

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE 2017

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the number of cars clamped on Thursday 13th April and the number of cars clamped on Friday 14th April and if he believes there is a need to clarify that on days that are Bank Holidays but not Public Holidays that normal parking rules apply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were 192 enforcements carried out on the 13th April and 233 on the 14th April. On those dates Pay and Display offences accounted for 58% and 63% of enforcements respectively.

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws which are available for download on the Council's website indicate the specific days and dates on which free parking applies. Additionally the 'Parking' pages of the Council's website also separately state the applicable days and dates, indicating that "Days with Free Parking" are,

- St. Patrick's Day (17th March)
- Easter Sunday and Monday (variable dates)
- May Public Holiday (first Monday in May)
- June Public Holiday (first Monday in June)
- August Public Holiday (first Monday in August)
- October Public Holiday (last Monday in October)
- Christmas Day (25th December)
- St. Stephen's Day (26th December)
- New Years Day (1st January)

The possibility of also highlighting free parking days through Dublin City Council's Social media channels on appropriate days will be explored.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to mark 14th July of each year as the Children of Europe's Liberty Day in line with proclamation below.

Children's Proclamation - The children of Irelands Liberty Day

In Memory of those children who died in the Famine, Rising, Civil War & Troubles. We want all Countries in the EU to sign and honour Our declaration to never knowingly shoot or bomb children nor to imprison or enslave them or abuse them physically or mentally nor to make them homeless or to starve them.

This includes all children regardless of gender or colour of skin or religion and anyone who dishonours Our declaration by bringing an act of terrorism upon any children this will be seen as the ultimate act of cowardice by enemies foreign and domestic and those who abide by this declaration shall be known as honourable and brave.

From this day 14-7-2016 on shall be known as the children of Europe's Liberty Day. This will give them freedom, liberty, a voice to be heard and time to grow and learn and have fun.

Let no act of terrorism be committed against children.

The protection of children in the event of war in Europe. We want a no fire zone for all children. One or two cities in every EU Country is to become that no fire zone

where children can live in peace and without risk of being bombed or shot, where food can easily be sourced for them. Where they can have access to Warmth Education and a safe place to sleep. The city should include a shipping port for deliveries of supplies. Trained Councillors ex Ministers and City Managers should run the city and all Leaders like Presidents and Prime Ministers Shall Leave the city because they may be seen as a legitimate targets and this may be the only way to get all countries to adopt this declaration of peace. It will also give all countries one good city to start rebuilding their country again.

The Inhumane slaughter of innocent Children will be over and people shall never have to drag their children hungry and cold across continents. Where possible a Parent or Guardian should have to accompany all children to the Safe Zone so they can look after them.

We the people want all countries on the planet to adopt Our Declaration of peace to protect all children.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

International human rights norms ratified by Ireland, in particular the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and The Hague Convention on Adoption, provide a framework for domestic policy and practice relating to children's rights. For example, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child spells out the basic human rights to which children everywhere are entitled, including the right to survival, the right to the development of their full physical and mental potential, the right to protection from influences that are harmful to their development, and the right to participation in family, cultural and social life.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs is responsible for ensuring that we meet our external obligations in relation to children and youth for example by:

1. signing protocols on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
2. ensuring other international commitments are met, including on adoption;
3. active participation in International fora/networks relating to children;
4. active role in the development of EU youth policy, including participation in Council of Europe/EU Youth Working Group Party meetings, and participation in 'Youth in Action Programmes;
5. promotion of North/South cooperation in the area of child and family services and Youth Justice Services

Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg has adopted Homelessness as its theme for 2017. However, this motion can be brought to their attention for consideration at their AGM in October.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report and clarify the matter of current Government plans to house persons on the Homeless List with particular reference to houses being purchased by or through Dublin City Council in Clontarf/Drumcondra areas as short term accommodation and say

1. What budget has been approved by Government and how many houses are planned for purchase in 2017 & 2018
2. If this is being done on a city wide basis or if confined to certain suburbs

3. If estimates have been made for the number of houses to be purchased by
 - (i) per Dublin City Council area
 - (ii) per suburband if any quota per area has been agreed
4. If there is a particular type of house being purchased, size, number of rooms, if previously a B&B, guest house, family home doing occasional B&B, etc
5. If the houses will be owned & managed by DCC, voluntary housing bodies, HSE or other agencies
6. If any arrangements will be put in place for supervision of the tenants including the surrounds/roads around these houses
7. If approval of these purchases will be sought from each City Council Area Committee
8. If Planning Department is involved in this policy;
9. If planning permission is being sought for change of use for each house.
10. If approval to internal alterations in many of these houses with special features is being administered/policed by Planning Department
11. If statement can be made on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The funding allocated for this purpose is with the Housing Agency who will be purchasing properties across the country on behalf of all Local Authorities. There are no quotas or estimates for any particular area and all types of residential property are being considered. As Dublin City Council are not purchasing the properties the planning department and area committees are not involved in the process. To date no planning requirements have emerged. Should planning permission be required the necessary process will be followed.

The property purchased at 19/20 St. Lawrence's Road in Clontarf will be operated by an experienced provider of homeless accommodation from the NGO sector.

Section 5.5.11 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 indicates that the City Council and other statutory agencies provide appropriate accommodation and work together to improve the range and quality of services available for homeless persons. In this context, policy QH29 supports the implementation of the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin and supports related initiatives to address homelessness

There is no need for a change of use application were an existing house is purchased and still used as a dwelling to provide residential accommodation whether the new occupants are owner occupiers, social renting, private renting or were previously homeless. However, the use of larger premises for the provision of accommodation for people in need of care (but not a house) normally requires planning permission

Generally, development consisting of the carrying out of works for the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of any structure, being works which affect only the interior of the structure does not require planning permission as it is exempt

development. If the house is a protected structure, planning permission would be required for works to the interior that would materially affect the character of the protected structure or any element of it which contributes to its special interest unless a S.57 declaration indicated otherwise

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of a large tree outside **(details supplied)** residents are complaining it needs to be cut back or removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree outside **(details supplied)** will be put on the schedule of works for the next pruning season beginning in autumn.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the steam cleaning of the front wall of Avila Park and for the removal of graffiti at entrance also. The wall and footpath here are filthy with build up from traffic along this stretch of road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traveller Accommodation Unit has arranged for the boundary wall at Avila Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 to be cleaned. It is expected that this will be carried out in the first week of June.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if all the issues which prevented a Sports Capital Grant being applied for this year in respect of the Rivermount Sports Hall on St. Helena's Road in Finglas have been rectified to enable a complete application to be submitted next year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the time of the submissions for the last applications for Sports Capital Grants it was found that the lands that Rivermount Sports Hall resides upon were unregistered with the PRAI. Due to the relatively short time between making an application to register the lands and the closing date for applications, Dublin City Council was unable to proceed with the application. An application to register the lands is now proceeding. However, due to considerable delays within the PRAI this process takes on average three years to complete. An application for a Sports Capital Grant can be made once the City Council can provide a dealing number from the PRAI. However, until the land is fully registered any funding provided under the grant will not be available to be drawn down.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** which has been vacant for over 3 years according to some reports. The front and back gardens are in a poor state and are being let overgrow.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an urgent inspection of the 2 Manholes at **(details supplied)** Council have been out several times but these manholes continue

to block causing a health hazard and with the warm weather prevent the use of the garden, it needs a camera down to identify the cause. Can you please address this problem as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are currently being made to have a camera survey carried out of the sewer line at this location. The tenant has been informed of this work.

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 make provision for **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what progress to date by DCC is being made to erect the statue of late Luke Kelly

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Luke Kelly Working Group, after approval of the terms of reference by the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC, has met with the artist Vera Klute recommended through the DCC selection process. The group has also met Gerry Hunt, private individual, who has offered the John Coll sculpture to the City and family of Luke Kelly to hear their respective proposals. A public meeting has also been held through the PPN Network. It is intended to report on the Group's findings to the SPC for Arts, Culture and Recreation in July. The SPC will consider this Report and make recommendations to Council.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if the DCC parks department would address the over growth of bushes and trees at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance North side Mobile Crew are currently working in this location pruning the trees and cleaning up.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive DCC senior management would increase funding to Brother Kevin Crowley centre, Bow Street Dublin 7, as it costs up to €4,000,000 (four million) to run per year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Capuchin Centre received €348,668 through the Dublin Region Homeless Executive to provide day services in 2016. Should a request for additional funding be received it will be given due consideration.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on how many voids are in DCC stock in city id Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 362 void properties from available housing stocks. Refurbishment works have recently finished on 73 of these and they are now in the process of being re-let. Housing Maintenance has managed the refurbishment of 335 properties which have been re-let to date in 2017.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the letters that were sent by BID/Dublintown to Dublin City Council regarding allegations of defamation that were allegedly contained in public submissions that was submitted by myself relating to reasons why the BID scheme should not be renewed. Further, that the City Manager releases these letters in their entirety to me or that I be allowed view these letters in their entirety at the law agent's office. Also, that any future correspondence of this nature relating to any incident that involves a Councillor be immediately brought to the attention of the Councillor by DCC management. I only learned of this correspondence recently by accident and I find it a breach of care of duty by DCC not to inform me that they were in receipt of such correspondence.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 11th of February the Chief Executive's Department and the Law Agent received correspondence from O'Connor Solicitors on behalf of Dublin Town. This was the only letter received on the topic. The correspondence was in relation to the potential publication of the submission made by Cllr Flynn on the proposal to renew the Dublin City Centre Bid portions of which were claimed to be defamatory. The correspondence here was focussed on Dublin City Council's responsibility in publishing the submission in its original form. The role of the Law Agent is to protect and advise Dublin City Council - the Corporate Body. If an external solicitor has a separate legal issue with a Councillor s/he will no doubt communicate directly with that Councillor. The Law Agent does not propose to make this or other such privileged communication available for inspection. This was not a complaint against a Councillor under the Code of Conduct for Councillors where it is standard for the Ethics Registrar to inform a Councillor of a complaint received.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards any meetings that have been held by the Dublin Business Alliance Group or any other business group with regards the traffic arrangements within the city centre area, particularly the north side of the city. This report to include, all minutes, a list of those who attended and the topics discussed, and the outcomes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There have been no meetings with the Dublin Business Alliance. Below is a list of meetings which the Traffic department have had in the last year with business groups.

