

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 2017

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue a full report on Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI 5423/17 including all documents submitted and issued.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Freedom of Information request, referenced FOI/5423/17, was received on 18th August 2017 from Atheist Ireland. A reply issued on 14th September 2017. A copy of the reply and records will be forwarded to the member.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council power hose **(details supplied)** and the bin area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance are pleased to report that power hosing of all areas at **(details supplied)** has been completed.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the following **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an urgent inspection of (**details supplied**). This flat has extreme dampness and the family are suffering bad health. Also there is no cold water in the bathroom, and the children are in danger of getting scalded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Engineer called to this property and has made arrangements with the tenant to address the dampness. New taps have been fitted in the bathroom which has resolved the cold water issue.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate his plans for the future use of (**details supplied**) and will he detail the size of the site and what all facilities are currently located on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade uses this site for its workshop, garage, stores, laundry, it is also used for the sterilisation of its equipment and Ambulances. The reserve fleet is located at this facility. Dublin Fire Brigade will continue use this vital facilities until alternative arrangements are made.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to begin the process of initiating a formal Area of Architectural Conservation along (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, as adopted by the Elected Members of the City Council on the 23rd September 2016, provides a strategic approach for the protection of architectural heritage, including the identification of 10 no., Phase 1 priority areas for consideration as Architectural Conservation Area's (ACAs). The rationale for the selection of these areas is that they are areas within the historic core

that have high concentrations of protected structures, but are not covered by designated Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). The 10 priority areas are:

(1) The medieval/walled city – centred on Christchurch; (2) Temple Bar – including section of the Liffey Quays; (3) Dame Street – including Dublin Castle & College Green – including Trinity College; (4) Merrion Square – including Government Buildings & Mount Street (Upper & Lower); (5) St Stephens Green – including Harcourt Street & Leeson St. Lower; (6) Parnell Square (O’Connell St Upper) – including Frederick Street North & Moore Street area; (7) Henrietta Street – including Kings Inns; (8) North Great Georges Street – including Denmark Street, Temple Street and Gardiner Place; (9) Custom House Quay – including Beresford Place and Gardiner Street Lower; (10) Aungier Street

The strategic approach provides that as the survey and review of the Phase 1 area nears completion, Phase 2 of the survey and review (based on the area selection rationale set out in the Development Plan) will include areas adjacent to the Phase 1 priority areas;

Extension of the Thomas Street ACA;
 Pembroke Estate/Rathmines Lower & Upper/Belgrave Square;
 Stoneybatter/Oxmantown/Arbour Hill;
 Ranelagh Village.

Other areas, such as Cabra Road, Phibsboro will be considered for survey and review in subsequent phasing, when Phase 1 has been completed.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the number of private dwelling inspections carried out by Dublin City Council in each of the past five years 2012-2016, the number of improvement notices issued in each year, the number of prohibition notices issued in each year, the number of legal proceedings initiated in each year and the percentage breakdown for issuing improvement notices under the following headings:

- Structural Condition
- Sanitary Facilities
- Heating Facilities
- Food Preparation and Storage
- Laundry Ventilation
- Lighting Fire Safety
- Refuse
- Electricity
- Gas
- Dealing with Complaints

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The number of inspections and actions under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 for the years 2012 to 2016 are listed below

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Dwellings Inspected	1701	1725	1542	1388	1751
Inspections carried out	2381	2789	2511	2513	3550
Dwellings inspected not meeting regulatory	876	1182	929	1077	1388

requirements					
Dwellings where compliance was achieved	N/A	732	714	1099	1749
Dwellings where improvement notices were served	867	1325	828	975	1292
Dwellings where prohibition notices were served	15	38	80	56	28
Legal action initiated	36	9	40	24	14

Data in relation to the percentage breakdown of articles is only available for the years 2015 & 2016 and is reported below

Of the enforcement notices served in 2015:

43% contained requirements relation to structural conditions,
8% contained requirements in relation to sanitary facilities
23% contained requirements in relation to heating facilities
25% contained requirements in relation to food preparation & storage & laundry
31% contained requirements in relation to ventilation
4% contained requirements in relation to lighting
50% contained requirements in relation to fire safety
1% contained requirements in relation to refuse facilities
25% contained requirements in relation to electricity & gas

Of the enforcement notices served in 2016:

51% contained requirements in relation to structural conditions,
8% contained requirements in relation to sanitary facilities
26% contained requirements in relation to heating facilities
22% contained requirements 8 in relation to food preparation & storage & laundry
33% contained requirements in relation to ventilation
4% contained requirements in relation to lighting
55% contained requirements in relation to fire safety
1% contained requirements in relation to refuse facilities
35% contained requirements in relation to electricity & gas

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a “children at play sign” at the entrance to Grove Wood at the junction of Finglas Park, Finglas East.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The guidelines for the provision of ‘Children Crossing’ signs are as follows:

- ‘Children Crossing’ signs are only to be recommended where there is a particular risk that children could be injured by vehicular traffic. This would include for example roads where there is a green /open space or play area adjacent to the road. Signs may be provided at the entrance to a housing estate from a main traffic route. Signs should only be erected on roads that are primarily residential in character with continuous frontage. Repeater signs are not recommended on all roads within an estate.
- ‘Children Crossing’ signs should not be recommended for main roads, traffic calmed roads or cul-de-sacs.

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not recommended to install Children Crossing signs on Grove Wood. The road in question is a cul-de-sac and has on-street parking on both sides within a residential area where the onus is on the motorist to behave in a manner suitable to the obvious prevailing conditions.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive can he assess the condition of the cycle lanes from Santry to the end of Dorset Street along the N1 Route. Markings are faded and the surfaces in parts are in a really bad condition. (Can all works be costed with a view to include this work in our 2018 Budget. Can the same assessment be carried out on the N2 from Finglas to the City Quays.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue is being considered and if markings are required, they will be incorporated into the 2018 Works Programme.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive can he run an education campaign focused at educating bus lane users in relation to safety aspects of sharing the space with cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is already a very comprehensive training programme in place for Dublin Bus drivers focusing on interaction with cyclists, and Dublin City Council will support as required any further training programmes proposed by Dublin Bus or the National Transport Authority.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 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.21 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise on the date for approval of **(detail supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) has been approved grant aid under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability. A letter of approval will be sent to the applicant and on receipt of this letter the applicant should instruct their contractors to commence the proposed works.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive if a fraud unit is operational in DCC Housing section and if not whether consideration has been given to establishing such a unit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not have a Fraud Unit in operation in Housing. The Housing & Community Department operate using various Housing Acts and matters pertaining to breaches of Housing Acts are dealt with by way of Civil Law in the District Court i.e. breaches of tenancy, anti social behaviour. DCC does not have legislative powers to prosecute matters of fraud by its customers. However, if there are any instances of law breaking, this will be immediately reported to an Garda Síochána, who are the authority with the appropriate powers to investigate causes of criminality including fraud.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the latest number of individuals and families currently staying in the following temporary emergency accommodation settings: hotels, hostels, BnBs, family hubs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Emergency Accommodation Usage in the Dublin Region

In September 2017 a total number of 3,537 adults accessed emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region.

All adults	Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA - Hotels & B&B)	Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA & HUBS)	Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA)
Adults no children	619	1348	73
Adults with children	951 adults (690 families)	611 adults (448 families)	
TOTAL ADULTS	1570	1959	73

PEA – Private Emergency Accommodation; this may include hotels, B&B's and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis

STA – Supported Temporary Accommodation; accommodation, including hostels, with onsite professional support

TEA – Temporary Emergency Accommodation: emergency accommodation with no (or minimal) support

Families Experiencing Homelessness

In September a total of 1,138 families, including 2,416 children, accessed emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region.

Families Breakdown	
HOTELS	558
B&B	132
HUB	214
STA	234
TOTAL FAMILIES	1138

The trend in families experiencing homelessness during the period October 2016 to September 2016 and shows a cumulative percentage decrease in homeless families in Dublin between July and September is 3.4%.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive what steps have been taken, or will be taken to implement the objective contained in the Part 8 Approval for the Dodder Flood Relief works at the Leinster Rugby Grounds, Donnybrook to seek agreement between the various parties to upgrade the appalling fencing along Eglinton Terrace at the Rugby grounds and if the local Residents Association will be included in the consultations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The recent Part 8 Approval for the Dodder Flood Relief works at the Leinster Rugby Grounds includes a requirement *"to review the provisions for Eglinton Terrace including upgrading of fencing as part of the overall Dodder Greenway Project"*.

