures that rent arrears repayment agreements are realistic and do not cause financial hardship or do not drive tenants into further debt with other lending agencies.

The process is as follows:

- I. A **first** warning letter is issued to tenants if no payments are received for 3 weeks.
- II. If there is no response from the tenant, a **second** warning letter is issued 2 weeks later.
- III. If there is still no response from the tenant, a **third** warning letter is issued after another 2 weeks followed by a personal visit or telephone call to the tenant. The tenant may be requested to attend for interview at the Civic Offices.
- IV. Failure to respond to the warning letters result in a Tenancy Warning ( in accordance with Section 8 of the Housing Miscellaneous Act 2014) being served on the tenant
- V. The tenant has a right to request a review of a tenancy warning if the tenant does not accept that a breach of tenancy on a rent related obligation has occurred in the terms set out in the tenancy warning.
- VI. Where the arrears are still increasing and no agreement has been entered into between the tenant and the EHO or the agreement made has been broken, an application for possession of the tenancy through the court system may be considered.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to change the main tenant on a tenancy if the main tenant has a degenerative disease such as Alzheimer's or Dementia. If a main tenant is placed in a home can the name on tenancy be changed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Where death or departure of a tenant takes place, the tenancy will normally be given to a surviving spouse/partner, provided such spouse/partner has been resident in the dwelling for a continuous period of at least two years immediately prior to the death/departure of the tenant.

On the death or departure of both parents the tenancy will normally be given to a son or daughter, irrespective of number in the household, provided he/she has been living in the dwelling for at least two years immediately prior to the death or departure of the tenant.

Each case will be examined on its merits and where there is more than one member of the household remaining in the dwelling, the tenancy will normally be given to the member who, in the opinion of the Manager, is most likely to keep the household harmoniously together.

Any applicant wishing to succeed a tenancy on grounds of illness of the primary tenant should be advised to contact housing allocations to discuss the particular issues in the case.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLOOLY**

To ask the Chief Executive:

(1) How many motor vehicles were towed away and impounded in 2016 for the reason that a clamp had been illegally removed from that vehicle previously.

(2) The charges that apply to secure the release of a motor vehicle which is towed away and impounded in these circumstances.

(3) How many vehicles were released to their owners upon payment of the charges in 2016 and how many vehicles were disposed of because of a failure to meet these outstanding charges.

(4) Please provide the wording of the Manager's Order that authorises the towing away, impounding and Imposing charges and fees in these circumstances.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- 1) All enforcement including removal to the pound is carried out only if a vehicle is committing a parking offence. No vehicles have been impounded for the offence that a clamp had been removed from the vehicle without authorisation.
- 2) The charges that apply for release of a vehicle from the pound are dependent on the length of time the vehicle remains in the pound. At a minimum the owner is liable for €80 for declamp and an additional €80 for removal. An additional charge of €35 per night applies for storage in the pound.
- 3) There were 371 removals to the pound in 2016, 358 of which were 'aged clamps', i.e., the vehicle remained clamped on-street in excess of 24 hours without any contact from the owner of the vehicle. 153 vehicles were scrapped in 2016 and 204 vehicles were released from the pound.
- 4) The authorisation for immobilisation and removal to the pound and the associated charges that apply is provided under primary legislation. The Road Traffic Act, as amended by Section 101(B) of the Dublin Transport Authority (Dissolution) Act, 1987 provides for immobilisation and removal of vehicles parked in contravention of any prohibition or restriction. The Road Traffic (Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations, amended by the Euro Changeover (Amounts) Act, 2001 provide for statutory charges that apply.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLOOLY**

To ask the Chief Executive if any Councillor or member of staff is representing Dublin City Council at St. Patrick Celebrations abroad this year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

