

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2017

Q.1 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.2 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for dog fouling signs and dog poo bins to be made available at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs at **(details supplied)**. The request for dog fouling bins will be placed on a list and will be considered when the new supply of dog fouling bins are received.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for planters to be placed at each side of the entrance to **(details supplied)** and the bollard that has been removed to be replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpaths at the entrance to **(details supplied)** are too narrow to accommodate planters as they would obstruct the movement of wheelchairs and buggies etc.

Road Maintenance inspected the bollards at the entrance to **(details supplied)** back in late October 2017 and noted that some of the fluted bollards have been disturbed. These have been added to our works list for repair to reset these bollards.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the road marking at **(details supplied)** I believe this junction is very dangerous and the markings need to be updated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The renewal of the road markings was carried out last week (w/e 24/11/17).

Q.5 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the number of city council residential units currently lying vacant in the city of Dublin, the address of each empty residential council unit, for how long has each unit been lying vacant, what is the projected completion date for each unit and how much it costs to turn around a single void.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present there are 309 vacant units in Dublin City, representing 1.27% of our available housing stock. (Fig 2 attached) Of these 162 units are currently being refurbished by our own direct labour workforce or through framework approved contractors and the remaining 147 units have been identified for refurbishment through the framework. Whilst our contractors do their utmost to have these units turned around and made available for letting in 8/10 weeks, matters which are out of their control, for example ESB Network, Bord Gais and Irish Water, can impact the turnaround time. Average refurbishment prices are as follows: (Fig 1 attached)

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can Dublin City Council put the cleaning of Moland Place, Dublin 1 - off Gardiner Street Lower on a weekly cleaning schedule. There is constantly dumping on this street. Can Dublin City Council also place double yellow lines on the road, as there is double parking frequently. In addition can the Gardai patrol Moland Place as there is anti-social behaviour there on a constant basis especially on Sunday's.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Moland Place cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. Dumped rubbish is removed when necessary and we will continue to do all we can to keep this street as clean as possible.

There are double yellow lines on the west side of Moland Place. There are double yellow lines and a single yellow line on the east side of Moland Place. The operational hours of the single yellow line is Monday to Saturday, 07.00 to 19.00. A request to replace the single yellow line with double yellow lines has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

A letter has been forwarded to the Chief Superintendent regarding patrolling of the street. The Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to report to this Councillor the number of arts centres, museums and other artistic and cultural institutions currently in the ownership of Dublin City Council and provide detail on the ownership and management structure of each institution.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Libraries

There are 21 libraries in Dublin City Public Libraries' branch network. Of these 21 libraries, 18 are housing in buildings owned by Dublin City Council, with 3 being housed in leased premises.

Our leased library buildings are: The Central Library, ILAC Centre; Donaghmede Library and Finglas Library.

Libraries housed in buildings owned by Dublin City Council are as follows:

Ballyfermot Library	Dublin 10
Ballymun Library	Dublin 11
Cabra Library & Bibliographic Centre	Dublin 7
Charleville Mall Library	Dublin 1
Coolock Library	Dublin 17
Dolphin's Barn Library	Dublin 12

Drumcondra Library	Dublin 9
Inchicore Library	Dublin 8
Kevin Street Library	Dublin 8
Marino Library	Dublin 3
Pearse Street / Dublin City Library & Archive HQ	Dublin 2
Pembroke Library	Dublin 4
Phibsboro Library	Dublin 7
Raheny Library	Dublin 5
Rathmines Library	Dublin 6
Ringsend Library	Dublin 4
Terenure Library	Dublin 6W
Walkinstown Library	Dublin 12

Dublin City Public Libraries is a section of Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department. The City Librarian is the Director of Services for Dublin City Public Libraries and the City Archives.

The operation of library buildings is carried out under the supervision of the local professional librarian(s). The maintenance and improvement of buildings is the responsibility of the Divisional Librarian, Finance & Facilities Management, reporting to the City Librarian.

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

The Hugh Lane Gallery Trust Limited is a company established in 1998. It is a wholly-owned company of Dublin City Council. The Company's (Members consist of Dublin City Council Executive) under its Memorandum and Articles of Association, elects Trustees, who are the Board of Directors, and who are charged with the Strategic Development of the Gallery. The day to day business of the gallery is the responsibility of the Director. All staff are employees of Dublin City Council.

City Hall

City Hall is owned and managed by Dublin City Council. The first floor is managed by Chief Executives department and is home to the Council Chamber and Members Room.

The Rotunda and the Basement are managed by Culture Recreation and Economic Services. The Rotunda is open to the public daily to visit and it is also a leading venue for Civil ceremonies and Corporate Events.

The Basement is home to the story of the Capital' is a multimedia exhibition tracing the civic history of Dublin City. The exhibition features artefacts such as the Seal of Dublin City, the Great Mace of Dublin and The Sword of the City. The exhibition traces the civic history of Dublin, beginning as far back as 441A.D. and the first Viking invasion of Dublin. There are interactive screens, video displays, information panels, artefacts and replica models recounting the tumultuous history of the city.

There is also a Café in the basement which is privately managed and operated.

The building is open to the public six days a week. Originally built as the Royal Exchange between 1769 and 1779 the building was purchased by the City Council in 1851 as office space. Following the move to Civic Offices, City Hall was restored to its original condition and unique exhibition on the history and Civic Governance of the City was opened in the vaults.

The Lab Foley Street Dublin 1.

The Lab is a Dublin City Council owned purpose built Arts building that houses the City Arts Office, The Lab Gallery on the Ground Floor and provides low cost public

access to rehearsal space for theatre and drama classes in two floors. It is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon-Fri and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat Sun.

Dancehouse also on Foley Street is a purpose built building almost identical to The Lab in design with the purpose of providing access to Dance rehearsal and performance spaces. It is Licenced at nominal cost to Dance Ireland who operate the building. It is open at similar hours to The Lab.

Units 2 and 3 James Joyce Street. These are retail units that are used by Artists through an Open Call process where artists will construct, exhibit and work at nominal rent.

Artists Residences

The Arts Office administers four Artists Residences in St Patricks Park Lodge, two Houses in Albert Park Glasnevin and Temple Bar Crown Alley. All are allocated by Application process to working Artists or Arts Students.

Richmond Barracks

Richmond Barracks is owned and managed directly by Dublin City Council. It is managed through the Housing & Community Services Department. There is a Cafe in the Barracks known as “The Mess” which is operated by a Social Enterprise, The Walk.

Tenement Museum Dublin 14 Henrietta Street

The Tenement Museum will open in 2018 and at the present time the Museum’s management structures are being considered. An interim general manager, project curator and two tour guide interns are currently in place until the end of 2017.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the new double radiators be installed at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The radiators in this dwelling will be inspected to see if there is any requirement for improvement work.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if he would outline to this Councillor when families in hotels and b and b’s will end in the Dublin area and stable homes provided to the families. Also how much funding this year has been paid out to hotels and b and bs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The DRHE will continue to open hubs and families in hotels and B&B’s will be:

- a) moved into hubs
- b) encouraged to seek private rented, with the assistance of HAP, and
- c) moved to permanent social housing, as supply increases and becomes available for letting.

Unfortunately, we cannot put a timeframe on this. So far this year 468 families have moved to tenancies and 289 have moved to Supported Temporary Accommodation.

It is expected that a further 160 families will move to tenancy before the end of the year and 78 will move to Supported Temporary Accommodation.

It is estimated that €50m will be spent on hotels and B&B's in 2017.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive not to withdraw the winter program for homeless personnel in 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Cold Weather Strategy is now in place and will continue until March 2018 or longer, should the cold weather persist. With reference to the 200 beds currently being put in place, all these beds are Supported Temporary Accommodation and it is intended that they will remain open throughout 2018.

In Addition, there are a number of beds which will be opened for the cold weather period up to the end of March, e.g. 20 beds at Wolfe Tone Quay.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to please state when the double yellow lines will be placed on the lane to east side of St. Enda's Road as per my motion No 322 agreed in June 2015 **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Double yellow lines were recommended on a temporary pending permanent statutory basis to cover all sides of the laneway to the rear of properties Nos. 65 to 67, Brighton Road. The double yellow lines are now in place. The process to recommend the double yellow lines on a permanent basis will commence with a recommendation to the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group on 19th December, 2017.