The Dodder Greenway Project was suspended in July 2016. It is hoped that the project will recommence in early 2018 subject to confirmation of funding from the NTA. It is intended that the use of Eglinton Terrace as a supplementary route to the Greenway will be assessed as part of the Options Assessment process with the matter of the fencing being addressed at the Detailed Design stage.

Dublin City Council is in discussions with both the Consultant design team and the National Transport Authority on the possible timelines for resuming design activities on the project. The Environment and Transportation Department plans to have a more detailed update for the next Dodder Greenway Steering Group meeting in December.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the negotiations between the Property Disposal Section of this Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland with regards to **(details supplied)** to outline what the response has been of the Council to the offer already made and what alternative steps has this Council put on the table to secure agreement on the lands transfer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An offer made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the owners of the plot of ground **(details supplied)**, to transfer ownership in it to Dublin City Council for a nominal sum was considered but two significant obstacles prevented agreement being reached.

Some years ago the plot of ground was used as a railway sleeper creosoting facility. Ground investigations revealed a high level of contamination and the cost of addressing this would be prohibitive. Dublin City Council is not prepared to accept the lands unless the present owners carry out the remediation work and TII has

indicated that they are not interested in proceeding with the transfer of lands on that basis.

Secondly, TII indicated that they would expect Dublin City Council to assume full legal liability for the site and this is not acceptable to the Council due to the risk of claims arising from the contamination.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of the service provided by Dublin Parking Services and report back to the Council. The review should include the following areas:

- Impact on small businesses of a 'no tolerance' for vehicles which need to load or unload and have no alternative but to park on double yellow lines or on cycle ways. Consider value of applying discretion/tolerance e.g. for up to 30 mins for commercial vehicles where there is no danger to other vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists.
- Report on the number of clamped vehicles (cars, commercial vehicles) by road for 2017 to date. This will help identify hot spots and areas where additional signage, double yellow lines, etc. is required.
- Consideration of a 'Warning' notice for vehicles which are not causing an obstruction e.g. overrun on time by a short period of time; vehicles parked within five meters of road end, but not on double yellow lines; other low level infringements. Focus on changing behaviors.
- Consider whether the agreed performance measures for this outsourced service are still appropriate and meet the needs of the City, not just from a traffic enforcement and revenue generation perspective, but also from a safety and supportive business environment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Section is charged with enforcing the parking restrictions introduced by the Traffic Management & Control Engineers and as such cannot ignore parking violations. Consistency in approach to enforcement is an essential element of the enforcement service and applying discretion or tolerance in the manner suggested would be entirely subjective, open to interpretation and ultimately disagreement and complaint. Dublin Street Parking Services are instructed directly by the Council and do not have discretion with regard to enforcement for the reasons indicated.

Tables below provide a breakdown of the top 10 locations and top 10 offences for which enforcement has been carried out.

Top 10 Locations
MESPIL ROAD
WATERLOO ROAD
GARDINER ST LOWER

CIRCULAR ROAD SOUTH
MERRION SQUARE WEST
ORMOND QUAY UPPER
BURLINGTON ROAD
MERRION SQUARE SOUTH
Fitzwilliam Square North
WOLFE TONE STREET

Top 10 Offences
P&D/PERMIT AREA WITHOUT DISPLAYING VALID PERM
No Valid Paid Parking
Parking on clearway
Parking vehicle in a loading bay
On a Footway
Within 5 m of Road Junction
Double Yellow Line
Bus Lane - during period of operation
Continuous White Line
Appointed Stand (Taxi Stand)

There have been in excess of 43,000 enforcement events in the year to date at over 1,700 locations for approximately 40 different offences. Full details can be provided for the Councillor separately if required.

Dublin Street Parking Services can, and do, issue Warning notices prior to carrying out full enforcement by way of clamping and Dublin City Council already makes provision for a 10 minute Grace Period where appropriate. The offences highlighted by the Councillor by their nature invariably lead to obstruction, which usually require immediate enforcement. However, in the case of Double Yellow Lines it is permissible for commercial vehicles to actively load or unload for up to a maximum of 30 minutes provided no other offence is being committed, e.g. within 5 metres of a junction.

Dublin City Council will seek tenders for provision of the enforcement service in Q1 of 2018. Any contract awarded will be subject to an appropriate Service Level Agreement and associated Key Performance Indicators. However, the successful service provider will be required to enforce all parking violations and will not have discretion to ignore offences.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a project based approach to tackle the epidemic level of graffiti (as distinct from permitted street art) in the City with a view to addressing it in an innovative, positive and decisive way to enhance our City, reduce the cost of removing it from property (private and public) and change behaviours of offenders. The project should involve Dublin City Council, An Garda Siochana, Arts and Recreation contributors, Business Interests, Secondary Schools/Colleges representatives etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council in the recent past has carried out a number of graffiti and street art related projects and initiatives targeted at reducing or addressing the incidence of graffiti in the city. DCC Beta projects and area based initiatives, including curated walls, traffic light art boxes (Dublin Canvas), Love the Lanes and murals on derelict or development sites, have all contributed to graffiti reduction measures.

In 2017 the 'think, don't tag' video project has targeted primary school children warning of the consequences of tagging as a criminal offence and has been promoted in schools in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and advertised in cinemas and at major sporting events.

Graffiti removal is carried out both by direct labour, contractor, probation services initiatives and by provision of graffiti removal equipment and paint to local community and environmental groups.

In the context of what is requested above it is proposed to establish a working group comprising of the relevant stakeholders identified to examine the outcomes of the various initiatives and develop actions to be implemented as part of a stated objective for inclusion in the litter management plan 2019 – 2021 which is due to be drafted for submission to the City Council in the coming year.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.32 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the Chief Executive for TAG to give an update on the double yellow lines along Reuben walk as people are parking on the road beside the parking bays.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A report is due to be submitted to the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group on 28th November, 2017, in relation to this location, Reuben Street. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the Chief Executive for TAG to give an overview of if the following roads meet the width requirements for pay and display parking. O'Curry Road, O'Curry Avenue, Oscar Square, O'Carolan Avenue, Madden Road, Geoffrey Keating Avenue, O'Donovan Road, St Thomas Road, Clarence Mangan Road, Gilbert Road, Petrie Road, Ingram Road, Sweeneys Terrace.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
The area engineer will inspect these roads to see if they meet the width requirements and respond to the Councillor in due course.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpaths along Plunkett Drive to be inspected and appropriate works to be carried out to reinstate or repair where necessary. Can particular attention be paid to the footpath at **(details supplied)** where the tree here has caused the path to raise significantly. There are a lot of elderly people along this stretch of road who have trouble walking at this point on the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that the reconstruction of footpaths at Plunkett Drive will be considered in a proposed major works program, subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities and budget allocation. In addition, Road Maintenance Services will carry out the necessary repairs at **(details supplied)**.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be inspected. A local resident has reported that there is a large crack on the footpath and it is a trip hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a yellow box placed at the two entrances from Powers Court to Warrington Place in Dublin 2 as the residents in Powers Court have sever difficulty getting in to and out of their homes in the mornings and evenings during peak traffic times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is expected that a report on this matter will be submitted to the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group on 28th November, 2017. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have a 24 hour resident's permit parking scheme put in place in Powers Court.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes are primarily intended to address daytime commuter parking and it is not a policy of the Council to provide schemes that operate on a 24 hour basis.

The Council's Traffic Advisory Group can consider an extension of the operational hours at Power's Court, to operate from 07.00-24.00 and ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of the proposal, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road.

Any change to the operational hours would be subject to a majority of residents in favour of the proposal at ballot.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have the 30mph speed limit signs erected at the entrance to the residential area of Powers Court and Verschoyle from Warrington Place and Mount Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our Engineer carried out an inspection of the area and has found that two signs are missing at the junction with Mount Street (Verschoyle Place and Mount Street) and these will be replaced in the coming week. As Warrington Place is already within the 30KM zone, no repeater sign is recommended at Powers Court, this in line with Dublin City Council policy where we do not install repeater signage as it would lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have the weeds cut back at **(details supplied)** as it appears to be giving refuge and cover for the rats that are living in the empty old Scruffy Murphys building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance are happy to report that all vegetation has now been cut back at this address.

Q.41 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.42 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.43 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.44 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.45 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for TAG to follow up on the following requests **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the compulsory acquisition proceedings process for seven properties (as outlined in a reply to my question to the Chief Executive received on 6th February last with contact details for nial.dully@dublincity.ie) and in his reply can he state the exact location and description of each property, the date of first entry on the Derelict Sites Register, the owners' names and addresses, and the Chief Executive's future plans for each property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF

To ask the Chief Executive following injuries received by a child outside Belmayne Primary School recently, could the Chief Executive to set out in detail any legal provisions which prevent the Council from undertaking traffic calming, road redesign or other safety measures, on roads which are open to the public and used to access publicly supported schools but which have not yet been taken in charge, and can he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Negotiations are ongoing with the Developer regarding the taking in charge of the roads in the area. Statutory safety measures cannot legally be enforced unless the roads are in the charge of the Council. However, in the interim, a School Warden service (with four Wardens) has been put in place and is operational at the schools.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many residential disc parking permits were valid in the city in each of the last five years for which figures are available, and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of valid parking permits fluctuates throughout the year as permits are renewed, expire and new applications are received. However, the following is the number of valid permits at year end in each of the last 5 years,

2016: 18,720
2015: 18,729
2014: 18,580
2013: 18,285
2012: 18,213

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFF

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is aware at the deep unease and safety concerns amongst cyclists surrounding the use of cycle lanes (such as that at East Wall Road) for car and coach parking as part of the conditions relating to the granting of event licensing at the Three Arena and other venues and will he take steps to consider alternative approaches in future event licensing applications.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

East Wall Road is identified as a secondary cycle route, Route 1E and national cycle route (Route N5) in the GDA Cycle Network Plan. It is also part of the East Coast Trail that includes the S2S. The Environment and Transport Department is currently carrying out a feasibility study for the route. The project will seek to provide high quality segregated cycle tracks linking Alfie Byrne Road at its junction with East Wall Road to North Wall Quay at The Point Roundabout. The report will include the development of feasible options for consideration. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by December 2017.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Plaque that commemorates 1916 to be returned to the site at St. James Hospital asap.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our understanding is that there were four South Dublin Union 4th Battalion plaques erected by the National Graves Association. One of these plaques was located at St James. It was relocated within the hospital campus and unveiled in its new location last year by the late Liam Cosgrave.

Another of the plaques is in the possession of Dublin City Libraries & Archive, having been in the Civic Museum collection. We have agreed with the relatives' group and the area office to erect this plaque in St Catherine's Community Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive referring to my question (no 112 March 2017) the answer to which indicated that the City Archaeologist has inspected the site location (City Hall) and supports my proposal to investigate the gap and potentially not only retrieve Willie Halpin's rifle (as hidden there during Easter week 1916) but also numerous other artefacts associated with the occupation of the City Hall in 1916 which could be used to enhance the permanent display in the City Hall interpretive centre. The City Archaeologist also indicated that a brief for the appointment of a suitably experienced archaeological consultant to conduct further research into, and to supervise and record the carrying out of an investigation of this location would be prepared. Can the Chief Executive give me an update on progress on this project?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to Council Question Q112 of March 2017, the City Archaeologist undertook a scoping study of the practical, financial and legal issues around the proposal.

Following on from this preliminary work the City Archaeologist commissioned a desktop study to research the story of the rifle and investigate the feasibility and likely cost of searching for this item (see desktop report and preliminary costing attached). The research was undertaken by a 1916 specialist / archaeologist Franc Myles of Archaeology and Built Heritage Limited. The research into the Halpin rifle story has been incorporated into the Archaeology of 1916 report, which will be published as a book in conjunction with UCD in 2018.

The narrative surrounding the disposal of the rifle emerged in the public arena on the centenary of the Rising. While Willie Halpin unquestionably hid in the fireplace/flue of City Hall, he is not referred to in Matt Connolly's witness statement. The family's story of the rifle's deposition, albeit compelling and consistent, is uncorroborated by the primary sources that relate to the occupation of City Hall.

A fee proposal for the direct costs of archaeological investigation only has been provided at an estimated €4,150. Any proposal to investigate the site would involve the careful coordination of services across DCC departments including Waste Management, City Architects Department and the Archaeology Section of Planning & Property Development Department. The coordination of services by DCC, provision of staff, temporary and enabling works and conservation costs are not included in the quotation, and both the time and costs involved are likely to be considerable.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the occupancy of City Council Housing on the following basis:

- a) Number of five bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five , six plus tenants
- b) Number of four bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five , six plus tenants
- c) Number of three bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four, five plus tenants
- d) Number of two bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three, four plus tenants
- e) Number of one bed units with occupancy by following: one, two, three plus tenants

Also, to ask the Chief Executive if there are any incentives in place, or being considered, to persuade tenants with unoccupied bedrooms to downsize to more suitable accommodation, thus freeing up vital units/bedroom space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I set out below the information requested:

5 Bedroom Tenancies	No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
	1	0
	2	0
	3	1
	4	6
	5	4
	6>	9
4 Bedroom Tenancies	No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
	1	120
	2	219
	3	211
	4	196
	5	170
	6>	318
3 Bedroom Tenancies	No of Occupants	No of Tenancies

	1	820
	2	1578
	3	1985
	4	1791
	5	1147
	6>	965
2 Bedroom Tenancies	No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
	1	1991
	2	2934
	3	2060
	4	1023
	5	426
	6>	247
1 Bedroom Tenancies	No of Occupants	No of Tenancies
	1	5243
	2	552
	3	83
	4	23
	5	7
	6>	2

Currently there are no specific incentives in place to encourage tenants in larger accommodation to downsize to smaller units but those willing to do so are given a level of priority on the Transfer List. It should be noted that one and two bedrooms is the size of accommodation most in demand from Households on the waiting list.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the remarks he made at the recent Urban Land Institute Conference, quoted below:

'I believe there is a case for revisiting the 26% of zoned land that is currently zoned amenity/open space. Quality open space is an essential component of a healthy sustainable city. However, there are too many examples of amenity/open space land in the City Council area that quite frankly do not offer significant amenity value. The public interest would be best served by allowing residential development of some of these sites in return for investing in improving recreational amenities on the balance of the site".

In particular, can the Chief Executive answer the following:

- a) Can the Chief Executive confirm that City Councillors fully retain the power to zone or rezone land through the Development Plan or amendment thereto?
- b) Can the Chief Executive confirm that he and Dublin City Council Management fully understand and acknowledge the need for open/green space as part of City infrastructure and as part of a healthy sustainable city?
- c) What criteria has the Chief Executive in mind or is planned on being used to determine if an open/green space does "not offer significant amenity value"?
- d) Is the residential development being suggested by the Chief Executive public or private development?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The response to the issues raised by the Councillor is as follows:

- a) The power to zone or rezone land is a reserved function of the Elected Members.
- b) The Chief Executive and Council management fully understand and acknowledge the need for open/green space as part of city infrastructure and as part of a healthy sustainable city. In his address to the ULI Conference the Chief Executive specifically stated that 'Quality open space is an essential component of a healthy sustainable city'.
- c) While the Chief Executive did not specifically address this issue in his address the criteria he had in mind would include the following:
 - the current level of utilisation of the open space,
 - the amenity value of the open space,
 - the recreational facilities on the open space
 - the level of anti social behaviour on the open space and
 - the availability of quality open space/parks in the general area.
- d) The Chief Executive did not consider this matter in his address.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the recent report of the Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health (October 19th 2017) concerning the effect of pollution (e.g. killing 50,000 people a year in the UK, 6.4m million globally) and to further ask the Chief Executive if he would to commission a study on the effects of pollution in Dublin City on the health of residents. Such a study should, if carried out, include a range of possible proposals designed to alleviate the amount of pollution being caused in Dublin. Also, in recognition of one of the main causes of pollution in our City, could the Chief Executive indicate if Dublin City Council has any jurisdiction/influence in recommending/implementing a ban on diesel fuelled cars entering the City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. The recent report in the Lancet is but one of a number of recent studies that underline that air pollution is a leading cause of ill health and mortality in all countries including Ireland.

In ongoing recognition of this, Dublin City Council has collaborated in the past decade on a number of multi disciplinary health and air quality projects with a diverse range of research partners.

In 2017, Dublin City Council was partner in a consortium including Dublin Institute of Technology, University of Limerick, Trinity College Dublin, NUI Galway, Brunel University London and Met Eireann that applied for funding amounting to €300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency research fund for a study on health impacts on particulate pollution in Ireland.

Notification was received from the EPA on 25th October that this application was unsuccessful. As this notification has just been received, there has not been the opportunity to discuss other possible sources of research funding.

It should be noted that the EPA have funded a number of other air quality and health research projects during 2017, and Dublin City Council will provide advice and appropriate assistance to those researchers if requested.

2. With regard to introducing a ban on diesel fuelled cars, the powers to introduce such a measure are vested in the Minister for Environment under the Air Pollution Act 1987:

53.—(1) The Minister, for the purpose of preventing or limiting air pollution, may make regulations in relation to—

(a) the standard, specification, composition and contents of any fuel of a type which is used in mechanically propelled vehicles or in mechanically propelled vehicles of a particular class or description or mechanically propelled vehicles in a particular area or a particular class of areas;

Q.55 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with planning information and guidance on St. Monica's Youth Centre, Tonlegee Road, Raheny Dublin 5, the breach of their lease with Dublin City Council by way of the operation of bingo on site and the implications, if any, for the existing planning application re the Primary Care Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted for the construction of a new primary care centre including a pharmacy, retail unit, all weather pitch with floodlights, and the refurbishment and extension of the existing youth club at the St. Monica's Youth Club Site on Tonlegee Road, Dublin 5 under DCC plan ref. 2865/12 and An Bord Pleanala ref. PL 29N.241384. Planning permission was granted to extend the duration of this permission to 2023 under plan ref. 2865/12x1.

Subsequently, a planning application was submitted under plan ref. 2797/17 to amend the development granted permission under plan ref. 2865/12. A presentation on this proposal was made to a special meeting of the North Central Area Committee on the 31st May 2017. The proposed amendments include: relocating the main entrance; reorganising the layout and use of the primary care centre; and increasing the amount of car parking spaces from 61 no. to 70 no. spaces. DCC made a decision to grant permission for the amendments proposed under plan ref. 2797/17. This decision is currently subject to an appeal under An Bord Pleanala ref. PL29N.248873.

It is not envisaged that potential lease issues would affect the current appeal process. In this regard, the then DEHLG 'Development Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2007) indicates that the planning system is not designed as a mechanism for resolving disputes about title to land or premises or rights over land; these are ultimately matters for resolution in the Courts. In this regard, it should be noted that, as section 34(13) of the Planning Act states, a person is not entitled solely by reason of a permission to carry out any development.

Under Indenture of Lease, the site known as "The Vicarage", Tonlegee Road, Dublin 5, Coolock was demised by Dublin City Council to the Frederick Ozanam Trust for a term of 99 years subject to an annual rent of €38,100 abated to €33.01 per annum, provided that the premises is used as a youth centre. In 2006 Dublin City Council granted its assent to the transfer of the lease to St. Monica's Youth Resource Centre Limited.

The Planning & Property Development was recently made aware of the operation of bingo nights on the premises. Under the terms of the lease the lessee is required to

“use the demised premises for the purpose of a youth centre and for no other purpose” and “not to install or allow to be used on the premises any slot machine or other gambling device”. The use of premises for the operation of bingo has now ceased and the matter of the contravention of the lease is currently being examined.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a master plan for Dublin, similar to the one that was used in the Docklands masterplan. While DCC development plan gives rise to how the City develops, a master plan is now essential in the way we manage our city going forward. All too often, the city misses out on opportunities because of the lack of any coherent masterplan. It is high time that this process was initiated. There is a great lack of what the city and its buildings possess. Moore Street is one tiny example, or indeed Aungier Street, of Dublin’s unique historical significance. We seem to place too much of an emphasis on a new build and fail entirely to protect and preserve what we have. Given Dublin’s rise in popularity as a cultural destination for many tourists, a masterplan would give us the opportunity to map out the city’s future for its citizens and its visitors.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The City Development Plan, approved by the City Council in September 2016, is the statutory framework plan to guide the proper planning and development of Dublin for the next 6 years and beyond. The City Development Plan balances the need to provide certainty for developers and communities with the opportunities for creativity and innovation. A masterplan, on the other hand, tends to be prescriptive and rigid, to the extent that creative innovation can be stifled.

The North Lotts and Grand Canal SDZ Planning Scheme, together with the Grangegorman SDZ Planning Scheme and the recently approved (now subject of an appeal) Poolbeg West Planning Scheme, are indeed more akin to Masterplans than a Development Plan. The main reason for this is to provide more certainty in an SDZ Scheme to ensure that existing and future communities know what to expect given that there are no third party rights of appeal. It should also be borne in mind that SDZ schemes cover relatively small areas, compared to the City Development Plan. However, even though they are smaller in area, such plans are very resource intrusive in terms of public consultation and urban design input.

Having said that, there is a range of Strategic Development and Regeneration Areas (SDRAs) set out in the Development Plan for the inner city area, including Heuston Station and Environs, O’Devaney Gardens, National Concert Hall Quarter, Teresas Gardens/Player Wills, St James Medical Campus and Environs, etc. These SDRAs set out guiding principles for development and indicative layouts. These are further elaborated as necessary, for example a more detailed development framework has been prepared for Teresas Gardens/Player Wills.

Architectural Conservation Area plans have been prepared for inner city areas such as : Grafton Street & Environs; South City Retail Quarter; Fitzwilliam Square and Environs; and Mountjoy Square.

In relation to Moore Street in March 2017 a study: “The Moore Street Report – Securing History; a Report of the Moore Street Consultative Group” was submitted to the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. On foot of this a cross departmental group, with ministerial representation from OPW, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) as well as officials from DCC has been set

up to co-ordinate various interests and oversee a coherent strong approach by all agencies in delivering a co-ordinated plan for this historic area.

In addition thirty one possible Local Environmental Improvement Plans (LEIPs) are set out in the Development Plan including for areas such as Camden Street/Aungier Street and environs, Dolphins Barn, East Wall, Liffey Quays, Ringsend, and other areas.

“The Heart of Dublin City Centre: Public Realm Masterplan” (2016) sets out a range of policies and proposed improvements for the city centre area.

“Aungier Street: Revitalising a Historic Neighbourhood” is a conservation based study of the street and its environs and makes a series of proposals to protect and enhance the character of the area.

Having regard to the above, it is considered that there is sufficient policy context to ensure the optimum regeneration of the central city area. The preparation of a masterplan would be resource intrusive and would detract from the implementation of projects set out for implementation in the Development Plan.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of using part of Collins Barracks Dublin to facilitate rough sleepers over the winter period. This building is of enormous scale and is an ideal location for the winter initiative to assist those in homelessness and who are rough sleepers. At present the building is being used as the Decorative Arts and History museum. Further, the possibility of using Bricins military hospital or indeed Cathal Brugha Barracks. We can't rely on adhoc services we must inter department arrangements with the Department of Defence and the Department of Arts for the use of buildings for these emergency initiatives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Every year the DRHE activates its Cold Weather Strategy in order to provide a humanitarian response to persons rough sleeping and experiencing homelessness in the Dublin region during the cold weather period. Included in the strategy is an expansion of services planned with a range of NGO service providers, so as to respond to the potential increase in demand that the cold weather period brings. The DRHE is bringing on stream additional permanent capacity consisting of two hundred additional beds for singles / couples operational by December 2017, along with 165 additional units for families across a number of facilities.

The DRHE is already utilising the Department of Defence premises at St. Bricin's and we will continue to explore further options with other government departments. Other options for additional / expanded capacity are being actively pursued and we will continue to explore feasible options as they become available. As part of our ongoing interactions with Government Departments on this issue, we regularly seek support with a view to possibly utilising properties that are owned by Government Departments throughout the Dublin region.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify whether the allocation referred to in last month's question to him by me, was allocated within the criteria of the scheme of lettings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Based on the information provided, I have checked the file for 2003/4. It appears to relate to an improvement scheme for St. Andrew's Court. There was an undertaking to residents in the complex that their applications would be considered as a priority for the 9 additional new units (Denzille Row). Therefore I can confirm that the allocation was correct and within the Scheme of Lettings.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive as a matter of urgency to address the appalling issues of crime and anti-social behaviour in and around the Glovers Court flat complex area of Dublin. What measures Dublin City Council estate management are going to employ to address this issue that has been ongoing in this location for over 18 months? Residents here are being terrorised by criminal gangs who are threatening them, causing malicious damage and are engaged in wholesale drug dealing and vicious assault. Can the Chief Executive engage private security services to assist the residents, estate management and An Garda Síochána in combating this criminality. The residents here have a right to the care of duty from DCC, who are their landlords. This is a dreadful situation for any of our tenants to find themselves in.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager had requested a CCTV supplier and contractor to carry out a survey of the complex and to recommend some solutions as well as cost for the provision and installation of these. These recommendations have been evaluated for their effectiveness in helping solve the problem and this contractor has been instructed to carry out the installation of the CCTV in this complex. These works are planned to commence within the next month.

The Project Estate Officer for this complex will continue to investigate all incidents of anti social behaviour and he will pass the names any person involved in these incidents to An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council will also take the relevant action against any person that is causing anti social behaviour in this complex who is a tenant of the council.

At this moment in time Dublin City Council have no plans to engage private security services in this complex.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a report on any works carried out in the Blackpitts Estate (St. Michael's Terrace, St. John's St, Greenville Parade, Hammond St), Dublin 8 in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date. To include works on roads/footpaths maintenance, public domain, roads and traffic, perimeter fencing, green areas/tree maintenance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has checked its records for the locations and dates that you have requested and attach the results of these searches.

Waste Management Services removed any illegally dumped rubbish from the Blackpitts Estate in the years 2015, 2016 and to date in 2017 whenever it was necessary to do so.

In the past three years the trees on Hammond Street and St. Michael's Terrace have been pruned. Three dead/dying trees were removed from the area over this time. Two trees from the small community garden were also removed, as requested by residents. Replacement trees can be planted by request.

The Traffic Advisory team of the Transportation and Environment Department have not completed any works in the Blackpitts Estate (St. Michael's Terrace, St. John's St, Greenville Parade, Hammond St), Dublin 8 between the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHALAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.62 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.63 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.64 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.65 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.66 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the current planning/development status of the site at the corner of South Circular Road, 33-37, Dolphins Barn Street, Dublin 8 (Planning Reference 3618/15), to include whether any commencement notices have been issued and date of expiration of permission.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
Planning permission sought on site at the corner of South Circular Road, 33-37, Dolphins Barn Street, Dublin 8 for a mixed use development was granted permission by Dublin City Council on April 18th 2016 (Planning Reference 3618/15). The permission is an extant permission on site. The date of expiration of this permission is July 13th 2021. Building Control Section has advised that to date no Commencement Notices have been received on this site.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive on the bases of speed ramps not been sanctioned on Maryville Road, Raheny can slow down signs be installed. Maryville Road has a large number of young children and the road is been used as a short cut with cars driving at reckless speeds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a speed survey carried out on the 9th & 10th of May 2017 between 07-00 & 07-00hrs. The 85th percentile speed was 54k/hr. This percentile marginally meets the warrant for traffic calming, however as traffic volumes are below that required to meet the warrant and existing parking on either side of the carriageway helps to reduce speed, traffic calming is not recommended.

Dublin City Council does not provide "slow" signs in residential areas where the speed limit of 50k or lower exists where the onus is on the motorist to drive with due care and at a speed appropriate for the prevailing conditions as this would lead to a proliferation of such signs throughout the city.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can he consider a proposal that local businesses sponsor the planting of flowers at main roundabouts for example the Artane Road roundabout, and DCC maintain the same. This has been successful rolled out in many counties through Ireland.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service is favourable to the idea of planting of flowers at suitable roundabouts throughout the city. If local businesses or business associations are interested in supporting such planting and the associated maintenance at various locations we will be happy to discuss the matter with them.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline the long term plan for St Annes Park, Raheny. Including proposed developments, petting farms, markets etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is intended that St Anne's continues to remain as a historical park and valuable amenity for the people of Dublin. Works in St Annes Park are guided by the St Anne's Management and Development plan and to this end the following works and projects are ongoing.

- Works are continuing on the repair and conservation of all the landscape follies in the Park, weather permitting all eleven follies will be complete spring 2018.
- Restoration and conservation of Sea Lawn Lodge has been completed and is at practical completion stage. Follow on works to re-establish existing Historical gates by the lodge are ongoing and it is hoped that works on the ground will commence 2018.
- Refurbishment and redevelopment of the old tennis courts on All Saints Road is currently under way, it is hoped to have the new all weather tennis courts in place late 2017.
- Ten new adult gym units will be installed along the perimeter path this is an addition to the existing six units.
- St Anne's City Farm is to be located adjacent to the Allotment garden. Elected members were updated at the NCA meeting 18th Sept 2017. A trial lease for eleven months is being compiled and will be ready for signing shortly.
- The weekend farmers market has proven to be very successful and is intended to continue.
- Rose garden refurbishment is in its third year of a five year plan and works are on schedule.
- The Red Stables buildings will be made more accessible to the public.
- Proposals to install an overflow car park to accommodate parking in the vicinity of the Red Stables are being investigated.
- Creation of a formal garden addressing the rear elevation of the Red stables is in preparation.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in light of DCC taking charge of the Jewish graveyard in Fairview, Clontarf tourism has expressed an interest to manage the house, this would include tours and a museum. This would be an excellent asset to Dublin Bay North and the whole of Dublin. This would also be an excellent opportunity for the upkeep and the maintenance of the house to be given to a third party which will be of financial beneficial for DCC. Would the Chief Executive facilitate a meeting with the appropriate people and Clontarf tourism to explore this and identify expectation from all parties.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The burial ground and small caretaker property have only recently been taken in charge by Dublin City Council and considerable works are now required to both secure and stabilise the site. Provision has been made in the budget for 2018 to commence these works.

The building itself appears to be in a poor state of repair with an unsympathetic lean-to extension to the rear. A detailed survey of the property is required ascertain the underlying condition of the structure. The outcome of this survey and internal consultations with the DCC's Conservation Office will inform a programme of sensitive repairs and restoration and the scale of budgetary provision that will be required to achieve the same.

While it is anticipated that there will ultimately be a level of public/community access to the site, the cultural and historic sensitivities associated with such sites will require a level of consultation and engagement with the communities before final decisions are made.

It is considered somewhat premature to make such decisions regarding the future use of this site at this early stage of the project.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the request of tenants **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 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.76 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.77 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.78 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.79 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pathway entrance and steps to St. Canices Graveyard in Finglas to be upgraded as it is in a poor state of repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Housing Maintenance to include but not exclusively the number of DCC housing units in each area, the number of housing maintenance staff assigned in each area and also in Civic Offices, the number of tradesmen employed per area and the number of calls each area is dealing with per month since beginning of the year and any details of contractors used.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply to question will issue directly to Councillor within 2 weeks.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to install speed ramps on Ailesbury Drive, Dublin 4, in circumstances where motor vehicles are consistently using this residential street as a high speed thoroughfare between the junction of Ailesbury Road/Nutley Road and Anglesea Road, thereby causing grave danger to local residents and, in particular, to the many children who reside on Ailesbury Grove?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request for traffic calming measures is listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive (a) when will Kevin Street Library re-open and (b) what is the total cost of the works which have been undertaken on the Library since its closure to the point of completion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The final phase of construction work is currently underway. Furniture fit-out and moving in to begin immediately afterwards and will take approximately 2 months. We anticipate reopening the library early in the 2018. An exact date will be announced once the building has been handed back to DCC by the main contractor. The total project cost is expected to be as per the original project budget of €3.7m.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding a question I submitted and received the at the June 2017 meeting of the South East Area Committee which is as follows:

Q.75 Councillor Frank Kennedy

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update from the Derelict Sites Section in respect of the property at **(details supplied)** in circumstances where Derelict Sites communicated to local residents on 5 May 2017 that "Derelict Sites Section will carry out an inspection of the property and will revert to you following an assessment of its condition". This building is in dangerous and disgraceful condition:

- It is boarded up at the door;
- The front window is wide open;
- The railings are broken and the front garden is full of bags of rubbish;
- The chimney stack and part of the return to rear of No. 19 has collapsed into the rear garden, adjacent to the boundary wall with Synge Street school;
- The house continues to deteriorate and attract anti-social behaviour; and
- It is a fire hazard waiting to happen given that there is easy access.

Reply:

(Details supplied) was inspected by a member of the Conservation Team due to complaints received to the Enforcement Section regarding its demise. Further to that inspection it was entered onto the BAR Register (Buildings At Risk) and on 13/12/16 it was recommended that a Section 59 Endangerment Notice was issued in respect of the property to the owners. The Endangerment Notice required 5 specific items of works to be undertaken on the building in order to make it safe and secure. The works were to be completed by the end of March 2017. To date there has been no communication between the owners and the Conservation Section regarding commencing the repair works. It is decided that court proceedings will now be issued on the owners for non-compliance with the Endangerment Notice.

Contact: Michele Murphy, Executive Planner, Buildings At Risk,
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The property at **(details supplied)** remains in appalling condition. It is derelict and empty. It has been broken into and more recently the front window has been broken. Inevitably this will lead to a further deterioration.

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the “court proceedings... issued on the owners for non-compliance with the Endangerment Notice” which I was advised in June 2017 the Council intended to issue, or if such proceedings have not issued, to provide an explanation as to why this is so and to commence them without delay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The response to the previous Question correctly stated that Court proceedings were issued on the owner. The first Court hearing was 5th September 2017 and was subsequently adjourned until 19th September 2017, to provide for an inspection of the building, which had not been previously enabled by the owner. An inspection was carried out and the building (a Protected Structure) is in a state of distress and at risk.

The owner submits that he was unable to attend to the property over the last number of years as the property was in NAMA and subsequently sold on to a financial fund. The owner recently purchased the property back and is now addressing the Endangerment Notice issued last December. A Conservation Architect has been retained and a Conservation Method Statement as per Court Order has been submitted to the Conservation Section. On 17th October 2017 the case was before the Court for mention only, whereby it was further agreed to adjourn the case until 19th December 2017 for the Council to examine and agree the Method Statement and for the owner to commence works as per the Endangerment Notice.

We are monitoring the file and working with the owner regarding the proposed works.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive given the large, and growing, numbers of cyclists commuting into/out of the city from Sandymount and the outer suburbs beyond such as Booterstown and Blackrock, the wholly inadequate provision of cycling tracks and cycling paths in the South Inner City Area from Sandymount to the City Centre has now reached crisis point and it is only a matter of time before there will be a death or serious injury on this stretch.

Strand Road and Beach Road are unsuitable for bicycles as matters stand as they are very narrow and there is insufficient space for cyclists. The Ringsend Bridge is extremely narrow by any standards, indeed there is barely room for two cars passing each other in the opposite direction. There is no space on this bridge for a cyclist when two cars are travelling in opposite directions. In addition, to make a bad situation worse, there are very heavy commercial and business traffic in this area, including cement mixers from the cement facility and lorries carrying waste to and from the incinerator.

By contrast on the north side of the city, from Clontarf to the City Centre, there is a dedicated cycle track along the promenade at Clontarf, a designated cycle path through the Fairview Park and the much wider Newcomen Bridge at the North Strand has a newly-opened separate Newcomen Bridge Cycle Bridge project, followed by a marked cycling path into the city.

To ask the Chief Executive to address the gross under-provision of cycling paths in the coastal parts of the south of the City when compared with the north of the City, and to make provision for adequate cycling tracks and cycling paths in the South Inner City Area from Sandymount to the City Centre as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department is currently in discussions with the National Transport Authority on the capital programme for 2018. A more detailed response will issue after the conclusion of these discussions, most likely in January 2018.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me a full report on the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me guidance on the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me a report on the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to once and for all to address the illegal dumping at **(details supplied)**. I have been trying to get someone to take responsibility for this for some time now but no action has been taken. The rubbish is piling up. DCC say it's not their property but surely they can demand the GAA clean it up. Since I've reported this have the owners been contacted and instructed to clean the lane way if not why? Can immediate action be taken please to address this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This query was received by the Waste Enforcement Unit on the 12th October 2017 for investigation. Waste enforcement officers inspected **(details supplied)** and the playing pitches and observed a small quantity of waste. A direction letter was issued on 13/10/2017 to the relevant GAA Chairperson & Treasurer giving them 3 weeks to remove the waste concerned.

The parties who were issued with the direction letter made early contact with the Waste Enforcement Unit and indicated their intention to comply with this request and to remove the waste. They were also advised to keep the growth of grass in check and to employ other suitable measures including regular monitoring of the location to discourage any further build up of waste.

Waste Enforcement will be visiting the location next week to re-inspect when the three week duration of the direction letter has elapsed. The Waste Enforcement Unit will pursue any further follow up action if required.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the very large tree at City Council tenancy as per **(details supplied)** and say if he will arrange to heavily prune same as it is blocking out light from the dwelling and indeed the public lighting column on the nearby footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Crown lifting above the public footpath is considered appropriate in this instance and this work will be carried out during the dormant season.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the enormously heavy tree at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to remove same (as has been done with another nearby tree) as residents at **(details supplied)** are terrified that this huge tree will at some stage fall down on their property and destroy it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree at the above location has been inspected and was found to be consistent with others on the road and to be in good condition and no works are proposed. **(Details supplied)** will be advised of above accordingly.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the broken up footpath at location as per **(details supplied)** and say what can be done to rectify the situation where a serious trip hazard continues to exist for pedestrians, particularly the elderly one of whom (a local constituent) has fallen down and seriously injured himself on two occasions in the last 18 months and another disabled person who was recently injured from a fall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.97 COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the dividing wall at **(details supplied)** will be replaced. DCC called and confirmed the wall was in a dangerous state and needs to be pulled down, however the residents want it replaced as it is a divide.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance is pleased to report that the wall has been removed. Once a protruding tree stump has been removed, for which arrangements are in place, a replacement wall will be built.

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 GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive after the recent storm (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the grave health situation (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if the application for medical priority transfer for (**details supplied**) currently renting from an approved housing body in (**details supplied**) can be accepted in light of the new medical evidence (attached) provided which sets out why their daughter (**details supplied**) needs to live in ground floor accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All medical reports submitted will be reviewed for medical priority. A decision in this case can be expected in 4-6 weeks and the applicant (**details supplied**) will be informed by letter of this decision.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to list in tabular form the sites of DCC owned lands zoned for residential development where there are currently no building projects planned referred to the answer to question number 64 provided to me at October's meeting and the amount of units that could be located at each site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to this question, using the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative sites referred to in the previous response (Q. 64) the update is as follows:

- 12 have been removed from the list below as they have been built on, sold or are currently under construction.
- A further 8 have been removed as they have a valid planning permission/Part 8
- 13 have been removed as building projects are planned on the sites but have not reached planning stage yet (at early design stage/housing initiative lands/AHB or consultants engaged)
- 6 have been removed as they are earmarked for other developments or have unsuitable zoning at this time (allotments, open space, recreational space).

This leaves a total of 34 sites where there are currently no building projects planned. These sites make up a total of c43.5 hectares which could provide, based on a density of 60-120 uph, 2,600-5,200 no. units (approx). It should be noted that the number of units on a given site depends on local circumstances.

