

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

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of the yield sign at the junction of Mourne Road/Cooley Road roundabout as the sign on Mourne Road, Drimnagh is obscured by a tree and needs to be moved a few yards as it is causing concern to motorists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The relocation of the yield sign at Mourne Road / Cooley Road has been referred to the Traffic Officer for assessment and a reply will issue to the Councillor when this is completed

**Q.4 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.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clean out the shores and remove froth from (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will clean out the lanes at (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install double yellow lines outside the plant boxes on Reuben walk. Parking bays are provided, yet people park by the flower boxes blocking the road for passing cars.

**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.10 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of a tree stump outside (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This tree stump is scheduled for removal. Work will be carried out over the next 2 months.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath between the Gala and the Borza on Ballyfermot Road to be urgently repaired before an accident happens.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has inspected this location and is currently in negotiations with the South Central Area Office, with respect to, the choice of material to relay. When this has been selected then Road Maintenance will schedule the repair.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)  
  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**  
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive if you can help me with the following issue. What are the current regulations on rickshaws and their adherence to road traffic rules. I understand there is a process underway to review these regulations; I would appreciate if you could update me on this so I can relay the information to my constituent.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Private Secretary to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport wrote to the City Council on 16th June, 2017, to advise that "the Minister is proceeding with the drafting of Heads of a Bill to provide for a new Part to be inserted to the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 exclusively for the regulation of rickshaws."

It is a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce the Road Traffic Regulations. An Garda Síochána have the power to issue fixed charge penalty notices to rickshaws or cyclists infringing Road Traffic Regulations.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the fact that there are two applications for planning permission relating to the Phibsborough Shopping Centre - 2709/17 is an application to demolish and clear things (the Tramway yard buildings and Dalymount Park's eastern terrace) and 2628/17 is the application to build/renovate/retain things (new retail outlets, "civic plaza"/new stadium entrance, student accommodation blocks) can he answer the following questions which are being raised by local residents which will be addressed at a forthcoming public meeting:

- a) In relation to planning application 2628/17 for which additional information was requested, can the Chief Executive indicate how long it will take for the requested information to be supplied and then to be considered by DCC planners?

- b) What is the Planners response to the massive scale of student accommodation provision requested under the application?
- c) When is DCC going to start the process to give Phibsborough a new Local Area Plan?
- d) What, if anything, has the Phibsborough Local Environment Improvement Plan achieved to date and why is DCC continuing to block community representation on its monitoring committee?
- e) What is DCC doing to get Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to hand over the land needed to extend Mount Bernard Park and bring about the planned integration of the park with the Royal Canal Greenway? Is the Chief Executive aware that it appears that the current intention of TII is to hold on to the triangle of land between the Luas line and the canal from the park's existing boundary to the Bachelor's factory?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- (a) In accordance with the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations, the applicant has 6 months to respond to the request for additional information. In certain circumstances and subject to the agreement of the Planning Authority, this period may be extended for a further 3 months. On receipt of the additional information, the Planning Authority is required to make a decision within four weeks of the submission of additional information.
- (b) The scale of student accommodation proposed in the application will be assessed in accordance with the policies, objectives and standards set down in the current Dublin City Development Plan taking into consideration the pattern and distribution of existing/approved student accommodation in the area.
- (c) As per Section 2.2.8.1 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, there are seven LAPs/ SDZs identified for completion during the life of the Plan. Work on two of these – Poolbeg West and Ballymun – is at an advanced stage and they are due for completion later this year. The Planning Department is currently preparing a report for Council on the LAP programme.
- (d) The Implementation Group of the Phibsborough LEIP has met twice this year; with the inaugural meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March which identified priorities for 2017/2018. The group is a working/ implementation group with various DCC departments discussing budgets and programmes for the year ahead. It is not a monitoring committee. The updated actions from meeting of the 23rd June 2017 will be circulated to Councillors, showing progress to date. The actions will require meetings with various community groups in the area and these meetings will be arranged by the area staff.
- (e) There is a meeting scheduled to take place between TII and the Parks Department of DCC, the week of the 26th June, to discuss the triangle of land to the north of Mount Bernard Park. Updates on this will be brought to the next meeting of the LEIP group.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail DCC Expenditure on Pay and Pensions for Dublin Fire Brigade, showing the monetary and percentage change between 2008 and 2016 under the following headings:

- a) Wages Fire Brigade
- b) Wages GO and Craft
- c) Salaries
- d) Pensions (including Gratuities)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Table 1 below sets out the total expenditure on Pay & Pension costs in Dublin Fire Brigade between 2008 and 2016. The reduction in expenditure between 2008 and 2016 was €1.5m. In that period Wages & Salaries costs decreased by €7.1m while Pensions & Gratuities costs have increased by €5.6m.

**Table 1 – Analysis of Pay & Pension Costs in Dublin Fire Brigade**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
	€m	€m	€m	%
Wages - GO	1.4	1.9	0.5	35.7%
Wages - Craft	0.6	0.5	-0.1	-16.7%
Wages - Fire Brigade	68.7	63.3	-5.4	-7.9%
Salaries	9.4	7.3	-2.1	-22.3%
Pensions & Gratuities	19.9	25.5	5.6	28.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an indication as to the progress of the specific objective to provide a Dockworkers Museum/Heritage Centre as specified in the The North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme (Objective BH12 - inserted on foot of Dermot Lacey's Motion passed at the Special meeting on the SDZ held in City Hall on 22nd July 2013) which commits DCC "To explore the potential of exhibition or cultural heritage facilities in conjunction with national cultural institutes and key stakeholders to celebrate the unique maritime and industrial heritage of the Docklands Area". This objective is further enhanced by the text in Section 4.7.3 (Inserted on foot of my Motion passed at the Special meeting on the SDZ held in City Hall on 22nd July 2013) which included the following paragraph: "There is also an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the unique coastal-riverside-canal location and the rich maritime heritage of docklands through arts and culture both at a community and citywide level. The local community along with organisations such as the Port Company and the Dublin Dockworkers' Preservation Society have a key role to play in unveiling the maritime heritage of the area, as well as other appropriate stakeholders".

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council does not at present have a suitable building within the Docklands that could be used to provide such a facility. However, the Docklands Office is currently exploring ways that such a facility could be provided in the future. As part of a possible redevelopment of the former Dublin Docklands Development Authority offices at Custom House Quay, it may be feasible to create a small space for a Dockers Museum / Heritage Centre. With popular tourist attractions such as the Famine Statues, the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship and EPIC nearby the location of the office could work as an information hub that could offer visitors to the area a taste of the history of the Dublin Docklands. This facility could then act as a gateway to the Docklands for people wishing to experience what the Dublin Docklands has to offer and starting point for visiting other places of interest including Waterways Ireland visitors centre at Grand Canal Dock which is soon to be upgraded and Dublin Port,

which is currently in the process of enhancing its public domain to make the Port more welcoming and accessible to the general public.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of vacant houses/apartments in the Dublin City Council area and to outline any incentives which DCC can, will or is examining to put in place to encourage the owners of such properties to make them available for rent via the DCC HAP scheme or privately.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of Rebuilding Ireland an Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, the City Council is actively seeking suitable properties to provide social housing and address the issue of homelessness.

We are currently developing an advertising/PR campaign to raise awareness of the options available to owners of properties who may be interested in providing properties to Dublin City Council under various schemes. The Schemes included in this campaign are:

- Housing Assistance Payment Scheme
- Long Term Leasing Initiative
- Residential Accommodation Scheme
- Repair and Leasing Scheme
- Buy and Renew Scheme

It is proposed to launch this campaign in Q4 2017.

Information on all schemes available to landlords/owners of properties is available on [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie).

A leaflet outlining the schemes is also being finalised and will be available in Q3 2017.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREW**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the very large tree outside **(details supplied)** cut down and replaced with a smaller tree which is more appropriate size wise as it is destroying the footpath from cracking and is blocking light into the garden

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree at this location has been selected for removal as part of the 2017 tree works programme and a replacement tree planted as soon as tree roots have rotted down to allow for planting. The tree felling will take place during the current calendar year.

Repairs to the footpath have been undertaken.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive about ongoing issues with low water pressure at **(details supplied)** which has been reported on numerous occasions. The problem seems to have only been happening since November 16th. When this happens the family can't have a shower or a bath or use washing machine or wash dishes as the supply of water is so low it's trickling from the taps. Both hot and cold water is the same. I was wondering can this be resolved once and for all.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Irish Water was established by the Water Services Act 2013 and with effect from 1 January, 2014, became the responsible authority for managing the delivery of water services to homes and businesses in Ireland. It was agreed that Local Authorities would continue to deal with water services queries from the general public and Elected Representatives, pending the setting up by Irish Water of a customer service management facility.

As Irish Water has now put a customer service system in place, water related queries are now being dealt with directly by them.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

Telephone:	1890278278 (Lo-Call)
Web:	<a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a>
Twitter:	@Irish Water
Postal Address:	Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.
Email:	<a href="mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie">localrepsupport@water.ie</a>

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to say when the thousands of Dublin apartments and flats will be audited for fire safety and is he aware how many homes built during the 'Celtic tiger' are at risk of rapid fire spread. Furthermore will he commit to abolish self-certification and replace it with independent inspection of buildings to ensure compliance with building control regulations and fire safety regulations?

What assurances can the Chief Executive give to reassure residents that their homes are not a fire trap and give a timeframe for them to be audited?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I attach a copy of the recent statement by the Minister on the issue. Dublin Fire Brigade are in the process of identifying all Private Residential Developments in the Dublin Area (over 6 storeys) and they will be writing to all the relevant landlords and management companies to notify them of their responsibilities and obligations as landlords in terms of ensuring that their properties fully comply with fire safety requirements.

There will also be a particular focus on high-rise properties that have been reclassified in recent years.

In relation to all Dublin City Council properties the Housing Department will arrange for fire safety inspections/reviews over the coming weeks. We will also review all situations where our properties have been reclassified.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive about the residents of Boyne Street that have for some considerable time been disturbed by ongoing and avoidable noise overnight arising from and/or connected to the commercial premises (one a hotel, the other commercial office space) opposite a number of houses on this road. In particular, problems arise from:

1. An astonishingly loud and disruptive volume on the speaker which is activated by persons seeking to enter the office building (which, subject to correction is understood to be under the control of Reit). This problem is particularly acute



at approximately 5am when there appears to be a shift change in the building;  
and

2. The constant deliveries made by HGV vehicles at night to these buildings. This problem is compounded by attendant anti-social behaviour as recorded by local residents. By way of illustration, on one occasion a resident woken by the noise of a HGV observed the driver of the vehicle disembark from it and urinate on the street. When the driver was asked to desist by the resident the driver responded by making an offensive gesture.