No councillor or member of staff is representing Dublin City Council abroad this year.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councilor with a copy of the Record of Protected Structures assessment carried out by Kelly & Coogan Architects' James Kelly on the five buildings in the Moore Street area that formed the basis of the motion passed by the elected members in June 2015.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a tender process, Kelly & Coogan Architects were appointed to undertake the assessment of structures at Henry Place, Moore St, Moore Lane Dublin 1 on the 17th June 2016. An application was made to the owners for access to the site and details of the successful tenderer were provided. Their solicitors objected to the appointment of Kelly & Coogan Architects as they asserted that this firm advised and completed affidavits in High Court proceedings relating to the sites. The Law Agent advised that in these circumstances they should not be appointed by the Council to do the assessment of the structures. The Council proceeded to appoint the runner up tenderer, Alastair Coey Architects. Correspondence received from Solicitors for the owners indicates that the course of action proposed by the Council will be heavily resisted. Proceeding to do an assessment at this stage when a Consultative Committee has been formed and proceedings have been appealed to the Supreme Court may involve an unnecessary waste of Council resources for which costs may or may not be recoverable. Due to advices received from the Law Agent the

appointment of Alastair Coey Architects was put on hold and Councillors advised to put the matter of assessment on hold temporarily. In the circumstances, it would not be appropriate to release a copy of the draft, incomplete report received from Kelly & Cogan Architects.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the number of residential units refused by the city council from various state bodies/agencies and others on the basis of "extent of existing social housing in environs" for each of the years 2011-2016.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Any residential units offered by state bodies/agencies would, in the first instance, be offered from NAMA through the Housing Agency.

828 apartments have been identified by NAMA since 2012 as potential units for social housing. NAMA subsequently withdrew or sold elsewhere 190 of these units. Of the 638 available units, Dublin City Council confirmed demand for 400 units. 377 of these units are now purchased or leased for social housing and are tenanted.

238 apartments in five developments were assessed as not suitable either because of the condition of the building or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development. Of these, 200 units were excluded due to the extent of existing social housing in the immediate environ. Of these 200 units, 194 were within the Clare Village development with Dublin City Council accepting 48 of the units.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with all Moore Street-related reports and studies commissioned by the city council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

See attached James Burke Report on Moore Street

The Moore Street Market is administered in accordance with the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2013. In 2013 a report on the Market was commissioned by the then CRA Department. The objective was to meet all traders to discuss their perception of the current trading issues on the Street, possible solutions to these problems and future direction of the market on the Street. A copy of the report is attached.

The following reports and studies were commissioned by the City Council:

1. Kelly & Cogan to prepare a report on the assessment of structures on Moore Street, Henry Place and Moore Lane for proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures. This report was not completed as the owners of the site asserted that this firm advised and completed affidavits in High Court proceedings relating to the sites. The Law Agent advised that in these circumstances they should not be appointed by the Council to do the assessment of the structures.

It would not be appropriate to release a copy of the draft, incomplete report received from Kelly & Cogan Architects

2. A report "Report on inspection of the National Monument structures at 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin 1; on the 25 January 2016"; following a site visit on the

invitation of the National Monuments Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht dated 25th January 2016 was provided to the Assistant Chief Executive and the then Lord Mayor (Ardmheára Clíona Ní Dhálaigh) and discussed at a later meeting of the Lord Mayors Forum.

3. According to the Conservation Section database, 24 conservation reports on proposed additions to the RPS were carried between 2005 and 2011 in the Morre Street area of which it was determined that 4 additions to the RPS should be made.
4. In 2012 the City Council by resolution agreed to set up the Moore Street Advisory Committee, which provided the Moore Street Advisory Committee Report in April 2013.
5. The Lord Mayors Forum on Moore Street (Ardmheára Clíona Ní Dhálaigh) produced a Moore Street Battlefield Site Plan – ‘The Lanes of History’ in June 2016.

If you require copies of any of the above completed reports please advise.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with all reports and studies commissioned by Dublin City Council in relation to the Dublin Fire Brigade's Emergency Medical Services.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There were two reports commissioned by the Management/Trade Union Group namely the Expert Panel Report and the Technical Working Group Report. I understand that both have already been circulated to Councillors but I will ask DFB management to re-circulate them to you.

Dublin City Council and the Health Services Executive did commission a report titled “*Review of arrangements for the provision of the Emergency Ambulance Service in the Dublin Region*”- **Brady/Flaherty**.

