

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out repairs **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a progress report on the implementation of all motions passed by the elected members since June 2014.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to the number of motions involved, the volume of work involved in tracking the progress on each one would render this a virtually impossible job. If it were to be undertaken, the work involved would have to be carried out by already busy staff so could only be done after normal office hours on overtime which would be both time consuming and expensive. DCC Departments would not have provided a budget for such unprecedented overtime. If the Councillor would like to choose a random selection of 10 motions that have been passed by the current City Council, then every effort will be made to provide a report on the progress of their implementation.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to take action to stop an alarm constantly going off in a DCC vacant property which is causing a severe nuisance for adjoining residents **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This issue has been resolved.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out following repairs in a tenancy property **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance Choke Car attended this property in October and December 2017 and cleared a blockage. Replacement of a section of skirting board was also identified. Arrangements have been made for Monday 5th February with the tenant for a further inspection of the dwelling.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out how many people have been housed from the homeless housing list in each of the years 2013 - 2017.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following list shows the number of applications housed from the Homeless list from end 2013 to end of 2017.

The number of Allocations to households/individuals with a homeless priority:

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Year	Letting to Homeless	Overall Lettings
2013	75	1131 ( 61 singles & 10 Families)
2014	274	1424 (169 singles & 105 families)
2015	413	1357 (241 singles & 172 families)
2016	274	1177 (150 singles & 124 families)
2017	483	1586 (165 singles & 318 families)

2015: There was a directive from the Minister for Housing to the four Dublin local authorities to direct 50% of allocations to homeless and other vulnerable groups. It was originally intended to run for 6 months but was extended to April 2016.

2016 the number of lettings to persons with a homeless priority were proportionately less.

2017 there were a number of specific initiatives to reduce the number of homeless either in commercial hotels or rough sleeping. These were as follows:

Housing First	49
Housing Agency Acquisitions	21
Rapid Build	130

These contributed significantly to the overall lettings to the homeless list.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH**

To ask the Chief Executive to publish an up to date online map of the City Centre with all traffic diversions and one way routes demarcated within.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the completion of the Luas Cross city and associated traffic management changes, it is Dublin City Councils intention to produce a map with any **permanent** traffic diversions and one way routes to assist visitors and residents of Dublin City Centre. This exercise however is premature pending An Bord Pleanalas decision regarding College Green Plaza.

**Q.7 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.8 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the total paid to contractors from the annual budget spent in the housing maintenance section from 2011 to present.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following table details the total payments to contractors for construction/refurbishment contracts and general service contracts by Housing Maintenance for the years 2011-2017:

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
2,180,417.62	2,240,244.33	3,662,551.29	3,452,444.24	4,225,364.63	4,717,076.64	5,204,919.08

<i>Total Payments €25,683,017.83</i>
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The increase in payments to contractors over the years is due to our increased planned maintenance programme such as :

- Roof repairs
- Steps
- Precinct Improvements
- Regulatory Building Standards Works
- Energy efficiency upgrades.

### **Q.9 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many boiler replacements have taken place since the additional charge was introduced in the 2017 budget and how many replacements had taken place in the previous year of 2016. Can the Chief Executive confirm that yearly boiler checks will now be scheduled? Can the Chief Executive show the benefit, so far, for tenants paying the increased boiler charge?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- Since the additional charge was introduced at the beginning of March 2017 a total of circa 700 boilers have been replaced.
- For the full year of 2016 a total of 260 boilers were replaced.
- 22,114 boiler services are scheduled for 2018 under the new contract which was implemented at the beginning of September 2017. This will see the introduction of servicing all of our domestic boiler stock on an annual basis.
- The benefit for the tenants is that all tenants will have their boiler serviced on an annual basis which is considered best practice across the industry in addition to an increased number of boiler replacements due to the additional revenue being generated from the increased boiler charge.

### **Q.10 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the numbers of empty houses in the maisonettes on Ballygall Parade, how long each has been empty, what is their current status and when will they be ready for re-letting.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 3 vacant units in Ballygall Parade. One has been damaged by fire and is currently being refurbished. A second unit is being refurbished and has been pre-allocated. It's expected that both these units will be completed by late February. The third unit has been refurbished and is currently on offer to prospective tenants

### **Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to arrange for the purchase of **(details supplied)** this house has been vacant for over 3 years.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will record and investigate the status of this property. If the property is confirmed as long term vacant then the City Council will initiate the necessary steps to have the property returned to residential use.