Can the Chief Executive institute the necessary noise control, enforcement processes and traffic access amendments to bring this persistent problem to an end.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will investigate this matter. Please could further details be provided regarding the names and addresses of the sources of the noises, together with the complainants' details.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the legal status and ownership of the lane off Boyne Street between Bass Place and South Cumberland Street which provides access to private commercial buildings and which is closed off by a gate. Residents have indicated that this lane is or was at one time in the ownership of Dublin City Council. Is this correct or was it at any time correct? If it is correct, to ask the Chief Executive to act as a matter of urgency to ensure that no claim of adverse possession may arise.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The reply to this question is being assembled/investigated and will be sent directly to the Councillor when the full information is available.

Dublin City Council as successors in title to Dublin Corporation appear to be the fee simple owners of the lands that made up the lane in question. Enquiries carried out in 1984 confirm are that the land in question was acquired by Dublin Corporation under The Dublin (Boyne Street ) Area improvement Act 1915.

There is documentary evidence of an application to have the public right of way extinguished over Boyne Lane in 1984. However as outlined in the attached scanned documents there appears to have been a misunderstanding that this practice would entitle the owners of the adjacent buildings ownership of the land that made up the laneway. This is not the case. I can find no record of Dublin Corporation or Dublin City Council disposing on the land that makes up the laneway and in the circumstances would be of the opinion that we are still the beneficial owner.

There is one proviso. It is unclear how long the gate referred to in the question furnished is in existence. In the event that it is less than 13 years in place the statute of limitations will not apply and DCC remains the owner. If it is in place for over 13 years the adverse possession issue may already be a factor.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the series of potholes on Baggot Close. The rear doors of the popular entertainment venue Xico lead onto Baggot Close and a number of staff members and customers of that venue have fallen into the largest of these potholes which is very close to the footpath. Please see pictures attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to repair these potholes.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to repave the footpaths on both sides of Baggot Street Upper in its entirety as at present it constitutes a serious health and safety hazard. For the last number of years the pavements on both sides have deteriorated to a stage that many of the paving stones are broken, loose and jagged, and walking on either footpath has become a veritable obstacle course. Between offices, businesses and residents, there is a huge amount of footfall daily on this street. Given the level of footfall, the neglected condition of the paving stones is an ongoing and serious problem which gives rise to a dangerous and a health and safety hazard. Falls repeatedly occur. The response of the Council to date has been to repair some individual faulty paving stones after they have caused a fall and injury. This piecemeal approach is not a solution. The Council needs to re-pave the pavements on both sides of the whole street as a matter of urgency, as it is evident that accidents are happening on a regular basis and people are being injured. (Please see photo attached as an illustration of one offending paving stone)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These footpaths will be considered for 2018's footpath renewal programme. In the meantime arrangements will be made to carry out repairs in this area.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a detailed breakdown of the City Council's housing and transfer lists, with information regarding the number of applicants in each of the areas, the numbers in each of the various bands and the length of time applicants have been on our housing and transfer lists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

## Appendix A

June 2017 HOUSING Waiting List figures by Band Category										TABLE 1 (a)	
BAND 1 HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Traveller Priority	72	19	27	1	33	6	2				160
medical Priority	73	6	38	18	18	24	10	11	9	5	212
medical Priority older person	11		11	8	4	3	1	4	5	3	50
Welfare Priority	25	3	9	10	9	8	5	8	1	1	79
Welfare Priority older person	2		2		4			2	1	1	12
Homeless Priority	678	179	308	383	211	130	200	85	66	29	2269
Homeless Priority older person	25	2	19	18	13	7	12	17	7	2	122
Band 1 Grand Total	886	209	414	438	292	178	230	127	89	41	2904

BAND 2 HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Band 2 Housing List	1638	318	1114	725	684	674	504	368	499	122	6646
Band 2 Housing List older person	65	2	75	75	30	30	27	43	82	14	443
Band 2 Grand Total	1703	320	1189	800	714	704	531	411	581	136	7089

BAND 3 HOUSING	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Band 3 Housing List	2756	386	1639	729	825	791	550	445	664	122	8907
Band 3 Housing List older person	216	17	153	93	92	78	56	70	121	19	915
Band 3 Grand Total	2972	403	1792	822	917	869	606	515	785	141	9822

HOUSING LIST TOTAL	5561	932	3395	2060	1923	1751	1367	1053	1455	318	19815
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June 2017 Transfer Waiting List figures by Band Category										TABLE 1 (b)	
BAND 1 TRANSFER LIST	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Surrendering Larger priority	10	7	21	10	21	9	15	10	6	4	113
medical priority	30	4	26	20	12	13	19	19		8	151
medical priority older person	9	4	11	13	6	5	8	7	4	1	68
welfare priority	50	12	36	23	49	27	23	13	9	5	247
welfare priority older person	4		3	3	9	1	5	3	3		31
Band 1 Transfer List Grand Total	103	27	97	70	97	55	70	52	22	18	611

BAND 2 TRANSFER LIST	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Band 2 Transfer List	237	48	205	194	175	192	189	126	44	40	1450
Band 2 Transfer List older person	75	7	76	35	25	28	13	36	35	8	338
Band 2 Transfer List Grand Total	312	55	281	229	200	220	202	162	79	48	1787

BAND 3 TRANSFER LIST	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Band 3 Transfer List	1035	198	697	485	468	433	491	285	165	112	4369
Band 3 Transfer List older person	54	37	68	61	71	35	74	40	41	11	492
Band 3 Transfer List Grand Total	1089	235	765	546	539	468	565	325	206	123	4861

TRANSFER LIST TOTAL	1504	317	1143	844	836	743	837	539	307	189	7259
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June 2017 Combined Waiting List Figures by Band Category										TABLE 1 (c)	
Waiting List Code	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
HOUSING LIST TOTAL	5561	932	3395	2060	1923	1751	1367	1053	1455	318	19815
TRANSFER LIST TOTAL	1504	317	1143	844	836	743	837	539	307	189	7259
COMBINED GRAND TOTAL	7065	1249	4538	2904	2759	2494	2204	1592	1762	507	27074

The tables 1 (a,b,c) above show the current numbers of applications on the DCC Housing & Transfer waiting lists broken down by the various Bands and housing areas.