This particular report has not yet been published and a draft of same is under consideration by DCC/HSE. It will be published and circulated to councillors in the near future but we do not have a date for this yet.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

Given National College of Ireland's continued commitment to develop a 10,000 sq. metre Second Campus building at Block 3E, North Lotts SDZ, with a view to expanding its student population to 6,500, (incorporating a permeable ground floor Community Educational Facility, including Community and Academic Library, flexible Community and educational performance, play and learning space), which will delivering an independently verified Community Gain of over €11m in its first 5/6 years, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, it is possible that this development can be designated under the SDZ to be the provider of the combined Community Gain for this City Block and, if required, adjacent City Blocks. Can the Chief Executive further confirm whether, or not, such consolidation of the Community Gain delivered by National College of Ireland can be recognised by Dublin City Council and the site owner, in a tangible way, to facilitate the acquisition of the above site for this development at a reasonable cost.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Notwithstanding the benefits associated with the operation of NCI to date, it is understood that NCI are not currently in ownership of the site at Block 3E of the SDZ. For current purposes, the content of the SDZ applies in relation to all blocks and relevant Development Plan policy also applies. The matter of consideration of community gain in accordance with planning policy is a matter for detailed evaluation. To prejudge any such evaluation at this time would be prejudicial to proper planning procedure.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

On 25th April 1916 as the group of Rebels occupying the roof of City Hall were about to be overwhelmed by the British, Willie Halpin from Hawthorn Terrace in East Wall, then commanding the group on the roof, took the decision to hide his rifle. He had bought it some months previously from a British Soldier from the North Strand for £5 and was unwilling to part with such a prize.

According to tradition, preserved in the Halpin family, Willie threw the Lee Enfield Rifle over the side of the roof into the gap between City Hall and Dublin Castle at the Bernardo Square side of the building. To camouflage the rifle he then threw numerous other artefacts on top of it with the intention of retrieving it at a later time. Again according to tradition, Halpin never got the opportunity and therefore there is a reasonable chance that the rifle is still there in the gap. It would also seem that more rubbish added over the years.

Given the success of the celebratory and commemorative events held at City Hall in 2016, and given that we are now heading into a period of commemoration in which Dublin City Hall and members of Dublin Corporation played significant roles, can the Chief Executive instruct Waste Management, in conjunction with the City Archaeologist, to investigate this gap and potentially not only retrieve Halpin's rifle but also numerous other artefacts associated with the occupation of the City Hall in 1916 which could be used to enhance the permanent display in the City Hall interpretive centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Archaeologist has inspected the site location and supports this proposal. The City Archaeologist will provide a brief for the appointment of a suitably experienced archaeological consultant to conduct further research into, and to supervise and record the carrying out of an investigation of this location by Waste Management when instructed to do so.

This request has been forwarded to the City Architect with responsibility for conservation of City Hall to examine. We will follow up directly with Councillor Nial Ring.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain reasoning behind the decision to have a "non-statutory" consultation under Section 37 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 in relation to the proposed Traffic Management changes for the North and South Quays and to detail what influence, if any, can the public, city councillors and other stakeholders have on this proposal. Also, to ask the Chief Executive specifically:

A. Is the Public Consultation just a PR exercise or will any observation/suggestion/idea of a member of the public be in any way evaluated or taken into account?

B. Has any thought at all been given to how private motor vehicles will be impacted under this proposal?

C. Has the economic impact of the proposal been looked at and if not, can the Chief Executive now, even at this late stage, commit to an Economic Impact study being commissioned and its recommendations taken into account?

D. What is the Chief Executive's reasoning behind using the RTA to exclude City Councillors from the decision making process and again, even at this late stage, can the Chief Executive commit to recognising local democracy by amending the proposal to a Part 8 process?

E. Is the Chief executive aware of the misgivings of many City Councillors about the proposed imposition of this non-democratic process and the disquiet amongst the public which has also arisen?

F. Finally, in light of the many decisions unilaterally taken by City management at the exclusion of elected public representatives can the Chief Executive commit to involving City Councillors in this particular proposal by allowing this proposal to be processed under Part 8?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A. The scheme is out to public consultation to obtain as wide a range of views as possible and a report on the consultation and any changes proposed will be presented to next Transportation SPC meeting.

B. Under this proposal a comprehensive signage and car park access routing will be developed.

C. An economic impact assessment was conducted on the impacts of the proposals within the city centre study.

D. As set out in the report to the SPC, we are precluded from using the part 8 process for this scheme.

E. The period of public consultation is to allow for the views of the public and their representatives to be heard and taken into account.

F. As already stated above in the report to the SPC it sets out the reasons why we cannot use the part 8 procedure for this scheme, for clarity the relevant section of the report is set out below.

*Dublin City Council has, in the past, sought Part 8 approval for the construction of schemes, using Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act of 2000.*

*However the Public Transport Regulations Act 2009 amends this section, meaning that where works to enhance public bus services or improve facilities for cyclists, then **the Part 8 process does not apply and can no longer be sought.***

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail all occasions in this City Council and the last City Council where the decisions of City Councillors (whether by motion passed or otherwise) was unilaterally overturned/ignored by management e.g. privatisation of household waste collection. In addition, can the Chief Executive explain the rationale behind each decision to exclude City councillors from the decision making process in each case?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive and officials, the executive arm of the City Council, are bound by legislation to implement decisions of the Members of the City Council when the Members are exercising their reserved functions.

There have been occasions in the past when Members have passed resolutions on foot of motions or other reports presented to them which do not fall into the category of 'reserved functions' and which management could not implement for a variety of reasons. It would not be possible to compile a list of such occasions but every effort is made to ensure that the wishes of the City Council are taken into consideration in all aspects of the operations of Dublin City Council, not just those which fall under their direct control. Councillor Ring may contact the relevant City Council Department for the rationale behind any executive decision taken by management in relation to any issue which had been the subject of a City Council resolution of opposing viewpoint.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if an explanation can be provided for the change of banding that was applied to this housing applicant (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form all offers of housing units to Dublin City Council from NAMA and Dublin City Council's response to said offers with reasons where applicable for the declining of offers

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

828 apartments were initially identified by NAMA since 2012 as potential units for social housing. NAMA subsequently withdrew or sold elsewhere 190 of these units. Of the 638 available units Dublin City Council confirmed demand for 400 units. 377 of these units are now purchased or leased for social housing and are tenanted. The remaining 23 units for which demand was confirmed, are now unlikely to complete for various reasons including, in some cases, the high acquisition and ongoing costs.

NAMA identified	Available Nama Units (excluding sold/withdrawn)	Not Suitable	Demand confirmed	Completed
828	638	238	400	377



238 apartments in 5 developments were assessed as not suitable either because of the condition of the building or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development. This amounted to 1 in 3 of available units

Reason	No of Units
Poor condition & structural issues	38 units (2 developments)
Extent of existing social housing in immediate environ	200 units (3 developments) *194 – 1 development *6 – 2 developments
Total	238

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the relevant section(s) to provide this Councillor with a report outlining the terms of the sale of the Iveagh markets to the current owner, the nature of the transaction (i.e. sale or lease or leave to develop), the price that was paid, any conditions attaching (i.e. length of time within which development was to take place) and details of any planning permissions sought/granted, extensions sought/granted on the site, commencement notices granted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1997 the City Council assented to a proposal to dispose of the Iveagh Market, 20-27 Francis Street and 8 Lamb Alley to MK/Slattery Limited for the purposes of the refurbishment of the market building and the construction of a hotel.

The agreed price was £1,400,000 (€1,777.633.30). This sum was paid in two tranches and is being held on joint deposit between the developer and Dublin City Council.

Due to issues concerning title, archaeological excavations and other matters the legal formalities were not completed. A course of action to resolve the title issues was agreed and revised Terms and Conditions were agreed with the developer in 2004. Report 218/2004 dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2004 containing the revised terms and conditions was assented to by the City Council on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

Under reg. ref. 1238/07 planning permission was granted on a site including the Iveagh Markets, No's 22-27 Francis Street, Dublin 8 (0.27 ha, approximately) (a protected structure) which is bounded to the west by Francis Street, to the south by Dean Swift Square and to the northeast by Lamb Alley; and an adjacent plot to the north of the Iveagh Market building of 0.158 ha, approximately, occupied primarily by no's 20 - 21 Francis Street and no 8 Lamb Alley, Dublin 8 (both protected structures). Permission for development to amend a previously a previously permitted scheme (reg ref 1606/04; ABP PL 29S. 208027) is sought for the site at nos. 1a and 2a John Dillon Street and nos. 40-48 Back Lane (comprising Mother Redcaps Market, Public House and offices) bounded to the northeast by Back Lane, to the southwest by Lamb Alley and to the southeast by John Dillon Street, Dublin 8 (0.235 ha, approximately) (the site also contains a protected structure RPS Ref 4360). The proposed mixed use development will comprise of 21,148 sqm gross floor area (including 11 no. car parking spaces) The Iveagh Markets element of the proposed development will consist of the refurbishment and redevelopment of the existing

Iveagh Market building for use as a multi function market and retail centre. The proposed works will include the construction of a basement and sub-basement beneath the existing market structure (3,351sqm); the addition of 248sqm floor space at mezzanine level and 234sqm floor space at first floor level; the increase in height of the single storey building linking the two existing market halls, to the same height as the parapet of the former Dry Market (western - most building); the opening of 10 no. archways and 1 no. entrance to the northern elevation to Market Passage; the opening of 6 no. archways on the northeast elevation to Lamb Alley; the opening of 1 no. entrance on the southern elevation to Dean Swift Square; the reinstatement of 2 no. archways to match existing in place of 2 no goods entrance doorways on the southern elevation to Dean Swift Square; and internal alterations and additions to the layout including but not limited to: shop fronts; stairways; lifts; staff and public toilets; service and ancillary areas; the formation of a new opening at ground floor level between the two existing market halls; and the formation of 3 no new arched openings between existing piers at first floor level.

The proposed developments within the Iveagh Markets building is to total some 6,952 sqm gross floor area, comprising of 5,543 sqm gross retail floor space at sub basement, basement, ground floor, mezzanine and first floor levels (including retail storage space at sub basement level of 835 sqm and a retail/dining/drinking/restaurant/exhibition/entertainment gallery at mezzanine level above the former wet market (eastern-most building) of 119sqm); a dining/drinking/restaurant/exhibition/entertainment/performance area (89 sqm); and a restaurant/cafe/servery area (50sqm) both at first floor level above the former Dry Market. The development will also include lobby areas (68sqm), service areas (153sqm), public and staff toilets (139sqm) as well as circulation areas, staircores, partition walls ducts and voids at all floor levels amounting to 910 sqm, approximately. The proposed element of the development to the north of the Iveagh Market building on the land occupied primarily by no's 20-21 Francis Street and no 8 Lamb Alley, Dublin 8 will consist of: the construction of a 97 no bedroom (2,514 sqm), seven storey hotel over a basement (828sqm, including 3 no meeting rooms (02 sqm), conference / entertainment area (270 sqm, kitchen (66 sqm), 2 no foyer areas (142sqm) and function bar (26 sqm) and sub basement (739 sqm, including a nightclub (325 sqm), kitchen (136 sqm), and staff facilities (87 sqm); the internal reconfiguration and adaptation of no's 20 - 21 Francis Street (a protected structure) for use as a night lobby entrance (26 sqm) to the proposed hotel with luggage store (6 sqm) at ground floor level and an ensuite bedroom at first and second floor levels; and the internal reconfiguration and adaptation of no. 8 Lamb Alley (a protected structure) as an independent public house (138 sqm). This element of the proposed development will also consist of a lobby (158 sqm) and breakfast/restaurant/bar area (418 sqm) at ground floor level; and a meeting room (58 sqm), kitchen (20sqm), toilet/wash facilities (34sqm), boiler room (8 sqm) and function room (286 sqm) at sixth floor level. Ancillary storage areas; access and circulation areas; additional toilet facilities; water storage facilities; plant areas (including ESB substation and switch room); additional lobby areas; ancillary office/management space; an engineer's workshop; as well as circulation areas, staircores, partition walls, duct and voids at all floor levels (1,763sqm approximately), are also proposed.

This element of the proposed development also incorporates an outdoor dining/drinking/smoking/entertainment/seating area adjacent to and including the Market Passage (running along the northern edge of the Iveagh Market building); an internal courtyard for use as a dining/drinking area; and an outdoor dining/drinking/smoking terrace fronting Lamb Alley. The gross floor area of the proposed Hotel will be 6,996 sqm. The proposed development also provides for amendments to the development previously permitted (reg ref 1606/04; ABP PL29S

208027) at the site at no's 1a and 2a John Dillon Street and no's 40-48 Back Lane, Dublin 8 (the site of Mother Redcaps Market, Public House and offices). The previously permitted mixed use scheme consisted of Block A (a predominately six storey building with 5 no retail units (380 sqm) at ground floor level and 49 no residential apartments over), and Block B (a building ranging from five to two storeys in height comprising of 17 no residential units and 2 no. townhouses with a public house/restaurant) separated by a pedestrian street. The proposed amendments will consist of the redesign (including reconfiguration of internal layout, alterations to the footprint, bulk, mass, height and elevations) and change of use of the permitted scheme to provide for an Aparthotel with 83 no. units (5,146 sqm including 4 no own-door terraced units fronting onto John Dillon Street (461 sqm) and an independence cafe bar / restaurant. The proposed amended Block A is to be a building 6 storeys in height with 39 no Aparthotel units (20 no 1 bed units and 19 no 2 bed units); a lobby / reception area (39 sqm); a breakfast/restaurant/bar area (256 sqm); toilet facilities (34 sqm); plant rooms (37 sqm, ESB substation and switch rooms); bin storage facilities (16 sqm); a kitchen (55 sqm); a staff area (22 sqm); and parking facilities for 10 no. bicycles (13 sqm). The proposed amended Block B is to be a six storey building (stepping down to 3 storey's in height on the southeast side nearest John Dillon Street) with 40 no. Aparthotel units (18 no. 1 bed units and 22 no 2 bed units); 4 no. own door three storey Aparthotel units fronting John Dillon Street; an independent cafe bar/restaurant (239 sqm); 11 no car parking spaces (286 sqm to be accessed from Back Lane); toilet facilities (30 sqm); water storage area (65 sqm); parking facilities for 10 no. bicycles (21 sqm); a plant room; and bin (14sqm) and ancillary storage areas. Blocks A and B both also contain circulation areas, staircores, partition walls, ducts and voids at all floor levels (totalling 927 sqm, approximately). The permitted pedestrian street running between Blocks A and B is to be realigned to the northwest and is to be used as an outdoor dining/drinking/smoking/performance area, with security gates at each end. The proposed amendments also include works to the rebuilt city wall (a protected structure RPS Ref 4360) running along the Lamb Alley site boundary (including creating new window and door opes, a change to the position of the approved pedestrian entrance through the wall, and lowering the height of the wall ) and changes to the ground floor levels from the permitted finished ground level of predominantly +15.7 m OD to a proposed finished ground level of predominantly +15.150 to 15.200m OD (14.300m OD at the site of the proposed cafe bar/restaurant adjacent to the Lamb Alley wall + 14.700 to 14.900 m OD for the 4 no own door units). The gross floor area of the proposed Aparthotel is 7,200 sqm. The overall scheme will include changes in level; boundary treatments; pedestrian access points; vehicular access points; services provision; the provision of ancillary plant; associated signage and flagpoles; soft and hard landscaping and all other necessary site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Under reg. ref. 1238/07x2 an extension of duration of the permission detailed above was granted for a period until August 2017.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the relevant section which of the 112 vacant sites that are owned by the city are of the required size to warrant inclusion in the Vacant Sites Register, whether they have been included and if not, why not.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently 428 sites are considered suitable for inclusion on the register following a survey and planning report. In accordance with the legislation we are now compiling the ownership details and valuation details of each of these sites. At present we

have ownership details for 118 of these sites (98 of which are single sites in single ownership) and valuation details for 78 sites.

Of these 118 sites, 14 are in DCC ownership. 5 are multiple sites in single ownership and we are currently awaiting Departmental guidance on how to proceed with these sites. 1 is still in progress. 8 are single sites in single ownership and of those 8 we have valuations for 6 and can therefore proceed with issuing a Notice of Intention to place the sites on the Vacant Sites Register.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask whether the Council owns either of the two void properties on Kildare Road Crumlin and if we do to provide this Councillor with a report for each property outlining the number of years vacant and whether a contractor/direct labour has been assigned for refurbishment, expected completion date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council owns one void property on Kildare Road. A contractor is currently refurbishing this unit and it is expected to become available for letting by end March 2017

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask our housing maintenance manager what percentage of all maintenance requests logged in each of the past three years (whether via Councillors or via public) related to problems or damage caused by condensation/damp.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

97% of maintenance requests to Dublin City Council which refer to "dampness" are eventually identified as being due to condensation.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the sequence of events and timelines, including details regarding receipt of notice of industrial action for

a) Additional ambulances and

b) Changes to call & dispatch taking, leading to the DCC walking out of the Ambulance Forum and details of its response to the Technical Report presented to the Forum

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We first became aware of intentions to ballot for strike action on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The final meeting of the Management /Trade Union Forum took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

This Forum was established in March 2015 and had already met on 19 occasions. While good work was carried out by this Forum and agreement was reached on a number of related issues it was not possible to get agreement on the fundamental issue of call taking and dispatching which was the focus of serious criticism in the Hiqa review published back in December 2014. It was the view of management that

nothing further could be achieved by having any further meetings of the Forum but engagement with the Trade Unions could continue in the normal way. Management will respond in writing to the members of the Forum on the options outlined in the Technical Report in due course.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR OAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to arrange to have the following matter dealt with (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to arrange to have the following matter dealt with (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to arrange to have the following matter dealt with (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Housing Maintenance Manager to arrange to have the following matter dealt with (**details supplied**)?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Chief Executive answer the following questions in relation to allotments/community farming?

- a) What acreage of city council owned land is devoted to allotments/community farming?
- b) How many allotments in total.
- c) How does Council advertise and promote allotments.
- d) Is there a waiting list.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following information relates to SWIC and Crumlin only:

- a) Approximately 2 acres of land is used for allotments/community gardens
  - b) 133 allotments
  - c) New allotments are generally advertised by local posters
  - d) There is a waiting list
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- a) The allotment site at Springvale, Chapelizod is 1356 sq.m.
  - b) There are 36 allotments in total, each measuring 36 sq.m.
  - c) A site notice was displayed at the time the allotment site was developed in Autumn 2013. A leaflet drop was also carried out in Chapelizod Village advertising the allotments.
  - d) There is a current waiting list which is updated as expressions of interest are received. Each allotment is issued on a licence basis annually for a period of 11 months.

There are also community garden/allotments in Cherry Orchard which is operated and managed by the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership.

South East Area Allotments:

Herbert Park, 500 m2 (13 allotments)  
Ringsend, 1295 m2 (34 allotments)

Herbert Park has 89 on a waiting list and Ringsend has 70.

- a) North Central Area manages the Belmayne Allotment Site which is an Urban Allotment Scheme over 2 acres.
- b) There are 112 Allotments, including a community space.
- c) The Allotments were advertised locally, with the majority leased by local residents from Belmayne and Clongriffin.
- d) Currently there is a waiting list, we would hope to accommodate most in the new leasing period from 2017 to 2018.

***St Annes Park (North Central Area)***

*70 Allotments &  
10 Community Gardens totalling 8119 sq M*

*There is an extremely large waiting list for St Annes,  
And consequently we are accepting no new applicants.*

**Meakstown (North West Area)**

*61 Allotments totalling 4050 square metres*

*A number of Allotments are vacant and available for letting at Meakstown,  
which have been periodically advertised on social media.*

*Parks Service welcome new applications.*

We have 3 Community Gardens/Allotments in the Finglas area, each of the allotments is under licence as follows.  
Dublin North West Area Partnership has a licence for the Greenway Community Garden  
The Finglas Centre has a licence for Prospect Hill Community Garden  
Pavee Point has a licence for an area in the Abigail Centre.  
The above groups run and promote the Gardens/Allotments; demand is always high so waiting lists apply.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Given that the deficits in the current Waste Bye-Laws are impacting on the ability of the council to tackle the serious illegal dumping problem in the city, can the Chief Executive confirm that a review of the bye-laws will be undertaken in the near future and can he confirm an approximate timescale for the drafting of new, more effective bye-laws?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will undertake a review of the bye-laws for storage, separation and collection of waste. This will be carried out in the context of guidance that is expected in the matter of the making of waste bye laws that is anticipated from the Eastern Midland Waste Regional Office as part of a national approach to the issue across the regions. The statutory process, once a draft of updated bye laws is complete, requires a two month period following publication of this draft for submissions to be obtained and considered and then any proposed bye-laws must be approved by the City Council and come into force no less than thirty days following this.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.139 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report into (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.141 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.142 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.143 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.