The naming process has been commenced by the area office.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive say who owns the land between **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** to identify a report of speeding on this section of the road and if speeding is a problem to address this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has requested that a speed survey be carried out at this location and will revert back with the results in due course.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to seek an answer from the Office of Public Works and Minister to the suggestion that the road in the area of Hawkins House be named Theatre Royal Way.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Letters regarding this proposal were sent to the Office of Public Works on the 12th July and the 13th September 2017, to which no reply has been received to date.

The South East Area Office wrote on 17th November 2017 to the Office of Public Works and the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, as requested.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the premises at **(details supplied)** to be examined to see what action can be taken to force the owners to clean up the gardens and tidy up the houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to use his good office to request the management of the David Lloyd Centre at Beaver Row, Donnybrook, to reduce the height of their trees bordering the Beech Hill Estate and casting huge darkness over the nearby houses and the adjacent football pitch. Despite repeated efforts by Councillors, Residents and Officials they have consistently failed to do so.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees, although over hanging the road, are not causing a hindrance to pedestrians walking the footpath, as illustrated in the photograph below, dated 9th August 2017. The matter was discussed with the Councillor at that time. The matter of light being blocked from nearby houses is a civil matter and not within the remit of Dublin City Council.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many litter convictions/fines, including penalties for dog fouling have been issued across Dublin Central during the past 12 months in comparison with other parts of DCC area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

See below details of fines issued for all areas from 1 November 2016 to 28 November 2017.

Area	Fines issued	Fines Paid	Convictions obtained in court	Fines issued re dog fouling S. 22	Fines paid S 22	Unpaid S22	S 22 Cancelled On appeal	Convictions S 22
Central	711	237	28	2	1	0	1	
North Central	112	38	5	0	0	0	0	0
North West	152	48	13	0	0	0	0	0
South Central	341	107	22	20	17	3	0	0
South East	268	108	9	1	1	0	1	0
Total	1584	538	77	23	18	3	2	0

Q.19 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what methods of street cleaning are currently deployed across Dublin Central, and how much does this cost annually in comparison with other parts of DCC area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Street cleaning in Dublin Central is carried out from three depot locations at Slaney Rd, Aldborough Parade and O'Rahilly Parade. The area is serviced in the following ways:

City centre area:

6am – 2pm shift and 2 pm – 10pm shift on a 7 over 7 basis

A night shift operating from 10pm – 6am Sun – Thurs providing street washing, sweeping and cleaning services in the core city centre area and routes into the city

Outside of the city centre:

6am – 2pm shift Mon – Fri and 1pm – 9pm shift on a 5 over 7 basis.

A public domain shift dedicated to the Central Area operates 8am – 4pm from the Central Area office. Additional services are also currently provided on weekends from the Aldborough Parade depot.

- Street cleaning is carried out in a number of ways including mechanical sweeping by large road sweeper, hand vacuum and compact sweepers.
- Litter bin emptying street sweeping and litter picking is carried using a variety of resources including, handcarts, electric handcarts and sideloader vehicles in the city centre and suburban areas.
- Dumping removal is carried out using a variety of small, medium and large vehicles including refuse collection vehicles and vehicles equipped with hydraulic lifting equipment as appropriate.
- Powerwashing is provided by the public domain team locally and also on a quarterly scheduled basis.

In excess of 130 members of staff operate across the various shifts providing services within the Central Area. It should be noted that some of these shifts provide services to more than one area. The costs attributable only to services provided to the Central Area are not currently compiled.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many litter wardens are employed by DCC in Dublin Central, in comparison with other parts of DCC area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present 16 Litter Wardens are employed in Dublin City Council.

- Five (5) Litter Wardens are assigned to the Central Area which includes two (2) Litter Wardens assigned directly to the City Centre.
- Two (2) Litter Wardens are assigned to the North Central Area.
- Two (2) Litter Warden are assigned to the North West Area.
- Two (4) Litter Wardens are assigned to the South East Area which includes two(2 Litter Wardens assigned directly to the City Centre.
- Two (2) Litter Warden are assigned to the South Central Area.
- One (1) Litter Warden is assigned to the Litter Management Office to view footage of CCTV in order to issued fines.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what action will be taken against the developer at Dolphin's Barn site who still has not commenced work on his site. The Area Committee disposed of this site with strict conditions which have not been met. What is the protocol in cases such as this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Despite numerous attempts by the Council's Property Section to get the developer to commence development on site in accordance with the terms of his contract with the Council, he has failed to do so and accordingly the Law Agent is to be instructed to rescind the agreements and recover possession of the site.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to review the situation on the Old Cabra Road where householders who live on the same side of the street as the new LIDL can now no longer park their cars on the opposite side of street and as a result have to park their vehicles in a public car-park on Prussia Street, some distance away from their homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An extension to the cycle lane and clearway were installed at this location to facilitate the safe transit of cyclists in the cycle lane and the flow of the bus route from Prussia Street to the junction with the Navan Road. The Old Cabra Road is a main arterial route both in and out of the city which is used by many cyclists, public transport users and motorists.

The benefit of a safer environment for cyclists on this route is of paramount importance to Dublin City Council as it promotes safer, more attractive and vibrant streets which will benefit everyone by generating and sustaining communities and neighbourhoods, with wide ranging economic, social and environmental benefits.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following matter to be addressed (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief executive can I have a list of the Councillors in Dublin South Central Area who are nominated for Christmas Tree lighting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An t-Ardmhéara Mícheal Mac Donncha nominated the following Councillors to deputise for him at Christmas Tree lighting in the South Central Area:

Location	Councillor
Cornmarket	Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Bluebell	Cllr Greg Kelly
Ballyfermot	Cllr Daithí Doolan
Drimnagh	Cllr Greg Kelly
Dolphin's Barn	Cllr Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Cherry Orchard	Cllr Daithí Doolan
Inchicore	Cllr Greg Kelly
Crumlin	Cllr Ray McHugh
Chapelizod	Cllr Vincent Jackson

Q.25 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive when are the Homeless Family Hubs opening in the South Central Area and how are the families been allocated to these Hubs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Family hubs are an important response for families who become homeless and who have no alternative accommodation other than commercial hotels. The hubs provide more appropriate and suitable accommodation for families. They are not a long term housing solution as it is hoped families will move into long term accommodation that will be provided under social housing supports, as supply becomes available.

The table below provides detail on the locations and status of Family Hubs in the South Central Area.

Clonard Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.	30 Family Spaces	Salvation Army	27 th November 2017
Sarsfield House, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.	12 Family Rooms	Sons of the Divine Providence	Works ongoing – to be completed December 17

Q.26 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive can I have an update on the 52 Rapid build houses that are to be constructed in Cherry Orchard.

- What's the time frame
- How far along are they

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Contractor commenced work on the project in mid October 2017, with a site start in mid November 2017. The timeframe for this project currently indicates a completion for mid November 2018. This assumes that no problems or issues will be encountered with the site or the works as they progress.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to initiative an audit of the derelict sites register with a view to identifying potential sites suitable for residential development, whatever the current zoning, and to report to this Councillor on the number of sites that have been compulsorily purchased by the City Council in each of the last ten years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Derelict Sites – Compulsory Acquisition

The eradication of dereliction in the City is a key priority for the City Council. To achieve this objective and to ensure that properties are redeveloped and returned to active use, the Council exercises its legislative powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to acquire sites on the Derelict Sites Register (DSR), in circumstances where all efforts to secure the carrying out of improvement works by property owners have been exhausted.

The Council is pursuing an ongoing acquisition strategy and so far this year it has acquired compulsorily eleven derelict properties that were entered on the DSR. To put this in perspective there was only one property acquired compulsorily from 2000 to 2016. Ten of the properties were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Residential Services Department. The properties are currently undergoing refurbishment and will be used for social housing purposes.

The remaining property, 30 Merlyn Road was sold at auction and has been rendered non derelict. Further sites on the DSR have been identified for compulsory acquisition and the owners have been informed of the Council's intention to proceed to compulsory acquisition in the absence of firm, timely proposals to render sites non-derelict. In determining what sites to acquire the Derelict Sites Section prioritises those properties which can be most readily reinstated to active residential use.

(Phase 1) Derelict Sites Vested 1/3/2017

188 Downpatrick Rd, Crumlin, D12
6 Elm Mount Drive, Beaumont, D9
30 Merlyn Road, Sandymount, D4
6 Nelson Street, D7
7a Oakwood Avenue, D11
32 Reuben Avenue, D8
3 St Anthony's Road, Rialto, D8.