The tables 2 (a,b,c) below, shows the current number of applications on the housing & transfer list broken down by the length of time on the waiting list.

June 2017 HOUSING Waiting List Figures by waiting time											Table 2(a)
No of years waiting on list	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
0 to 1 yr	855	138	371	234	246	203	157	125	145	24	2498
1 to 5 yrs	2279	337	1398	857	759	745	575	419	590	101	8060
5 to 10 yrs	1998	362	1223	745	750	619	470	374	496	113	7150
10 to 15 yrs	415	92	386	211	158	172	160	124	212	74	2004
over 15 years	14	3	17	13	10	12	5	11	12	6	103
Grand Total	5561	932	3395	2060	1923	1751	1367	1053	1455	318	19815

  

June 2017 TRANSFER Waiting List Figures by waiting time											Table 2(b)
No of years waiting on list	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
0 to 1 yr	152	34	96	60	81	45	61	45	26	11	611
1 to 5 yrs	450	116	324	257	215	166	248	142	78	32	2028
5 to 10 yrs	481	112	341	256	254	234	262	181	93	49	2263
10 to 15 yrs	307	38	246	166	176	152	159	103	83	67	1497
over 15 years	114	17	136	105	110	146	107	68	27	30	860
Grand Total	1504	317	1143	844	836	743	837	539	307	189	7259

  

June 2017 COMBINED Waiting List Figures by waiting time											Table 2(c)
No of years waiting on list	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
0 to 1 yr	1007	172	467	294	327	248	218	170	171	35	3109
1 to 5 yrs	2729	453	1722	1114	974	911	823	561	668	133	10088
5 to 10 yrs	2479	474	1564	1001	1004	853	732	555	589	162	9413
10 to 15 yrs	722	130	632	377	334	324	319	227	295	141	3501
over 15 years	128	20	153	118	120	158	112	79	39	36	963
Grand Total	7065	1249	4538	2904	2759	2494	2204	1592	1762	507	27074

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a detailed report on the number of residential units acquired by the city council for the purposes of addressing the housing and homelessness crisis over the past six years in each of the city council's administrative areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below are details of acquisitions over the last 5 years (and to end May 2017).

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>7</b>	

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a detailed report on the number of fire safety inspections carried out on public and private residential properties over the years 2011-2016.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade has no power to inspect private residential single family homes.

The number of inspections carried out to date are as follows;  
2011 : 1390 inspections

2012 : 1399 inspections  
2013 : 1198 inspections  
2014 : 1205 inspections  
2015 : 742 inspections  
2016 : 1755 inspections  
2017 : 1939 inspections

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply a full breakdown of the budgets of the DCC Homeless Housing executive. This report also to include how these monies were spent, what was the process of allocation and application for financial funding for the various projects? What kind of tendering processes are used for those who are service providers? Further, what is the overall number of staff in this particular sector and area? This to include, approved housing bodies, charitable organisations, and others who are in receipt of DCC Homeless executive funding in relation to homelessness.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 2017 adopted budget for homeless services for DCC is €122.5m (2016: €94.5m). The Section 10 funding protocol is due to be agreed with the DoHPCLG for 2017 in the near future.

The attached graph summarises the 2016 expenditure.

The 2011 reconfiguration of services agreed between DRHE, DoHPCLG and HSE is the basis for allocation of funding. Services introduced since this time are subject to Funding Applications and Service Level Agreements between the provider and the DRHE.

Expressions of interest and requests for tenders are the basis for the procurement processes used by DRHE.

The DRHE funds individual services only, we are not provided with the overall number of staff in the homeless services sector. However we would like to highlight that if the provider has adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Reporting by Charities, it is required to detail the overall staff numbers employed in the organisation as a note to their accounts.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards the fire status of all premises that are used for Homeless provision. This to include the most recent family hubs. The report to also include all fire safety reports on all of these premises and facilities for the past year. Further, can the Chief Executive stand over the Merchants Quay Project who are housing 80 people on their floor in what would appear to be a clear breach of Fire safety regulations. Given the dreadful tragedy and appalling standard of fire prevention in the recent London fire and bearing in mind Minister for Housing Eoin Murphy's call for a robust check on all social housing, this area of homeless provision and accommodation has been left neglected and it is the most vulnerable.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Only one Family Hub has been provided so far in the city, i.e. the Respond Project of High Park, Drumcondra which complies fully with all fire safety standards. The other proposed hubs are currently under refurbishment works and will be fully compliant

and up to all current modern building regulations before they open in the coming weeks. All other premises used for emergency accommodation are subject to strict service level agreements which include provision for fire safety, etc. All concerns around fire safety are submitted to the Fire Prevention Division of Dublin Fire Brigade who will investigate and inspect as necessary. We will request the Fire Prevention Section to examine the situation at the Merchants Quay Facility.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that there are proper representatives from the “No To BID campaign” present at the Vote Count of the BID Plebiscite that is to take place on the 17th of July. Also, that all copies of the votes and those who they are allocated to are properly and lawfully accounted for and that this whole plebiscite which is being conducted and managed by DCC is transparent, open and honest, accountable and free from undue influence and corruption.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Any interested party may be present at the Count on request. They would need to inform the Returning Officer one week in advance of their intention to attend to ensure an appropriately sized room is available.