### **Q.12 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a detailed breakdown of the costs involved with the Clontarf Flood Defence scheme (Report No. 355/2017: Modify the flood defence sea wall on James Larkin Road, D3 between Mount Prospect Avenue D3, and Watermill Road, D5), especially the cost to be incurred implementing the recommendation of the Environment Monitoring and Liaison

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Committee, namely to reduce the height of the flood defence sea wall from a height of 4.25m OD to a height ranging from 4.06m OD to 3.95m OD to give a minimum flood defence height of 3.95m OD at the locations where the visual amenity is most affected as agreed between DCC and the local groups?

And could the Chief Executive explain the discrepancy between the following two figures: the full S2S Bull Wall to Causeway Road Interim Works listed in our Quality Assurance Reports as costing €6.6m and the figure of €5m for the project quoted in communications to elected representatives and in several Dublin City Council press statements?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The estimated cost for all the works that were subject to the Part 8 process in relation to the S2S Dollymount Scheme is €0.5m excluding VAT. This is essentially made up of two elements; the cost associated with cutting the wall is €170 to €230k and the cost associated with cladding the entire wall and installing coping is €300k. The estimate of €5m was prepared at the feasibility stage and the cost estimate was updated to €6.6m at planning stage.

**Q.13 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.14 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a detailed breakdown of the 440 hectares of zoned and serviced land in Dublin in the under the following headings:

- the number of hectares in each of the city's five administrative areas,
- the number of hectares under the various zoning categories in each of the city's five administrative areas, particularly the amount of land zoned residential in each of the city's five administrative areas,
- estimated number of residential units that could be delivered on that land,
- as well as an update on the implementation on the City Development Plan 2016-2022 policy QH5: To promote residential development addressing any shortfall in housing provision through active land management and a coordinated planned approach to developing appropriately zoned lands at key locations including regeneration areas, vacant sites and under-utilised sites.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Based on the Housing Availability Study (2012), the following sets out the number of hectares in each administrative area broken down by zonings:

South East Area			South Central Area	
	Total Area (Hectares)			Total Area (Hectares)
Housing 2012	45		Housing 2012	87
Z1	13.7		Z1	11.8
Z2	0.7		Z3	0.3
Z3	0.4		Z4	4.2
Z4	1.6		Z5	11.5

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Z5	0.7		Z6	7.8
Z6	2		Z9	4.5
Z9	1.6		Z10	13.1
Z10	4		Z14	33.7
Z12	2.4		Z15	0.1
Z14	14.2			
Z15	3.7			
<b>Central Area</b>			<b>North West Area</b>	
	Total Area (Hectares)			Total Area (Hectares)
Housing 2012	41		Housing 2012	74
Z1	6.6		Z1	16
Z2	0.2		Z3	2
Z3	0.4		Z4	3.4
Z4	0.1		Z6	4.3
Z5	12.3		Z10	0.7
Z10	0.2		Z12	32.7
Z12	8.2		Z14	14.9
Z14	13			
<b>North Central Area</b>				
	Total Area (Hectares)			
Housing 2012	193			
Z1	10.6			
Z2	1.2			
Z3	0.5			
Z4	16.5			
Z6	2.2			
Z9	0.7			
Z10	0.6			
Z12	18.5			
Z14	127.6			
Z15	14.6			

Assuming an average density of 120 housing units per hectare the following is the estimated number of housing units that could be delivered on those lands:

South East Area: 5,620  
 South Central Area: 10,440  
 Central Area: 4,920  
 North West Area: 8,880  
 North Central Area: 23,160

In relation Active Land Management, the Vacant Sites Register, there are currently 86 no. sites on the register, with 8 no. being considered for removal due to either being under construction or by virtue of an appeal decision from An Bord Pleanala.

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There are a further 26 no. sites going through the final stages of the process of being placed on the Register. There are 137 no. sites that are under consideration for inclusion and where owners have been contacted.

Work is progressing on the Housing Land Initiative sites with the first 56 new (social) housing units for O'Devaney Gardens expected on site by the end of 2018. The development of the remainder of this site is the subject of an on-going Competitive Dialogue Procurement Procedure (PQQ issued 14th Aug 2017), with the same procedure to commence for Oscar Traynor Road within the month.

### **Q.15 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that, notwithstanding the decision to proceed with a new bridge rather than improve the pedestrian and cyclist facilities on the Tom Clarke Bridge (project 10 - monthly management report February 2018 - P5), improvement works will be carried out on the Tom Clarke Bridge to enhance its appearance and presence and ensure that it can be favourably compared aesthetically with the nearby Samuel Beckett Bridge. Also, to ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the original budget between the new proposed bridge and the enhancement works to be carried out on the Tom Clarke Bridge.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The decision to proceed with a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge west of the Tom Clarke Bridge was based on the findings of a feasibility study which concluded that widening the existing bridge by 3m, which is the most that could be accommodated by the existing substructure, would incur substantial costs and risks as well as having a detrimental economic affect on the city due to the required traffic diversions. The main options examined were:

- Option 1: Widening the Existing Bridge by 3m (including economic effect): €15,885,266.98
- Option 2a: New Bridge (3m wide immediately west of the current bridge):€8,941,870.46
- Option 2b New Bridge (5m wide) immediately west of the current bridge: €12,901,870.46

Option 2a was examined to provide a direct comparison with Option 1 but would not provide adequate width for both pedestrians and cyclists, therefore Option 2b is the only realistic solution. An application has been made to the National Transport Authority for funding of the new bridge. If this is successful, it is intended to use the revenue from the East Link Toll Station to refurbish the existing bridge. The extent of the refurbishment works required is currently being examined but it will not be possible to carry out any substantial works until the new pedestrian/cyclist bridge is in place and therefore adequate working space is available.

### **Q.16 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, he or any DCC official has had any contact/meetings, formal or otherwise, with representatives of Hammersons, co-owners of the Moore Street battlefield and adjoining sites. in relation to planning matters and/or development of the site. In particular, can the Chief Executive also confirm if any planning and or pre-planning meetings have been held with DCC Planning Department and Hammersons and/or their property development team, and if he is aware of a Hammerson plan for the area other than that granted (and extended) to the previous owners, Chartered land.

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Finally, to ask the Chief Executive if he is aware that Hammersons have refused to meet with public representatives, including Ardmheara MacDonncha in relation to the future development of the site and, if he has been in contact with Hammersons, could he advise them that, at a minimum, a request from the first citizen of the City should be facilitated as a matter of courtesy and respect for the office.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A number of meetings have taken place with Hammerson plc in relation to the Moore Street Site. On 26 September 2017, in response to the request from Hammerson plc, the Chief Executive and the ACE for Planning and Property Development had a meeting with their Development Manager. The purpose of the meeting was so that Hammerson could provide an update on their activities, including the recent appointment of ACME architects, who had been given the brief to progress a vision and concept for the Moore Street Area. It was stressed that the study is at a very preliminary stage.

On 9 October, Hammerson plc, with their architects ACME, requested a meeting in order to make a presentation to the City Planner and Deputy City Planner. During the meeting ACME set out their international experience in places such as Leeds, Sydney, Chester, and Southampton in designing contemporary urban mixed-use schemes, and how they had integrated new retail developments with existing urban fabric.

On 1 December 2017, Hammerson plc and ACME requested a further consultation with the Planning Authority at which they presented preliminary concepts for the Moore Street site providing for increased vitality onto O'Connell Street, retaining the alignment of Moore Lane, the reconsideration of basement parking, the integration of protected structures, and the provision of a pedestrian friendly public realm. The Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, City Planner and Deputy City Planner attended this meeting.

On 12 December 2017, at the request of the Chief Executive, a meeting was held with representatives of Hammerson plc to explain the concerns of the Elected Members in relation to Moore Street expressed at the December City Council Meeting and to convey the content of the approved motion to continue the process of adding Nos. 10, 20 & 21, the O'Brien Mineral Water Works Building, the White Cottage Building, Henry Place and the Bottling Stores, Moore Lane to the RPS. The Chief Executive also requested their co-operation in facilitating access to the relevant buildings to enable the required assessment to be carried out. The Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, City Planner and Deputy City Planner attended this meeting. Following this meeting the Chief Executive wrote to Hammerson plc on 15 December 2017. This letter and the response from Hammerson plc is subject of a separate report on the Agenda of the February Council meeting.

Finally, the Chief Executive understands that Hammerson plc are reluctant to engage with elected representatives etc in relation to their proposals for the development of the site until the appeal against a recent decision of the High Court has been determined, as this decision will have implications for the development of the site

### **Q.17 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of beds which were available for rough sleepers over the Christmas period and to date (by day). Such details to include number of beds available, occupancy thereof and resultant shortage of bedspaces and/or surplus availability.

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In December 2017, 2,150 adults (singles /couples) accessed emergency accommodation. Taking into account the potential impact of severe weather on people who are rough sleeping, every possible effort was made in 2017 to ensure that there was adequate emergency accommodation for those who sought it and to ensure that insofar as possible no person was forced to sleep rough. Capacity was expanded by 200+ permanent bed spaces with an additional 50 temporary contingency bed spaces available for the winter period.

The table below shows the spare capacity which existed between 22nd December 2017 and 21st January 2018:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Empty Beds</b>
21/01/2018	23
20/01/2018	18
19/01/2018	18
18/01/2018	5
17/01/2018	8
16/01/2018	5
15/01/2018	10
14/01/2018	15
13/01/2018	9
12/01/2018	16
11/01/2018	1
10/01/2018	6
09/01/2018	15
08/01/2018	11

07/01/2018	25
06/01/2018	40
05/01/2018	27
04/01/2018	26
03/01/2018	38
02/01/2018	14
01/01/2018	21
31/12/2017	29
30/12/2017	19
29/12/2017	13
28/12/2017	12
27/12/2017	22
26/12/2017	21
25/12/2017	22
24/12/2017	41
23/12/2017	26
22/12/2017	15

### **Q.18 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following profile of DCC units:

- a. Flat complexes: date originally opened, any subsequent refurbishment and current refurbishment requirements (if any) and current maintenance requirements.
- b. Housing stock: Age profile in ten year categories and assessment of refurbishment/maintenance needs on a macro level by category.
- c. Community centres/halls/units given for community use: Information as B above.



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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A) Please see attached list of flat complexes and Senior Citizen complexes.

Our current planned maintenance requirements/programmes are as follows:

- Roof Repairs
- Steps Repairs
- Demand Control Ventilation
- Fall Arrest on Roofs
- Replacement of Water tanks
- Water Pump Repairs
- Drainage Maintenance
- Upgrading of Car Parks

In 2018 we propose to carry out the following works in our flat complexes.

Roof Repairs at:

- Georges Place
- Cromcastle Court
- Cannon Mooney Gardens
- Whitefriar Gardens
- McDonagh House
- Blackhall Place
- Saint Michans House
- Basin Street

Steps Programme:

- Oliver Bond
- Rathmines Avenue
- St. Michaels Flats
- North Clarence Street
- Countess Markievicz House
- Cuffe Street

Demand Control Ventilation:

- As part of our Sub-Condensation Group we are targeting 500 units in 2018 to have some type of ventilation installed.

Fall Arrest on Roofs:

- In conjunction with the roof repairs being done on the above named flats we are also carrying out the installation of a fall arrest system on each of these roofs.

Replacement of Water Tanks:

- Basin Street Flats
- Cromcastle Court
- Georges Place
- McDonagh House

Water Pump Repairs

- Work has started on our 80 pumping stations around the city. A new database is being set up with rolling repairs and real time information on all of our pump houses. Going forward we will be able to tell remotely when one of our pumps has failed and if the pressure loss is due to the pump or the supply.

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### Drainage Maintenance

- A drainage maintenance programme is being put in place for our complexes. Initial works were carried out at Oliver Bond Flats and Saint Auedons. Works for 2018 are being programmes in Matt Talbot Court, Timberyard Apartments and Pearse House.

### Upgrading of Car Parks

- Work is proposed in 2018 for Islandbridge Court, Countess Markievicz House and O'Carroll Villas.

### B.) **Housing Stock:**

The majority of our Housing Stock was built predominantly in the 1960's and 1970's. The following details our Housing Stock at 31/12 2017.

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	TOTAL
No of Housing Units	4202	3658	6066	7547	3740	25,213

\* It should be noted this includes all stock including flats and houses.

Similarly like our flat complexes the following maintenance requirements are carried out on City Council houses:

- Roof Repairs
- Demand Control Ventilation
- Replacement of Water tanks
- Drainage Maintenance
- Spalling Brickwork.
- Window Replacement Programme

In general maintenance requirements are carried out in a reactive manner as we generally are unaware of issues in individual houses until the tenant contacts us directly. However in the case of the window replacement programme we have carried out condition surveys of a number of our units and intend to replace windows in 350 units by end Q. 3 of this year..

Dublin City Council is currently mobilising to commence Phase Two of The Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade programme and plans to commence this Phase in Q1 of 2018. As Phase Two will target properties requiring external wall insulation, the number of properties which will be upgraded will be substantially lower in volume than Phase One due to the economies and scale of the works. Dublin City Council will endeavour to be fair to each area and spread the works accordingly where priority areas are located. When working in an area, we will be completing a road in its entirety due to the various requirements such as the engagement of utility providers (i.e. ESB/Bord Gáis) for the relocating of services and from an economy perspective regarding the erection of scaffolding.

Since March 2017 following an increase in the boiler maintenance charge to €4 per week a total of circa 700 boilers have been replaced.

For the full year of 2016 a total of 260 boilers were replaced.

22,114 boiler services are scheduled for 2018 under the new contract which was implemented at the beginning of September 2017. This will see the introduction of servicing all of our domestic boiler stock on an annual basis.

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The benefit for the tenants is that all tenants will have their boiler serviced on an annual basis which is considered best practice across the industry in addition to an increased number of boiler replacements due to the additional revenue being generated from the increased boiler charge.

City Architects are currently carrying out a general review of Dublin City Council housing complexes across the city. This review will be completed over the next few months and will form the basis of any general refurbishment programme that may be established regarding the regeneration of such complexes.

C) The facilities listed below are directly managed by the Sports and Recreation Services, Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department. They are not “given” for community use and are not managed by the community or by local clubs / organisations. They are directly managed, staffed and operated by Dublin City Council and are available for hire/ use by local communities, groups, sports clubs etc. There is no current assessment or schedule of the refurbishment/maintenance needs of these facilities.

### List of buildings managed by Sports and Recreation Services

Cabra /John Paul Park Sports and Community centre	2000's
Ballybough Youth and Community centre	2000's
St. Catherines Youth and Community centre	2000's
Poppintree Sports and Recreation centre	2000's
Aughrim Street Sports hall.	1970's
Glin Road Sports hall	1970's
Dominick Street recreation centre	2000's
Donore Avenue recreation centre	2000's
East Wall Recreation centre	pre 1970's
George's Place Recreation centre	pre 1970's
Hardwicke Street Recreation centre	1990's
Sheriff Street Youth and Community centre	1970's
Pearse Street Recreation centre	pre 1980's
Ventry Park Recreation centre	1970's
St. Pauls Recreation centre	pre 1970's
Bluebell Youth and Community centre	2000's
Darndale Recreation centre	1980's
Kilmore West Recreation centre	pre 1990's
Clogher Road Sports hall	2000's
Inchicore Sports hall	2000's

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**  
To ask the Chief Executive can double yellow lines be places around Marino park at the side of the railings, at weekends cars are double parking and Dublin Bus have great difficulty driving around the green. Residents of Marino Park have difficulty trying to manoeuvre off their driveway, Ambulance and fire brigade engines will have problems with access also.

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

### **Q.21 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.22 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline the progress made to erect Columbarium walls in some or all of the old Graveyards in the ownership of Dublin City Council. This is included in the City Development Plan, has been approved repeatedly by the relevant SPCs and finance was provided in the Budget approved by Council.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is provision for cemeteries in the 2018-2020 Capital Programme which in part is available for developing Columbarium walls. Initial work has focussed on what generic models of walls are available. The next step is to examine what experience other local authorities have with developing these structures and a plan will be brought forward later in 2018.

### **Q.23 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate an order for protected structure for the entire roof at Pearse Street Station. This roof is of enormous cultural value and is unique to the city. CIE and Irish Rail have intentions to completely demolish this roof structure and rebuild it rather than repair and protect. The building is without the status of protected structure and this process needs to be initiated urgently. Please find notes attached with regards the roof structure.

The roof of Pearse Station is the only barrel-vaulted typology of the three principal, former and current, railway termini in Dublin city. It is an excellent example of the dynamic application of iron, constructed c.1880-1884 to the designs of William Turner, the son of the famous iron founder Richard Turner, and is based on the ambitious roof design for Lime Street station in Liverpool, England (by Richard Turner). The principal iron members in Pearse Station, including its arched girders, were made in Chepstow, Wales, while the Dublin foundry of Courtney, Stephens and Bailey supplied the remaining ironwork. The main roof is 155m (510ft) long and spans nearly 27m (90ft); the smaller bay to the south-west is 73m (240ft) long and has a span of almost 20m (65ft). The shed-like design of the roof reflects the fact that the station (originally titled Westland Row station) served as the terminus of the Dublin-Kingstown railway prior to its remodelling as a through-station following the construction of the Loop Line Bridge in 1891.

Pearse Station is presently not listed on Dublin City Council's Record of Protected Structures other than its front façade and the attendant Westland Row railway bridge. Effectively, the entire station, including its roof structure, platforms, vaults and handsome red brick side walls with pilasters and pedimented window frames (designed by Victorian architects, T.N. Deane & Son) are all statutorily unprotected.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The front façade (only) of Pearse Station and the Railway Bridge at Westland Row, Dublin 2, are Protected Structures (RPS Ref. No: 8520 and No: 890 respectively).

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The Planning Authority granted a Section 5 Declaration on the 30th June 2014 per Reg. Ref: 0150/14 in respect of exempted development to Pearse Station (Protected Structure), Westland Row, Dublin 2 comprising the following works: “Proposed renovation of the railway station roof over the main platform area & adjacent car park roof & associated works as described in the attached application report & appendices A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K”. The works proposed may be summarised as follows (as per Planning Officer’s Report) “The internal works will comprise for the greater part alteration, repair and renewal works to the trusses and associated supports. The external works comprise works to the glazing and other external finishes of the roof (replacing Perspex inserted in the 1970’s with glazing as was originally the case) and to the gable ends of the station roof.”

Having regard to the Section 5 Declaration above, which provided for the replacement of the seriously corroded trusses, it is not considered necessary at this stage to initiate the process of adding (or otherwise) the structures to the RPS.

### **Q.24 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards DCC lands that are in possession of approved housing bodies or charitable organisations or housing trusts that have not been used and are vacant. Recently it came to our attention that certain properties and lands in the Townsend Street area were in the possession of an approved housing body and lay idle for a number of years. We need to have a full map and appraisal of all such lands that DCC transferred into such bodies.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council have recently disposed of sites at St. Mary’s Mansions, Poplar Row and Dolphin Park to Approved Housing Bodies who have either commenced on site or are due to commence on site shortly.

Within the City Council’s Housing Programme, a number of other sites have been identified for development by Approved Housing Bodies but the disposal process has not been initiated as the projects are at pre-planning stage or funding approval is not in place (see table below).

However, the Housing Department has requested that a services and title check in respect of each site be carried out and where planning permission has issued and funding approval is in place, a request to enter into negotiations to commence the disposal of the site has been initiated. The disposal of these sites will be subject to the approval of the City Council.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>AHB</b>	<b>Status of Project</b>
Central	Ellis Court, Benburb Street, Dublin 1	Tuath Housing Association	Planning granted January 2018
Central	38/9 Bolton Street, Dublin 1	Arlington Novas Ireland CLG	Pre-planning stage
Central	Site at Railway Street, Dublin 1	Circle	Pre-planning stage

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South East Area	180-187 Townsend Street, Dublin 2 (excludes commercial units)	The Peter McVerry Trust	Planning permission granted
South East Area	Site at Shaw Street/Brunswick Villas, Dublin 2	The Peter McVerry Trust	Stage 1 approval only submitted
South Central Area	Site at New Street, Dublin 8	The Peter McVerry Trust	Pre planning stage
<b>Area</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>AHB</b>	<b>Status of Project</b>
South Central	Site at Rafters Lane, Dublin 8	Walkinstown Housing Association	Await Stage 4 approval
South Central	Site at 1B St Michaels Estate		Pre-planning stage
South Central	Site at Junction of Kilmainham Lane and South Circular Road, Dublin 8	Arlington Novas Ireland CLG	Planning permission granted
South Central	Jamestown Court, Dublin 8	ALONE	Planning permission granted
North West	61 & 63 Ratoath Avenue, Dublin 11	Arlington Novas Ireland CLG	Pre-planning stage

With regard to Townsend Street, a planning permission for the development of 18 units of residential accommodation was granted on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, and the disposal process has been initiated for this project.

### **Q.25 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue all evaluation reports and architectural reports and surveys that were carried out on all houses that were acquisition by DCC in the last two years from private owners for social housing and emergency accommodation, and family hubs. Also, can we be provided with all addresses of these properties.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has acquired 403 properties over the last two years from private owners. However, the Council does not divulge the details of specific properties that are acquired for social housing. As part of the acquisition process, a condition report is carried out by the City Architect's Division who assess the suitability of each

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individual property for social housing. An estimated amount to upgrade and refurbish each property is also included.

The Housing Agency acquires all houses which are used for homeless allocations and, therefore, the DRHE would not have access to the reports requested. Where the Housing Agency is acquiring a property for Dublin City Council, they will carry out due diligence on the property including the inspection of the unit and the City Council will then work with the Housing Agency in the delivery of any such units. The Housing Department can provide more detailed information if there is a specific property where further information is required

### **Q.26 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that Dublin City Council and the Regional Homeless Executive are acknowledged for the financial contribution, the property contribution and the client supply that they give to approved housing bodies and charitable organisations with regards the service provision for homeless services. Can an appropriate condition be attached to all contracts and service level agreements that we have with these approved housing bodies and other such social services that Dublin City Council are acknowledged in all correspondence and all media interviews. Further, that some measure of a logo or branding be created that these bodies are in partnership with Dublin City Council to tackle the housing crisis.

It is time that DCC and its staff and indeed Dublin City Councillors themselves were acknowledged for the work and efforts and contributions that are made in this field.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All service providers that received funding must sign a Service Level Agreement with the DRHE. Contained within each Service Level Agreement is a "Funding Recognition" clause that requires each provider to fully acknowledge state funding received from the DRHE (see attached clause). Consideration will be given to the suggestion that a logo or branding be created to highlight that the providers work in partnership with DCC.

### **Q.27 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the car park off Sean Moore Road at the entrance to Clanna Gael Fontenoy's is a private or publicly owned facility.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC is not the owner of this car park.

### **Q.28 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of rubbish from **(details supplied)** and also to send a litter warden to investigate the continuous placing of litter/household waste at this site by a resident that I am reliably told lives at **(details supplied)** and try to identify and prosecute.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Acting Public Domain Enforcement Officer and the Litter Prevention Officer inspected the site and the roads immediately in its environs. The rubbish has been removed and the site is being monitored by the Litter Warden and any appropriate action will be taken. The details supplied have been forwarded to the South East Public Domain Team as the **(details supplied)** resides in their area of responsibility.

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**Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of the parking on Kildonan Drive. This road is one of the narrowest in the area. Can the Chief Executive arrange for the paths to be adjusted to allow parking bays along the road? This would reduce the chance of collisions and also to prevent the chance of emergency vehicles not being able to drive along the road if needed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is aware that residents currently park partially on the footpath in order to ensure that the road is not blocked. It is not intended to challenge this practice provided pedestrian access can be maintained. Dublin City Council does not recommend the reduction of footway width in order to facilitate the parking of vehicles. The pedestrian remains the highest level of priority in transportation in Dublin City Council.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the amount of the staff training budget and also what percentage this is of the overall budget for 2018, broken down by the type of training and per Dept. Furthermore may I have the comparative figures and breakdown for 2006.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council's delivery of staff training is based on a combination of on-the-job training and structured training and development courses etc. A total of €3.5 m has been provided in the 2018 Revenue budget, with variance across depts., due to the different operational needs. This provision does not reflect training which is embedded in organisational payroll costs. The provision in the revenue Budget comprises a combination of expenditure on Health and safety training, professional development training, support for educational assistance in line with organisational needs and general employee training depending on dept needs.

Table 3 – Analysis of 2018 Budgeted training related expenditure

<b>Department</b>	<b>Total €</b>
Chief Executive's	156,250
Corporate Services	75,620
Finance	99,201
HR	203,600
IS	89,800
Law	145,000
CRES	651,756
Non SLA	175,465
Roads	613,005
SLA	160,385
Housing, Community and Areas	525,321
Fire Brigade	481,000
Planning and Property Development	121,251
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>3,497,654</b>



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Due to changes in organisational structures, evolving training needs over the intervening years and the manner in which training expenditure is costed and captured, it is not possible to provide a comparator for 2006.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate reports of a group of people who are camping in the Garden of (**details supplied**) and to arrange their removal as residents are annoyed with their presence.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the sealant in the windows of (**details supplied**) as the windows must be buckled as the wind is able to blow through the closed windows.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The windows of this dwelling have been inspected by Housing Maintenance. They are in good working order and not deemed in need of any repairs.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the window in (**details supplied**) replaced as previous inspections determined that it was a manufacturers fault but it still has not been replaced or repaired and is now cracked due to the default.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements have been made by Housing Maintenance to have the necessary repairs carried out to the window of this dwelling.

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**Q.39 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive arrange to have a new front door installed at **(details supplied)** as requested previously without a response.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The last request for door replacement was last received in 2015. The door was not deemed in need of replacement at that time. A request was logged again on receipt of this question. The door was inspected and deemed in need of replacement. An order has been placed with Housing Maintenance Joinery Workshop for a new door and frame. The tenant will be contacted prior to installation.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the faulty electric work and defective plumbing at **(details supplied)** in order to address the serious dampness and have a new front door installed as a matter of urgency as the property was inspected two years ago and no work was carried out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance attended to repair requests in this dwelling in the past 2 years, electrical repair May 2016, plumbing repairs November and December 2016 and heating repairs February and July 2017. A request to have the electrical fittings inspected and an issue of mould in the dwelling resolved was logged 1st February 2018. An inspection of this dwelling will be carried out to include an inspection of the front door in the next week.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me details as to when the 30 KPH will be extended to Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Shelbourne Road is an arterial route and will be reviewed as part of phase 3. The draft bye-laws for phase 3 will be before the Transportation SPC at the February 2018 meeting.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.44 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.45 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give a comparative breakdown of Staffing and grades in North West and South East, in the following divisions

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1. Parking Policy & Enforcement
2. Rd Design & Construction
3. Road Maintenance
4. Road & Traffic Management
5. Transportation Operations

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A review of the Environment & Transportation Departments structure is currently underway, with a view to improving the service delivery model within the Department. This may include a review of staffing assigned to business units. Parking Policy & Enforcement and Road Design & Construction are not area based service providers. Roads Maintenance is based on a Northside/Southside model, and Roads & Traffic Management are also not area based. A review of staffing assigned to the areas in Transportation Operations is currently underway.

### **Q.46 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive how many critical vacancy requests have been made by Environment & Transport Dept and the plans to fill them. Please give the answer broken down by Division in the Dept.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A recruitment process is in place for Assistant and Executive Engineers. It is expected that interviews will be held during February 2018. The HR Department is currently in discussions with the Environment and Transportation Department on the vacancies to be filled.

### **Q.47 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if his department would request that the heating and windows be up graded at **(details supplied)** as it is 15 years since the complex opened.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.48 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make it part of any planning application for development in the Docklands that part 5 must be part of the development for social housing and that no land swap is agreed to.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Section 96(3) sets out 6 types of Part V agreements that may be made, which include:

1. Transfer of lands
2. Build and transfer of up to 10% of the proposed housing units
3. Transfer of housing units on any other land in the functional area of the planning authority
4. Lease of housing units either on the site subject to the application or in any other area within the functional area of the planning authority
5. Combination of a transfer of land and one of more of the other options; and
6. Combination of options not involving a transfer of the ownership of land

The priority option for Dublin City Council is to acquire units on site and only in exceptional circumstances will the City Council default to the remaining options. Exceptional circumstances would include:

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- Where the acquisition of units on site exceed the Department of Planning, Housing, Community and Local Government's cost ceilings and are not deemed "value for money".
- The units do not meet the City Council's housing requirements under the Allocations "Scheme of Lettings Programme".

Any units that become available in the Docklands area under Part V of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) will be assessed according to the above. Dublin City Council does not have the authority/power to implement such a condition as outlined by the Councillor. The Part V provision is governed by national legislation.

### **Q.49 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.50 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when the development of the (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.51 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on our site at Rafters Lane Dublin 12 that is due to be transferred to the Walkinstown Housing Association to include: whether the transfer has been completed; whether a site commencement notice has been applied for; when planning permission on the site expires; whether a report on planned removal and disposal of the Japanese Knotweed on this site has been prepared and if so to forward copy of same to this Councillor.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Walkinstown Housing Association (WALK) has recently submitted their Stage 4 application for the development of 11 units of accommodation at Rafter's Lane, