

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

In light of the idiotic decision by the Lord Mayor to grant the freedom of the city to Barack Obama does Dublin City Council have an additional budget prepared to protect public buildings in this city by potential protestors during the arrival of the former US president? How much does Dublin City Council estimate security costs for this visit?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The conferring of the Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin on Michelle and Barack Obama was granted by Dublin City Council at their meeting on 6th March, 2017. Dublin City Council has had initial discussions with An Garda Síochána and others regarding security during the visit. Discussions are still ongoing in relation to a possible date and possible venues for the visit. Until the above decisions are made no estimates of costs for any aspect of the Freedom of the City Ceremony can be made

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

In light of the failure to properly answer my question regarding part 5 housing units at the February meeting of DCC I would like to ask the following question.

Since the year 2013 how many housing units that could have been provided to this city by part 5 of the consolidated planning and development acts been legally turned down. I would like this to be broken as follows, by year, by compliance with section 96 (3) (b) and every other reason outside section 96 (3) (b) why this local authority can allow developers legally get out of providing social housing to this city. I would like it answered in the following format.

How many social housing units could have been provided to this city if developers could not legally squirm out of providing social housing under part 5 of the planning acts?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Section 96 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, sets out the 6 types of Part V agreement that can be made, as follows:

1. Transfer to the ownership of the local authority of a part or parts of the land subject to the planning application (section 96(3) paragraph (a)).
2. Build and transfer to the ownership of the local authority, or persons nominated by the authority, of a number of housing units on the site subject to the planning application (section 96(3) paragraph (b)(i)). Up to 10% of the units in the development).
3. Transfer to the ownership of the local authority, or persons nominated by the authority, of housing units on any other land in the functional area of the local authority (section 96(3) paragraph (b)(iv)).
4. Grant a lease of housing units to the local authority, either on the site subject to the planning application or on any other land within the functional area of the local authority (section 96(3) paragraph (b)(iva)). This is a new option, inserted in 2015.
5. A combination of the transfer of the ownership of land under paragraph (a) of section 96(3) and one of more of the options at paragraph (b)(i), (b)(iva) of

Section 96(3) (section 96(3) paragraph (b)(vii)). That is, a combination of a transfer of land and one or more of the other options.

6. A combination of 2 or more of the options set out at paragraphs (b)(i), (b)(iv) and (b)(iva) of section 96(3) i.e. a combination of options **not** including a transfer of the ownership of land (section 96(3) paragraph (b)(viii)).

Up to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, financial contributions could be made by developers under Section 96, in lieu of the provision of social housing. This provision was removed following the introduction of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (Section 33).

Set out below is the number of units that were provided under Section 96 (3)(b), the number of Units that could have been provided for under Section 96(3)(b) and the number of units that could have been provided for every other reason outside Section 96(3)(b)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of units provided under Section 96 (3)(b)</b>	<b>Number of units that could have been provided for relating to section 96 (3) (b)</b>	<b>Number of units that could have been provided for for every other legal reason allowable outside section 96 (3) (b)</b>
2013	25	64	0
2014	36	73	0
2015	0	14	0
2016	25	3	0
2017 to date	2	0	0

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if this decrepit sign for Anglesea Road could be replaced (photograph supplied) and if the nearby road sign as detailed could be cleaned and made legible. The road sign on the Donnybrook Bridge directing tourists etc into Donnybrook is both filthy and unreadable.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to replace the Anglesea Road street nameplate. Clarification has been sought from the councillor in relation to the sign on the bridge.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a Street cleaning of the area around (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can clarify the powers available to the Council and/or its authorised agents to remove cars that have apparently been abandoned on the public roadway including those with and without relevant tax and insurance discs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

When a vehicle is reported abandoned, the registered owner is contacted to clarify whether or not it is in fact abandoned.

If no reply is received, the vehicle is then deemed abandoned and can be removed by Dublin City Council's removal contractor. If a vehicle has current tax or insurance it will not be deemed abandoned.

The relevant legislation regarding abandoned vehicles is Section 71 of the Waste Management Act., 1996

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the disposal of Dublin City Council land at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC or the planning Dept have had any contact or communication with the owners of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider purchasing **(details supplied)** for Senior Citizen housing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue a revised memo to staff and Councillors in relation to comments at Area Committees and observations from Councillors arising from the following statement issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to the Dublin Inquirer March 2017.

"If councillors don't pay, then planning permissions that are granted might be left open to challenges, Wallace said.

But that's not what a spokesperson for the Department of Housing said by email. "The €20 fee does not apply at area and other official meetings. In relation to discussions on planning applications, councillors may oppose, support or reject applications. However, any specific observations/comments made by elected members do not open the planning application decision to legal challenge," she said. "The Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 provides for Regulations to be made to waive or reduce fees required in the making of observations on applications for planning permissions. It provides that elected members may pay a reduced fee or no fee for making such a submission on a planning application," she said."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In July 2016 the Planning SPC wrote to Minister Coveney to enquire about the previous Minister's intention to abolish the planning fee for Councillors and TDs. The response received in November 2016 indicated that the Minister is considering the suggestions made in the context of the review of legislation currently underway. There has been no further update from the Department, the situation remains as follows:

Pursuant to Section 29 (1) (a) of the Planning & Development Regulations 'Any person or body, on payment of the prescribed fee, may make a submission or observation in writing to a planning authority in relation to a planning application within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application'.

The Development Management Guidelines published by the Department in 2007 provide that there is no fee for Elected Members 'when supporting or objecting to the application in general terms without elaborating on the grounds of the application or on a submission by an observer'.

There is however a fee for a formal submission which 'elaborates on the grounds of an application or a submission or raises a substantive new issue, the submission cannot be considered by the planning authority unless it is accompanied by the appropriate fee'.

Comments made at Area Committee or any Council meetings cannot be taken into account in the determination of the planning application unless formally submitted in line with the Planning & Development Regulations.

Failure to act in accordance with the Regulations and Guidelines could prejudice the planning authority, Elected Members and leave planning decisions open to challenge through the courts

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
Can the Chief Executive be provide an update on (**detail supplied**)

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

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
What is the update on **(detail supplied?)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive is there any housing aid for older people **(Details supplied).**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**  
What checks is the Council doing on new builds/new houses now – are they checking the houses to make sure they are sufficiently fire proofed and do not have pyrite in them etc? What regulation is involved?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Building Control Amendment Regulations (BCAR) is the statutory mechanism for ensuring compliance with the building regulations and it applies to both public and private housing. A Dublin City Council report 'Framework for the Inspection of Construction Sites to Monitor Compliance with the Requirements of the Building Regulations' outlining the building control system and supporting regulations was presented recently to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee (16/03/17). A copy of this report is attached.

In addition the Housing Department employ Clerks of Works to carry out our own inspections, monitor construction quality, construction materials and specification compliance issues on site and carry out snagging for our own projects which may not be covered under BCAR and BCAR inspections.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**  
Could the Chief Executive please carry out an inspection of the serious parking problems at **(details supplied)?**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**  
To ask TAG to carry out a safety audit at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive to place tree planters on the public footpath outside Spar on Dolphins Barn. Cars and vans park up on the footpath causing a visual obstruction for people turning onto or exiting from Reuben Street and obstacles need to be put in place to ensure this doesn't happen. I have multiple pictures of these obstructions at different times of the day that I can send on if the manger doesn't judge this to be an important safety issue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Department does not use planters as a method of traffic enforcement. If there is an issue with cars and vans parking up on the footpath causing a visual obstruction for people this would be an enforcement issue for An Garda Siochana. This will be reported to the Gardai for enforcement at the traffic advisory group meeting.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to remove debris at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to install speed cameras on Strand Road, Dublin 4.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Environment and Transportation Department does not implement speed cameras at fixed locations as this is under the remit of Garda Operations. However, there are driver feedback signs which are used as a road safety deterrent on both the inbound and outbound carriageway on the Strand Road.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to install a "No Ball Games" sign on the grass area at Park Court (off Park Avenue), Dublin 4. This is a small grass area for the community and is not suitable for ball games.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area was inspected recently and it was noted that there is very little evidence of ball playing on this small grassed area. Encouraging outdoor activity especially by

children, such as partaking in casual 'kick-about ball playing' is something that is welcomed and it is what these areas were designed to facilitate.