The Ballot papers are opened, recorded, checked and the votes are counted in public by Dublin City Council officials in compliance with the regulations set out in S.I. No. 166/2007 - Local Government (Business Improvement Districts Ratepayer Plebiscite) Regulations 2007.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether or not he or any of his executives, is in negotiations with BID/Dublincity with regards a contract of services to provide street cleaning and litter waste management in the Dublin City business district. Many DCC workers in this section are concerned about the erosion of their jobs and the culling of the services. Indeed, many staff have informed me that they are being instructed to lift the waste of private collectors. They want to know why this is happening? Also, DCC council workers have witness members of the BID/Dublincity slowly taking over the role of Dublin City Councils waste management street cleaning section. This is a private company and has no rights to be carrying out the duties of Dublin City Council. In the past, the rates levies from this company were used to support Dublin City Council with street cleaning and greening. This is no longer the case and the company is now branding itself as street cleaning waste management to the grave concern of many of those who work in the central city, doing a great job of keeping our city clean and green.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is not engaged in any negotiations with BID/Dublincity for the provision of litter, waste or street cleaning services. Dublin City Council provide a baseline level of service for all street cleaning activities to BID/Dublincity that identifies the service provision of Dublin City Council within the BID/Dublincity area.

Any services provided by BID/Dublincity to its members in the area of cleaning services are additional to those carried out by Dublin City Council and do not form or replace any part of the baseline service level provision. Dublin City Council is committed to the baseline service level provision and ensuring that is adhered to.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the serious trip hazard outside **(details supplied)** be addressed as a matter of urgency a large concrete section has lifted leaving a serious potential accident waiting to happen.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has scheduled a repair at this location within the coming week.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the following deeds be sorted out as a matter of urgency **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that I be given an update on the following **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline the reasons why Dublin City Council has acquired dwelling at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can be of assistance to a constituent who needs to install pillars fronting her driveway in order to make her property more secure, following advice from An Garda Siochána. There is a serious problem with roots from the Cherry Blossom tree protruding up through the pavement next to her property that is rendering the erection of any new pillars useless, because, after a short while pillars would move with the continuing tree root growth from under the pavement and thus the security gate would not close properly after a while.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree concerned is an old cherry, it will be removed and a young less aggressive tree will be planted on the grass margin.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the senior citizens at location as per **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the update on the (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to at least two previous requests to clear away dead foliage/and dumped litter from small green space at (details supplied) as the general appearance/condition of the green space is very poor.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This location has been placed on the works list and will be attended to over the summer, subject to no evidence of birds nesting.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the following news article

<http://www.irishtimes.com/business/commercial-property/avestus-to-launch-richmond-homes-brand-with-25-houses-in-d7-1.3105676>

Will Dublin City Council be getting 2 homes from the Part 5 process from the development at Dawson Place, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7? Will Dublin City Council be getting 2 homes from the Part 5 process from the development at Dollymount Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council has come to an agreement with the developer regarding Part 5 compliance and the acquisition of 2 houses at 49A-51 Arbour Hill.

Negotiations with the developer regarding Part 5 compliance at Dollymount Avenue, Clontarf, have commenced.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.



**Q.62 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to place a monitoring device to measure the silt build in lagoon either side of the causeway at the end of Royal Dublin golf course and at the start of St. Ann's golf course. The reason being that at the rate of build up is so quick that the Lagoon will end up been a slob land in a few years. The monitoring device need not be costly i.e. a few markers would be sufficient.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The ESB International 'Causeway Study Report 1996' envisaged that the lagoon will naturally silt up over the course of time but that the Causeway's impact will only minimally accelerate silting. There is no benefit in installing a monitoring device however if an individual or organisation have particular concerns they can contact the undersigned.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the lamp poles painted in Raheny Village as they are in a bad way paint wise.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are only nine (9) No. public lighting poles in Raheny Village that are in the charge of Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services. We will examine these poles and if painting is required and the poles are suitable, they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances. There is no public lighting improvements programme for 2017.

The remainder of the poles that carry the public lighting in Raheny Village are ESB Networks wooden poles and steel poles and the painting of these steel poles is a matter for ESB Networks and not Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.69 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.70 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the City Council has clear title to all of the land which comprises Jamestown Court, Inchicore including car parking area etc. If so can he explain the delay in transferring the land to the voluntary housing body ALONE to enable it to proceed with its plan to redevelop the complex. If the Council does not have clear title what steps are being taken to rectify the situation and what is the timescale involved. ALONE has made it clear that it cannot commence work on the redevelopment project until such time as full title of the site is in its possession.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are title issues with regard to the Jamestown Court site which Dublin City Council is in the process of addressing. A disposal cannot take place until the title is regularised. The City Council is working towards resolving this issue.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the request that has been with the Council for many years to re-instate the pedestrian lines at the junction of Suir Road Bridge from the footpath to the Luas Stop, the pathway from the green space to the opposite side of the bridge, be expedited as quickly as possible.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Repainting of pedestrian lines at Suir Road Bridge has now been completed.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements with our Homeless Section to deal with the following matter **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** who has been homeless for 21 months and resides in the Bram Stoker can be considered for one of the modular homes in Belcamp.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant has been contacted by the Homeless Allocations section regarding Rapid Build homes in Belcamp and has expressed an interest.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any scope for funding or particular assistance for the proposed improvement to Skelly's Lane submitted to councillors in the North Central Area details supplied below.

Details: I'd like to propose a Skelly's Lane Beautification Project which would run from Artane Castle to Beaumont Hospital and merely consist of finally putting a proper (paint or render) finish on the extremely unsightly cavity block walls which face onto Skelly's Lane.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I have visited this area and the walls that the gentleman refers to for render and painting are the Gable walls of the houses that side on to Skelly's Lane.

The City Council would have no ownership of these properties and so it would be the householder who would decide what finish they would like on their property.

I will add that we have removed Graffiti from the walls and footpaths on Skelly's Lane and will continue to give an undertaking to do so in the future.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** who has resided in emergency accommodation in the Clayton Hotel since March 2016 can have her interest in the houses acquired by Respond at Chanel Manor noted and furthermore can a breakdown be provided as the the number of bedrooms and types of units there are among the 81 in Chanel Manor.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)** were awarded Homeless Priority on the 14th of March 2016 and are currently in Position 69 for Area B (Kilbarrack/Coolock) and 80 for Area E (Finglas/Cabra) on the Homeless Priority List. Interest in Respond at Chanel Manor is noted however all allocations are made based on time on the list meaning the next available allocation is offered to the household next on the list for that area of choice and matching bed size.

Owing to the availability of DCC social rental stock coupled with the time on list conditions of the scheme of letting priorities, it will be a considerable period before the household will be reached in terms of an offer of accommodation in line with the application detail. Homeless Allocations are offered to the household next on the list for that area of choice.

I can confirm that **(details supplied)** are eligible for the Homeless Household Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist them in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on [placefinders@dublincity.ie](mailto:placefinders@dublincity.ie) or 222 6955.

The breakdown of the proposed residential units in Chanel Manor is as follows:-

- 13 x 1 bedroom apartments
- 38 x 2 bedroom apartments
- 14 x 3 bedroom apartments
- 16 x 4 bedroom houses.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the request from the principal of Drumcondra National School for special parking concessions for the staff of her staff be acceded to. Drumcondra NS is on a very tight site and is not in a position to provide car parking for the school staff as there is no space at the front of the school. They enquired about purchasing a parking permit for the school but have had no response to date. Currently all staff cars are parked approximately 5 minutes walk away from the school building. There are a number of children with severe allergies in the school - if there was an emergency necessitating a trip to hospital and an ambulance was not available, the delay in going to get a car could have a detrimental effect on the child. I know that it has been possible for other state agencies to purchase parking permits for managers in residential areas and I would like to ask if the same facility is available for schools.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is a policy of the Council to eliminate commuter parking where this is an issue and Residential Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes are introduced at the request of and for the benefit of residents for this purpose. In addition, the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws regulate with regard to all parking schemes and set out the eligibility and entitlement to Resident Parking Permits and there is no provision for permits to be issued in the manner requested.

It is therefore not permissible for permits to be issued to any school or indeed managers of state agencies.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive for 2015, 2016, and Q1 and Q2 of 2017 how many complaints have been received by planning enforcement relating to illegal change of use of residential properties to commercial short term lettings, the number of properties involved and what actions were taken.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There have been thirty six complaints received in relation to short term lettings from 2015 to date. Eleven enforcement files have been closed following investigations which concluded that the use had ceased or where there were no planning breaches. There are currently twenty five ongoing investigations following complaints received in respect of properties at the addresses listed below.

Address	Enforcement Ref
Blackpitts, D8	E0702/17
Castleway Apts, Golden Lane, D8	E 0351/17 E0352/17 & E0353/17
Clifden Court, Ellis Quay, D7	E0205/17
Crown Alley, Dublin 2	E0717/17

Dame Street, Dublin 2	E0457/17
Dunville Avenue, Ranelagh, D6	E0603/16
Jervis Street, D1	E0263/17
Leeson Close, D2	E0303/17
Mount Pleasant Avenue Upper, D6	E0318/17
Mountjoy Street, Dublin 7	E0598/17
North Circular Road, D7	E0011/17 & E0241/17
Northumberland Road, D4	E0564/17
Oakley Road, D6	E0701/17
Palace Gardens, Dame St, D2	E0912/17 & E0911/17
Pearse Square, D2	E0296/17
Pleasants Place, D8	E0183/17
Scarlet Row Apts, Essex St West D8	E0138/17
Smithfield Village, D7	E0973/16
St Joseph Street, D7	E0116/17
The Grove, Beach Ave, Sandymount, D4	E0281/17
The Wooden Building & Music Hall, Apts, Temple Bar, D2	E1058/16