(Phase 2) Derelict Sites Vested 16/10/2017

7 Barry Avenue, D11
6 Creighton Street, D2
7 Kingsland Park Avenue, D8
21 Rutland St Lwr, D1

Q.28 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive can he update me on plans to fill the posts of City Engineer, Dublin City Planning Officer, Road Safety Officer, and Accessibility Officer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Post of Dublin City Engineer has been filled. The post of Dublin City Planning Officer (currently filled on an acting basis) was advertised by the Public Appointments Service (PAS) on 24th November 2017. The functions of the Road Safety Development Officer (last recruitment competition 1998) have, in effect, been subsumed on a national basis by the Road Safety Authority. The role in the City Council which was an administrative one is no longer regarded as being a standalone function and the duties of the Road Safety Development Officer are now carried out by a number of other Council employees in more specifically defined roles, i.e. Cycling/Walking Promotions Officer, Road Planning Unit, Road Safety - School Wardens Service and the Administrative Officer Traffic HR Unit in relation to school cycling programmes. In light of this it is not proposed to recruit for a Road Safety Development Officer – a post which ceased in 2011.

The Access Officer role is assigned to a Senior Building Surveyor in the Building Control Section, Planning and Property Management Department. A recruitment process to fill vacancies at this grade is currently being progressed by the Public Appointments Service (PAS).

Q.29 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place a pedestrian crossing across Bishop Street in Dublin 8 at the junction with Bride Street and Kevin Street Upper and Kevin Street Lower.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28th November, 2017, recommended a pedestrian crossing across Bride Street, crossing from Kevin Street Upper to Kevin Street Lower. The Area Traffic Engineer has advised that the pedestrian crossing is due to be implemented in early 2018.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the ownership of the Liffey Campshires and update me on any recent acquisitions or disposals of lands by Dublin City Council East of Matt Talbot Bridge and bounded by the River Liffey, Customs House Quay and North Wall Quay, and future plans for the management and ownership of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the dissolution of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority ownership of the Campshires transferred to Dublin City Council on 1st March 2016.

There have not been any recent acquisitions or disposals of these lands but for the time being certain areas remain in the charge of the following entities:

1. Custom House Quay (Memorial Bridge to Commons Road) is in the charge of Custom House Dock Management Co.
2. North Wall Quay (Commons Road to the Beckett Bridge) is in the charge of North Wall Quay Management Co.
3. Sir John Rogersons Quay (Cardiff Lane to Marine School Walk) is in the charge of Grand Canal Harbour Management Co.

All of these will shortly be taken in charge by DCC's Roads Maintenance Department.

The remainder of Sir John Rogersons Quay down to Briton Quay and City Quay (Memorial Bridge to west of Cardiff Lane) is in the Charge of Dublin City Council.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he has any concerns that we are prioritising offices over residential accommodation within the Docklands Strategic Development Zone, and can he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At this time there are no concerns within the Council Executive regarding the delivery of the housing portion of the Docklands SDZ. The Scheme as made by the City Council and endorsed by An Bord Pleanála ensured a balanced approach throughout the area, with all of the new blocks for development required to deliver a quota of housing, averaging across the scheme a 50:50 split between residential and commercial uses.

Of the 22 blocks in the Scheme, all but three of the 14 major development blocks has permission or a current application before the Council. Construction has commenced in six blocks (Blocks 5, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17) and for all of these the residential portion has proceeded to construction alongside the commercial. In total just over 800 apartments and a large student accommodation block (900+ beds) are now under construction within the Scheme.

There are two current SDZ applications with the Council which involve residential developments and these are proceeding through the planning process.

If these applications are granted, it will result in a total of just over 1,800 new dwellings granted in the SDZ so far.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what stage are murals agreed between a private owner and the artist required to apply for planning permission?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Murals require planning permission and application should be made via the planning process in advance of any work commencing detailing the location, size and content proposed and the period of the requested permission. There is a specific exemption in the legislation for murals on hoardings and temporary structures.

Public Art installations are via the Arts Advisory Group which are reviewed and recommended /or not to the Arts and Culture SPC. They may get permission here but are still required to go through any statutory application processes.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive are planning exemptions available for works considered to have artistic merit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Art Advisory Group review proposals for public art pieces in public space and make recommendations to the Arts and Culture SPC. The installation may still need planning permission, Part 8 or be exempt depending on the proposal

The only exemptions for murals in the Planning and Development Act are on hoarding and temporary structures. Alternatively the City Council does, on occasion, enter into partnership with groups on delivery of street art projects as a community engagement and/ or to address a secondary issue; for example, ongoing instances of tagging or graffiti at a location, to highlight a social issue or in support of a community initiative.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of sites in the city where street art is permissible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no list of such locations since the permissions are on a case by case basis and for a temporary nature which expire. The period of time generally runs from 6 months to 2 years depending on the individual specifications and the local environment.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following issue. According to the John Mc Cormack Society a plaque that was placed on a bridge running over the Tolka River at Fairview and named after John McCormack was taken down a number of years ago as works were carried out on the bridge and it was never replaced. Could the Chief Executive ensure that this plaque be restored.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The plaque was in the form of a street nameplate located in a frame adjacent to the NW corner of the bridge (see attached photograph). Fixing a plaque to the bridge itself will be investigated. If this is not possible a new nameplate and frame will be ordered and erected at the location.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for extra tree's or plants to be put on the green at corner of Abbotstown Road and Cardiffsbridge Avenue to try and deter bonfires for the years ahead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no plans to plant in the area above. In Park's experience, the planting of trees and shrubs does not deter bonfires.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if a survey of traffic around St. Vincents School on the Finglas Road in Glasnevin has been carried out recently and if so what the conclusion was. If not, can one be done asap to try and alleviate the traffic congestion around this area and the Harts Corner area in general.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has requested that a speed survey be carried out at this location and will revert back with the results in due course. These junctions operates under our Traffic Management System (SCATS). SCATS is an adaptive traffic system responding to real-time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds per junction. This time is divided out depending on demand.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the total number of families who have presented to the local authority as homeless each month this year, of these how many have been assess as being homeless each month and of those found to be homeless how many have been directed to self-accommodate and how many have been placed by the local authority in emergency accommodation each month.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This report provides a breakdown of the reasons for homelessness for the families who newly presented to homeless services from June to August 2017. For previous DRHE publications on the reasons for family homelessness (January to June 2016; July to December 2016 and January to June 2017) please see: <http://www.homelessdublin.ie/publications>

Overview

From June to August 2017, a total of 279 families were accommodated in emergency accommodation (EA) in the Dublin Region who had no active or previous record i.e. they were 'new' to homelessness. A review of the initial assessments conducted with these families upon their presentation to homeless services reveals two primary reasons for homelessness; leaving private rented accommodation on foot of a Notice to Quit (NTQ) and leaving family or friends' accommodation due to relationship breakdown or overcrowding. A small number of families reported 'other' reasons for their presentation to homeless services.

Reasons for homelessness

2.1 Private rented sector

An analysis of these household's circumstances at presentation the four local authorities in the Dublin Region reveals that 46% of families (n=123) stated that the primary reason for their homelessness related to a loss of or inability to secure private rented accommodation. Further analysis of these household's circumstances at presentation confirms that:

- Notices to Quit were issued to 112 families;
- Three families left their accommodation as it was of poor quality or unsuitable to their needs;
- One family was unable to source private rented accommodation after their previous lease expired;
- Six families, who were either new or returning to Dublin, could not afford private rented accommodation in the Dublin region;
- One family had to leave the parental home as it was sold and could not source private rented accommodation.

2.2 Family circumstance

There were a total of 132 families (49%) in this category, of which 28 families stated the primary reason for their presentation as homeless was that they were departing an overcrowded living situation while 81 families stated that there was some element of relationship breakdown that triggered their rooflessness. Two families stated that family reunification was the cause of their homelessness. In these instances, changes in household types (i.e. new family members joining them in Ireland) resulted in a different housing need and subsequently a need to present to homeless services when suitable accommodation could not be sourced. For the remaining 21 families homelessness came about as a result of general family circumstance. No further information was available on the initial assessment form.

2.3 Other

Causation among the remaining 13 families (or 5%) breaks down as follows:

One family was evicted from social housing;

Five families cited no income source as their reason for homelessness;

Six families left properties due to being victims of anti-social behaviour;

One family left their property voluntarily, i.e. without a valid NTQ.