Site Ref.	Location	Ha	No. of units based on average density 60-120 units

Appendix A

DC-0005	Belcamp Lane, near the junction with the Malahide Road, Dublin 5	6.309	378-757
DC-0006	Curlew Rd/Mourne Rd Convent Lands, Dublin 12	0.532	31-63
DC-0016	Ballymun 1, Dublin 9	2.715	162-325
DC-0023	57 Reuben St, Dublin 8	0.035	2-4
DC-0025	Elmdale Park / Elmdale Crescent, Cherry Orchard, Dublin 10	0.615	36-73
DC-0028	Site to the west of St Paul's National School, Slademoore Avenue, Ayrfield, Dublin 13	0.415	24-49
DC-0030	Springvale, Chapelizod Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	0.801	48-96
DC-0031	26 New Street, The Coombe, Dublin 8	0.020	1-2
DC-0032	Open space between, 19,21,43 And 45 Belcamp Green, And 52 And 53 Belcamp Avenue And 44 And 52 Belcamp Grove, Dublin 17	0.186	11-22
DC-0034	Darndale (Spine Block) Dublin 17	1.489	89-178
DC-0037	Junction of Collins Avenue and Thatch Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.	0.099	5-11
DC-0038	Site to the side of Number 98 Lourdes Road, Dublin 8	0.068	4-8
DC-0044	Corner of Collins Avenue and the Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9	1.561	93-187
DC-0045	22 Luke Street and 24 Townsend Street, Dublin 2	0.036	2-4
DC-0053	Site at Coultry Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	0.945	56-113
DC-0055	Site at Coultry Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9	0.545	32-65
DC-0056	Site at Coultry, North of Boiler House, Main Street, Ballymun (Site of Muck and Magic Community Gardens), Dublin 11	1.320	79-158
DC-0057	Site at Silloge Road and Avenue, Ballymun, Dublin 11	3.798	227-455
DC-0058	Site at Silloge Road and Pinewood Crescent, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.734	44-88
DC-0060	Site south of Balbutcher Lane and east of Silogue Road, Ballymun Dublin 11.	2.788	167-334
DC-0061	Site between Ballymun Main Street and Balcurris Road, north of Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun, Dublin 11	1.552	93-186
DC-0062	Ballymun Main Street, between Ballymun Main Street and Balcurris Road, north of Balbutcher Lane and south of Turnpike apartments, Dublin 11	1.595	95-191
DC-0063	Site north of Balbutcher Lane, south of Ballymun Industrial Estate and West of Ballymun Road , Ballymun, Dublin 11	9.684	581-1162
DC-0064	Site north of Balbutcher Lane, south of Ballymun Industrial Estate and West of Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11	1.296	77-155
DC-0065	Balbutcher Lane, site directly to the west of St Joseph's Senior National School and Site adjacent to Carrig Road, Gallagun Road and Dane Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.567	34-68
DC-0066	Site between Balbutcher Lane and Belclare Lawns, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.251	15-30
DC-0067	Site at Belclare Park. Open space opposite and to the south of Nos. 9-14 Belclare Way, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.191	11-22
DC-0068	Site within Belclare Park, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.206	12-24
DC-0069	Site at Corner of Cranogue Road and Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.512	30-61

DC-0070	Site at Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun. Site south of Cranogue Close and north of Balbutcher Lane.	0.563	33-67
DC-0072	Intersection between Balbutcher Lane and Balbutcher Drive, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.031	1-2
DC-0073	Site to the east of Balbutcher Way and south of Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.052	3-6
DC-0074	Green field site off Balbutcher Way and Blabutcher Lane, Ballymun, Dublin 11	0.036	2-4
DC-0075	St Margaret's Road (located south of retail store Ikea), Ballymun, Dublin 11	1.960	117-235
Totals		43.50	2600-5200

Q.116 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form the various changes in income thresholds since the formation of the state for eligibility for social housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current income thresholds are prescribed by the Social Housing (Assessment) Regulations 2011. The determination of whether a household meets the income criteria is based on a calculation of net income. The income of all persons aged 18 years and over included in a social housing application shall be assessed.

This office does not keep records on changes in income thresholds since the foundation of the state but these may be available by contacting the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive on how many occasions over the last four years has the female partner in a joint council or approved housing body tenancy relinquished her share of the tenancy leaving her male partner or ex-partner the sole tenant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were 276 cases where the female tenant surrendered her joint tenancy. The figure also contains brother/sister tenancies where the sister surrendered or in the case of pensioners where the female partner died. It is not possible to at this time to specify the relationship of the former joint tenants.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive what measures are being taken to ensure compliance with the new traffic lights on Bachelors Walk on the North Quays.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The compliance with traffic signals is a matter for An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council is responsible to ensure timings, in particular the pedestrian timing and the clearance between traffic phases are correct. The timings have been checked based on the road width clearance between opposing traffic movements e.g. Traffic, the

LUAS and Pedestrians. The signals are monitored by the Dublin City Council Traffic Control Room.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

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 to provide the number of families in emergency homeless accommodation on the last day of the month from December 2016 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the number of Families in Emergency Accommodation from December 2016 to September 2017 in the Dublin region.

Month	Number
December 2016	1028
January 2017	1007
February 2017	1055
March 2017	1069
April 2017	1091
May 2017	1099
June 2017	1115
July 2017	1178
August 2017	1146
September 2017	1138

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City Council to allocate €4m towards phase two insulation programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Phase Two of the programme is funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The most recent circular received (Circular Housing 33/2017 received on the 27th of September 2017) stipulated as follows: "All future works under Phase 2 will be co-financed through the European Regional Development Fund and accordingly will be subject to specific and strict project management standards and reporting and data collection requirements for all works carried out. Consequently, Exchequer funding of Phase Two works will be contingent on full compliance with ERDF requirements and Local Authorities are therefore reminded that they should not proceed with any Phase 2 works without the prior approval of the Department." The Department has yet to announce our allocation of Phase 2 funding.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive has Dublin City Council had any contact with relevant government departments about accessing public lands, including OPW & CIE, for housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has consistently raised the issue of other state lands in the city that can be made available to Dublin City Council for the provision of Social and Affordable Housing.

While Dublin City Council has previously sourced such lands/property, e.g Kildonan Road, Finglas (OPW), Infirmary Road, Dublin 7 (OPW), Clonard Road (OPW), Kilmainham Cross (Prison Service) and St. Bricin's (Dept. of Defence), we believe there are other lands currently under utilised in the city owned by other state bodies that would make a very useful contribution to the housing situation in the city. It is a matter for government to pursue the relevant departments/agencies involved with a view to releasing these lands or part of to Dublin City Council for the construction of housing. In some cases, however there may be long term plans for the land that we may not be fully aware of.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent on homeless services for 2015, 2016 & how much is expected to be spent in 2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the total spend by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Year	€
2015	73.36M
2016	98.28M
2017 Est.	119.1M

Q.125 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the Council provide nets in Ellenfield Park to prevent sliotars and balls from the playing fields landing in the playground? This is obviously a danger for children and sliotars land in the playground from time to time. Residents were informed about two years ago that funding had been sourced for this project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Provisional approval under the Sports Capital Programme has been received from the Department for Transport, Tourism and Sport. Detailed quotations for the work have been recently sent to the department and we are awaiting a reply. We will inform the Councillor directly of further progress in the matter.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the Council inspect and prune the tree outside **(details supplied)**. The resident is worried it is unstable and may fall in a storm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Services will arrange an inspection of the tree as per **(details supplied)**. Any works deemed necessary for sound arboricultural reasons will be included in the local schedule of tree works carried out over the dormant season. Tree pruning is carried out on a priority basis subject to available resources.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council consider painting the balustrades of the Drumcondra bridge over the Tolka a golden colour to mark this gateway into Dublin. This is the first bridge on the way into Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Three cast iron balusters on the east side of Drumcondra Bridge are in the process of being replaced. They have been given a corrosion resistant finish that does not match the existing balusters. All the balusters on the bridge need to be painted but painting them a golden colour would not be acceptable on the grounds that it would show the dirt and would require more frequent cleaning/repainting.