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the dampness levels at **(details supplied)**  
The dwelling is extremely damp and although the tenant has requested it to be investigated and addressed, no action has yet been taken.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance has attended this dwelling in relation to repair requests. There is no record of a request in relation to dampness on our computer system to date. A request has now been logged and will be attended to by Housing Maintenance depot.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why a very ill tenant at **(details supplied)** has been denied a much needed shower adaption on medical grounds due to rent arrears on her account? Surely this is essential maintenance and she should not be denied the right to have washing facilities that are suitable to her needs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An application for bathroom adaptations was received from this tenant in November 2016. The application from this tenant has been forwarded to our surveyor who expects to assess the property this week. Works will be carried out if deemed feasible.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive that it would be great if alongside all significant private developments on Cork Street environs such as Newmarket, Mill Street etc, That DCC would commit to provide public domain improvements on Cork St corridor, (St Luke's Ave is particularly grim). This would help to allay resident concerns that their neighbourhood is actually improving in terms of residential amenity etc. with tree planting etc along here it could be a new green boulevard for the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The planting of street trees along Cork Street has proven difficult in the past due to restrictions with space and the presence of underground services. Some current developments in the vicinity of the street will incorporate greening elements, including

St. Luke's Church and Newmarket Square. The new park at Weaver Street, planned to open this year, will greatly enhance the greening of Cork Street in general.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive that he contacts the OPW to remove any impediment that may delay building on the Kildonan Lands Finglas West.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The public consultation process on the three Masterplan options will be completed at the end of June. Following analysis of the submissions received an updated presentation will be made to the NWAC in September. If one of the three options is accepted the plan will be forwarded to the October meeting of the City Council. An implementation plan for the adopted option will then be developed. A key action in this plan will be engagement with The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland on possible changes to the terms of the Sale Agreement.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive that he progresses my motion which passed, in relation to extending the city boundary and aims to bring a resolution to council by September.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The best method of moving this motion on was discussed at Protocol in March 2017. It was recommended that Cllr Costello would convene a working group and invite interested councillors to attend a meeting in the North West Area Office. The Working Group would be supported by staff from the North West Area and Chief Executive's Department. This was communicated to the Councillor at that time. No such meeting has been convened as yet.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise funding for the provision of a playground in **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This has been referred to the Area Housing Manager and a reply will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive when he expects construction work to begin on a bedroom / bathroom extension for **(details supplied)** as she has been waiting more than 12 years for the works to be carried out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An application was received from this tenant in 2005 for an extension; however on assessment the application was awarded a moderate priority. In 2016 subsequent to updated medical/Occupational Therapist reports the case was reviewed and the priority increased to high on 19th May 2016 and placed on our waiting list for works to commence in the future. The tenant was informed by letter.

Subsequent to several on site assessments and also subsequent to initial, revised and now final plans drawn up by a consultant architect tenders were invited from contractors to complete the build and the contract was awarded in the past week. The tenant will be contacted prior to commencement of works.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine why the Traffic Advisory Group has not sought to install a no left hand turn ban from **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A request for a no left turn from **(details supplied)**, during peak hours, was received and referred to the Traffic Advisory Group in November, 2015.

The Area Traffic Engineer is examining the location at present and expects to submit a report to the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting on 22nd August, 2017.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive what is causing the delay in advancing Phase III of the redevelopment of **(details supplied)**, the indicate when he expects work to begin and when the refurbishment will be concluded.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The enabling works are currently being carried out, tenders for the refurbishment are due in early July and works will commence when the contractor is appointed. It is anticipated works will be completed by January 2018.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to please report on the following with regard to refurbishment works in Pimlico. A lot of money has been invested in refurbishing flats in Pimlico area recently. This work was badly needed and residents were happy to see it start. There now seems to be some concern that some of the dwellings that were refurbished are still leaking, dampness has returned. Some of the work was shoddy (toilet not connected properly resulting in injury). Can the report include:

1. How much was spent in total and what the average spend on each dwelling was
2. Of the dwellings refurbished how many have had to have additional work carried out
3. How many of the dwellings that were refurbished are still unallocated
4. How many if any of the refurbished units once allocated had to have tenants moved out again

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

No reports of shoddy work to toilets in Pimlico Terrace or Braithwaite Street Flats (where refurbishment work is being carried out) have been received to date. If the Councillor wishes to identify a specific unit, this will be investigated.

1. The work is not complete yet. The final outturn cost will be known when the work is finished. Units being dry-lined etc. with tenants remaining in situ are costing around €4,900 each.
2. The nature and extent of the work was agreed with individual Tenants before the refurbishment started. In Units where work is substantially complete, there were some routine snags issues with items such as incomplete paintwork etc. There was no additional work carried out.
3. Most of the Flats are being refurbished with the Tenants in-situ. Tenants were moved out of two units (i.e.) 20 Pimlico Terrace and 65 Braithwaite Street. The work to both of these units will be finished in about three week's time and they will be allocated then.

There were no units of this category in Pimlico Terrace or Braithwaite Street Flats.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following with regard to (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to state how many onsite building control inspections were carried by Dublin City Council in the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and if the manager is satisfied that sufficient staffing and funding is in place to enable Dublin City Council carry out their functions in this regard.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Number of onsite Building Control Inspections by Building Control Division of Planning & Development Department:

2014 170

2015 1,167

2016 998

2017 339 (Jan 1st to May 30th)

The current complement of technical and professional staff is adequate to carry out the functions assigned. The Senior Building Surveyor post is currently filled in an acting capacity but the competition to fill this post permanently is expected to be advertised by the Public Appointments Service in the near future.

**Q.111 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.112 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.113 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.114 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report listing the following?

- a) The number of new Dublin City Council employees hired per month since January?
- b) The positions and departments of the new employees?

c) Contract status of the new employees (permanent, fixed term or part time)?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) The number of New Dublin City Council employees hired per month since January

Month	Number of New Starts
Janaury 2017	28
February 2017	61
March 2017	22
April 2017	28
May 2017	35
June 2017 (01/06/2017 - 23/06/2017)	51
Total	<b>225</b>

b) 225 appointments are distributed across every Department and include:

- Firefighters – 41
- Fire Prevention Officers – 7
- General Operatives (Waste) – 31
- Clerical Officers (Housing) – 24
- General Operatives (Parks) – 13
- Engineering Staff – 20

c) Contract status of the new employees (permanent, fixed term or part time)

Contract Status	Numbers
Permanent	155
Temporary	70

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report listing the following?

- a) The number of retirees for the past five years?
- b) The projected number of retirees for this year and the next two years?
- c) The positions and departments of the retirees for the past two years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the past five years, from 2012 – 2016, there have been 1,025 retirements from the City Council.

In the years 2017 – 2019, 300 employees will reach normal retirement age (65 years). The actual number of retirements may be higher, as there is a potential for employees who are over 60 with 40 years' service to retire as well as the possibility of ill-health retirements.

A breakdown the positions and departments of retirees for the past two years is as attached.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the illegal dumping waste collection service provided by Dublin City Council doesn't collect material destined for the various authorised waste companies? Can he also confirm the number of litter fines issued to the various authorised waste companies over the past two years, per month by area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Litter Wardens assigned to collect illegally dumped bags of waste do not collect material destined for the various authorised waste companies.

No litter fines were issued to authorised waste companies over the past 2 years.

A total of 26 fines were issued to authorised waste collectors under the Waste Bye-Laws over the last 2 years as follows:

Year	Month	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2015	June	1	0	0	0	0	1
	July	13	0	0	0	0	13
	August	0	0	0	0	0	0
	September	0	0	0	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
2016	January	0	0	0	0	0	0
	February	0	0	0	0	0	0
	March	0	0	0	0	0	0
	April	0	0	0	0	1	1
	May	0	0	0	0	2	2
	June	0	0	0	0	0	0
	July	1	0	0	0	0	1
	August	1	0	0	0	1	2
	September	0	0	0	0	0	0
	October	0	0	0	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
2017	January	0	0	0	0	1	1
	February	0	0	0	1	0	1
	March	0	0	0	0	0	0
	April	0	0	0	0	0	0
	May	0	0	0	0	0	0
	June (up to 27 <sup>th</sup> )	3	0	0	0	1	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an answer to the following questions?

- How many litter fines have been issued per month, per area since January?
- How many fines were issued under the Litter Pollution Act and Waste Bye Laws?
- How many fines were issued by litter wardens and authorised officers?
- The number of authorised officers per area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(a) Fines issued under the Litter Pollution Acts from 1 Jan to 27 June 17

Month	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
January	22	0	33	15	10	<b>80</b>
February	45	3	23	32	10	<b>113</b>
March	49	9	6	17	23	<b>104</b>
April	44	19	2	29	10	<b>104</b>
May	79	14	8	41	35	<b>177</b>
June (to 27 <sup>th</sup> )	38	17	14	27	3	<b>99</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>677</b>

Fines issued under the Waste Bye-Laws from 1 Jan to 27 June 2017.

Month	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
January	0	0	0	1	2	<b>3</b>
February	0	0	0	25	3	<b>28</b>
March	0	0	2	0	25	<b>27</b>
April	1	0	3	8	5	<b>17</b>
May	4	0	8	52	21	<b>63</b>
June (to 27 <sup>th</sup> )	38	0	0	27	1	<b>57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>195</b>

(b) As per a)

677 fines were issued under the Litter Pollution Acts and 195 fines issued under the Waste Bye-Laws.

(c) (i) 579 fines issued by Litter Wardens and 98 fines issued by Authorised Persons under the Litter Pollution Acts.

(ii) 75 Fines issued by Litter Wardens under the Litter Pollution Acts and 120 fines issued by Authorised Persons under the Waste Bye- Laws:

(d) Number of Authorised Persons per area?

Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	WMS
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9	4	3	9	5	50
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Note: The 50 Authorised Persons assigned to Waste Management Services includes Litter Wardens, Inspectors, Supervisors and office based staff.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN**

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any further updates to the overrun of costs for the Ballyfermot Leisure Centre and if any further report is expected or if the Local Government Auditor considers the matter closed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no further updates on this matter. This matter did come before the Finance SPC in March where I presented a report on the matter. At the June SPC meeting, Terence O'Keeffe attended to deal with the legal settlement of this dispute and changes in contracts and procurement directives since. There were no further matters to follow up on for the Finance Strategic Policy Committee. With regard to the reference to the Local Government Auditor, the Local Government Audit for 2016 is currently underway and the Finance Department are awaiting the Local Government Auditor's reports on the 2016 audit. It would not be appropriate, at this point in time, to comment on the Local Government Auditor's position on this project.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive what action he can and will take (similar to recent actions in Temple Bar and by Fingal County Council) to deal with the unacceptable operation of AirBNB in **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All complaints received by the Planning Enforcement Section regarding alleged breaches of on any aspect of planning are investigated. The Planning Enforcement Section will initiate enforcement procedures in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 – 2016 and issue a Warning Letter. The Council is required by legislation to allow the recipient of the enforcement letter up to four weeks to respond to the complaint made. The Council will undertake an inspection to establish if the development requires further enforcement action. Additional investigations may also be necessary to obtain sufficient evidence to sustain legal proceedings. The Councillor will be advised of the outcome of the investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 154 of the Planning & Development Acts. Further information in relation to enforcement procedures can be obtained from [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.