Meeting	Date	In attendance	Items discussed
Dublin for All	07-06-17	DCC : Dick Brady Brendan O'Brien	Opposition to Eden Quay proposal. Need for an EIS for Eden Quay

		Dublin for All : Keith Galvin, Cormac Rennick	Opposition to Liffey Cycle Route Impact on Car Parks and Business of city centre changes.
Dublin City Traders Association	04-05-17	DCC : Dick Brady Brendan O'Brien DCTA : Noel Smith and Tom Walsh	Discussion regarding the challenges facing the city in transportation and how the DCTA could assist the City Council by provision of data and economic retail analysis.
Dublin City Traders Association	12-1-2017	DCC : Brendan O'Brien NTA : Hugh Creegan DCTA: Tom Walsh Sinead Smith.	Discussions regarding the integration of an economic impact software module with the NTA Greater Dublin Area Strategic model Saturn. This it is hoped by the DCTA would then allow better economic analysis of the impacts of any traffic management changes in the city. DCC and the NTA agreed that we would be happy to facilitate such work if more details were forthcoming. To date no additional items have been brought forward by the DCTA and no progress on this item has been made.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a public notice informing the public of the legal situation regarding cycle-rickshaws. DCC have a care of duty to all citizens with regards to their safety. Many members of the public are greatly alarmed at the many incidences that are happening on our streets and on our roads since rickshaws were introduced. While national legislation is lacking in this area DCC must inform the public of the risk that they present to themselves by getting into or using these unregulated modes of transport. Serious incidences have taken place on board these rickshaws such as over-turning, individuals falling out onto the roadway, passengers breaking their limbs etc. There is also the issue of unlawful parking on very dangerous stretches of roadway (Georges St, Temple Bar, Grafton Street etc) also they are constantly cycling on pedestrian areas, footpaths etc. and are generally a major nuisance to all. These vehicles are mainly used at night-time and en mass at the weekends. They are making roadways, pathways and walkways unsafe and congested. The least DCC can do is warn the public with regards their safety and their health. Also, the Council were to place "No Cycling" signs on all footpaths in the city centre can the Chief Executive give an update on that.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposed wording of an advisory notice regarding rickshaws has been agreed with the Law Agent and arrangements have been put in place to have this advisory notice published on the DCC website and on social media, i.e. facebook and twitter. It is not Council policy to erect advisory signage such as "no cycling" signs on all footpaths in the City due to the proliferation of existing signage in the City and the fact that the activity is illegal. It is a matter for An Garda Siochana to enforce road traffic legislation for issues such as this.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards to the protocols and codes of conduct for all members of the Joint Policing committees and subcommittees. Recently it was brought to my attention by members of the business community that a prominent member of the city wide Joint Policing Committee was under live investigation by An Garda Siochana in relation to a criminal assault. This has created concern among many who feel that it undermines the authority and integrity of Joint Policing committees whose role it is to discuss and make recommendations about all aspects of crime within the city area including issues of anti-social behaviour and assaults on the person. Many of these reports issued by An Garda Siochana to Joint Policing committees involve complaints of assault recorded. So it would be in keeping with best practice that if any member of the committee was under any live Garda investigation that was initiated by way of complaint that that person should exclude him/herself from Joint Policing committee meetings and subcommittee meetings until such investigations were complete in order to uphold the integrity of the JCP's and their role in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Joint Policing Committee operates under the guidelines introduced in 2008 by the Department for Justice and Equality. While responsibility for issuing of JPC Guidelines going forward is now under the remit of the Policing Authority since its inception in January 2016, the Policing Authority has not made any revisions to these guidelines to date.

The issue raised in the Councillor's question is not currently covered in those guidelines. The guidelines refer to behaviour of members at the meetings; however they do not provide any guidance on personal interactions or history with An Garda Siochana. Consequently any proposal to amend these guidelines should be referred to the Policing Authority.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the following issues in the Malahide Road/Donnycarney Road area **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to please state the current status of the use of DCC lands an area comprising approximately 48sq.m. (8m, x 6m.) at North House Dartry Dublin 6 by a private Montessori School for a play area. Can the manager state that the Montessori school have no occupational rights or rights of way to this land and that it can be taken back by DCC at any time”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Montessori school has use of a small section of ground adjacent to the school as a play area under conditions as set out in their agreement with the city council. They have no legal rights over this area of ground.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this Councillor with the following information if possible. How many families from the Crumlin/Kimmage area are presently on the homeless list and are placed in hotels.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When individuals or families present as homeless they supply details of their last address. However as episodes of homelessness are often preceded with periods of time staying with friends or family the last known address is not a reliable indicator of origin.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to add the following streets to the road maintenance budget for 2018 **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have the drainage and plumbing at **(details supplied)** as the toilet is regularly backing up and flooding onto the floor?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has responded to a blocked toilet at this location on a few occasions in the past 5-6 months, the most recent 29/052017. No further investigations are required at this stage. The situation will be monitored.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing request (**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 if Dublin City Council is refurbishing the Bram Stoker Hotel in Clontarf, for a family hub. If this is the case why were the DCC councillors in the area not informed or consulted?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A 5 year lease with services arrangement has recently been secured on this property and the current refurbishment is part of this new arrangement. The refurbishment is creating a more family friendly environment with the provision of cooking, laundry and play facilities. However the Bram Stoker Hotel has been in use for the provision of accommodation to families with children experiencing homelessness for some time and so there were no planning requirements in this case.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the total cost to service all gas boilers in DCC properties per year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2016 the total cost to service 12,586 boilers was €778,887.00, in 2015, the total cost to service 14,402 boilers was €881,473 and in 2014 the total cost to service 13,603 boilers was €956,495.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have the huge tree outside **(details supplied)** replaced with a smaller tree as a matter of urgency and the pavement repaired as an older resident had a fall over the roots which have badly cracked the footpath and it is also blocking street lighting and light from individuals house?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree at this location is a semi mature Turkish hazel (*Corylus columna*) which was considered to be in good condition at the time of inspection. The footpath while slightly raised does not constitute a trip hazard and no tree roots were found to be protruding. It is therefore not proposed to have the tree removed as requested but the tree will be pruned over the coming weeks to remove lower branches and branches close to lighting columns.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can the council help with **(detail supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to reply on the **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to address the issues contained below on behalf of residents in Glovers Court?

Issues with Glovers court Tenants and Building works on Bow Lane site

There are a number of issues the tenants in glovers court have with these building works as much as no tenant wants this building work to happen the planning has being granted and we cannot stop it but only come to an agreement at a meeting instead of all tenants picketing outside the building site and stopping the work from happening

Dust

Since demolishing has started there has being no dust sheets put up on site. There was some put up yesterday around the bottom of the site facing the BDO building but as everyone is aware dust rises and the only thing stopping dust on bottom level is

the hoarding which was erected for demolishing purposes. All the tenants' windows have being left filthy dirty and the cars in the complex covered in dust.

Some tenants have stated after leaving there bathroom and kitchen windows on the top floor open dust has got in and into their baths and have said anyone who would like to come see their bathrooms and inspect this is more than welcome to do so. Other tenants have stated that they do not open their windows at the front anymore as to avoid the dust going inside their homes and also from constantly breathing this dust in. We cannot blame the building works on people's health and breathing deteriorating but the dirt and dust does not help them.

The next two years tenants will have to clean their windows and cars more often as we do live in Ireland and most days it's very windy out and the dust will be blowing onto our cars and windows. Some tenants have stated they go to the local cafe just to have a cup of tea or something to eat in a peace and quiet surrounding. Why should tenants have to be out of pocket in order just to have a quiet cup of tea and hot meal in peace every day?

Children in the complex no longer have a clean and quiet place to play in. Some of the children have being coming in and their shoes and clothes have being dirty with dust and many of them are always coughing from the constant breathing in of dust.

We also have had issues with rats coming into the complex which we did receive a reply and the builders stated they hit a rats nest when demolishing existent buildings the they were 80 per cent through and this problem should go away. We had to keep our doors and windows locked while this was happening and some tenants were fearful to leave their properties as these rats were giant rats like cats and did not move when you walked past.

Noise

Noise is the biggest factor in this building works which was not taking into account when the land was purchased and planning permission was granted. Glover's court complex has 38 flats and at the minute 34 of them are in use. There are 25 kids under the age of 16 being housed inside this complex.

Among the families being housed we have children with special needs living inside this complex. One child suffers from Autism and attention deficit disorder. He requires peace and quiet when he comes home from school as he is very anxious and stems a lot after coming home from school. He finds noise very stressful and therefore this makes him stem (outburst of his body shaking he can't control) more and become more anxious. Since the building works are happening his mother has no option but to spend the day in her mother's house and only return at night or make sure he stays inside his room and wears ear muffs to block out noise until work finishes on site.

Another two children who live in the complex suffer from ADHD and are on medication for their condition. Noise and constant banging does not allow them to relax and stay calm and the mothers of these children have stated they have up there dosage of medication in order to try keep them as calm as possible to keep them from being aggressive and lashing out at others as that is a part of their condition.

We also have tenants who work in the night time in order to spend time with their families. They sleep in the morning while there children are at school and then can spend the day with their families. This has had to change as they find the noise is too much in the mornings and they cannot sleep with the constant banging coming from the building site and will allow anyone access to their property if they would like to hear the noise for them self's. No matter what the builder does on site it is heard in

the surrounding properties in Glover's court. We may as well be living on a building site it could not get any closer to tenants. Other tenants who are not in the position to change their working hours and work at night have to go to relatives houses to get a few hours sleep after their work shift finishes as they cannot sleep in their own homes.

The inconvenience this building work has caused tenants already and the main structure has not even being built yet. The trucks constantly going in and out removing rubble and dirt from site and the constant banging is over whelming for many tenants. We can no longer open our own windows and front doors as if you do so dust will get into your home or the noise becomes worse. We have to put up with this constant banging for the next two years and the dust and dirt.

How can people live like this two years straight with constant banging everyday being sleep deprived and all sorts of other issues and this is only the beginning. Soon the large trucks will be coming 5 and 6 in the morning in order to bring stuff to site which has already happened. Once the hotel is erected we then have to live with it for the rest of our life. We will be coming out of our houses to a 7 storey hotel looking right in on us. We will no longer have privacy and some tenants believe this will effect there sun light coming into their properties regardless in which way it will be built and the top two floors being brought back

We also have a bar being built in the hotel directly facing the complex. How can the hotel staff control people who are under the influence of alcohol and stop them from singing or vomiting or urinating outside? We the tenants have to put up with this for the rest of our life.

As stated by Pdraig at the last meeting the rooms in the hotel are small and built for the purpose of people who just want a place to sleep at night. These types of hotels attract hen's parties' stag's parties and people looking to come to Dublin to have a good time. Camden Street is a popular spot for people staying in the vicinity as we have experienced with the travel lodge on the other side of the complex so when people are returning to their hotels we will have to listen to them scream and shout and sing as they passed by our complex in order to enter the hotel.

All the tenants in the complex have their own issues with the building works going on there will be no more quiet family dinners or peace and quiet and that is the fact. Tenants have stated quiet loudly that they want compensation for this inconvenience being caused and wish to do so in a quiet matter, they have also stated if an agreement cannot be met by the owner of the hotel they will have no other option but to picket outside the building site.

Tenants have stated they have being told the owners have made voluntary contributions to the local club and crèche and other surrounding project and would like to make the owner aware that he is doing that by his own choice and that does not benefit the tenants living in the complex and if he was advised this he was told wrongly.

Tenants would like the builder and owner to consider what the tenants have said and get back to them in 7 days. If they wish to contact tenants directly they can do so through **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sarah Middleton from the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit has visited the site and spoken with the site manager and owner.

Dust

During the site inspection it was noted that the site was wet and personnel were observed watering down the site and the wheels of vehicles leaving the site. Three metre high hoarding has been erected at the perimeter of the site to minimise dust being blown into the neighbouring properties.

It was agreed that dust monitoring would be undertaken at the perimeter of the site and the results would be made available to this unit.

Noise

Continuous noise monitoring is undertaken on the site adjacent to Glover's Court. Sarah Middleton was shown noise data and there have not been any breaches of the 75dB(A) (daily) limit. Sarah Middleton will continue to request data when necessary.