The Area Office in conjunction with the Public Lighting Division plan to erect four lanterns of the corners of the bridge and these are to be finished in black. Once these lanterns are erected it is planned to paint the balusters in matching black.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive if (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he ask our Derelict Site section to actively investigate the following residential property (**details supplied**) with a view to placing it on the derelict site register and or assessing its suitability for an acquisition so as to bring it into the housing stock.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.136 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to investigate the cause of dampness in our tenants home (**details supplied**). Our tenant suffers from Asthma and her house should be given a priority status for the external insulation programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A member of maintenance staff will call to this property, investigate and take appropriate action. This property has been identified as suitable for Phase 2 of the Fabric Upgrade Programme for which funding has not been identified. It should be noted that the tenant here may be suitable for funding under 'The Warmth and Well Being Scheme' which is directed towards Asthma and COPD sufferers and is being administered by the HSE and SEAI and she should contact her local HSE office for application details.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Road Traffic section to have the double yellow lines at the entrance to Innismore Estate in Crumlin village repainted and extended if possible and also to reinstate the broken and damaged pavement bollards at this location. Residents report illegal parking at this location partly because the current double yellow lines have faded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has inspected the bollards at the entrance to Inishmore development and noted that some of the fluted bollards have been disturbed. A repair has been added to our works list for repair to reset these bollards. Line marking is the responsibility of the Traffic Department; illegal parking is a matter for the Gardai.

Innismore Estate is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. A Site Inspection will be carried with regard to the damaged pavement bollard at this location. Double Yellow lines on St. Agnes Road at the entrance to the estate will also be examined and repainted if required.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain how the Part 8 planning application for the Clontarf to Amiens Street Cycle Route changed fundamentally from that which went out on public display and specifically say

1. Why there was such a rush to push the matter through the City Council
2. Why we were not given an opportunity to discuss this fundamental change at our monthly Area Committee meeting before your report was put before us at City Council in September 2017
3. Why, when I met with officials from the Roads Department at a 7.30 am meeting on 18 May last, was this proposal not mentioned
4. If there are any other situations where such a fundamental change in a Part 8 planning application, without the matter going back out to public consultation, have been passed by Dublin City Council
5. Why the Part 8 planning application, without the removal of the traffic lane was not put to the Council for a vote
6. Why it was decided that such a fundamental change could be introduced without first going back out to public consultation
7. If the Law Agent gave his approval on the legality of the process
8. If, in all the circumstances, he will now withdraw the proposed removal of the traffic lane from Fairview as was in the original planning application

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. It is a matter for the Chief Executive to prepare a written report in relation to the proposed Part 8 development. Dublin City Council had six weeks to consider the report.
2. The preparation of this statutory report is an executive function and the members have no function in the endorsing or approving of the content of that report in advance
3. At the meeting held on 18th May the discussion focused on retention of parking on the village side of Fairview and on why a two-way segregated cycle track would not meet the scheme objectives. This was reflected in subsequent presentations to the Central Area on 11th July 2017 and to the North Central Area Committees on 17th July 2017.
4. Information on the historic context of the tree was first put up on the internet on 23rd July 2017. The Environment and Transportation Department reviewed the information that had come to light and made modifications to the proposed scheme within the extent of that which had been put out to public consultation. The modifications were consistent with the statutory observations. This included modifications to the proposals comprising the reassignment of a section of one of the vehicular lanes to cyclists and pedestrians thus shortening the right turn lane to Fairview Strand, and the retention of 42 kerbside trees along the frontage of Fairview Park. The modifications are consistent with Dublin City Council's procedures.
5. The amendments to the report were founded on statutory observations and general public preference to retain the trees given the historic context that came to light after the North Central Area Meeting held on 17th July 2017.
6. The Chief Executive is required to prepare a report that will recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as modified as recommended in the report. The Chief Executive's recommendation was to modify the scheme. Members of Dublin City Council approved the report with further modifications.
7. A legal opinion on the legality of the process concluded that Part 8 process conducted by the Council was in compliance with the statutory requirements and was valid.
8. Members of Dublin City Council resolved that the proposed Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Route should proceed as recommended, subject to certain modifications. The implementation of the scheme will be proceeding subject to modifications made by Dublin City Council.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of people broken down by age who are registered as homeless and whose record on PASS indicates a history of state care, and if the chief executive feels this is an accurate count or if people with a history in care have not been counted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In September 2017 a total number of 3,537 adults accessed emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region.

Number	Accommodation type			Age Groups			
	PEA	STA	TEA	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Homeless							

Adults							
3,537	1,570	1,959	73	547	2,223	707	60

PEA – Private Emergency Accommodation; this may include hotels, B&B's and other residential facilities that are used on an emergency basis.

STA – Supported Temporary Accommodation; accommodation, including hostels, with onsite professional support

TEA – Temporary Emergency Accommodation: emergency accommodation with no (or minimal) support

Families Experiencing Homelessness

In September a total of 1,138 families, including 2,416 children, accessed emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region. The DRHE is currently carrying out an analysis on the demographics of families experiencing homelessness and will be in a position to publish this data in the coming weeks. The PASS national database provides accurate real time information on the number of homeless people in the State and is utilised by every service provider and all local authorities in the State. This system does not hold official records regarding historical state care information.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive is research being done on the empty homes strategy and how it will be implemented, and if it is if he could state idea of when that will be published.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DHPLG established a working group to prepare a National Vacant Homes Strategy comprising staff from local authorities, Housing Agency and the Department. The draft strategy was completed earlier this year but its launch has been deferred pending the ongoing review of Rebuilding Ireland. Once launched, each local authority will be expected to implement the recommendations contained therein.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if properties used as short term commercial lettings for more than 90 days per year are required to pay rates, to say what steps are taken to ensure that rates are paid by all those due to pay them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All commercial properties are liable for rates. If it is a short term let, it is still liable for rates. Landlords and occupiers have a legal requirement under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 to notify the Local Authority of a change in occupancy. The new occupier is then billed accordingly.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please:

Section 136. If a section 136 (Local Government Act 2001) was requested of the Chief Executive regarding the Part 8 Fairview to Amien's St Cycleway what

information could be provided to the Council and is there any information that would be prohibited from being provided. Please Report.

Section 138. Can a section 138 (Local Government Act 2001) be requested of the Chief Executive in respect of proposed works for a Part 8. Please Report.

Section 139. Can a section 139 (Local Government Act 2001) be requested of the Chief Executive in respect of Part 8 works. Please Report

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Section 136 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerns the furnishing of information to elected council. A specific request for information must be made. Information has been provided to the elected members in relation to this particular Part 8 and any specific information requested to date has been provided. I am not aware of any information concerning this matter that the Executive would be prohibited from being provided to the elected members. A legal opinion will be sought on any specific considerations in regard to the operation of Section 136 that may be of assistance to the elected members.
- Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerns prior information to elected members on applicable works. Section 179(5) of the Planning Act specifically excludes the operation of Section 138 in relation to local authority own development pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning regulations. A legal opinion will be sought to confirm this position and any specific considerations in regard to the operation of Section 138 that may be of assistance to the elected members
- Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001 concerns a direction that works not proceed where the elected members have been notified of any works in accordance with Section 138. Section 179(5) of the Planning Act specifically excludes the operation of Section 139 in relation to local authority own development pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning regulations. A legal opinion will be sought to confirm this position and any specific considerations in regard to the operation of Section 139 that may be of assistance to the elected members

Q.151 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation as to why the Part 8 Fairview to Amiens Street Cycleway Report laid down at the September Council Meeting was substantially different to the Part 8 proposal endorsed at the Dublin North Central Area Committee meeting which immediately preceded the September Council Meeting and which Councillors had been assured was the proposal to be laid before the full Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is a matter for the Chief Executive to prepare a written report in relation to the proposed Part 8 development. The preparation of this statutory report is an executive function and the members have no function in the endorsing or approving of the content of that report in advance.

Q.152 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a TAG report in respect of the Part 8 Fairview to Amien's Street Cycleway in particular reference to the removal of the traffic lane vis a vis the placing of the cycle lane on the carraigeway and also what role does TAG preform are regards traffic safety etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group does not have a role to play in the Part 8 statutory planning process. The cycle track proposal and the reallocation of a section of the traffic lane are both dealt with in the report of the Chief Executive.

Q.153 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.154 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.155 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.