Therefore, considering the current level of use of this activity on the green it is not proposed to erect a 'No Ball Games' sign as requested.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would install a ramp and check the drainage issues at (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC senior management will provide funding for 4 new ambulances for Dublin Fire Brigade.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Responsibility for the funding of the ambulance service rests with the Health Service Executive/National Ambulance Service.

The National Ambulance capacity review has indicated the necessity for additional ambulances in the Dublin area and Dublin City Council agrees with this recommendation.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request senior Garda Management to provide foot patrols on (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a cleaning of shores and check public lighting at (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following in Tabular Form please.

- a) Total Number of Travellers Specific Housing in the different Area Committees
- b) Total Number of Travellers Housed in Standard DCC tenancies
- c) Total number of travellers specific builds in the last 5 years.
- d) Planned builds for traveller specific Housing for next 5 years.
- e) The number of traveller applicants waiting on the DCC Housing List.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a)

Area	Apps
North Central	11
North West	18
South Central	23

b) Information not available.

c)

Traveller Specific Builds	3 Houses (1, 6 & 7 Kylemore Grove)
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d)

Bridgeview	1 House
Avila Park	1 House confirmed (8 Avila Park) 2 Houses in lieu of Community Centre rebuild

Further information will be available once the current TAP has expired.

e)

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**Q.37 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask The Chief Executive what has been the total costs (Capital and Revenue) to DCC for running the Abigail Centre in Finglas West. Can the answer be provided in tabular form per year please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Year	Revenue	Capital	Total
2014	€ 126,622	€ 834,580	€ 961,202
2015	€ 1,030,345	€ 125,370	€ 1,155,715



2016	€ 1,170,005	€ 480	€ 1,170,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 2,326,972</b>	<b>€ 960,430</b>	<b>€ 3,287,402</b>

The Revenue expenditure is paid under Section 10 of the Housing Act 1988 and is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the full re-instatement of the tarmac landing at the bus-stop outside the WFTA Hall (52A Mellows Road) in Finglas West. The surface here on the footpath and road has been spot fixed numerous times so a full re-surface needs to be carried out asap.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services informs that this request will be added to Road Maintenance Services inspection/work list and it will be scheduled for repair when there is a crew available in this area, subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply the following information what type of house tenant purchase schemes, such as the 50-50 scheme, are available currently.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme was introduced in 2016 by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. There is currently no closing date for this scheme.

The House Purchase Loan is available to first time buyers who satisfy the required criteria. This is available to both tenants and non tenants of Dublin City Council.

The Shared Ownership scheme is no longer available; however households who still retain this type of mortgage are being encouraged to transfer to full annuity loan, where appropriate.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details on the licensing arrangements for drivers of horses and carriages in the Dublin City area to include how many licences are in existence. The Chief Executive should outline in his response if there are any regulations in this area and whether there have been any changes in practice in recent times.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 16 Carriage Operator and a further 26 Carriage Driver Licences issued under the Control Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-Laws 2011. These Bye-Laws regulate the operation of Horse Drawn Carriages within the administrative area of Dublin City Council.

No new Carriage Operator licences are being issued as the number is now limited to sixteen. The capping of licences is provided for in the bye-laws and was deemed necessary as the number of parking spaces available at the designated locations is limited. This is due to commissioning of the Cross City LUAS Line in mid 2017 and the implementation of an Environmental Enhancement scheme on Crane Street adjacent to the Guinness Storehouse. In addition the construction of the College Green Plaza, as well as other traffic management measures on the North and South Quays may necessitate the diversion of traffic, including horse carriages, to other traffic routes.

It is proposed to review the current bye-laws in the current year.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive how many visitors visited DCC libraries in 2016 and if this could be broken down on an individual library basis as well as by the overall amount to visit all DCC libraries.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A total of 2,563,464 visits were made to City libraries during 2016. In addition, a further 1,605,240 virtual visits were made to the library's online digital services.

<b>Branch</b>	<b>2016</b>
Ballyfermot	122,392
Ballymun	181,002
Cabra	121,846
Central Library	440,236
Charleville Mall	43,956
Coolock	183,247
Dolphin's Barn	59,024
Donaghmede	151,763
Drumcondra	91,132
Finglas	89,989
Inchicore	41,027
Marino	52,735
Mobiles	20,202
Pearse Street	163,500
Pembroke	54,629
Phibsboro	59,949
Raheny	225,596
Rathmines	196,002
Ringsend	42,090
Staff Library	24,368
Terenure	94,845
Walkinstown	103,934

<b>Total</b>	<b>2,563,464</b>
<b>Online visits</b>	<b>1,605,240</b>

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the breach of planning at 21 Aungier Street?

This building is on the record of protected structures. It is also included on the record of National Monument. The building and its fabric are one of the most important in the city and are part of the national heritage of this country. It would appear that DCC authorised unlawful works at this site without the necessary ministerial consent or proper surveys, or proper planning. Many organisations who are engaged in the preservation of the city's historic fabric and indeed many of the citizens were absolutely dismayed that this important structure is to be used inappropriately as a housing solution for people who are rough sleeping or in a homeless situation. Further, this street is already saturated with 3 such emergency accommodation facilities and the whole community here is finding it very difficult to cope with issues that arise from such saturation in the public domain. The community have expressed a commitment to working with homeless and people who find themselves in housing difficulty but another such facility on this street would make it almost impossible for balance to be kept. All of these matters were discussed at a recent meeting with DCC officials and officials from the Peter McVerry Trust and everybody expressed their concerns. The single biggest issue here in all of this was the manner in which this was conducted. The lack of any transparency, lack of any engagement and discussion at any local level and indeed the lack of information to local councillors - it has made this a much more difficult issue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A meeting took place on site at 21 Aungier Street on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 between DCC, Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) and the National Monuments Service (NMS). At the meeting it was found that the works do not materially affect the architectural character of the building as a protected structure and a registered and recorded monument. There was some recognition that minor works were necessary to prevent potential deterioration to the building, particularly in respect of the bathrooms. PMVT's conservation architect provided written notification to the NMS of the works proposed as the required notice had not previously been given. Furthermore PMVT agreed they will not proceed with the works until they are advised to do so. If appropriate, works will be completed in order to ensure that the building is brought back to its prior condition in accordance with the requirements of the NMS. However on further examination regarding the suitability of the location of a homeless service on this site, particularly considering the number of homeless services in the area, a decision was taken by the DRHE not to proceed with commencing a service from this address now or at any time in the future. The Dublin region, with 28% of the national population, provides services to 74% of the national homeless population. The DRHE is coordinating the regional response to homelessness and this response will continue to involve the sourcing of additional accommodation for people experiencing homelessness and at risk of sleeping rough.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the ongoing works at Henrietta Street on the Tenement House Experience, 14 Henrietta Street. This report to include all monies spent to date. Full schedule of works carried out on the building. What works are ongoing and are to be completed. What budget is being provided for the running and management of this facility? Who will be in charge of this facility?

What are the opening hours and staffing cost for this facility? When will this facility officially be opened?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The main works contract value is €3,542,344.91 (excluding VAT 13.5%). Capital works expenditure to date is €2,902,250.00. Works commenced on 11th April 2016 and the current date for substantial completion of works is 21st April 2017. The foregoing is a list of works undertaken at 14 Henrietta Street noting extent of completion (%) of these works. On 29th March 2016 conservation and adaptive reuse works to 14 Henrietta Street commencement on site.

- Construction of new single-storey brick rear return with a part three-storey element to accommodate ancillary service facilities and a lift for universal access to basement, ground and first floor levels of the building- 95%
- Alterations to rear facade at basement, ground and first floors to facilitate access from existing building to new lift in proposed part 3-storey return- 95%
- Repairs to roof structure and recovering entirely in new natural slate- 100%
- Rebuilding and consolidating chimneystacks – 100%
- Renewal of front facade brickwork, comprising localised re-pointing and associated brick repairs to window reveals and feather rendering of reveals and cleaning of Portland Stone window sills and doorcase- 95%
- Reinstatement of blocked-up former door opening at first floor level- 100%
- Flat Lime plaster repairs to ground floor level – 99%
- Flat Lime plaster repairs to basement rooms– 99%
- Decorative Plasterwork cornice repairs – 95%
- Augmentation works to all existing and intact flat lath and plaster ceilings and cornices- 95%
- Structural upgrading of floor structures throughout – 100%
- Augmentation to level original sagged floor joists in all rooms on all floors – 100%
- Reinstatement of repaired original boards at ground first and second floor level and new floorboards at basement (where none survived) and third floor (non original) – 98%
- Marine plywood floor covering to ground floor tenement room – 100%
- New entrance hall floor screed– 90 %
- Reinstatement of repaired original Portland stone paving slabs in entrance hall – 10%
- Reinstatement of tenement partition walls in tenement room – 80%
- Screed in basement and link bridges to lifts – 90 %
- Paving slabs in basement – 100 %
- Works to *In situ* granite steps and landings to main steps – 90 %
- Painting to third floor based on existing colours found in each room– 70%
- Painting to 2nd floor based on existing colour found in each room– 40 %
- Painting of windows internally and externally – 100%
- Repairs to existing and installation of new where missing: skirting, architraves and internal doors to 3rd floor and 2nd floor – 90%
- Repairs to existing and installation of new where missing: skirting, architraves and internal doors to 1st floor – 50%
- External joinery installation – 90%
- Repairs to all fireplace hearths, repairs to all existing chimneypieces and hearthstones and installation of new chimneypieces and hearthstones where missing – 90%
- Historic wallpaper restoration works – 85%
- Window surround refurbishment – 98%

- Alterations to and conservation of front wrought iron railings – 95%
- Cleaning of original Portland stone aedicular entrance door surround – 100%
- Reinstatement of original paving to front lightwell – 100%
- Lime render coat to front light well – 100%
- Installation of front ambulant impaired ramp – 100%
- Installation of non-fire rated screens in openings between closet spaces and rear staircase – 100%
- Burnt larch cladding to closet ceilings wall to vertical riser and access bridges to rear lift at ground and first floor level – 50%
- Reinstatement of original and new timber wall panels to entrance hall – 50%
- Reinstatement of new raised and fielded timber wall panels to 1st floor stairhall gallery landing – 100%
- Installation of new entrance hall staircase- 60%
- Structural upgrading works to back stairs- 100%
- Installation of tea station to 2nd and 3rd floor – 100%
- Installation of basement resource/common room workstation – 100%
- Tiling of toilets in closet space on 2nd and 3rd floor – 50%
- Extensive conservation repairs to existing timber back staircase – 90%
- M&E second fix to 3rd floor – 90%
- M&E second fix to 2nd floor – 90%
- M&E second fix to 1st floor – 90%
- M&E second fix to ground floor –90%
- M&E first fix to basement – 100%
- M&E second fix to basement – 90%
- Switch room – 98%
- Induction loop– 100%
- Mechanical plant room – 95%
- Green roofing to return – 95%
- Installation of louvre grill above flat roof – 100%
- Installation of new cast-iron downpipes to front and rear – 90%
- Concrete base steps for granite steps installation – 100%
- New brick and granite garden plinth wall- 90%

Museum fit-out phase will commence in April-May and will take 3-4 months to complete.

A report on the official opening, management and staffing and projected running costs of the museum will be made available to Council in due course

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive initiate a proper policy and protocol in and around the future locations of emergency housing/hostel accommodation? At present there is no transparent Dublin City Council policy, protocol or guideline on this matter. With the recent controversy on Carmen Hall and 21 Aungier Street plus the general concern in residents and business communities that can often result in challenges through courts it is time now to examine this policy deficit.

It is important that the rights of the homeless and homeless providers are balanced with the communities in which these services are placed. At present there is no mechanism for engagement and often such services are simply shoe horned into inappropriate settings and locations in a cloud of secrecy and non information. This is not the best way to solve our emergency accommodation issue and more and more communities are demanding a proper say and informed consent in these matters.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE is coordinating the response to homelessness across the Dublin region. The region has just 28% of the national population, but 74% of the population who are experiencing homelessness. In this context it is inevitable that there will be several services providing accommodation for people experiencing homelessness in areas of Dublin City.

The DRHE is actively involved in sourcing new facilities to accommodate people experiencing homelessness including families with children. Each development is considered in the context of the relevant sections of the Dublin City Development Plan. The Development Plan recognises the need to support initiatives to address homelessness (QH29), while also requiring consideration to be given to the potential for over concentration of homeless accommodation in an area, and for appropriate balance in the further provision of new developments (QH 30).

The DRHE are committed to informing Councillors and communities of facilities that are to be located in their areas, and are open to any suggestions about how to ensure effective community engagement.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report as to whether DCC have developed a protocol and a policy around the Governments intended injection room facilities in the Dublin area?

Many residential and business communities in the city centre are gravely concerned with regards the possible location of these intended injection rooms. What is DCC's role in the role out of these facilities? Will these facilities be subject to planning permission? Does DCC have a protocol, guideline or policy on these matters? Who will be in charge of the public domain management and the possible fallout from such facilities? Has DCC received any pre-planning questions from any organisation in relation to the supply of such facilities in premises in the city centre area?

Can the management, make transparent, all discussions that may have taken place on this issue with relevant individuals and organisations.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Bill to give effect to the Government's Policy to introduce Safe Injection Centres (S.I.F) is currently going through the legislative process in the Oireachtas and is expected to be enacted this summer.

The Health Services Executive (HSE) is the responsible agency to manage and implement the introduction of this service and while discussions are ongoing in the HSE in relation to the general concept of a S.I.F no decision at all has been made on possible legislations for such a centre.

It is intended that the first S.I.F (Pilot) will be located somewhere in Dublin City Centre. In due course there will be consultation and communication with Dublin City Council and other stakeholders and obviously there will have to be extensive consultation with local communities when a suitable location has been identified and all issues around planning, public domain, public safety, drug litter, etc., will have to be dealt with at that stage.

We will ensure that there is early and transparent communication with Dublin City Council on this very important issue.

Dublin City Council has not developed any protocol or issued any guidelines in relation to the operation of the proposed Supervised Injection Facility (SIF) in Dublin

City. Dublin City Council has not been involved in either the drafting of legislation on this proposal or in the consultation process.

The location of the facility has yet to be determined. On confirmation of this it can be ascertained whether or not Dublin City Council's Planning and Property Development Development and/or Environment and Transportation Departments will have a role to play in terms of permissions required / maintenance of the area in the immediate vicinity of the facility.

Preplanning meetings when they occur are site specific. From a planning point of view any application would be dealt with on a case by case basis having regard to zoning and other relevant City Development Plan policies/standards including 16.12 Standards – Institutions/Hostels & Social Support Services.

This issue has been discussed at meetings of the Dublin City Centre Business Forum (DCCBF), the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and the High Level Group on Street Issues (HLG) over the last number of months. It was discussed in detail at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DCCBF. This was attended by representatives of Merchant's Quay Ireland who addressed a number of issues raised by members pertaining to a need for clarity on the bill in addition to expressing their dissatisfaction on the absence of any consultation with affected stakeholders.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make available the details of the number of staff, and the annual budget of the Planning Enforcement Section. In his reply could he detail the annual budget of the Planning Department, and the amount that relates to Planning Enforcement?"

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council employs eight Planning Enforcement Officers to investigate and address alleged breaches of planning legislation throughout the city. These Enforcement Officers report to an Asst Enforcement Manager. They are supported by five full-time administrative staff to deal with enquiries, correspondence, issue of Notices etc.

The overall expenditure budget for Planning Department for 2017 is €17,462,987, of which €1,569,882 applies to the direct provision of Enforcement services.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details, including attendances, minutes or notes taken of any pre-application consultations undertaken with the Council in regard to the future redevelopment of the Phibsborough Shopping Centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning GIS system indicates that there are no current planning applications relating to the redevelopment of Phibsborough Shopping Centre. The record of any pre-application consultations is only placed on the public planning file when a relevant planning application is submitted.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give details, including attendances, minutes or notes taken of any pre-application consultations undertaken with the Council in regard to the future redevelopment of the Dublin Central (Moore Street) development.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

By Plan No. 2479/08, planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanala on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 for the redevelopment of a site bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, Henry Street, Henry Place and O'Connell Street Upper otherwise known as the Dublin Central project. This permission was originally due to expire on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 (+ 63 days), but an extension of duration for another 5 years was granted on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016, extending this permission until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The Planning GIS system indicates that there are no current planning applications relating to the redevelopment of Dublin Central (Moore Street) development. The record of any pre-application consultations is only placed on the public planning file when a relevant planning application is submitted.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City Council has the right to rescind the purchase agreement of the Iveagh Markets to **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much has been included under the Development Contribution Scheme in relation to the planning permission granted for the Clerys site (Planning ref 3442/16) and also to confirm how and when this amount will be discharged to DCC.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This application is currently the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanala so it would be premature to make any comment until a decision has been made.



**Q.57 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the general position of DCC planners on proposed developments which impact negatively on the existing building of a residential street and specifically to comment on the acceptability or otherwise of such a proposal as requested under planning permission ref 2049/17.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

By Plan No. 2409/17, the Planning Authority refused planning permission for a proposed development at 194/202, Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3 for the demolition of 5 existing houses and ancillary buildings and the construction of a 4 storey apartment development with 146 number rooms for student accommodation. The reasons for refusal were as follows:

1. It is considered, on the basis of the documentation submitted with the application, that the proposed development, which involves the demolition of a Protected Structure, has not been adequately justified in conservation terms, and that it has not been established, to the satisfaction of the planning authority, that exceptional circumstances exist to permit such demolition, having regard to the provisions of Section 57 (10)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines and to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

2. By reason of its bulk, height and design, and by reason of its location relative to nearby residential properties, in particular number 192 Clonliffe Road, it is considered that the proposed development would seriously injure the residential amenities of adjoining property. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Since the decision to refuse was only made on the 9th March and the appeal period does not expire until 5th April 2017. the Planning Authority is not in a position to comment on this particular application at present, other than to state that the proposal to break the established building line was raised as a concern in the planner's report. In general terms, it is generally considered good practise to maintain the established building line, although each application is taken on a case by case basis

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the housing needs assessment process completed in December, indicating the number and category of cancelled applications and new total applicants. In particular, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many applicants failed to reply and what efforts were made to contact these applicants.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The first Housing Needs Assessment letter was sent to applicants on the 4th of July 2016 and at this time there were 23,446 applicants on the Housing List.

At the end of December, there was a figure of 5,654 applications cancelled specifically due to failure to reply to the assessment. At that time there were 18,946 applicants remaining on the Housing List.

Applicants were sent three reminder letters on a phased basis from July to September and also applicants were contacted by phone if the number was available.

There are currently 19,777 applicants on the Housing List and there is a figure of 5,159 applications that remain cancelled due to failure to reply.

<b>Cancelled Specific to Assessment 2016</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Applicant Deceased</b>	71
<b>Bought Own Home</b>	9
<b>Change of Circumstances</b>	235
<b>Housed - Other Local Authority-outside DCC</b>	323
<b>Inadequate Refugee/GNIB Status</b>	1
<b>Incomplete Applications</b>	6
<b>No Contact</b>	88
<b>No Reply 2016 Assessment</b>	5159
<b>Not Eligible - 2011 Regulations</b>	77
<b>Not Residing</b>	8
<b>On other LA Housing List</b>	35
<b>Over Income Limit</b>	107
<b>Not Eligible - House Owner-ownership issues</b>	86
<b>Grand Total</b>	6205

Any cancelled applicants had until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to contact Housing Allocations to have their application re-opened from the Housing Needs Assessment 2016.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

Further to the reply I received to Q18 of the February City Council meeting, could the Chief Executive confirm that the traffic camera system, while not, in his words, designed to count vehicles or complete surveys, could actually facilitate such a survey. This would, in my view, merely consist of someone watching the screen and marking on a sheet incident such as cyclist and/or motorists breaking red lights, cyclists using footpaths, pedestrians jaywalking etc. Is such a survey really incapable of being carried out using the traffic camera network or is there some reluctance to get some insight and facts on motorist, pedestrian and cyclist behaviour?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is indeed feasible for this type of survey to be carried out; however, the Camera, if being used for this purpose, will not be available for its normal traffic monitoring.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what reports has been done to date on the provision of services for the upcoming PPP proposal for the Scribblestown site? Have reports been carried out on

- A) Transport
- B) Traffic
- C) Schools/ Health facilities and shopping facilities

If so could these reports be provided?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning consent for the proposed Social Housing development at Scribblestown will be progressed, via a part VIII planning process. The project team are currently in the process of developing a Social Infrastructure Audit and Planning report. The reports will examine the existing transport, traffic and social infrastructure adjacent to the area of the proposed development and will be included in the Part 8 planning documentation which will be circulated to the Councillors for consideration in the coming weeks.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the cycle lane on (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive state if how many people are on the waiting list for one bed two beds and three beds in Areas M and N.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following table shows the current waiting list figures for the number of applications looking for one, two and three beds in Areas M and N.

<b>Current HOUSING Waiting List Figures by Bedsize Requirements</b>		
<b>Bedsize Requirements</b>	<b>Area M</b>	<b>Area N</b>
<b>1 Bed</b>	684	955
<b>2 Bed</b>	271	360
<b>3 Bed</b>	67	129

<b>Current TRANSFER Waiting List Figures by Bedsize Requirements</b>		
<b>Bedsize Requirements</b>	<b>Area M</b>	<b>Area N</b>
<b>1 Bed</b>	241	162
<b>2 Bed</b>	172	71
<b>3 Bed</b>	88	37

<b>Current COMBINED Waiting List Figures by Bedsize Requirements</b>		
<b>Bedsize Requirements</b>	<b>Area M</b>	<b>Area N</b>
<b>1 Bed</b>	925	1117
<b>2 Bed</b>	443	431
<b>3 Bed</b>	155	166

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

What are the names and numbers of DCC officials residents should ring when they have concerns over a large development that is taking place close to them in terms of Building Control - noise - air pollution - out of hours working?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Allegations of a breach of planning conditions must be made in writing to the Planning Enforcement Section, Floor 2 - Block 4, Civic Offices, Dublin 8. Alternatively, they can be reported by e-mail to [planningenforcement@dublincity.ie](mailto:planningenforcement@dublincity.ie).

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

Can the Chief Executive have someone call out to (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have essential repairs carried out at this location (**Details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

Can the Chief Executive respond to the following query (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

Can the Chief Executive respond to the following query (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

Can the Chief Executive respond to the following query (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

Can the Chief Executive respond to the following query (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLOOLY**

A Report on the Unauthorised Removal of Immobilisation Devices to the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated September 2016 states the following:

'Where a clamp has been illegally removed this status is flagged against the vehicle registration number on the clamping management system by Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS), the Council's parking enforcement contractor.

If the vehicle is subsequently parked illegally enforcement is by immediate removal from the street to the pound nearby preventing any possibility of recurring instance of the illegal removal of a clamp. Payment of the fees due and any ancillary costs is required in order for the vehicle to be released to the owner from the pound'.

The Report goes on to state that 77 vehicles were impounded in 2015 where these vehicles had been flagged as being involved in a previous incident of an

unauthorised removal of a clamp. Of these 77, 24 vehicles were subsequently disposed of as a result of outstanding fees not being paid.

(i) Was this procedure followed in 2016 and how many vehicles were flagged and removed and impounded in that year, for this reason.

(ii) What outstanding fees and charges were levied in each case? Please deal with each individual case without identifying the owners or the cars.

(iii) How many vehicles were released upon payment of a lesser amount than the amount levied in both years 2015 and 2016? Please deal with each individual case where a lesser amount paid by comparison with the amount levied. Set out the reason why a lesser amount was accepted than the amount levied.

(iv) How many vehicles were disposed of in 2016, if any?

(v) Set out the legal basis for this practice in 2015 and / or 2016. (v) If the practice is covered by Council Manager's Order include a copy of the Order/Orders.

(vi) How many people were prosecuted for the offence of removal of a clamp under section 101B of the Dublin Transport Authority (Dissolution) Act 1987 in the years 2015 and / or 2016?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. No vehicles are impounded solely for the reason that a clamp was removed from the vehicle previously without authorisation. Of the vehicles removed to the pound in 2016 25 were flagged on the enforcement system as they were associated with previous unauthorised removal of a clamp. The reduction in numbers of vehicles removed to the pound is due to essential works and establishment of new procedures to comply with additional Health and Safety requirements in relation to storage and release of vehicles to owners from the pound.

	<b>Fee Levied</b>
1	€740
2	€740
3	€740
4	€80
5	€1,320
6	€740
7	€160
8	€740
9	€880
10	€740
11	€740
12	€740
13	€740
14	€80
15	€80
16	€80
17	€80
18	€740
19	€80
20	€80
21	€80
22	€80
23	€80
24	€740
25	€740

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Fee Paid</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>2015</b>	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
	€340	Clamp recovered
<b>Total Cases 2015</b>	7	
<b>2016</b>	€160	Vehicle in new ownership
<b>Total Cases 2016</b>	1	

4. Of the 153 vehicles disposed of in 2016 6 were vehicles that had been flagged on the enforcement system.

5. The storage and eventual disposal of vehicles is carried out in accordance with the Road Traffic Act and Road Traffic (Removal and Storage of Vehicles) Regulations, 1983 to 1998.
6. While An Garda has conducted investigations in relation to unauthorised removal of clamps it is typically the case that there is no evidence implicating an individual. In such circumstances no legal action is taken. Where there are witnesses to such activity or other appropriate evidence available the individual is usually charged with criminal damage to property. Four cases have been taken by An Garda in the past 2 years.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many complaints have been received by DCC maintenance personnel about malfunctioning or inefficient functioning of storage heating systems in DCC units and if DCC can replace storage heating systems with alternative heating systems if problems prove persistent.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council have 211 dwellings with storage heaters. 66 were renewed under a Better Energy Communities Scheme (BEC) in 2016, in partnership with SSE Airtricity.

SSE Airtricity has lodged an application in 2017 with SEAI to continue this programme. Pending the application being approved THE City Council. hopes to continue with the programme in 2017.

In relation to individual complaints, our Electrical Services Section advise very few are received. In cases where an older unit is regularly breaking down Electrical Services replace it. Approximately 6 were replaced last year.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can make representations to NABCO on behalf (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the representation below made by a representative from Clare Hall Residents Association (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the rolling out of HAP beyond those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless is on schedule for April in DCC as per previous statements by Minister Coveney.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme is available to all eligible households in the administrative areas of Dublin City Council since 1st March, 2017, fulfilling a key action in Rebuilding Ireland.

Over 600 HAP application forms have issued to eligible households since 1st March.



8 HAP applications have been completed and payments to Landlords have commenced.

A further 20 applications are awaiting approval.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive has the department confirmed when the funding for phase 2 of the insulation programme. Will be available and has the council agreed what areas will be prioritised?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Funding for Phase 2 of the insulation programme has yet to be confirmed by the Department. When funding is announced, properties across all five areas will be scheduled to endeavour to ensure each area is progressed in an even, equal and fair manner. The programme, where possible, will target properties which have poorest insulation however, operationally, areas will be addressed and completed in their entirety. All dwellings/complexes will have to be reviewed from a technical perspective to establish if they are suitable for Phase 2 of the insulation programme...

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure, (**details supplied**), the necessary work is carried out as a matter of urgency?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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 SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask DCC for a full update on the proposed Liffey valley park from Chapelized Bridge towards the City Centre & what features / timescale is envisaged for the works & costs involved.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report will be presented at a future south central Area Committee meeting on proposals for the Liffey Vale stretch of the Liffey Valley Park.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

That Dublin City Council seek to repair all the broken sections of Oranmore Road Ballyfermot residents feel the road is breaking up in various sections, can I ask when carrying out the repairs we replace the broken concrete sections with concrete as opposed to lots of tarmac patch-up`s.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance will arrange to carry out minor concrete repairs at the affected sections of the carriageway along Oranmore Road.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

That the damaged Tree outside (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

That Dublin City Council work with (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with the estimated costs involved if the recipients of this year's Freedom of the City were to receive the honour in person.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a budget of €42,000 provided for the Freedom of the City for 2018. As no arrangements have yet been made for the conferral of this honour on former President Barak Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama, no estimates have been sought or received in relation to this event.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with the costs involved in turning around an empty council residential property and itemise the various costs involved.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The chart below indicates the average costs incurred in turning around a vacant property in 2016. Due to data protection and procurement regulations it is not possible to give out itemised costs.

<b>APTS - NO OF BEDS</b>	<b>AVERAGE COST</b>
0	€19,981.71
1	€17,904.91
2	€22,855.92
3	€25,966.43
<b>HOUSES - NO OF BEDS</b>	
1	€21,526.39
2	€30,910.87

3	€33,420.25
4	€35,961.91

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that residents are engaged with while the construction of the Rapid Build housing is being built - from start to finish - in Cherry Orchard. From the experience of previous housing developments, there has been frustration by residents by the lack of communication and has resulted in the delay of any constructions going forward. Consultation should take place immediately.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Elmdale/ Cherry Orchard Site**

Dublin City Council propose to construct 53 houses on a portion of the HSE lands at the rear of Cherry Orchard Green/ Elmdale Park

An information meeting for local residents will be arranged within the next 3 weeks.

**Cherry Orchard Avenue/ Croftwood**

Work is currently in progress on the construction of 24 houses on a site at Cherry Orchard Avenue / Croftwood Drive.

There has been 1 public meeting in relation to this site and from this meeting two smaller meetings were arranged with local residents. Both of these smaller meetings were poorly attended. The project manager is available to meet with any group of local residents regarding issues that arise during the construction of the houses.

Residents can also contact the project manager directly on 0868150650 when issues arise.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**  
The homeowners at number (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**  
Can the Chief Executive confirm whether Dublin City Council record the number of syringe needles or other drugs paraphernalia discarded in public and collected by the council? Is he aware of any other organisation which does so?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
Dublin City Council does not record or count the number of needles collected in any area over any time period so it is not possible to provide this information.

A number of other organisations also provide a needle/drug paraphernalia removal service as part of their community and neighbourhood management policies. These services are largely confined to the immediate vicinity of their own group and premises. Organisations such as Dublin Town, Ana Liffey, Merchants Quay Ireland, and homeless services groups, while providing a clean up or removal service for syringes discarded in their own local vicinity, do not record the quantities or numbers of syringes that they remove.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**  
Can the Chief Executive detail the expenditure by DCC on the Halloween festivities in the various areas in Dublin?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
In the last few years we would spend between approximately €3,000 and €5,000 on many different community events across the South East Area.

These would be focused events that celebrate the cultural history and connections to Halloween / Oiche Samhna and help prevent anti-social behaviour

The cost of Bonfire Cleanup throughout the city for Parks and Waste Management Services were €96,000.

The expenditure by Dublin City Council on the Halloween Festivities in the North Central Area in 2016 was €15,807.56.