There was insufficient information available for the remaining 11 families.

This information is also presented in Table 1 attached.

Summary

The method used here captures a single reason for homelessness. It demonstrates that over the three months 46% of families presented directly from private rented accommodation while 49% of the remaining families present from staying with family or friends, although some may have moved out of private rented accommodation prior to moving in with family or friends. Indeed, it is important to note that reasons for homelessness are often more complex. The nature of administrative data makes it difficult to fully track the ancillary and compounding factors which may combine to bring about such a situation for each family and thereby lead to each newly presenting to homeless services.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive given that the PASS system has a data field entitled "Formerly resident in Under 18 State Care", is relevant information collecting relating to a history of state care for people using homeless services and if it is how many of those registered on the PASS system have been recorded as formerly resident in under 18 state care.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a field on the Pathway Accommodation Support System (PASS) that records those who have been in 'state care' but the data collected is unverified and inconsistent. This data is not considered reliable and therefore the DRHE does not report on it.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why Ecocem on the Poolbeg Peninsula have not installed the interceptor that they committed to over a year ago and why are they are not required to have netting over the huge stockpiles of cement on their site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ecocem have not been required to provide netting over their stockpiles as maintaining the moisture content of the product to a sufficient level is an effective measure for minimising blow off. The site was inspected by officers from this unit on 14 November 2017, and was found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Environmental Manager for Ecocem advised Drainage Division as follows on 29th November 2017:

"A draft tender document has been produced by our consultants Muirs Associates Ltd & we are expecting to issue to suitable contractors in the coming 2-3 weeks".

When the contractor is appointed a part of the works will be the installation of an interceptor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place an assessment for the redevelopment and increase in senior citizen units in Verscoyle and Powerscourt as there appears to be potential for increasing the numbers of units on this site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Some refurbishment works have recently been carried out in Verschoyle Court. However the senior citizen complexes at Verscoyle and Powerscourt are not included in the current Housing programme and there are no immediate plans to undertake redevelopment there.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 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.

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

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A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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Q.55 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.56 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please have the following long-standing issue outside the St Patricks National School Chapelizod addressed. "That existing school warning signs at St Patrick`s Primary School Chapelizod be updated to include flashing lights incorporating a periodic speed display and that the times on the existing signs be amended to reflect actual school hours as students move to and from the school to engage in outside activities at various times of the day". Lights that currently operate along the Lone Mile Road outside Drimnagh Castle School would be perfect as would a flashing pedestrian crossing warning sign on the approach from the City would be helpful along with enforcement from An Garda Siochana.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer is currently looking into resolving the safety concerns at St. Patricks National School, Chapelizod. These would include new signage, road markings and pedestrian lights and the Councillor will receive a response in due course.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can he please report on the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

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

Q.66 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
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Q.67 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.69 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that he will facilitate the continued operation of the Bridgefoot Street Community Garden during the implementation of the City Council's Liberties Greening Strategy which includes the creation of a new park at Bridgefoot Street. Can the Chief Executive further confirm which of the following options will be implemented to ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of the community garden amenity?

A) The Bridgefoot Street Community Garden will remain at its current location during the works or B) The continued operation of the Community Garden will be facilitated elsewhere on the site without any operational interruption or C. An alternative site will be sourced and a seamless transfer to the site will be facilitated by the City Council.

Can the Chief Executive further acknowledge the tremendous success of the Bridgefoot Street Community Garden which, over the past three years, has become a community hub for gardening as well as other community activities, and also agree that the hard work of the community and Dublin City Council cannot and will not be jeopardised by a shut down, interruption or disruption of this facility.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal for a new park at Bridgefoot Street is a significant construction project that will lead to a new amenity for the community. While the parks design team, in cooperation with the area office, are working to minimise disturbance to all stakeholders, as with all construction projects of this scale some temporary inconvenience should be expected.

In order to mitigate this, the design team will explore options to minimise disturbance to the operations of the Bridgefoot Street Community Garden during the construction/implementation of the new park.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if he sees any advantages in Dublin City Council becoming a member of UN Global Compact and if so, would he consider Dublin City Council becoming a member thereof.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

UN Global Compact is an organisation whose mission is to call on companies to align their strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption to take actions that advance societal goals. Its aim is to inspire, guide and support companies to do business responsibly. Its members comprise mainly businesses and business associations and a very small number of cities. There appears to be no advantage to Dublin City Council in becoming a member.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will become a (non funding) partner of Music Generation, the National Music Education Programme which aims to that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high quality performance music education in their locality. Music Generation was initiated by Music Network, Music Generation is co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Local Music Education Partnerships. Local schools in Dublin are keen to participate in this programme but need Dublin City Council to become the partner with Music Generation in order to deliver the programme in Dublin schools.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council welcomes the work of the Music Generation programme and notes its successes in bringing low cost music tuition to underserved populations. There has been limited engagement with Dublin City Councils Administrative area to date as it has concentrated its work in smaller counties. The Councillor may not be aware that the City Arts Office in partnership with the CDET, The National Concert Hall, The Royal Academy of Music and the Dublin Institute of Technology applied with matching funding from Dublin City Council to Music Generation to provide tuition in the Dublin Area recently but were unsuccessful. The request from local schools for the involvement of Dublin City Council can be made directly to the Arts Office but any response to the request will depend on exactly what support is required and the feasibility of providing it.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the proposed "super depot" at Ballymun.

a) Has a complete and independent cost benefit analysis been carried out to ascertain if the idea of this "super depot" is feasible and practical?

- b) Can the Chief Executive list the Depots being targetted for closure and also indicate the size and estimated value of each depot?
- c) Are there any plans to dispose of any of these depots?
- d) In relation to Collins' Avenue can the Chief Executive confirm the area occupied by this depot?
- e) Can the Chief Executive confirm if an independent valuation has been commissioned for the Collins' Avenue site and if so, what is the estimated value?
- f) Also, in relation to Collins' Avenue can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, any talks/discussions have taken place with any prospective purchaser of this valuable site? In particular have any discussions taken place with Dublin City university regarding the future possible use of the site?
- g) Can the Chief Executive confirm that the MUGA on Aldborough parade cannot and will not be considered for removal to facilitate any possible redevelopment of the Portland Row Depot?
- h) If the proposed "super depot" goes ahead, can the Chief Executive confirm that the priority use for any closed depot will be the provision of social housing, controlled and implemented by DCC, on the sites?
- i) Can the Chief Executive confirm that, in addition to the cost benefit analysis referred to a above, a full carbon footprint analysis has or will be carried out to ascertain the impact of the additional travel/transport which would undoubtedly arise with a "super depot" being located so far from the City council housing stock?
- j) Have any staff consultations taken place regarding this proposal?
- k) Given that any disposal would have to be approved by City Councillors, is it not prudent/appropriate that City Councillors should have a say in whether, or not, this "super depot" idea should go ahead at all?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) An independent Financial Appraisal was carried out and determined that the project was highly financially viable returning a Net Present Value (NPV) of over €40m over a 20 year timeframe. The internal Rate of return (IRR) meanwhile is 43%, compared to an interest rate facing the project of 5%.

b & e) The operations to be relocated to Ballymun include the following:

Waste Management	Collins Avenue Slaney Road Aldborough Parade
Road Maintenance	Orchard Road Collins Avenue
Housing	Portland Row Unit 5 /E 1 Ballymun Industrial Estate 3 Units in North Ring Business Park Santry (Fleet, Steel & Paint Squad) Unit F2 Newtown Industrial Estate, Coolock Broombridge Road, Cabra Coleraine Street

Surface Water Maintenance Unit	Bannow Road Signage Unit Note : Drainage Depot to remain Bannow Road
Traffic	Unit 29, Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate
Public Lighting & Electrical Services	Marrowbone Lane

The future use and redevelopment potential of the lands to be vacated has not yet been determined. An appropriate valuation will not be available until this determination is made.

c, g & h) A review of the depot lands that will be vacated as a result of the consolidation of depots is being carried out to determine the best future use of these lands. Any future proposals for depot lands will take existing infrastructure into consideration.

d) The Collins Avenue depot has 3 main elements - Cleansing Depot, Roads Maintenance Depot and a Recycling Centre. The combined site area of these lands is 4.07 acres.

f) No discussions have taken place.

i) A full carbon footprint analysis has not been carried out. The depot campus is being designed to achieve NZEB standard and will provide for 30 fleet and 20 private electric charging points for vehicles.

j) Over 60 information meetings, design workshops etc. have taken place with operational staff who will benefit from the improved facilities to be provided at the consolidated depot.

k) The disposal of sites is a reserved function and any proposals for same will be brought to Council. To date, the depot consolidation proposal has been presented to the Corporate Policy Group, the Environment SPC and the Local Area Committee.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the exception case and needs of the following family who want to downsize from a very high demand house to alternative accommodation with no stairs but if it had lift access that would be acceptable. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicants (**details supplied**) are on Dublin City Council's List since 18/08/2016. The applicants are currently in Band 3 on the Transfer List for 2 bedroom accommodation and have the following positions on the list:

- 421 for Area L (Kilmainham /Rialto)
- 210 for Area P (Church Street/ Stoneybatter)

The applicants' daughter and her son (**details supplied**) are currently on the Welfare Priority List for 2 bedroom accommodation and have the following position on the list:

- 9th for Area J (Ballyfermot / Bluebell)
- 7th for Area L (Kilmainham /Rialto)

It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

In relation to the family's situation and their need to downsize this is an issue that could be discussed with the Staff Officer in Housing Allocation. The contact person is Sandra Barry at 01-222 2226.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full review and evaluation oversight of all activities regarding Regeneration Boards. This review/investigation will establish what protocol and guidelines, if any, are in use with rejuvenation boards. What training have members of rejuvenation boards undergone? Have the various communities where regeneration boards exist been made aware of the remit of rejuvenation boards? When was the last time a full evaluation and oversight was conducted on any regeneration board? Most recently, there has been serious allegations levied against the regeneration board at Charlemont/French-Mullen. This has led to a deep split and wound in this once united community. It is important for the future of this community and other communities where regeneration boards are being set up that there is appropriate training, oversight, governance and communication with the local community and also full accountability.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In April 2009, the Housing, Social and Community Affairs SPC discussed an initial draft terms of reference for regeneration boards. This work progressed during 2009 and 2010 and in September 2010 a "Terms of Reference for Regeneration Boards" was agreed.

The most recent Regeneration Board formed was the Charlemont/Tom Kelly/ffrench Mullen Regeneration Board of which the Councillor is a member. The background to its formation came from the large emphasis placed on community participation in the regeneration of Charlemont Street. In 2007 a Community Charter & Social Agenda was agreed between the community and City Council. As part of the Community Charter, it was agreed that a Regeneration Board would be established to oversee the redevelopment. An attempt was made to set up a Board which was unsuccessful due to a number of factors including the unavailability of two of the Group's preferred Chairpersons. By 2013 the Redevelopment Group again felt that forming a Regeneration Board is crucial to the success of the project by formalising the mechanisms of consultation and decision making.

To that end, in October 2013 Dublin City Council engaged Peter Dorman, Community Action Network (CAN), to assist in developing a Board structure satisfactory to both the community and City Council. Peter met with the Redevelopment Group and City Council a number of times and in April 2014 he recommended a structure suitable to Charlemont Street.

The appointment of Independent Chairperson Niall Crowley, as well as the make-up of the Board was approved by the City Council in the Spring of 2014. As well as following the Council's generic terms of reference the Charlemont/Tom Kelly/ffrench Mullen Regeneration Board agreed its own terms of reference and operating proposal in February 2015.

In view of probable future regeneration projects in the city, it would be timely to review the whole structure, rules and responsibilities of such boards and evaluate how they have worked and operated. We will now consider how to carry out such a review and evaluation.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full assessment of the health and safety issues surrounding the Christmas lights event in Dublin city on Sunday 19th. It has been widely reported in the media that this event was chaotic, mismanaged and a public health and safety breakdown. An Garda Síochána had to intervene and close the event down. The city was overwhelmed with spectators, families who were crammed unsafely into streets. Some streets, like Grafton Street, were completely jammed. There was no exit signs, no marshalling and to make matters worse we were in darkness waiting for the lights to come on. Hundreds were attempting to get out of the area while hundreds were attempting to get into the area. This was an appalling mismanaged and badly conceived event. Also, can the Chief Executive supply me with all correspondence from BID/WeareDublnTown to the City Council events section in the run up to the planning of this event. Was there indeed, any, event managements and plans for such a huge event like this. Further, the city streets were left in a deplorable state with large amount of litter and dirt. What provisions were made for extra man power to clean these streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A full statutory agency de-brief meeting was convened on 23rd November 2017 for this event, where all issues, including health and safety, were discussed and reviewed.

The actions taken by An Garda Síochána at the event were planned contingency measures that had been agreed and discussed in advance of the event.

The post event reports provided by An Garda Síochána and the event organisers confirm that, while there were large crowds on Grafton Street and the surrounding streets at the event, shop access was maintained at all times and crowd limits were not exceeded.

The planning for this event commenced in August 2017, with a number of meetings convened between Dublin Town, Dublin City Council and Catapult Events, the event organisers. A total of three full statutory agency meetings were also convened to discuss and agree the event management plan (29th September, 2nd November and 9th November). A final event management plan was submitted by Catapult Events, on behalf of Dublin Town, on 17th November, which was circulated to all of the statutory agencies.

As part of the statutory agency consultation, representatives from the Waste Management Section were included and an arrangement was made for additional crews to be assigned to the post event clean up, as with all other civic events.

In general terms this was a hugely popular event, with numbers far exceeding even our most optimistic calculations. Clearly this is an event that the public has a huge appetite for, which will have to be taken account of in future planning.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full and clear statement as to how Dublin City Council and the Homeless executive at Parkgate Street plus NGO's and others intend to manage the issues of rough sleeping on our streets. It has been well documented in the media that has become a great public concern that there are now encampments throughout the city of rough sleepers. Some of the people are in tents, others sleeping bags, others on cardboard on the streets. Dublin City Council and the Homeless executive, as well as other agencies have a statutory duty of care to the many rough sleepers that are on our streets. There seems to be a measure of breakdown between the services that we provide and also what is being said by volunteer groups and individuals who seem to operate on the streets without any clear protocols, guidelines or vetting. This is a dangerous situation and it has left rough sleepers open to exploitation, manipulation in relation to their plight. Many of the groups have a great tendency to make outlandish statements on behalf of rough sleepers and the homeless community in general. This is sending out a very confused picture and is wrong. Dublin City Council is the sole authority along with the HSE regarding these matters. The recent controversy around a misinterpreted statement by Eileen Gleeson, Director of Homeless Services should have been challenged more robustly by DCC's Chief Executive. Yet it was allowed fester out there to demonise DCC staff and indeed us as Councillors. The public need very clear statements as to what is actually happening on our streets. Dublin City Council has to stand up for the very many vulnerable who find themselves rough sleeping for whatever reason and whatever difficulties they have.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE operates a comprehensive strategy specifically targeted at reducing the number of people sleeping rough across the Dublin region. These vulnerable people may be long-term rough sleepers or hard-to-reach groups that require repeated engagements from services in order to place them in emergency accommodation and provide the level of support needed.

Dublin's Housing First Service

The four Dublin Local Authorities fund Dublin's Housing First Service (operated by PMVT and Focus Ireland) to provide two teams that assertively engage with persons who are currently rough sleeping or who have had an extensive experience of rough sleeping across the Dublin region.

Team 1: The Intake Team work with persons who are currently rough sleeping on the street from 9am to 1am and who are in need of emergency accommodation and support. Team 2: Intensive Case Management (ICM) Team works with persons who have an extensive experience of rough sleeping and who have a Housing First Tenancy (a self contained home provided within the community) with unlimited wrap around support services to assist persons to maintain their home. This is available on a 24 hour basis. The Intake Team make direct referrals to Housing First tenancies for persons who have long-term experiences of rough sleeping.

As part of Rebuilding Ireland – Pillar 1 addressing homelessness, the target for the Dublin Housing First Service has been expanded to 300 tenancies which will specifically be for persons who are rough sleeping.

Cold Weather Strategy

The impact of severe weather can be immediately life threatening to people who are rough sleeping and it is essential to have a coordinated response in order to mitigate against the risk of exposure. Emergency accommodation provision for adults in Dublin is being expanded by of 200+ permanent bed spaces with an additional 50 temporary bed spaces available for the winter period. Within the context of increased demand for access to emergency accommodation the expansion of provision by 200+ additional bed spaces is required in order to ensure no person is forced to sleep rough.

The 200+ bed spaces are distributed across seven new emergency accommodation facilities which will be operated by our partner agencies in the charity sector. Each of the Service providers has extensive experience in the delivery of services to persons who are homeless and have staff with the required skills and competencies. Each is established under a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the DRHE.

Once a person has been assessed as homeless by the relevant Dublin local authority, they will be placed into a bed space via the Dublin Region Central Placement Service and Freephone Service. Each service will provide a light meal in the evening, breakfast and bathroom facilities. Support services are provided to ensure targeted responses to any acute support needs.

Enhanced service options operational during cold weather conditions

Services operate throughout the year to support persons who are rough sleeping, there is however, an increased emphasis on the level of service provision during the cold weather period. The cold weather period provides opportunities for engagement with long-term rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, where increased supports need to be available.

- During the cold weather period the Housing First Intake Team operate from 7 a.m. – 1 a.m. every day, allowing flexibility according to the need presenting on any given night. Furthermore the staffing of the Intake Team will increase by two for the cold weather period, to enable broader engagement with persons sleeping rough across the Dublin Region.
- Arrangements are in place with service providers that additional temporary shelter can be brought into use across a range of existing services and facilities for singles, couples and families on a temporary basis during adverse or extreme weather conditions, as occurred during the recent storms
- A contingency emergency response is already in place for any family who may be at risk of sleeping rough at night
- Arrangements are in place between the DRHE, the Gardai, Housing First, Central Placement Service and the HSE with a view to improving outcomes for people that may be sleeping rough

These core responses to persons who are rough sleeping operate throughout the year

a) Central Placement Service FREEPHONE (Dublin City Council Homeless Services)

The Central Placement Service is available during the day in Parkgate Hall, 6-9 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 for individuals and families presenting as homeless in the Dublin City Council area. In addition, assessment and placement services are in place in the housing departments of South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

b) Merchants Quay Ireland Night Café

The state-funded Night Café is open from 11pm to 7.30am and provides a range of services to people who are experiencing homelessness and drug use including;

- Referral to support services for accommodation, treatment, health, social services
- Brief interventions on addiction and mental health
- Information and advice
- Tea/coffee and a light meal
- Showers/clothing
- Breakfast service is available from 7.30am and users of Night Café will also be provided with breakfast

This service is operated through inward referral from the Central Placement Service and Housing First Intake Service Team.

We also encourage members of the public to notify the Housing First Service if they see a person sleeping rough via the website link <http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper>

In 2015 DRHE produced a Good Practice Guide for Volunteer Groups. This guide outlines good practice and how to operate safely and effectively while engaging in street outreach to people who are homeless. This guidance outlines clearly services that are available and how to access them, what to do in the event of scenarios the groups may encounter and how to respond to vulnerable persons. Several volunteer outreach groups have adopted this good practice guide to inform their work.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to request that the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless set up a structure whereby food parcels are delivered to the homes of those who are in need rather than having hundreds of people queue up in public outside their day centre for handouts. This is a brutal and undignified way of assisting people. Often there are photographers taking photos of the queue or news media. People are entitled to their dignity and it is time that this practice of creating food queues was ended. There are many taxi firms out there, bike couriers etc who would only be too delighted to assist in this service. Also, can the Chief Executive release the financial contributions that DCC make to the Capuchin Centre for dinners, food parcels and other services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE meets with all service providers regularly and will pass on the concerns highlighted in this question. The annual funding allocation granted by the DRHE under Section 10 of the 1988 Housing Act to The Capuchin Centre is €348,668. This funding is released on a quarterly basis and is a contribution towards the costs incurred by the Capuchin Centre in the provision of services to homeless persons.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any consequences if somebody in a commercial emergency accommodation declines to be transferred into a family hub, for example are there sanctions in terms of their place or placing on the housing allocations list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Family hubs are an important response for families who become homeless and who have no alternative accommodation other than commercial hotels. The hubs will provide more appropriate and suitable accommodation for families. They are not the long term housing solution as the expectation is that families will move into more permanent housing that will be provided under social housing supports, as supply becomes available. No sanctions are in place for refusal of Hub accommodation and a family can refuse this offer of alternative placement.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if those who are in receipt of the HAP and opt to go on the transfer list as a consequence of being removed from the allocations list, is this the same transfer list that has existed prior to the HAP or is it a different 'HAP' transfer list and if so how does this list progress relative to all the other transfer and allocation lists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Applicants who are in receipt of Mainstream HAP are placed on the general transfer band according to their particular current circumstances. Applicants retain the time that they have spent on the Housing List. Applicants who are in receipt of Homeless HAP are placed in Band 1 transfer list. 10% of transfer allocations go to HAP tenants, divided between Band 1 and the general transfer list

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that those families who enter family hubs remain on the priority homeless allocations list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All families placed into HUBS remain on the social housing list with Homeless Priority if they have met the criteria for social housing supports.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent announcement by the Belmayne Youth Club that they are suspending their activities for a number of reasons including the lack of a dedicated premises, if he can prevail upon NAMA to refrain from attempting to sell all seven vacant commercial units at the Belmayne shops as one lot and to at least set one aside as a youth club premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Valuer's Office contacted the selling agent, Hooke & McDonald, on our behalf to enquire about the prospect of a short / medium term lease arrangement on the vacant units at the junction of Belmayne Main Street/Belmayne Avenue.

We have been advised that the seven live/work units are sale agreed and at an advanced legal stage. The agent has advised that if the subject sale were to fall through (which is unlikely) the Receiver is only prepared to dispose of the properties in a block sale i.e. all 7.

We expect to open an additional community unit in Clongriffin in conjunction with Gannon Homes in the coming weeks. The unit is of a substantial size which will accommodate larger community and social activities which will be available for use by residents in Belmayne and Clongriffin.

The Belmayne Youth Group were offered use of this facility from January 2018 and the transportation costs would be funded by the Area Office.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive to outline the following:

- fire alarm requirements and fire proving of units requirements in multi unit complexes
- the process by which required fire safety measures are verified, regulated and inspected during the building process and the qualifications of the personnel involved
- the DCC protocol for responding to a report by a DCC tenant of fire safety concerns within their home
- the DCC protocol for responding to a report by a private resident of fire safety concerns within their home
- the DCC protocol for responding to a report by a private commercial building resident of fire safety concerns within their workplace

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Each self-contained house in a multi-unit building shall contain;

A suitable fire detection and alarm system and an emergency evacuation plan.

A suitable fire detection and alarm system in common areas.

Emergency lighting in all common areas.

Fire detection and alarm systems and emergency lighting systems required under Regulation 10(4) and 10(5) maintained in accordance with current standards.

The onus is on the developer to employ a competent Fire Safety Consultant to ensure that the development is in compliance with the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations.

In the first instance DCC HM will arrange for an engineer to call and assess the situation. If the property is in breach of the regulations DCC HM will arrange to bring the unit up to the standards. DCC HM currently are running a program whereby older units are being assessed for fire safety.

4 & 5 In response to the last two points raised above fire safety concerns are normally received by the Fire Prevention duty officer (dedicated line) located in FB HQ Tara. The duty officer will log the details of the concern on the duty officer call log and deal with the concern over the phone if they can. If appropriate, the details of the concern are passed to the senior executive fire prevention officer for the district the concern was noted in. The SEFPO will review the concern and take appropriate action.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to prioritising persons who do have a medical priority band on the housing list but chose to move out of residential care yet still needs access to a PA service that is suited to their needs. Does this affect their position on housing. Persons not looking for charity but want to have equal access to opportunities in a secure place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If an applicant with a medical priority on the housing list requires the services of a personal assistant, and this has been verified by the medical personnel involved in the case, the Allocations Section will take this information into account when making a letting/offer or social housing. The Allocations Section takes into account a person's needs and requirements before making an offer.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive could he check the status of a female resident (**details supplied**) and advise accordingly the present status and possible actions if needed that may provide improved possibilities to access suitable housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant (**details supplied**) is on Band 1 of the Housing list for one bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 19 for Area E (Finglas, Cabra)
- 13 for Area H (North East Inner city)
- 9 for Area P (Smithfield, Stoneybatter)

Under the adopted Scheme of Lettings allocations are made based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. As the applicant is on the Housing List they are eligible to apply for the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme. If they have a landlord willing to sign up to the scheme, they can apply through us to our HAP Section in Block 2, Floor 1, Civic Offices.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the recycling aspect on the DCC North West Depot project what level of waste license is DCC applying. Will hazardous chemicals be collected at this site or just domestic waste and recycling and if you could indicate ref to planning what are the planning conditions being set.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is proposed that the new Civic Amenity Centre will accept the following waste streams:

Description of Waste	Solid/Liquid
Bulky	Solid
Steel	Solid
Wood	Solid
Rubble	Solid
Cardboard/Paper	Solid
Glass	Solid
Plastic	Solid

Metal Cans	Solid
Flat Glass	Solid
WEEE	Solid
Paint	Liquid
Aerosols	Liquid
Gas Cylinders	Solid
Green Waste	Solid
Batteries	Solid
Household Domestic Waste	Solid
Light Tubes	Solid
Textiles	Solid
Waste Oil	Liquid

Please note that this will be a domestic facility only.
We are currently in discussions with the EPA regarding the type of license application that will be required and we will revert to Cllr Keegan as soon as this is confirmed.

A planning application for the development was lodged with Fingal County Council on 6th November 2017, Planning Ref F17A/0686. The decision is expected in January 2018.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm **(details supplied)**

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

Q.99 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange **(details supplied)**

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

Q.100 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD
To ask the Chief Executive to arrange **(details supplied)**

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

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN
To ask the Chief Executive can you **(detail supplied)**

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

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to arrange purchase of any NAMA properties which were turned down previously or which DCC might deem unsuitable for Council stock in future as part of an affordable housing programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the first instance, NAMA would contact the Housing Agency with available units. The Housing Agency carries out due diligence on any properties put forward and the Council works with the Housing Agency on any properties offered for social housing through this mechanism.

However, Dublin City Council did previously receive 377 units directly from NAMA which were either acquired or leased and which are tenanted. A further 238 apartments in five developments were assessed as not suitable because of the condition of the building or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development. Dublin City Council is not aware that these units are still available. Since the standing down of all existing affordable housing programmes was announced by Government as part of the National Housing Policy Statement in 2011, Dublin City Council has regularly requested the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to bring forward legislation for the provision of affordable housing in order for the development of mixed schemes. The Housing & Community Department propose to bring an Affordable Housing Scheme to the City Council for approval as soon as new legislation is in place.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Council are adhering to the current Litter Management Plan in relation to the schedule for street cleaning. I have been informed that due to a lack of resources a Category B area such as the New Cabra Road is only cleaned on an ad hoc basis when resources allow.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council is adhering to the current 2016 – 2018 Litter Management Plan in relation to street cleaning targets and schedules. Under this plan no specific frequency is applied to any one street regardless of category although in general the schedule would comply with cleaning frequencies in place under the earlier Litter Management Plan.

However, in order to maximise available resources, streets are now inspected on a regular basis by an area-based cleansing team who afterwards arrange cleanings as required. This method allows resources to be directed at those areas or streets which most require it.

I understand that City Council officials from the North West Area office inspected and walked this area in the company of local residents on the 22nd November 2017 and while they did request more frequent cleanings, the condition of the area at the time was considered clean. I have also spoken with the Area Inspector and he has advised that he again inspected the New Cabra Road on the 24th November 2017 and it was in a clean and acceptable condition. We will continue to monitor the area on a regular and frequent basis and direct resources accordingly depending on the condition of the streets following inspection.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the reasons for people entering homelessness and reporting to the DRHE per month, for the last three months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This report provides a breakdown of the reasons for homelessness for the families who newly presented to homeless services from June to August 2017. For previous DRHE publications on the reasons for family homelessness (January to June 2016; July to December 2016 and January to June 2017) please see: <http://www.homelessdublin.ie/publications>

Overview

From June to August 2017, a total of 279 families were accommodated in emergency accommodation (EA) in the Dublin Region who had no active or previous PASS record i.e. they were 'new' to homelessness. A review of the initial assessments conducted with these families upon their presentation to homeless services reveals two primary reasons for homelessness; leaving private rented accommodation on foot of a Notice to Quit (NTQ) and leaving family or friends' accommodation due to relationship breakdown or overcrowding. A small number of families reported 'other' reasons for their presentation to homeless services.

Reasons for homelessness

2.1 Private rented sector

An analysis of these household's circumstances at presentation the four local authorities in the Dublin Region reveals that 46% of families (n=123) stated that the primary reason for their homelessness related to a loss of or inability to secure private rented accommodation. Further analysis of these household's circumstances at presentation confirms that:

- Notices to Quit were issued to 112 families;
- Three families left their accommodation as it was of poor quality or unsuitable to their needs;
- One family was unable to source private rented accommodation after their previous lease expired;
- Six families, who were either new or returning to Dublin, could not afford private rented accommodation in the Dublin region;
- One family had to leave the parental home as it was sold and could not source private rented accommodation.

2.2 Family circumstance

There were a total of 132 families (49%) in this category, of which 28 families stated the primary reason for their presentation as homeless was that they were departing an overcrowded living situation while 81 families stated that there was some element of relationship breakdown that triggered their rooflessness. Two families stated that family reunification was the cause of their homelessness. In these instances, changes in household types (i.e. new family members joining them in Ireland) resulted in a different housing need and subsequently a need to present to homeless services when suitable accommodation could not be sourced. For the remaining 21 families homelessness came about as a result of general family circumstance. No further information was available on the initial assessment form.

2.3 Other

Causation among the remaining 13 families (or 5%) breaks down as follows:

- One families was evicted from social housing;

- Five families cited no income source as their reason for homelessness;
- Six families left properties due to being victims of anti-social behaviour;
- One family left their property voluntarily, i.e. without a valid NTQ.

There was insufficient information available for the remaining 11 families. This information is also presented in Table 1 below.

Summary

The method used here captures a single reason for homelessness. It demonstrates that over the three months 46% of families presented directly from private rented accommodation while 49% of the remaining families present from staying with family or friends, although some may have moved out of private rented accommodation prior to moving in with family or friends. Indeed, it is important to note that reasons for homelessness are often more complex. The nature of administrative data makes it difficult to fully track the ancillary and compounding factors which may combine to bring about such a situation for each family and thereby lead to each newly presenting to homeless services.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that Dublin City Council still provides mortgages to people having difficulty securing mortgages from financial institutions. If so, can he provide answers to the following questions.

1. How many applications have been submitted for each of the last 5 years?
2. How many applications have been successful for each of the last 5 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since 2009 Dublin City Council has provided a House Purchase Loan to people who are unable to source a mortgage from other lending agencies subject to regulations laid out by the then Department of Environment, Community and local Government. The maximum loan available is €200,000 and there are a number of criteria that must be met in order to be eligible to apply for a House Purchase Loan from DCC including: Applicants must be -

- First time buyers,
- In continuous employment for at least 2 years
- Have been refused a loan by 2 other lending agencies
- Be earning under €50,000 in the previous tax year a single applicant or €75,000 in the case of joint applicants.
- Have a minimum deposit of 10% of purchase price of property

The number of House purchase Loan Applications received and the number who subsequently purchased in the last 5 years is as follows

YEAR	NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NO. OF SUCCESSFUL PURCHASES
2013	45	25
2014	24	12
2015	5	4

2016	47	23
2017 to date	75	19

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed account of the involvement of Dublin City Council in the response to a water mains leak at **(details supplied)**. The residents were left without a water supply for four weeks during the summer and three weeks in November. It appears that Irish Water and DCC were attempting to blame each other for responsibility while a woman with a medical condition and her children were left without water.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since the inception of Irish Water all Customer contacts are via the Irish Water system. In the case of **(details supplied)** we received a notification from Irish Water in August of a customer complaint. The DCC Inspector investigated this and a crew attended site to ensure there was no leak outside the property. The complaint notice was closed on the Irish water system. There appeared to be a leak on the private side of the property boundary. Normally the Utility does not carry out work on private property but we were aware that Irish Water had a 'First Fix Free' scheme to encourage householders to get private side leaks fixed. We referred the case within Irish Water to their 'First Fix Free' scheme for attention.

Again in November we were notified via the Irish Water system that there was a customer complaint from **(details supplied)**. This was investigated by the Inspector. To make absolutely sure a crew excavated at the boundary wall and confirmed there was no leak there but did confirm a leak on the private side of the property boundary. We again referred the case to Irish Water for their team to investigate.