The site owner and operator have agreed that trucks will not be permitted on to the site before 7am and that no trucks will be permitted queue or idle whilst waiting for the site gates to open.

Q.41 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.42 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to naming the **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask Chief Executive to please indicate possible sites within Dublin City Council administrative area sites where there is the possibility of developing a fishing lake project similar to the facility operated by South Dublin Co Council in Corkagh Park, I recently had a young gentleman in a constituency clinic looking at the possibility of developing such a facility, perhaps I could arrange he meet with staff.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If the person concerned contacts the undersigned we will arrange a meeting to discuss the issue.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can I have a rational of why 3 bedroom houses are often allocated to a family of 3 when families with 7 & 8 are left for years awaiting a transfer to a larger house it doesn't seem to make sense to me or anyone awaiting a move to a larger house. The fact is if I were awaiting accommodation a 2 bedroom house would be a far better option than sleeping on my parent's sitting room sofa etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council allocates dwellings according to the Allocations Scheme 2013. The length of time an applicant waits for an offer will be determined both by their position in a band, the number of properties directed towards that band, and by their choice of area and type of accommodation. Assessment of bedroom requirement known as sex overcrowding is deemed to exist where two persons of opposite sex, not being spouses or partners and both aged 9 or over must sleep in the same room due to

lack of accommodation. Some occupants may need an extra bedroom on medical grounds and this may be taken into account if accepted by a member of the medical Referee Panel appointed by the Council on foot of written recommendation by a medical professional.

Applications to transfer from families with 7 and 8 are placed if overcrowded in the appropriate overcrowding band, however these families in the main require 4, 5 or 6 bedroom dwellings of which the City Council does not have in its stock or may only have a very limited number hence the waiting time is longer for such families.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can he outline the re-cycling options for bulky packaging, green waste, plastics etc in the Ballyfermot, Chapelizod & Cherry Orchard areas, for such a large area it is often forgotten about when it comes to provision of such facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bring Centre at Kylemore Park Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 accepts mixed dry recyclables i.e. paper, plastic, cardboard as well as glass and cans.

Unfortunately grass cannot be recycled at this facility – the nearest site where it is accepted would be Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can the Manager please outline a timeframe for the replacement of the CCTV camera recently destroyed in Cherry orchard, costs involved & what measures are we going to introduce to ensure there is no repetition of this serious incidence.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 17th April a stolen articulated truck damaged the CCTV pole in Cherry Orchard causing the cameras to lose their functionality. The pole was removed for health and safety reasons and the damaged cameras retrieved for assessment. A quote for €19,950.00 has been received for the reinstatement of the pole with substantial ground works and the replacement of the cameras. A second quote has now been received for €21,000 approx. and consultation with the selected CCTV company and An Garda Síochána is now under way to agree the format for the re-instatement of the CCTV pole with additional security to safeguard the site.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the following traffic improvement measures (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR KIERAN BINCHY

To ask the Chief Executive to address the issues raised by the coach operators of Ireland in the email below as a matter of urgency, and to provide adequate coach parking, as we enter tourist high season.

Email:

Attn : Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport , An Garda Síochána, NTA, Dublin City Council, Failte Ireland, Retail Excellence Ireland, RSA

I have had several email correspondence with you all over the last few months regarding coach parking in Nassau Street in Dublin and the overall lack of coach parking facilities in Dublin for coach companies and tour operators bringing overseas guests into our capital city. Unfortunately, nothing has been done to elevate the situation. We are now at breaking point.

1) Foreign and Irish coaches park in Nassau Street illegally instead of using it as a set down only – The clampers no longer act on calls reporting illegal parking in Nassau Street

- The DSPS are powerless to clamp any vehicle with driver / courier / passengers sitting inside – understandably due to Health and Safe issues, Unprofessional drivers know this and use it to their benefit, and sit there and smile at the DSPS staff

- An Garda Síochána do not move on coaches as a priority – again, this is understandable as there are far more pressing issues for the gardai to be dealing with.

- There is no such thing as traffic wardens any longer to physically issue tickets to drivers breaking the law in Nassau Street. I have been informed that when DSPS were awarded the contract to monitor and patrol the city's parking, part of the agreement was to abolish traffic wardens. I was also informed by Roy O'Connor (ex DCC now NTA) that this couldn't be adjusted.

2) Removal of coach parking bays

- Coach parking along the north quays as being given over to building contracts for a new development coach

- Coach parking in Marlborough Street is gone now due to Luas

- Coach parking in Merrion Square in now set down only

- Coach parking in Mountjoy Square is gone due to resident complaints

- Coach parking along the canal is gone due to Cycle lanes

- Coach parking at Guinness is full of horse and traps and they are extremely aggressive towards coach drivers

- Coach parking at Cardiff Lane is 50% of the time filled with trucks delivering stage equipment to Bord Gais theatre

- Coach parking in Nassau Street has been turned into set down only and not monitored

- Coach parking around the Aishling hotel and the courts have police cars and prison vans parked in them when the court is in operation

- Coach parking in Harcourt is always full of An Garda Síochána personal and special branch cars.

- Coach parking at Dublin Castle is always full of cars and vans.

- The limited coach parking that Topaz at Dublin port offered is now gone

- Any coach parking areas supplied are full to capacity with daily commuting buses taking workers into and out of the city. These bays are full for the day with these coaches – which again is understandable, they need somewhere to park.

- No additional parking locations have been offered or sourced. We cannot wait until Sept for the coach park in Dublin to open. We need a solution now.

3) Traders in the city that depend on foreign coach tourism report that their trade is down by over 30% as a direct result of coach operators and tour guides cutting short their clients time in the city due to no parking.

4) RSA implements legal driving hour's regulation that has been devised by Europe. It is near to impossible for a coach driver to manage to adhere to driving regulations in Dublin. Drivers are unable to leave their coach for their legal break, there are no facilities for a driver to use the WC or have lunch. How exactly does DCC and the NTA expect a coach driver to bring guests into our capital city and drop them off if there are no drop off locations in the city and no safe, accessible and suitable location to park a coach while the passengers have lunch, visit a tourist attraction and shop in our capital city. Does the City Council expect the driver to drive aimlessly around the city, causing additional unnecessary congestion for no other reason that DCC and the NTA failed to plan ahead correctly? Where are they expected to park, arriving into the city from Kilkenny, Waterford or Galway on the final day of a tour for some free time in the city if there physically is nowhere to park? How you do expect them to take their legally required break? These breaks are designed for road safety, to avoid driver fatigue ensuring all road users and passenger's safety. Are DCC not aware of these laws?

Where do you suggest a driver uses bathroom facilities?

Where do you suggest a driver parks his coach, to move away from it to take his legally required break?

The unnecessary stress and anxiety that DCC have cause to drivers and tour guides is disgraceful.

5) Coaches are double parking & triple parking trying to load and unload on Nassau street, someone is going to get knocked down by a cyclist or a car and serious injuries will occur unless correct action is taken by DCC and the NTA.

6) The NTA need to deal with coach operators across the board, there are over 1600 licensed operators in the country – why has their opinion not been sought after?

7) Failte Ireland are promoting Ireland overseas trying to attract visitors to our country, to a capital city that doesn't want or appreciate the logistically management required to move large amounts of guests around outside of the public transport system. Does Dublin City Council suggest we put 49 elderly Americans or French guests on bicycles to do a city tour from their hotel and to shop in our city ? A cohesive plans needs to be devised as a matter of priority.

8) There is nobody on Dublin City Council transport committee representing private bus and coach operators..... how can the committee structure, change and remove facilities for private operators without advice and feedback ?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Response to points 1 & 5)

The City Council Traffic Management & Control Section and the Parking Enforcement Section met with An Garda Siochana on the 6th June to discuss issues regarding enforcement of coach parking offences with a special emphasis on Nassau Street and the issues of coaches overstaying. The Council and An Garda Siochana are arranging a major enforcement initiative which will take place shortly. The Council will also hold meetings with the CTTC in an effort to encourage them to educate their own members on coach parking locations and parking restrictions. Despite the difficulties in carrying out enforcement with drivers on board, Nassau Street is patrolled on a regular basis. Generally all coaches with a driver on board leave once approached by enforcement operatives. Notwithstanding this 37 enforcement actions were carried out on Nassau Street over the past 6 months.

Response to point 2) *Removal of coach parking bays*

Coach parking in Marlborough Street

Marlborough Street coach parking was removed as a requirement of the LUAS cross city construction works. The removal was offset by the immediate introduction of c. 48.7m long coach parking on Cumberland Street North. This relocation was carried out after engagement with CTTC and other affected coach operators.

Coach parking in Merrion Square

The permanent coach parking provisions on Merrion Square South have not been removed and remain in place today, c. 40m long coach parking.

In consultation with the CTTC, Dublin City Council provided a temporary coach parking facility outside of core hours within the bus and cycle lane on Merrion Square North in 2015. Due to increased demand for bus stops to meet the growing volumes of coaches wishing to access the core south city centre, this temporary coach parking facility was made permanent to provide bus stops for coaches so as to significantly increase capacity for tour coaches (both regional and cruise ship) to drop off and pick up passengers. To offset the removal of these temporary coach parking location, additional permanent coach parking facilities were provided at Victoria Quay, Cook Street and Western Way. This intervention was developed working closely with the representatives of the CTTC and other stakeholders, (local businesses, NTA, etc).

Coach parking in Mountjoy Square

After considerable engagement with the communities in this area, in 2013, it was incumbent on the council to be more effective in managing the traffic at this location to address residents issues. There were substantial safety concerns raised by residents due to the particularly high number of coaches accessing this location on an almost 24/7 basis. In particular noise and air pollution, in addition the exceptionally high and continuous volumes of coaches accessing and egressing the area were unsustainable. Particularly as this square provides an internal community amenity attracting many vulnerable road users, both young and old. Also there was minimal provision of onstreet parking for residents

As a result of this developing situation Dublin City Council undertook a review reallocation road space to more effectively manage the street space.

Coach parking along the canal

Wilton Terrace = c. 36.4m long coach parking.

Mespil Road = c. 63.9m long coach parking.

Burlington Road = c. 12.7m long coach parking.

Grand Canal View = c. 14.9m long coach parking.

Coach parking at Guinness

Bellevue = c. 21.8m long coach parking.

Crane Street = c. 46.1m long coach parking.

Grand Canal Place = c. 15m long coach parking.

Pim Street = c. 30m long coach parking.

Bellevue (Jnct School St) = c. 27m long coach parking.
Coach parking around the Aishling hotel and the courts
Victoria Quay = c. 180.0m long coach parking.

Liffey Street West = c. 44m long coach parking.

Benburb Street = c. 26m long coach parking.

Coach parking near Harcourt Street

Hatch Street Upper = c. 21.5m long coach parking.

Mespil Road = c. 63.9m long coach parking.

Burlington Road = c. 12.7m long coach parking.

Coach parking near Dublin Castle

Cook Street = c. 33.4m long coach parking and c. 93.5m long coach parking.

Francis Street = c. 15.1m long coach parking.

Bull Alley Street = c. 81.1m long coach parking.

Clarendon Street = c. 18.4m long coach parking.
Coach parking near Topaz at Dublin port

New Wapping Street = c. 49m long coach parking and c. 15.5m long coach parking.

Dublin City Council provide approx. 1,473m of coach parking in its administrative area primarily between the 2 No. Canals. There are 32 No. designated coach parking areas which can facilitate approx. 98 coaches.

To offset the removal of any coach parking locations, Dublin City Council endeavours to provide suitable alternative coach parking locations. Also with the introduction of the LUAS Cross City some coach parking facilities inevitably were affected.

Road space for public transport, loading, pedestrians and cyclists is at a premium in the core city centre area. Dublin City Council manages this limited space in as safe and efficient manner as possible. Dublin City Council recognises the value that public transport and coaches provide to our city in terms of high capacity mobility of commuters, tourists and regional journeys.

Ensuring that passengers have the most efficient access to key locations in the core city centre is integral to our city centre transport planning. Recognising the need for a more comprehensive coach parking facility is in line with the City Development Plan and Dublin City Council supports and has facilitated requests from both the CTTC, business groups and others.

It should be noted that the number of parking spaces in Dublin city has reduced from 35,000 to 29,000 over the last few years as a result of the increasing demand for on-street spaces for alternative uses. The Council has however endeavoured to provide as many coach parking locations within the City despite the competing demands for on-street space.

Responses to point 3)

Traders in the city that depend on foreign coach tourism

Point 7)

Failte Ireland are promoting Ireland overseas trying to

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Response to point 4)

The delivery of the coach park is within the gift of the NTA. According to the NTA, works are due to be completed in September 2017.

Response to point 6)

The Council has, and will continue to, work proactively with the CTTC and coach driver's representatives to deliver feasible and safe infrastructure.

Response to point 8).

A number of business interests are represented on the Transportation SPC including Dublin City Business Improvement District and others as below and Elected Members themselves. Any proposals to change the make-up of the SPC Committee should be made in writing to the SPC Chair. DCC's Transportation Section and the NTA work with all vested interests in key areas including with the CTTC. Any changes to infrastructure are transparent and supported by the statutory order process.

Members of Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Councillor Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson

Councillor Paul Hand

Councillor Teresa Keegan

Councillor Frank Kennedy

Councillor Paddy Smyth

Councillor Paddy McCartan

Councillor Larry O'Toole

Councillor Ray McHugh

Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones

Councillor Kieran Binchy

Councillor Ciarán O'Moore

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Sectoral Members

Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland

Mr Frank Mulligan, Irish Road Haulage Association

Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District

Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association

Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network

Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Q.57 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give clarification on this matter **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Maintenance Section to arrange to have the following issues addressed in our tenants home **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Maintenance Section to arrange to have the following issues addressed in our tenants home **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A replacement door is ready for installation in this dwelling. The tenant did not agree a suitable time when contacted by Housing Maintenance. If the tenant now wishes this door to be installed contact should be made with Housing Maintenance and a suitable timeframe will be agreed.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Maintenance Section to arrange to have the following issue addressed in our tenants home **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This flat has been inspected by our maintenance depot. Arrangements are currently being made to have a full inspection into a report of dampness in this unit carried out by Housing Maintenance Engineer.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible for senior citizens to be considered for some of the 1 and 2 bed units in the proposed PPP development at Scribblestown, Finglas, D11.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This development is at an early stage but an allocations plan will be made in accordance with Dublin City Council's target Allocations Policy as the project advances.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can a parking bay be allocated for a "GO Car" at Maypark, Malahide Rd, Donnycarney Dublin 5. If not at Maypark, can one be allocated outside the Church in Donnycarney.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While GoCar do liaise with Dublin City Council with regard to the placement of vehicles on-street the exact location of cars is primarily a commercial concern for GoCar to consider. The Councillors request has been forwarded to GoCar for their consideration and if necessary the Council can consider the provision of a Car Club Parking Bay. If provided the bay would not be exclusively available to GoCar but would be available to any Car Club operator to utilise.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
To ask the Chief Executive can he outline the criteria to be used to determine the cost effectiveness of the PPP housing projects in Dublin and in doing so indicate how councillors will play a role in that process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
To ask the Chief Executive while awaiting public consultation around the site in Finglas known as the "Kildonan Lands" proceeds to value the commercial land to the north of the site (which has been identified by Brady Shipman) with a view to disposing of it for commercial use. The disposal money could be used to carry out enabling works on the site for example.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Valuer has been requested by the North West Area Manager to report on a valuation of the lands in question and work on this is ongoing.

I have been advised by the Chief Valuer's Office that the estimated value of the land concerned is commercially sensitive. The disclosure of the estimate could jeopardise any negotiations which may be undertaken following approval by the OPW to dispose of the land: such approval has not been sought at this stage and would require the renegotiation of the Sale of Transfer.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO
To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the revenue raised by clamping cars in the city, giving a break down by area, offence etc for the last 5 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking enforcement is carried by street name and a breakdown on an area basis is therefore not available.

Tables 1 to 3 below provide a breakdown of enforcements, declamp fee revenue, top 10 streets enforced and top 10 offences enforced in each of the last 5 years.

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Enforcements	56172	54715	56601	56285	53525
Declamp Fee Revenue	€4.21m	€4.11m	€4.24m	4.32m	€4.23m

Table 1. Number of Enforcements and Declamp Fee Revenue by Year

Top 10 Locations					
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
1	MESPIL ROAD	ORMOND QUAY UPPER	MERRION SQUARE WEST	MERRION SQUARE WEST	DOMINICK ST LOWER
2	WATERLOO ROAD	MESPIL ROAD	MESPIL ROAD	MESPIL ROAD	RANELAGH
3	GARDINER ST LOWER	BURLINGTON ROAD	ORMOND QUAY UPPER	PEARSE STREET	MESPIL ROAD
4	MERRION SQUARE WEST	WOLFE TONE STREET	PEARSE STREET	DOMINICK ST LOWER	DOLIER STREET
5	BURLINGTON ROAD	WATERLOO ROAD	WATERLOO ROAD	ORMOND QUAY UPPER	RATHMINES ROAD LOWER
6	CIRCULAR ROAD SOUTH	MERRION SQUARE WEST	JERVIS STREET	JERVIS STREET	PEARSE STREET
7	ORMOND QUAY UPPER	MOLESWORTH STREET	WOLFE TONE STREET	RANELAGH	MERRION SQUARE WEST
8	WOLFE TONE STREET	GARDINER ST LOWER	LOTTS NORTH	BURLINGTON ROAD	JERVIS STREET
9	EARLSFORT TERRACE	EARLSFORT TERRACE	BURLINGTON ROAD	RATHMINES ROAD LOWER	CIRCULAR ROAD SOUTH
10	DOLIER STREET	CIRCULAR ROAD SOUTH	MERRION SQUARE SOUTH	WELLINGTON QUAY	WATERLOO ROAD

Table 2. Breakdown of Top 10 Enforcement Locations by Year

Top 10 Offences					
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
1	P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM	P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM	P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM	P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM	P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM
2	No Valid Paid Parking	No Valid Paid Parking	No Valid Paid Parking	No Valid Paid Parking	No Valid Paid Parking
3	Parking on clearway	Parking on clearway	Parking on clearway	Parking on clearway	Parking on clearway
4	Parking vehicle in a loading bay	Parking vehicle in a loading bay	Parking vehicle in a loading bay	Parking vehicle in a loading bay	Parking vehicle in a loading bay
5	On a Footway	Double Yellow Line	Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)	Double Yellow Line	On a Footway

6	Double Yellow Line	Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)	Double Yellow Line	On a Footway	Double Yellow Line
7	Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)	On a Footway	On a Footway	Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)	Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)
8	Bus Lane - during period of operation	Goods veh load bay - over 30m	Goods veh load bay - over 30m	Goods veh load bay - over 30m	Goods veh load bay - over 30m
9	Goods veh load bay - over 30m	Bus Lane - during period of operation	No Parking Except Buses/Coaches sign	No Parking Except Buses/Coaches sign	Bus Lane - during period of operation
10	Within 5 m of Road Junction	Within 5 m of Road Junction	Bus Lane - during period of operation	Bus Lane - during period of operation	No Parking Except Buses/Coaches sign

Table 3. Breakdown of Top 10 Offences by Year

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY
To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many employees will reach normal retirement date in calendar year 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Employees in Dublin City Council have different 'normal' or compulsory retirement dates depending on their category of employment and start date. Set out below is the various employees categories and the figures requested.

Management, Professional / Technical, Clerical / Admin employees

Compulsory Retirement Age - 65 years
Number who must retire in 2018 - 52

Outdoor / Operational employees

Compulsory retirement Age - 66 years
Number who must retire in 2018 - 111

All above categories of employees recruited after 1st January 2013

Compulsory retirement Age - 70 years
Number who must retire in 2018 - 0

Fire Fighters recruited before Oct 1997

Compulsory Retirement Age - 66 years
Number who must retire in 2018 - 0

Fire Fighters recruited before Oct 1997

Compulsory Retirement Age - 55 years
Number who must retire in 2018 - 0

Q.75 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progressing parts d) and e) of the vacant housing motion passed at April's Housing SPC (See below)

Motion in the name of Cllr Alison Gilliland (from March 2017 DCC meeting to April Housing SPC)

That Dublin City Council members acknowledge the key role DCC as a local authority needs to play in increasing housing supply so as to significantly reduce social housing waiting lists in our jurisdiction, to allow those in emergency homeless accommodation transition into housing and to facilitate the provision of units for private rental and purchase needs. Dublin City Council members also acknowledge the current capital funding and human resource/personnel constrains under which this local authority is operating. Notwithstanding and recognising DCC led housing projects and initiatives currently in train, Dublin City Council members insist that this local authority pursue a proactive and impatient programme of:

- a) repair and lease of currently vacant and derelict private residential units including those of smaller size than the current definition of 'vacant'
- b) bringing DCC owned vacant and derelict sites into productive residential within a target timeline of 3 years
- c) increase by at least 150% the average number of monthly compulsory purchase orders being issued and produce a bimonthly report on same
- d) devise planning and architectural prototypes for the conversion of vacant space over shops into residential living units, establish a DCC one-stop-shop support facility for shop owners to undertake such conversions and call on government to make available a conversion grant for shop owners so as to support the halving of the no of vacant units over shops by half over the next 3 years
- e) introduce an incremental DCC vacant residential property rate for all residential units vacant for more than 12 months
- f) demand a comprehensive capital funding package from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government along with funding for the recruitment of additional expert personnel to our planning and housing departments to facilitate the delivery of the above projects in a timely manner and should such funding not be forthcoming that Dublin City Council members be fully informed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

d) A guidance document is being finalised, which will readily assist property owners in a practical way to unlock the potential of older buildings by providing

examples of reuse of these buildings including ‘living over the shop’ properties. This will include information to promote and assist property owners to access the Living City initiative, which provides tax relief for certain types of refurbishment/conversion of buildings in the designated special regeneration area of the city. It is expected that this document will be launched within the next few months.

The Council has established a multidisciplinary team to meet with property owners to support them to convert/refurbish vacant properties by offering advice and guidance on issues relating to planning, fire safety and building control requirements in a ‘one stop shop’ environment. Promoting the availability of this team will form an integral part of the planned launch of the guidance document.

e) The Vacant Homes Steering Group (led by the Housing Agency) which was established by the Government, has recently finalised the national strategy to deal with vacant homes. The Strategy will be launched shortly by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government and each local authority will be expected to implement the recommendations contained within this Strategy.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full report **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to provide **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O’MOORE
To ask the Chief Executive about the pluvial flooding on the Clontarf Road on Saturday, May 27th that resulted in parts of the road being temporarily closed. Residents and Clontarf ward Councillors were assured that extra drainage was in place to prevent this. Can the Chief Executive please explain why this happened, what plans are in place to prevent this and with all the time and money that has been poured in to preventing this flood, who is accountable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The new Dollymount Cycleway is designed to cater for normal city road and tidal flooding. The number of road gullies was more than doubled by this project.