A total sum of €49,526 was spent on Halloween activities including the collection and disposal of collected waste in the South Central Area for 2016. See details of the breakdown below: -

<b>Section</b>	<b>Works</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Public Domain</b>	Disposal of collected waste plus plant hire etc.	€29,151	

	Staff Overtime	€6,375	€35,526
<b>Community Development</b>	Halloween activities		€14,000

Sean MacDermott Street.....Ballybough ...Sheriff Street / North Wall ...Major Project...40,000 Euro.

Smithfield Major Project....50, 000 Euro.

East Wall Major Project...3.000 Euro...

15 local Neighbourhood Celebrations... 4,000 Euro.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Chief Executive detail the expenditure by DCC on the 1916 commemorations last year? A budget of €720,000 was available and assumed spent.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As the 2016 expenditure involved various departments/sections, and also income from government departments, we are still collating the information and will provide the requested detail for the May meeting of the City Council.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive ask our Road Maintenance Section to make good the damaged carriageway and footpaths at (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive give a report on the development of older person's accommodation at Jamestown Court? This report to state how many units are currently occupied by tenants and to state if these tenants will be all given an option to move over the new units in phase 1 of the re-development. Additionally how many units will be in phase 1 and give an overall report on the entire re-development including a timescale for completion.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Alone has prepared a masterplan for the refurbishment of the three existing blocks and the construction of a fourth block on the Jamestown Court site.

1<sup>st</sup> Phase: Alone will initially redevelop Block A to provide 8 No 1 bed apartments for which planning permission is in place. Alone's design team expects to be ready to go to tender by May 2017. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Qr 3 of 2017.

There are 29 tenants currently residing in Jamestown Court. Discussions are ongoing with the Residents, Alone and Dublin City Council in relation to the project including allocations.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

Can the Chief Executive provide a report on the following matter (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the council attend to the brown staining on the back wall of (**details supplied?**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide details of the housing needs analysis that informed the proposed housing type in the Draft Poolbeg SDZ and who carried out this research.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The background analysis set out below informed the Draft Poolbeg West SDZ and was prepared in-house by the Planning Department in consultation with other departments within the City Council, having regard to the Housing Strategy in the approved City Development Plan.

**Context & Strategic Guidance on Housing**

The preparation of the SDZ comes at a time of housing crisis. Supply of housing is unacceptably low and a variety of factors have contributed to this. At national level, the Government has responded with the following, all of which aim to improve the

environment for improved supply of housing (see Housing Strategy for additional information).

- Construction 2020 'A Strategy for a Renewed Construction Sector' (2014)
- Social Housing Strategy 2020; Support, Supply and Reform.
- Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2015
- Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness

There is a pressing need to facilitate a significant increase in housing output in Dublin. The location and scale of the SDZ is seen as significant in regard to its potential to deliver a substantial quantum of housing at a very sustainable location close to the city centre. It is one of the few remaining large-scale brownfield sites and is therefore seen as an important resource for future of the City. The SDZ is also bounded by existing and long established housing to the west and south, and this presents both a challenge and an opportunity in relation to the sites planning and development. This challenge is one of integration of function and urban design, connecting to the existing community. The opportunity is for delivery of new services and amenities in tandem with the new residential development that will be available to all, improving quality of life.

The recently adopted City Development Plan sets out a strategic approach for housing for the City, with emphasis on supporting the Regional Settlement Strategy and engaging in active land management by taking a co-ordinated approach with key stakeholders, including the National Assets Management Agency (NAMA).

The overall aim is to create a sustainable and unique urban living environment, with high quality accommodation benefitting from ease of access to supporting services including amenities and retailing. A variety of residents and family types/households will be planned for, thereby encouraging the development of a balanced community. In developing policy, Dublin City Council will have regard to a range of national level guidelines prepared by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (former DECLG/DEHLG). These are set out in Development Plan policy QH1 and include;

- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007)
- Delivering Homes- sustaining Communities- Best Practice Guidelines (2007)
- Sustainable Urban Housing- Design Standards for New Apartments (2015)
- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas - and accompanying Urban Design Manual ; A Best Practice Guide ( 2009)

Chapter 5 of the recently adopted Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 sets out policy and objectives relating to housing and should be referred to. Policies and objectives considered particularly relevant to the SDZ are referenced in the text below under various headings.

#### SDRA guidance

The SDRA chapter of the City Development Plan sets out a number of principles which will influence various aspects of housing, including ; where housing areas will be located, where mixed uses will be, the range of dwelling/tenure types, the extent of building heights, and also various aspects of urban design. Reference to the content of the SDRA text is included below where relevant.

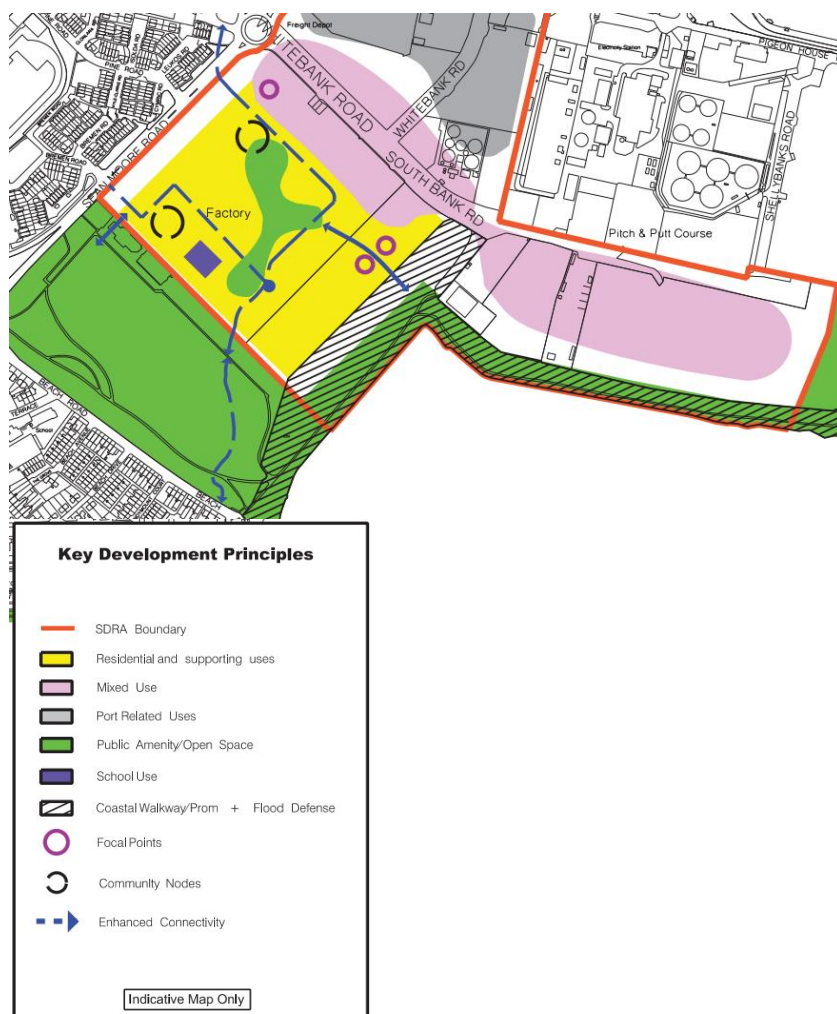
#### **Land/sites for housing**

Residential uses will be provided primarily on the IGB (Irish Glass Bottle) and Fabrizia sites, with mixed uses (which can include housing) extending both into Port-owned lands around Whitebank Road and South Bank road and also into the 'eastern wing' of the site.

Further to the pre-draft consultation process, including meetings held and submissions received, it has emerged that the needs of Dublin Port cannot be met by



the grey-coloured 'port-related use' alone. Additional nearby lands will be required, yet there are constraints on areas outside the SDZ in regard to the land-use needs of surrounding industrial and utility uses. On foot of this, it is now accepted that the illustrated pink 'eastern wing' as illustrated will be used at least in part for port related uses and therefore any mixed uses would need to be compatible with same.



Land to the south of south bank road will be developed at a ratio of 70% residential and 30% commercial, complemented by supporting uses at an appropriate scale.

### Constraints

Land available for housing and also for a mix of uses to include housing will be extensive, but constrained by a range of factors which limit built footprint. The site is close to a number of large-scale industrial and utility uses which are served by strategic electricity, gas, telecom, sewage and water networks in the area. A separate constraints study informed the planning process. This study established, using information from the utility providers (including Electricity Supply Board, Irish Water etc), which areas need to be kept free from development because of necessary wayleaves or other practical concerns.

### Housing Strategy Compliance

The national-level guidance document 'Development Plans- Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DEHLG, 2007) refers to SDZ planning schemes (page 15). It states *".. in preparing a planning scheme, regard should be had to the provisions of the development plan. Radical departures from the plan are not envisaged. For*

*residential development, the planning scheme must be consistent with the housing strategy prepared by the Planning Authority under part V of the Act (as amended)”.*

The strategy is set out in Appendix 2 of the Development Plan (please refer to same for detail), and supported by Policy QH3 in the Housing Chapter of the Plan, which states ;

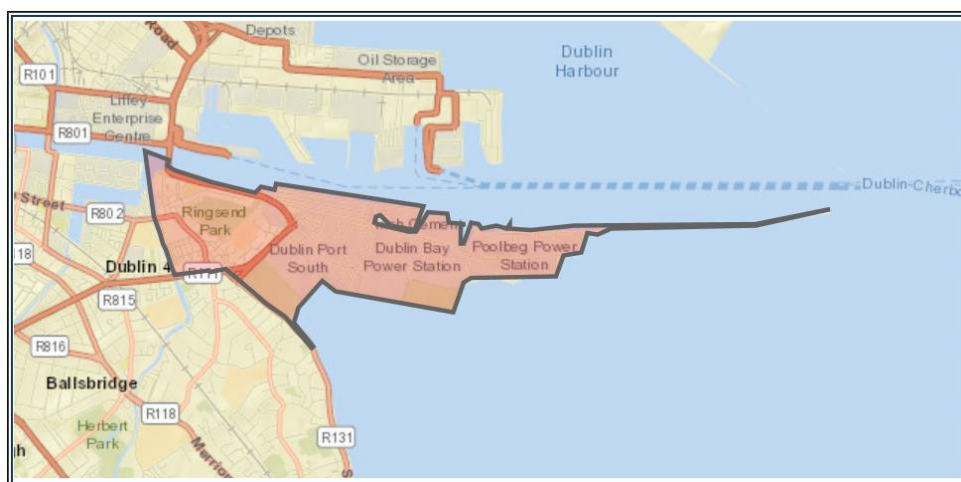
*(i) To secure the implementation of the Dublin City Council Housing Strategy in accordance with the provisions of national legislation. In this regard, 10% of the land zoned for residential uses, or for a mixture of residential and other uses, shall be reserved for the provision of social and/or affordable housing in order to promote tenure diversity and a socially inclusive city*

In essence, Dublin City Council cannot insist on a proportion of social housing over 10%. This can however be offered by developers or modified by ministerial intervention. A related matter is the phased delivery of social housing and the geographical location of same. It is considered important that all large scale residential (& mixed use sites which include housing) blocks/ phasings accommodate the required proportion of social housing, rather than it all being provided for in a large-scale individual block serving the entire scheme (see planned phasing programme in Land-Use chapter)

### Housing Tenure & other statistics

It is considered important that the planning process for housing in the SDZ takes into consideration the current/baseline status of housing tenure/occupancy in the area. In this regard, the most recently available information is in the form of census statistics dating from 2011. The site is located within ‘Pembroke East A’ Electoral Division (ED) and this is the geographical unit at which statistics below are provided. The area extends eastwards from the River Dodder, and includes large areas of established housing.

Boundary of Pembroke East A ( ED 02125)



### Tenure

Within this area there were 2071 households in 2011, and the table below gives both actual figures and percentages for different types of occupancy. For comparison purposes, figures and percentages for Dublin City are also provided.

*Permanent Private Households by type of occupancy; Pembroke East A (ED) compared with Dublin City (2011)*

	Pembroke East A ( ED)	Dublin City
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Type of occupancy	No. of Households	% of total households	No. of Households	% of total households
Owner occupied with mortgage	549	26.5	53,054	25.5
Owner occupied no mortgage	372	18.1	54,498	26.2
Rented from private landlord	582	28.1	66,613	32.1
Rented from Local Authority	462	22.3	23,949	11.5
Rented from voluntary body	18	0.9	2,728	1.3
Occupied free of rent	23	1.1	2,419	1.2
Not stated	65	3.1	4,586	2.2
Total	2071	100	207,847	100

What emerges from the above data is that whilst the figures in a number of categories are broadly similar in percentage terms to those at city level, the percentage of households renting from local authority differs significantly. In total, 22.3% of households within the area rented from the local authority; - almost double the equivalent figure for Dublin City (11.5%). There is also a related lower proportion of households renting from private landlords. Another significant difference between the study area and the city is a lower proportion of households in owner occupied property with no mortgage (18% versus 26% at city level)

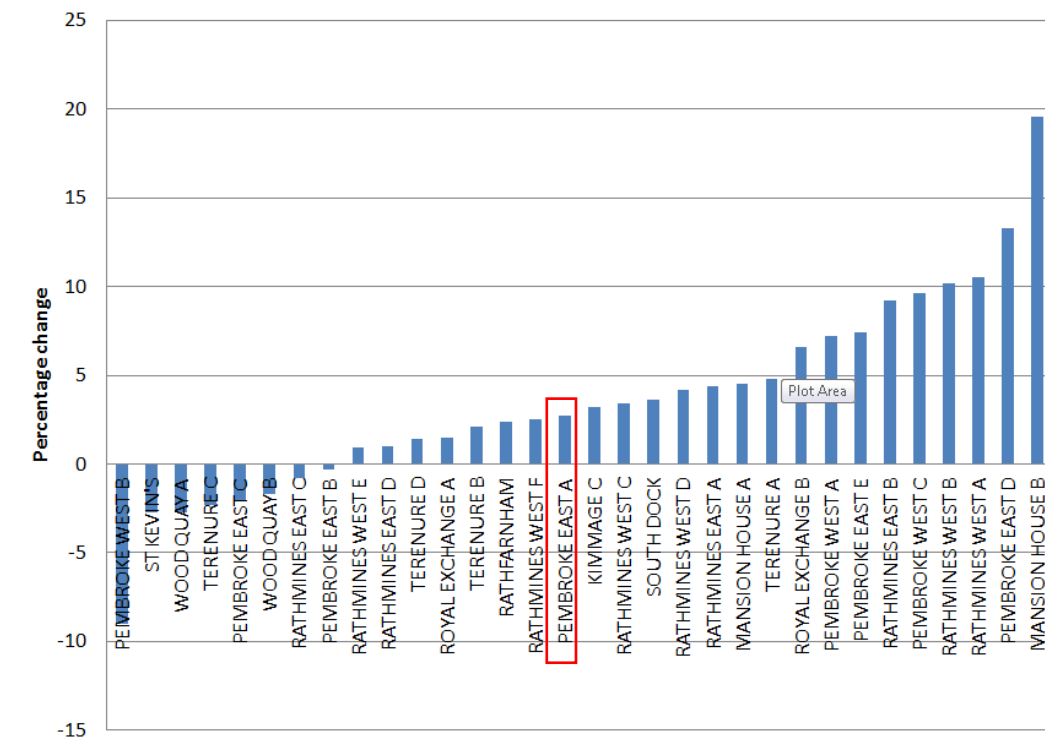
The following population figures also relate to the 'Pembroke A' Electoral Division. Census data shows that the area's total population increased by 7% in the period 2006-16.

Pembroke East A (ED) Population by year

Year	Total Population	% increase
2006	4754	7% 2006-2016
2011	4929	
2016	5063	

The following graph puts recent population change in the ED in context of other city EDs.

Percentage population change, South East Area, 2011 - 2016



An analysis of the ED by age category shows a young profile, with high proportions in those age categories generally associated with house-buying.

Population by age category 2011 (Pembroke East A)

Age band	Number of persons ( 2006 figure n brackets)	% total in ED
0-14	736 (692)	15%
15-24	606 (711)	12%
25-44	2069 (1890)	42%
45-64	1033 (942)	21%
65+	485 (519)	10%
Total	4929	100%

Significant levels of private and public housing are envisaged in the SDZ. A range of dwelling types and tenure options will be provided for, and these will promote social integration and cohesion.

Whilst Policy QH3 of the Development Plan requires 10% of units in residential developments to be reserved for social housing, a number of individuals, group representatives and elected representatives have communicated during the public consultation process that a much higher percentage of social housing is desirable. The rationale put forward for this approach is that many people from the established local area would be able to reside in the area longer term were such a provision in place. Without assistance, they may not be in a position to afford market rates on private property which will command high prices due to high demand driven by proximity to the central business district. It is understood that many from the local area have already experienced difficulty with the cost of private rent (see next section and tables), and there is concern that some people from the area may effectively be priced out of the market. This is a legitimate concern in regard to housing need and social integration.

Policy QH4 of the Development Plan is also relevant. This states;  
*'To support proposals from the Housing Authority or other approved housing bodies and voluntary housing bodies in appropriate locations'.*

### Other housing statistics.

Property rental asking prices in the local area (Euros) \* 2011-16

Unit type	2011	2016	% change 2011-2016
1 bed apartment	703	1040	48
2 bed apartment	878	1297	48
2 bed house	900	1335	48% increase
3 bed house	1353	2090	54% increase

Source ; Housing Department (using 'Daft' data with AIRO/DCC Housing Monitoring Tool)

\*'Local area' relates to the boundary illustrated in light blue below



The above highlights the dramatic increase in rental prices across all unit types during the five year interval. Whilst this relates to the local area it is generally reflected in the wider city where affordability of rented accommodation has become a problem.

**Housing waiting list data**

Housing waiting list data are compiled for an the area shown here (described as 'Area M'). This covers a much broader area of the city than the immediate Poolbeg/Ringsend and Irishtown area, extending beyond Ballsbridge and Parts of Ranelagh. 2016 Figures for this area provided below show that the highest proportion of units needed relates to 1-bed units.



Households on Dublin City Council waiting list by type of accommodation needed. (As of May 2016)

Accommodation	Total households on waiting list	% of total
1 bed unit	835	69%
2 bed unit	295	24
3 bed unit	73	6
4 bed unit	10	1
Total	1213	100%
Total including transfer waiting list	1695	

### Social Housing quantum and location/siting

Annual projected social housing need for the city ranges from 16% in 2017 to almost 19% in 2022 (source; housing strategy Table 2). For the SDZ, social housing provision will be in accordance with the housing strategy, with 10% as an absolute minimum.

In addition to the quantum required, the matter of location of social units within the scheme is also important consideration. In this regard, it is appropriate that the required proportion of units be provided within each large block of the scheme in tandem with each stage of the phasing programme. In this way, an even delivery of units is ensured over time

### Housing types and mix

#### Required unit sizes ; Development Plan and Housing Strategy

The Housing strategy sets out estimated dwelling sizes required based on unit type by bedroom numbers. The table below gives two breakdowns based on the development plan period and total housing required, and secondly based on more immediate social housing requirements. These figures are based on the entire city rather than local needs in the Poolbeg area. In both cases there is high demand for one and two bed units, with social housing need reflecting a particularly high requirement for one bed units (56%)

Required unit sizes for both general demand and also for social housing in Dublin City.

	<i>No. of bedrooms per unit</i>				
	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed
Distribution required to meet projected housing demand 2016-22	20%	40%	30%	10%	5%
Distribution required for shorter term social housing output 2015-17	56%	33%	9%	1.5%	0.5%

The Development Plan (section 16.10.1) sets out the required mix of unit types for apartment developments as follows; a maximum of 25-30% one bed units, and a minimum of 15% three or four bed roomed units.

#### For the SDZ:

Given the figures from the previous table. And to achieve a suitable balance, it is considered appropriate that the maximum requirement of one beds allowable under the development plan, ie 25-30%, should be sought and a corresponding low level of 3+ bed units. The overall breakdown planned for the SDZ is therefore as follows:

#### SDZ; breakdown of unit types

<i>Apartment Unit type</i>	<i>% of SDZ scheme</i>
1 beds	25-30%
3+ beds	15% minimum
2 beds	Balance
total	100%

The above mix should be sought for each large-scale block in order to achieve a balanced roll out of units available to different household sizes.

## Family size/composition within the Pembroke A (ED)

Family size/composition within the ED in 2011 was broadly similar to that at city level, with the vast majority of families ( approx half the total) being 2 person families, and approx. one quarter of the total being 3 person families . Whilst family size does not directly correlate to unit size by bedroom (as above) it would suggest that there could be relatively high demand for one and two bed units.

<i>Size of family</i>	<i>ED level</i>	<i>% of total</i>	<i>City Level</i>	<i>% of total</i>
2 persons	598	49	60,975	50
3 persons	300	25	27,872	23
4 persons	209	17	20,260	17
5+ persons	107	9	12,763	10
total	1214	100	121,870	100

Source ; Census 2011

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the new Food Waste campaign that was recently launched what measures will be taken to address the following:

Waste service collectors not separating food waste from general waste for domestic collections

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Where a three bin collection service is in place it is the responsibility of the holder of the waste to separate at source bio degradable waste and present it for collection in the appropriate container (Brown Bin). Any incident of an authorised waste collector not maintaining this separation from other waste streams, residual and recycling, when carrying out collections should be notified to the waste enforcement unit so that investigations may take place.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive why is DCC withdrawing services and support from the Dublin 12 area and if he could respond to me on the following 2 items.

- 1) The Dublin 12 area office in Crumlin Village
- 2) The Walkinstown Community Centre, Walkinstown Avenue

On number 1 this area office has been de facto closed since the first of January and people in the Dublin 12 area have had a service removed as a result

On number 2 this is a recent matter where the committee running the building can no longer do so but DCC have not stepped into the breach. I understand the situation is grave here and numerous sports clubs and community groups will be without a home if nothing is done.

I would ask that the Chief Executive intervene directly in these 2 cases and ensure that both can operate on a sustainable and supported basis into the future.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- 1) There are no plans to close the Crumlin Area Office. There has been some difficulty caused by a high turnover and genuine departure of staff in recent months from this office. An appropriate level of staff will be assigned here in the near future, starting next week.

**2.) Report in respect of Walkinstown Community Centre.**

The Hall is built on land belonging to City Council and leased to the company for 99 years in 1968. The Company had four Directors until the recent death of one of the Directors. All Directors were of advanced years. Two Directors were of the same family who managed the Hall as a facility. The site outlined on Map Index 8281 was demised by the Council to the Trustees of the Walkinstown Youth Club – now known as for a period of 99 years from 15<sup>th</sup> March 1968 .The site was leased by DCC to trustees. The Hall was built and managed by Walkinstown Community Centre CLG.

***Dublin City Council do not own or have any involvement in the Hall***

The current company directors are winding up the company. We are not able legally to intervene in this process. The date of April 7<sup>th</sup> has been communicated by the Company to users as the date from which they will cease to have the use of hall because it is the date on which the current insurance cover has to be renewed by the Company.

*If the Company ceases to exist the building must then be surrendered/forfeited to Dublin City Council. If the building is returned to DCC a full inspection of the building must be carried out before any future decisions on its future can be made.*

At that point the Hall becomes the property of City Council. This enables us to look at options.