Irish Water attended the site on the 10th November, carried out a site survey and returned on the 13th November to replace the private supply pipe. This effectively resolved the problem.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive in the 2nd quarter Dublin Region Homeless protocol report it is reported that the Prevention Team successfully prevented 83 families from entering homelessness, can he set out the current or latest housing status available for these 83 families. Including how many of these families remain on the homeless priority list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Some of the 83 families will have returned to family accommodation, some will have secured alternative private rented (with no supports), some will have accessed Homeless HAP and secured private rented.

Unfortunately, it is not possible, from a resources point of view, to state where exactly each of these families are.

However, if there is a particular family which the Cllr. would like us to report on, the details should be forwarded to the undersigned.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY
To ask the Chief Executive in respect of the frequency of street cleaning:

- (a) How precisely roads are classified for frequency of street cleaning
- (b) What is the classification for every street in the Dublin City Council area

- (c) Is it within the power of the elected members of the City Council to change the classification of individual streets
- (d) Given (i) the risk of flooding from accumulation of leaves, and (ii) the proximity of Sydney Parade Avenue to the Dart, Merrion Shopping Centre and St Vincent's Hospital, to ask that it be reclassified to being swept more frequently than at present, which is once every 12 weeks

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (a) In general roads are classified based on the level of footfall, usage or commercial activity which takes place on any given street as these are the primary factors which create litter. In autumn and winter months when leaf fall becomes a major problem, a street may be re-classified due to such factors. The classification of a road is no longer considered as the primary factor that determines the level or frequency of cleaning that takes place. Instead area-based cleansing crews inspect all areas on a regular basis and afterwards direct available resources accordingly.
- (b) There are approximately 3,800 streets in Dublin City Council's Administrative area. Within the City Centre or central commercial district streets would be regarded as Category A streets and as such would generally require daily cleanings. This would also apply to any suburban shopping areas or high footfall areas as outlined above. Category B areas would generally require a weekly clean and might include areas where there are large numbers of schools etc. Category C areas are predominately suburban residential streets and would normally require a cleaning every 3 months. As noted above all streets regardless of category classification get inspected regularly and if required would be cleaned on a more frequent basis following inspection.
- (c) It is not within the power of the elected members of the City Council to change the classification of individual streets nor is it necessary to do so because as outlined in (a) and (b) above the primary deciding factor on frequency of cleaning is now an inspection from our area based cleaning staff. Elected members can and frequently do request additional cleanings for specific streets or areas and whenever such a request is received the area will be inspected and appropriate action taken.
- (d) Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme during the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. We will ensure that Sydney Parade Avenue to the Dart, Merrion Shopping Centre and St Vincent's Hospital areas are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive (i) to take measures to prevent bin collection companies from collecting on Marlborough Road, Dublin 4 at 5am in the morning, which occurs frequently and which is in flagrant breach of the relevant bye-laws, and (ii) to explain what mechanisms are in place to both deter and punish this unlawful conduct?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services Division will issue correspondence to all authorised providers of household kerbside collections notifying them of complaints regarding collections occurring outside of the designated hours, that collections may take place

in this specific location and reminding them of their obligations to collect within the designated times at all times or enforcement action will be taken.

The hours that collections may take place are specifically outlined within the Dublin City Council Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste 2013.

Section 7 (c)

An authorised waste collector shall only collect household waste or commercial waste outside the Central Commercial District on the designated collection day between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 8.00pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, unless otherwise approved in writing by an appointed person.

Where the City Council is made aware that breaches of these bye laws are occurring fines or prosecutions may be issued under the bye laws.

If there are specific incidents that can be reported to Dublin City Council the Litter Management Office will investigate and carry out enforcement as appropriate.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to Sandford Avenue, Dublin 4:

- (a) To re-surface the road surface, which is in a diabolical condition at present; and
- (b) To repair the footpaths, which are currently in a state of chaotic disrepair and, consequently, extremely dangerous, especially to vulnerable pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (a) This road is not part of our proposed 2018 Road Resurfacing Programme but it will be logged in our Asset Management System for local repair works to be carried out.
- (b) These footpaths will be logged in our Asset Management System for local repair works to be carried out.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive in respect of Baggot Lane, Dublin 4:

- (a) In light of the extremely dangerous junction between Pembroke Gardens & Baggot Lane, and the presence of traffic calming measures on all adjacent roads, to introduce traffic calming measures such as speed ramps and adequate signage on Baggot Lane. The traffic at present moves at lethal speed which needs to be address; and
- (b) To increase the frequency of street cleaning on Baggot Lane from twice a year at present to four times a year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The area engineer will visit and assess the site for signage and see if speed ramps are required and will revert to the councillor in due course.
- b) Waste Management Services Division will have Baggot Lane cleaned on a monthly basis.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive the relevant waste water (sewage) section to check the mains at **(details supplied)**. Following numerous blockages in these houses the

private drain cleaning company employed by the householders suggested that DCC inspect their chambers to see if this end of the drainage is functioning and flowing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The public sewer was checked by Dublin City Council last week. It is functioning correctly and there are no blockages.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our housing maintenance section to carry out a full inspection of our tenants flat (**details supplied**). This flat needs full insulation to deal with issues of severe dampness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling was refurbished in early 2016 including the installation of internal insulation. It was allocated to the current tenant in March 2016. No further insulation is currently planned for this unit. An inspection of the flat will be carried out to determine if there are issues of dampness in the dwelling.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail what plans the Housing Department have for the refurbishment and upgrade of housing complexes within the North-West Inner City including (**details supplied**) and will the Chief Executive detail whether any application for funding has been submitted for such proposals with the Department of Housing, Community, Planning & Local Government.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is proposed that a general refurbishment programme will be established to undertake the regeneration of housing complexes across the city.

Applications for funding to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for all regeneration schemes are submitted in accordance with CWMF procedures. The Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) is a structure that has been developed by Government in relation to public sector construction funding. Under this process the initial application for funding is a Stage 1 application within which DCC would submit a capital appraisal of the proposed refurbishment scheme and provide outline details of the scheme such as the proposed number of units to be delivered and the approximate costs of the works. Following approval to a Stage 1 application, we would then commence the more detailed planning and design of the scheme.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the criteria upon which Dublin City Council decided to introduce a temporary road closure on (**details supplied**) what the objectives the Council hopes to achieve from implementing such a proposal and what engagement has been had with the National Transport Authority in terms of a wider traffic analysis in the (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to previous requests for an additional bench at location as per **(details supplied)** as requested by local senior citizens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Parks Services have no objection to providing an additional Bench, if local representatives contact the Parks and Landscape Service, arrangements will be made to decide on the precise location of the bench within the park.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to my previous request to seriously prune tree at location as per **(details supplied)** and say when same is planned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Parks Services have many trees listed for works to be done and the tree concerned and other trees in the estate are listed for attention in the 2018/19 Tree Care Programme. Parks Services are progressing as quickly as possible given the resources and finances available.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to **(details supplied)** and provide an update.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to **(details supplied)** and provide an update

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can confirmation please be given if planning permission has been granted for this sign (see attached photo). It is at the corner of Lower Exchange St. If so when was permission granted. If not I request this is removed with immediate effect under the relevant bylaws and the owner of the sign is fined in line with procedures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No Planning permission has been granted for signage at this location. The matter is under investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section. The Councillor will be updated on this matter in due course.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Causeway Road and the junction of James Larking Road, can relevant signage be put in place to warn motorists that a cycle lane is present. Some motorists tend to increase their speed with the change in traffic lights.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Road Safety Audit Stage 3 for the entire S2S Cycleway & Footway Interim Works is still being reviewed, so we will request the consultant to include the above request.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to request that a warning sign is put alerting cyclists of the entry/exit gates at Marino Health Centre at the entrance on the Malahide Rd Dublin 3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A warning sign alerting cyclists of the entry/exit gates at Marino Health Centre on Brian Road is not warranted as the entrance is clearly visible to cyclists and motorists from each direction. Adequate sight lines are provided for both cyclists and motorists at this location.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the leaves be cleared from outside Ardscoil Rís, Griffith Ave, two elderly people have fallen here this week.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the leaves cleared from the above mentioned location on the 26th November 2017. We will monitor this location and have leaves removed from there when necessary over the coming months.