The event which flooded 400m of the James Larkin Road to a maximum depth of around 250mm was mainly caused by very high river Naniken flows. The naniken study which was procured earlier this year is separate to the S2S construction project. The Naniken burst its banks and flooded over 400m of park footpath south of the duck pond, this extended around 10m into the park field beside the footpath

before exiting onto the roadway through three openings in the park wall flooding the roadway and partially blocking the road gullies with debris. An estimated volume of 1500m³ of flood waters were in the park and a further 1,000m³ in the elevated duck pond. Around 150m³ of this came out onto the roadway.

A study of this river is underway with recommendations due in two months time. These are likely to comprise of blocking openings from the parkway on to the James Larkin Road, new methods of dealing with the large quantities of river debris in a flood event and possibly very large storage areas in St. Annes Park or combinations of these flood reduction measures.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to take action on the following planning enforcement matter (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether any commercial rates were payable for residential premises that were occupied for short-term rental (such as through Airbnb, Booking.com or similar agencies) and whether he and his staff have the resources to cross check-such information from these agencies with addresses in the Dublin City Council area and to make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While aparthotels are rateable no rates were charged on any individual residential properties that were used for the provision of accommodation on a short-term basis. The Valuation Office are currently reviewing issues relating to the rateability of certain classes of residential property.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state how many horses are seized and how many are put down in the Dublin City Council area each year, and to give a breakdown of the costs incurred in the last year for which figures are available.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2012 there were 254 horses seized and 239 horses put to sleep
In 2013 there were 332 horses seized and 320 horses put to sleep
In 2014 there were 328 horses seized and 300 horses put to sleep
In 2015 there were 145 horses seized and 119 horses put to sleep
In 2016 there were 190 horses seized and 176 horses put to sleep

Dublin City Council paid out €104,465.43 in 2016 to the contractor responsible for the seizure and control of horses in the Council's administrative area.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of the DBFL Consulting report on traffic issues in the IFSC area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A copy of the requested report has been sent to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with details of any inspection of Buckingham Village on Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1, from a fire safety perspective, and to inspect same if he has not already done so.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Improvement works have been carried out on the premises with respect to fire safety. Dublin Fire Brigade is continuing to monitor the situation to ensure compliance with the appropriate legislation.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to consider installing speed ramps at the junction of Glasnevin Woods and Ballyboggan Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to review the use of LED lighting on St. Jarlath's Road, Cabra, Dublin 7.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new lighting on St. Jarlath's Road has yet to be completed. Public Lighting is aware of some complaints that have been made and is endeavouring to complete outstanding works before carrying out a review in the next fortnight.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report into how community funding was allocated, the level of community funding that was available, to whom grants were allocated and that he would list all recipients of the various aspects of the HARP Community Gain programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to relevant staff being on leave during the period of the request a detailed report will be prepared for the Councillor and included in the July report.

Q.96 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.97 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.98 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.99 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive what funds have been applied for by Dublin City Council under central government's Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme (ALAGS) since 2014, how much was given to the councillor under this scheme and to give details of the projects it has been used for.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below are details of grants sought and approved and projects undertaken under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant Scheme from 2014 to 2016. Details of available grants for 2017 have not yet been published by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Year	Projects undertaken	Amount per project	Total approved
2014	Adopt a Street	€28,000.00	
	Dublin Local Authorities Anti dog fouling campaign	€21,560.00	
	Adopt a bottle bank	€7,000.00	
	Green Schools	€2,100.00	
	Schools Calendar Competition	€7,350.00	
Total			€66,010.00
2015	Adopt a Street	€21,000.00	
	Anti-dog fouling campaign	€21,00.00	
	Adopt a bottle bank	€7,000.00	
	Green Schools	€7,000.00	
Total			€56,000.00
2016	Schools competition	€4,550.00	
	Graffiti Awareness "Think don't Tag" initiative	€4,900.00	
	Litter Awareness campaign in NEIC	€7,000.00	
	Anti-dog	€7,000.00	

	fouling campaign		
	Team Dublin Clean-up	€32,550.00	
Total			€56,000.00

Q.100 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of the legal instrument that created District Electoral Divisions or Local Electoral Areas, for the purposes of electing members to Dublin City Council, which appear to be identical in extent to the 'wards' that were in use up to the 2001 to elect members to the Corporation of the Borough of Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 31st January 2014, the then Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4 and 23 of the Local Government Act 2001 (Statutory Instrument No. 37 of 2001) and having regard to section 28 (1)(d) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (S.I. No. 1 of 2014) made the City of Dublin Local Electoral Areas Order 2014.

The effect of this Order was to amend the division of Dublin City into Local Electoral Areas and to fix the number of members of Dublin City Council to be elected for each such area.

This Order revoked the County Borough of Dublin Local Electoral Areas Order 2008 (S.I. No. 427 of 2008).

Q.101 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive why in a situation where a homeless housing applicant has joint custody of children with a separated partner with the children residing with that partner who is not homeless the applicant may only apply for one bedroom accommodation thus perpetuating their separation from their children? Example (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has long acknowledged that there are parents who have children who don't reside with them on a full time basis and where there is access arrangements/joint custody, the children are included on an individual's housing application. Unfortunately, the current Allocations Scheme does not make provision for an extra bedroom for access children but it is the policy of Dublin City Council not to allocate a bedsit to applicants with access children.

In theory, and due to the number of families, including a large number of children, accessing emergency accommodation, it would not be prudent to allocate extra bedrooms at this time and until there is an increase in the availability of social housing supports, it is unlikely that this will change.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can estimate how much is forgone annually in potential parking fees by the availability of free parking spaces for private coaches in Dublin City centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is difficult to estimate Pay and Display parking income that could be generated by replacement of coach parking with Pay and Display Parking Bays. Not all locations used for coach parking would be considered suitable for Pay and Display parking and could potentially be considered more suitable for other uses that would also benefit Dublin City and in addition it is difficult to estimate the level of demand from and use by motorists that could be expected at the locations concerned.

However, assuming all coach parking was to be converted to Pay and Display parking and based on the overall demand for parking in the areas concerned, a conservative estimate of the income foregone by the City Council is in the region of €500,000 per annum.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if the dampness problem experienced by **(details supplied)** which has been the subject of a number of questions I have put to the area manager this year including Q60 of the March North Central meeting and Q55 of the May meeting neither of which have resulted in the problem being remedied be acted on urgently as the residents daughter has recently been hospitalised for a collapsed lung.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A private contractor is carrying out works in these units on behalf of the City Council. This dwelling is included in these works. Contact will be made with this tenant to arrange a suitable timeframe for the required in this dwelling within the next few days.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of properties waiting for assessment in relation to being included on the record of protected structures, the number of staff available to complete this work and the typical length of time from initial referral to the point where the building is listed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the period prior to and during the preparation process for the 2016-2022 Development Plan, one of the priorities for this Section was to ensure an accurate and up-to-date Record of Protected Structures (RPS). This required considerable work on GIS referencing and cross-checking, removing database errors and providing clarifications. We now have a reliable and accurate RPS comprising 8,500 structures.

At present, there are requests relating to some 315 structures for addition to the Record of Protected Structures that are awaiting assessment by the Conservation Section.

There are two Conservation Research Officers, one full-time and one working a 3-day week, in the Section who manage the RPS and the assessment for additions to (and deletions from) the RPS as part of their overall duties, which also includes:

- Reporting on Section 5 Declaration applications and Section 57 Declarations on Protected Structures;
- Assessing and managing the grant application process, progress reports and managing all grant inspectors for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (40+ projects for 2017);
- Survey and preparation of Architectural Conservation Areas (for example Hollybrook Road ACA) and associated deletions from the RPS;
- Liaison with the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) on their survey of Dublin City;
- Providing conservation support and advice to the Buildings-at-Risk Officer and Planning Enforcement Section;
- Advice on conservation issues, dealing with conservation enquiries, and presentations/lectures on conservation issues.

The overall process from commencement of the assessment report to the notification of the addition of a structure to the RPS requires some 8-12 weeks for reporting and review, report to the Area Committee and subsequent legal title search (4-8 weeks) and the statutory process of notification, submissions, report, decision and final notification, comprising 20 weeks. Altogether some 32-40 weeks.

In relation to requests for addition to the RPS, most could not and cannot be brought forward given the resources available, even though these are outstanding for a number of years now.

There will be a review of the RPS in priority city centres areas over the next 5 years, as part of the preparation of 10 priority ACAs for the Historic Core, in association with the recommendations for additions of the Minister and the NIAH, together with the backlog of individual requests for additions in these areas; as provided for under the Strategic Approach under Section 11.1.4 of the City Development Plan.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to the properties referred during the development process to be assessed for the record of protected structures detailing of the total number referred how many are now listed, how many have been rejected, and how many are still under assessment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were approximately 30 structures referred during the development plan process to be assessed for the record of protected structures. 6 of these structures are now included on the record of protected structures and none were rejected. In relation to assessing structures for the record of protected structures The Strategic Approach as adopted by the City Council under subsection 11.1.4 of the City Development Plan sets out that;

The existing conservation policy framework is comprised of the Record of Protected Structures with in excess of 8,500 entries, 21 Architectural Conservation Areas and a significant number of Conservation Areas and Conservation Zoning Objective Areas, is considered to be sufficiently robust at present. However, in order to ensure the policy framework is comprehensively updated in accordance with the relevant planning legislation, guidelines ... , Dublin City Council will undertake the following, phased survey and review, area based approach, to protecting and enhancing the city's built heritage.

The survey and review will be conducted outwards from the historic core and will focus on the following 10 no., phase 1, priority areas which are set out below. ...
The medieval/walled city – centred on Christchurch

The City Council will survey the above priority areas of special historic and architectural interest with a view to:
Reviewing the Record of Protected Structures
Reviewing the recommendations of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage

The implementation of the Development Plan strategy as set out in subsection 11.1.4, is a core function of the Conservation Section, the task of survey and review is resource intensive and thus having regard to the robust conservation policy framework that is presently in place, the review of protected structures, national inventory recommendations and the designation of Architectural Conservation Areas will be focussed primarily on these priority historic core areas as set out by the City Council in the City Development Plan.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

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.108 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive could management provide me with details of the Sunnybank Hub in Glasnevin, details of:

1. How many families and the number of children.
2. Who is responsible for management?
3. What measures have been taken in relation to fire safety
4. Has the allocations been decided prior to opening
5. What is the reference number of the planning application?

And if it is possible, any other relevant information, that would prove useful for the councillors in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On completion of the ongoing works there will be approximately 32 families with children experiencing homelessness accommodated in the Sunnybank. A lease is in place with a private operator who will be responsible for the day to day management of the facility. The ongoing works will ensure that the property is in full compliance with fire regulations. As this property is already in use for homeless accommodation provision allocations have already been made. No planning application was required for the refurbishment works.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive about the planning decision to locate a Lidl shopping centre on the Drumcondra Road having gone to appeal, could the manager explain the logic of agreeing to this decision. What exactly informed the decision of planning to agree to this on a road that is blighted with congestion and was there any consideration of the fact is an ongoing traffic measure on Walsh Rd. which has at least another 6 to 8 months to run. Both issues above, Planning and Pleanala were made aware of, could you explain what were the considerations to let this development to go ahead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A planning application was submitted under plan ref.4248/16 to demolish existing structures and construct a new part 2 storey, part 3 storey supermarket and office building at 25 / 27, Drumcondra Road Upper, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Further information was submitted on the 25th May and the decision due date is the 21st June. In this context, it can be clarified that this application has not been appealed to An Bord Pleanala to date.

As part of the development management process, the application will be assessed in the context of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and a range of other considerations including observations formally submitted in the context of public consultation and internal reports including any report from the Roads and Traffic Planning Division.

Details in relation to this application and other planning applications can be found on the DCC website at the following link:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/swiftlg/apas/run/WPHAPPCRITERIA>

Q.110 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive could he tell me how a development in Swords, Ref 2713/17, could even be considered at a density of 72 units per Ha on the Swords Road when the much larger site of 17 Ha on the Oscar Traynor Road has a density of 37 units per Ha. It would seem to be too large for the site and the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an obligation on the Planning Authority to consider all valid planning applications. The planning application under plan ref. 2713/17 proposes a mixed use development including the construction of retail / commercial units, offices, childcare facilities and apartments on a site zoned Z3 (neighbourhood centre) and Z6 (employment) opposite the Swiss Cottage on the Swords Road.

Submissions in relation to any planning application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

The proposal under plan ref. 2713/17 will be assessed in the context of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 including provisions relating to urban density, the need to physically consolidate the city, to optimise the efficient use of scarce urban land, reduce urban sprawl and provide for a compact city with attractive mixed-use neighbourhoods including a variety of housing types and tenure.

The DEHLG 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas – Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2009) recommends that minimum net densities of 50 dwellings per hectare should be applied within public transport corridors subject to design and amenity standards.

The Oscar Traynor Road lands are subject to the provisions of SDRA 17 and are zoned Z12 which requires the provision of 20% public open space thereby potentially lowering the density of development.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing units has DCC purchased or acquired over the past 5 years and if this could be broken down in the following categories.

1. Housing unit type (for example 1 bed apartment, 2 bed house. Inclusive of all unit types)
2. A breakdown by DCC housing area of where these units have been acquired (e.g. Area K, inclusive of all housing areas)
3. Purpose for purchase (e.g. De-tenanting housing schemes for regeneration, adding to our housing stock, buy backs, older persons, inclusive of all reasons for purchasing new housing stock)
4. Method of purchase (e.g. Direct grants, HFA loans, inclusive of all purchasing methods)
5. How they were purchased (e.g. On the open market, offered by NAMA, inclusive of all methods of purchase)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below are details of acquisitions over the last 5 years (and to end May 2017). I have listed the breakdown of these acquisitions by area

Year	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	TOTAL
2012	6	9	14	43	1	73
2013	4	1	1	6	0	12
2014	1	1	3	6	0	11
2015	20	47	26	50	1	144
2016	11	49	61	58	3	182
2017	4	15	25	22	2	68

Total	46	122	130	185	7	
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The breakdown of these acquisitions by type is not readily available for 2012 - 2014. From 2015 the details are as follows:

Year	Houses	Apartments	Duplex	Bungalow	TOTAL
2015	117	26	0	1	144
2016	134	44	1	3	182
2017	59	9	0	0	68
Total	310	79	1	4	

Year	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total
2015	14	58	67	5	0	144
2016	26	64	85	7	0	182
2017	6	18	41	2	1	68
Total	46	140	193	14	1	

All houses and apartments are purchased for use as social housing and for addition to DCC's housing stock. Subsequent to acquisition the properties are allocated according to housing list requirements. All purchases are fully funded under the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government's Social Housing programme. All acquisitions are purchased on the open market. There have been some acquisitions that have originated in NAMA and offered to us by the Housing Agency; these acquisitions are also transacted at market value.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive does Dublin City Council have a policy for dealing with queries by members of Seanad Eireann and does this policy place Senators on a level equal or above Dublin City Councillors? In my view Councillors and TD's are elected to geographic constituencies roughly on a par with area committee structures and should be dealt with accordingly. Indeed Councillors and TD's sit on Area based JPC's in recognition of this fact. However Senators are elected to National Panels and have no geographic constituencies. It is an abuse of their mandate to hassle DCC staff and abuse their National Office to use it for issues not relating to National Legislation. It is also a waste of time and resources on DCC staff and budgets. Therefore I would request that the Chief Executive answer this question and perhaps consider forwarding this to the protocol committee for guidelines to be introduced on this matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I attach below a copy of an extract from the Local Government Act 2003, as amended by LG Reform Act 2014, (Section 237A Regulations 2003) which sets out the responsibility of Dublin City Council in relation to its interaction with Members of both Houses of the Oireachtas and the provision of information to these Members. There is no requirement for any additional policy in this regard in relation to Senators as the Act is quite specific by including both Houses of the Oireachtas.

"Regulations relating to members of

237A.—(1) In this section 'dealing' in relation to a member of either House of the Oireachtas means a dealing with

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such a member in his or her capacity as such a member.

(2) Local authorities shall conduct their dealings with members of either House of the Oireachtas in accordance with regulations under subsection (3).

(3) The Minister shall make regulations for the purposes of subsection (2) and those regulations shall include provisions in relation to—

(a) the supply, without charge, of notice, agenda and minutes of local authority meetings to members of either such House,

(b) the supply by local authorities of other specified documentation or other specified information.

(c) correspondence with such members by local authorities,

(d) arrangements to facilitate access by such members to information, and communication generally by local authorities with such members, and

(e) such other matters as the Minister may consider appropriate for the purposes of subsection (2).

(4) Nothing in this section derogates from—

(a) section 4,

(b) the functions of a local authority as specified in section 63(1)(a), or

(c) the role of local authority members as locally elected public representatives.”.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the amendment proposed by the Independent Group of Councillors regarding the Poolbeg West SDZ, to potentially purchase an additional 100 units at a market rate, can the Chief Executive's department and the Planning and Development section recognise this fact and lobby the relevant minister, whoever they are at the time when these housing units are coming on stream.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Minutes of the special meeting held on the 18th of April regarding the Poolbeg West SDZ are included on the Agenda for the City Council meeting on the 12th of June. All material amendments will be subject to a further 4 weeks public display and a further report on the outcome of this process, including the potential to purchase an additional 100 units at market rate will be brought back to City Council for final decision.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a breakdown of the budget for all area offices in the DCC administrative area for the past 5 years, including this year to date and to break this down by amount allocated and amount spent. This is important for oversight purposes and to see if there are any funds available to improve the Crumlin Area Office, as it is likely they have not spent monies when it was closed for an extended period. This money should be ring fenced for Crumlin and used to upgrade and improve the public service provided from that office.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Area office administrative budgets are held by individual Area Offices. Functional budgets i.e. roads, housing, street cleaning etc are held at a departmental level and expended through works programmes that can be both area and project based.

Resources allocated to area administration are subject to the continuous review as part of the annual budget process to secure value for money. Therefore area administrative budgets, as all budgets, are not held constant from year to year.

The attached schedule details the value of area administrative budgets over the period 2012-2016 and 2017 year to date, by area office, location, by actual spend incurred, budget provided and variance. Favourable variances i.e. less actual spend incurred than budgeted for form the basis of resources available in subsequent budgets for service provision.

City Centre	Description	2012			2013			2014			2015			2016			2017 (Center 1)		
		Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
North West																			
1	FINGLAS AREA OFFICE	1,493,631	1,492,506	-1,125	1,470,695	1,470,693	-2	1,513,172	1,517,556	4,384	1,390,220	1,286,532	-103,688	1,773,601	1,787,755	14,154	353,219	354,191	972
1	NORTH WEST - DISCRETIONARY FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,364	249,999	-365
1	BALLYMUN AREA OFFICE	2,875,164	2,871,477	-3,687	3,153,662	3,153,662	0	3,093,514	2,912,323	-181,191	3,229,926	3,229,991	65	3,323,054	3,310,902	-12,152	725,364	725,682	318
4	CARRA AREA OFFICE	627,204	689,579	62,375	521,736	649,775	128,039	537,409	575,768	38,359	513,860	541,345	27,485	478,425	477,645	-780	120,586	120,694	108
		4,959,999	5,053,562	57,563	5,146,093	5,274,130	128,037	5,144,095	5,005,647	-138,448	5,134,006	5,057,868	-76,138	5,575,080	5,576,302	1,222	1,449,534	1,450,566	1,032
South East																			
2	SOUTHEAST AREA OFFICE	1,945,120	1,945,650	530	2,469,376	2,469,571	195	1,945,406	1,945,395	-11	2,230,933	2,232,296	1,363	2,813,580	2,813,783	203	469,236	469,701	465
2	SOUTH EAST - DISCRETIONARY FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,079	249,999	-80
		1,945,120	1,945,650	530	2,469,376	2,469,571	195	1,945,406	1,945,395	-11	2,230,933	2,232,296	1,363	2,813,580	2,813,783	203	719,315	719,700	385
South Central																			
3	SOUTH CENTRAL AREA OFFICE	482,683	485,600	2,918	502,737	479,886	-22,851	688,158	700,046	11,888	775,180	775,908	728	1,411,468	1,411,380	-88	133,005	132,855	-150
3	SOUTH CENTRAL - DISCRETIONARY FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,000	249,999	-1
3	BALLYMOT AREA OFFICE	1,298,143	1,317,300	19,157	1,304,044	1,327,970	23,926	1,247,537	1,248,292	755	1,094,866	1,089,719	-5,147	1,110,967	1,103,606	-7,361	280,064	280,790	726
3	CRUMMIN AREA OFFICE	689,981	676,674	-13,307	750,283	790,551	40,268	624,111	617,709	-6,402	589,983	573,348	-16,635	591,899	611,572	19,673	130,720	131,710	990
3	KILNAMANINGHORE AREA OFFICE	497,947	515,100	17,153	5,307	0	-5,307	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SOUTH INNER CITY AREA OFFICE	922,013	960,803	38,790	1,290,935	1,802,713	11,778	1,406,666	1,399,905	-6,760	1,316,143	1,325,155	9,012	1,364,675	1,319,716	-44,959	372,852	372,799	-53
		3,890,767	3,955,477	64,711	4,353,306	4,401,120	47,814	3,966,470	3,965,952	-519	3,776,172	3,764,130	-12,042	4,479,008	4,446,274	-32,734	1,166,641	1,168,153	1,512
Central																			
4	CENTRAL AREA OFFICE	1,512,603	1,370,000	-142,603	1,770,845	1,510,017	-260,828	1,701,712	1,489,924	-211,788	1,602,350	1,512,913	-89,437	1,501,748	1,459,063	-42,685	354,079	353,615	-464
4	CENTRAL AREA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT	19,418	0	-19,418	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	DISCRETIONARY FUNDING (CITY MANAGERS FUND)	0	0	0	0	0	0	194,919	216,000	21,081	210,326	216,000	5,674	875,848	917,642	41,794	38,411	37,500	-911
4	NEIC TASK FORCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	249,534	249,999	465
4	CENTRAL - DISCRETIONARY FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	NEIC AREA OFFICE	898,214	910,000	11,786	923,660	1,002,891	79,231	667,383	718,508	51,125	644,422	708,655	64,233	636,197	627,381	-8,816	176,172	175,212	-960
4	NWIC AREA OFFICE	378,824	430,182	51,358	311,853	404,644	92,791	255,484	393,448	137,964	302,988	323,448	20,460	316,128	317,437	1,309	82,777	82,847	70
4	NTH EAST INN CITY I.A.P.	291,045	303,483	12,438	259,049	299,960	40,911	-1,367	0	1,367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		3,100,105	3,013,665	-86,439	3,265,407	3,217,512	-47,895	2,818,131	2,817,880	-251	2,760,066	2,761,016	950	3,459,922	3,451,523	-8,399	900,225	899,173	-1,052
North Central																			
6	BUNRATTY AREA OFFICE	1,067,955	1,055,707	-12,248	1,195,710	1,168,158	-27,552	1,106,099	1,206,001	99,902	1,234,154	1,229,973	-4,181	1,880,445	1,841,548	-38,897	236,224	236,304	80
6	NORTH CENTRAL - DISCRETIONARY FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,465	249,999	-466
6	KILBARRACK AREA OFFICE	835,833	846,630	10,797	869,204	865,072	-4,132	825,676	808,171	-17,505	708,823	718,428	9,605	775,260	788,572	13,312	199,991	199,368	-623
6	DANNDALE AREA OFFICE	713,219	694,123	-19,096	650,834	681,220	30,386	595,874	651,925	56,051	590,820	618,613	27,993	549,289	576,583	27,294	144,038	144,809	771
		2,617,007	2,596,460	-20,547	2,715,748	2,714,450	-1,298	2,527,649	2,666,097	138,448	2,533,797	2,567,214	33,417	3,204,993	3,206,703	1,710	830,767	830,480	-287
Total		16,548,998	16,564,814	15,818	17,949,929	18,076,783	126,853	16,401,752	16,400,971	-781	16,434,974	16,382,524	-52,450	19,532,582	19,494,585	-37,997	5,066,481	5,068,072	1,591

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Q.119 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can provide public lighting as residents are concerned for their safety during dark evenings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further information has been requested from the Councillor to establish the exact location.

Once we have determined exactly where the councillor is referring to, we will examine the lighting at that location and any improvements considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances. Please note there is no public lighting improvements programme for 2017.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same cleared of waste etc as it is causing great stress to local residents and say if he can arrange to initiate the process of the extinguishment or the public right of way over same as requested by local resident

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management will clear the laneway of dumped material within 2 weeks.

An application for the extinguishment of the public right of way must be supported by the signatures and addresses of the proposers/and adjoining residents/landowners with properties abutting this laneway. As the extinguishment of a public right of way is a statutory procedure, which must be published, there is a right of objection by local residents and members of the general public, who may not agree with the proposal and these objections must be considered by the City Council even to the extent of hearing the views of both proposers and objectors at an Oral Hearing should the need arise. The extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of the City Council.

An application for extinguishment should also be accompanied by a statement as to how the laneway will be maintained in the future by the fee simple owner of the ground and/or the adjoining owners/occupiers and how access will be provided for any private right of way, and to any public services – E.S.B, Gas, Water, Drainage etc, that may exist on or under the laneway if these services are not diverted at the proposers expense. If the public right of way is extinguished the City Council will have no further responsibility for maintenance/liability of the laneway and cannot undertake liability for any expenses involved in effecting the physical closure.

Upon receipt of this information and the undertaking as to future maintenance of the laneway and details of the proposed method of closure i.e. gates, walls etc, the matter will receive further attention. I attach a checklist which should assist you.

Checklist for Extinguishment of Public Right of Way Application

Location Map

Signature names & addresses of adjoining landowners with properties abutting this laneway and highlighting the reason for closure

Statement as to how the laneway is to be closed ie. by means of lockable gates, wall etc.

Statement as to how the laneway will be maintained in the future and how access will be provided for any private right of way and to any public services ESB, Bord Gáis, Water, Drainage Dept etc.

Commitment from residents to undertake the cost of closure and the future maintenance of the laneway, which includes the cost of diverting services if they exist in the laneway. The North Central Area Office can be contacted at 2228870.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can carry out enforcement on the owner of the property to

(a) have the area secured/blocked off so as to try to eliminate fly-tipping etc

(b) have the owner clear up dumped materials from the site and

(c) eliminate the continuing danger/hazard of dumped materials being set alight

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report and answer questions as regards the flooding and subsequent road closure of the James Larkin Road on Saturday 27th May. As part of the Sutton to Sandycove Cycleway & Footway Interim Work Project / Bull Road to Causeway Road (Part VIII) extensive drainage and flood prevention work was to be completed in this area. There was a Public Engagement Forum (PEF) set up in respect of this project and at the very first meeting (16th December) it was reiterated by local community groups and public representatives that the only flooding problems experienced in this area where fluvial, caused by the Naniken River and heavy rainfall. DCC officials assured the PEF that the proposed project would address this flooding issue.

The project design proposed to reinstate all surface water outfalls located along the proposed flood defence scheme, the surface water outfalls which facilitate sewer discharges were to be upgraded by the provision place additional overflow manholes and/or other appropriate measures. There were also drainage services associated with the lowering underground of the pumping station with effected existing gullies being relocated. Where build outs were proposed double gullies with separate connections would be constructed. As regards the Naniken River culvert, headwalls will be repaired, a valve flap provided as well as an extension of the Naniken stream culvert.

Is DCC satisfied with the drainage design provided by consultant engineers Roughan & O'Donovan? If DCC is not satisfied what remedies are provided for in the contract?

Is DCC satisfied with the drainage construction work carried out by the contractor KN Group? If DCC is not satisfied what remedies are provided for in the contract?

If DCC is satisfied with both the design and construction of the drainage element of the aforementioned Part VIII and was made aware of all the local fluvial issues what

is the problem with the newly constructed drainage solution and also what is the solution?

What confidence can the public and elected reps have with forthcoming Part VIII projects being presented by DCC for approval?

Lastly, extensive ponding of water was identified in front of houses alongside Clontarf Road. This ponding was below the level of newly installed drains which were made the drains ineffectual. Can this matter be rectified as a matter of urgency please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

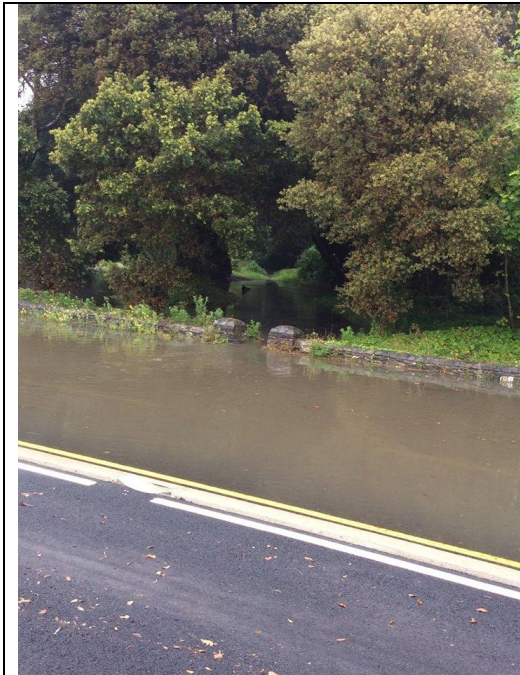
We are satisfied with the drainage layout for the Dollymount S2S roadway designed by Roughan O'Donovan which more than doubles the previous number of road gullies. We are also satisfied with the construction of the road drainage system constructed by KNN; once all of the road gullies are cleaned out at the end of the contract.

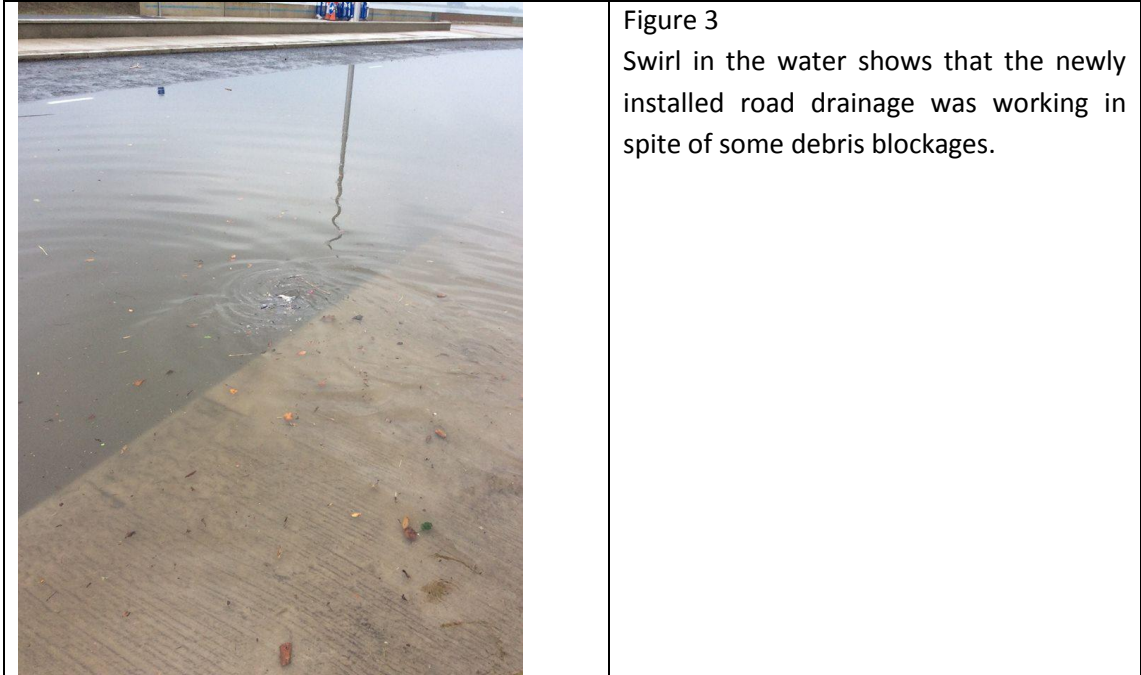
It is impossible to prevent road flooding completely in any part of the City it is only possible to reduce this risk. The Dollymount S2S cycle way is designed to cope with normal road way, cycleway and footpath rainfall once the tide is not too high and the flow in the Naniken river is at a reasonable flow rate. This were not the case on Saturday 27th May last.

Very heavy rain fell in this area from 11am. The Naniken river burst its banks in St. Annes Park near the upstream end of the duck pond and flooded around 400m of the park pathway beside the road and the adjoining field. River water then came out onto the road way through three gaps in the low park wall as shown on figure 1. This caused road flooding to a depth of around 250mm in places as shown on figure 2. The rain continued to be heavy in this area till around 2pm. The road drainage was performing as shown on figure3.

The flooding was exacerbated by a high tide which was approximately 1.8m Malin at 12noon, approx 2.15m Malin at 1.15pm (peak) and 1.4m approx at 3.15pm. The road level close to the duck pond is around 3.0m Malin.

Some debris was also washed out of the park which partially blocked the road gullies from 50m north of the pond to around 350m south of it. These were cleared by the Gardai and later by the drainage division and the roadway was then re-opened to traffic. The flood subsidence would have taken longer if the surface water drainage for the roadway had not been recently augmented.

	<p>Figure 1</p> <p>Gaps on wall; which was originally 2m high with no gaps; resulted in water entering on to the James Larkin road way.</p>
	<p>Figure 2</p> <p>Flooding of roadway along frontage of St Annes' Park for a period of around two hours.</p>



In conclusion very heavy rain combined with a high tide and debris from St. Annes Park resulted in the flood event. The objective of the recently completed project was to reduce the risk of coastal flooding and to improve road drainage and those objectives have been achieved. This will currently happen every 2-5 years, increasing in frequency into the future.

Approximately 1500m³ of extra storage in St. Anne's Park would have been required to stop road flooding on this occasion. Approximately 150m³ of this volume came out on to the James Larkin road way.

A study of the lower Naniken river, procured earlier this year, is currently underway and its recommendations are due in two months time. These are likely to comprise of blocking openings from the parkway on to the James Larkin Road, new methods of dealing with the large quantities of river debris in a flood event and possibly very large storage areas in St. Annes Park.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH
To ask our the Chief Executive for a breakdown of all emergency homeless accommodation used by DCC by type, to include hotels, hostels, B and Bs, and any other 'supported' accommodation including family hubs, and to include the number of families/individuals housed under each accommodation type, and also to include those planned to come into service in the next 12 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately the nature of the use of commercial hotels, guesthouses and b and bs to accommodate families experiencing homelessness is fluid, and changes on a nightly basis. While it is not possible to give a clear breakdown of usage it is possible to confirm that there are approximately 700 families experiencing homelessness currently accommodated in hotels. There is currently 1 family hub in operation in High Park in Drumcondra. This facility is operated by Respond and provides accommodation for 42 families with children. Works are ongoing on additional facilities, details are contained in the table below:

Location	Detail
19/20 St. Lawrence's Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3.	13 Family Rooms
390 -396 Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.	25 Family Spaces
Mater Dei, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.	50 Family Rooms
Lynam's Hotel, O Connell Street, Dublin 1.	45 Family Rooms
Sons of the Divine Providence, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.	11 Family Rooms
Greencastle Parade, Coolock, Dublin 5.	28 Family Rooms
Malahide Road (Fingal County Council)	11 Family Rooms
Millmount, Dundrum (Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council)	12 Family Rooms

In addition a total of 9 premises have been identified as suitable for supported temporary accommodation facilities for families. These facilities will provide accommodation for approximately 380 families who are currently experiencing homelessness. The enhancement of these facilities involves establishing a formal lease agreement between the accommodation provider and Dublin City Council / DRHE and the carrying out of works to include:

- Provision of dedicated space for key working staff and medical consultations
- Provision for internal and external play space, homework rooms and recreational and leisure space
- Communal cooking facilities, dining areas and laundry facilities
- Provision of Wifi and access to computers

Additional facilities for single adults experiencing homelessness have also been identified and are listed below.

Location	Number of Beds
St. Josephs Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 3	50 (Singles)
Former Longfields Hotel, 9/10 Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin	40 (Singles)

Q.127 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the open public grounds/spaces at Harcourt Lodge, Southern Cross Avenue, Inchicore, Dublin 8, fall under the responsibility of the local authority for upkeep/maintenance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services maintain the shrubs and trees in this area and also oversee the contract to cut the grass here.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the wasteland adjacent to Hannover Lane Dublin 8 is owned by the local authority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is not the owner of this wasteland site.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm the following **(detail supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive is he aware that **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, Dublin City Council has budgets in place for the following services currently being provided by Dublin Town.

- a. Christmas lights in 30 city centre streets
- b. Graffiti removal from private properties
- c. Cleaning/powerwashing services for city centre businesses
- d. Running of ambassador and tourist information services.
- e. Promotional events for city centre businesses such as Dine in Dublin, Dublin Fashion Festival etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a. Dublin City Council (DCC) does not have a budget in place for the provision of Christmas lights in 30 city centre streets
- b. DCC provides a budget annually for graffiti removal from DCC buildings only. There is no provision for graffiti removal from private properties.
- c. DCC provides a scheduled rostered cleaning service for all city streets however it does not have a budget for a rapid response cleaning service as provided by the BID Company for its members.
- d. DCC does not have a budget in place to provide ambassador and tourist information services.
- e. DCC Events Section has provided for a contribution in the 2017 budget towards the running of Dine in Dublin and Dublin Fashion Festival.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the fact that it covers the highest amount of city council owned properties, can he confirm that the Portland Row depot will not be included in any rationalisation plans for the north city depot network unless it is being considered as the consolidated depot.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An analysis of all City Council depot sites was carried out to determine the zoning and suitability for expansion or intensifying their use to consolidate operations. Portland Row was deemed unsuitable for intensification as the depot would not be large enough to accommodate the number of operations required and is zoned Z1 for residential use and therefore the use is inconsistent with the zoning.

Portland Row's requirements have been included within the new north city operations depot in Ballymun.

It is proposed to relocate the following Depots to Ballymun:

Operation	Depot
Waste Management	Collins Avenue Slaney Road Aldborough Parade

Road Maintenance	Collins Avenue Orchard Road
Housing	Portland Row Unit 5 /E 1 Ballymun Industrial Estate 3 Units in North Ring Business Park Santry (Fleet, Steel & Paint Squad) Unit F2 Newtown Industrial Estate, Coolock Broombridge Road, Cabra Coleraine Street
Surface Water Maintenance	Bannow Road
Traffic	Unit 29, Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate
Public Lighting & Electrical Services	Marrowbone Lane

Q.138 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if it is proposed to change the name of East Link Limited to Tom Clarke Bridge Limited.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

East Link Limited is in receivership and is not a company that has any dealings with the Tom Clarke Bridge and is also not in Dublin City Council ownership.

The city council set up the Ringsend Toll Bridge DAC and if requested we can look at changing the name of this company.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive has he confirmed that a Framework is being organised to clear the backlog of requests for replacement windows. Can the Chief Executive confirm the following in respect of the decision:

- a. How many request for replacement windows are on the system?
- b. What is the estimated cost of replacing a window frame?
- c. When will the Framework commence?
- d. How long is it estimated will it take to clear the backlog?
- e. Will the Framework also include a survey/check of all windows, not just those reported as needing replacement?
- f. Has a cost benefit analysis been completed to include savings associated with replaced windows against the cost of replacement?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Framework documentation is currently being prepared in consultation with our Central Procurement Unit.

- a) There are 400 Houses on the backlog list.
- b) Replacement cost is approximately €500.00 per window excluding VAT depending on size, type etc.
- c) Late 2017 or early 2018.
- d) Approximately 12 months.

- e) All windows/doors in the properties (400) on the list will be surveyed.
- f) No, but it is envisaged that window replacement will significantly improve the energy efficiency of the 400 Units.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out the following works on McKee Road and provide a timeframe for when the works will be completed

- To clear dumping and waste on the green
- To fix the pothole outside 47 McKee road
- To repair uneven footpaths on McKee Road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The green space on McKee Road has been examined and the presence of some litter noted. This area will be cleaned shortly.

Road Maintenance Services informs that the condition of the footpaths and road outside no 47, has been surveyed and the necessary works will be completed, subject to the availability of a crew in this area and also subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities.

Due to the large number of requests for repairs and utility reinstatements in the public roads, Road Maintenance Services is not presently in a position to give a definitive timeline as to when the necessary remedial works will be carried out.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that this request will be added to Road Maintenance Services work list and will be scheduled for repair when there is a crew available in this area, subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities. Due to the large number of requests for this particular type of repair, Road Maintenance Services is not presently in a position to give a definitive timeline as to when the necessary remedial works will be carried out.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to contact An Garda Siochana to request that they enforce the existing parking restrictions on the cycle lanes on North Circular Road, Seville Place, and, especially, Portland Row. These cycle lanes are completely ignored by motorists when parking vehicles and the consequences for cyclists are exceptionally dangerous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to the Chief Superintendent. A reply will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of the Ringsend Road on a more frequent basis than at present in circumstances where residents report that the dirt on the road is unbelievable, and, in particular, high volumes of dust are a constant presence given the works taking place at Boland's Mills. The significant number of residential units being used for Airbnb rental has also resulted in increased instances of littering.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Ringsend Road cleaned on a daily basis and we will monitor this cleaning to see if any improvements can be made. Also we will get a litter warden to call to the Boland's Mills site and remind them of their responsibility to keep the area as clean as possible while they are working there.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the Waste to Energy facility at Poolbeg:

- (a) To explain what role the Council plays in monitoring and enforcing compliance with the emissions standards;
- (b) To clarify whether the Council can of its own motion raise with the Environmental Protection Agency any breaches in the emissions standards;
- (c) To state who prepares the data as to whether emissions standards are being complied with; and
- (d) To take urgent remedial action in the event of any violation of the emissions standards

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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 the statutory authority in Ireland responsible for environmental monitoring and the enforcement of Industrial Emission Licences granted by them.

Dublin City Council does not have any statutory functions in respect of the enforcement of the Industrial Emissions Licence, however it is noted that the project is being delivered under as a Public Private Partnership and the contract requires the operator to comply with all statutory consents.

Dublin City Council may raise issues with the EPA, but it should be noted that the EPA will have access to all emissions data recorded at the Facility and will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence requirements, The monitoring requirements, including the analysis methods and techniques are set out within the Industrial Emissions Licence granted by the EPA.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive:

- (a) to confiscate bicycles which are illegally parked against railings and posts on Kevin Street and Wexford Street where those bicycles cause an obstruction. These

are extremely narrow footpaths and bicycles frequently create unlawful obstructions for elderly pedestrians and those with limited or impaired mobility; and

(b) to the extent that such remedial steps do not fall within the remit or power of Dublin City Council, to contact An Garda Síochána to request that they take the necessary action to enforce the law.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The enforcement powers under the Road Traffic Act that allow Dublin City Council to organise for the removal of illegally parked vehicles are restricted to mechanically propelled vehicles and do not include bicycles.

Abandoned bicycles can be removed under the Waste Management Act 1996 and their removal is managed on an area basis by our Public Realm Officers. 88 abandoned bikes, within the South East Area, have been removed so far in 2017. The procedure for the removal of abandoned bicycles, which was adopted by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 10th February 2016, includes tagging them to allow potential owners remove them. The area continues to be monitored the area for such bikes.

In the meantime, the Traffic Planning Section will investigate if some additional stands can be located in the area.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to state why no action has been taken to recruit Executive Traffic Engineers to replace three who left last January and also address the fact that services in the Traffic Dept are way behind. Also would the manager please state, has the Manager responsible signed off on the request to commence recruitment, if not why? If order has been signed what stage is the recruitment process at right now?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Additional area engineering staff have been approved and recruited in recent months with a contingent of 8 engineers now provided. This will result in greater ability of the areas to manage the increasing workloads throughout the city.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could tell me how many social housing build schemes have been undertaken by Dublin City Council under the 'one stage approval process' for schemes under €2m or 15 units, as laid out in the circular from the Department of Housing in late 2015 early 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has not undertaken any housing schemes under the 'one stage approval process'. All schemes under the current Housing Programme are above €2m in value.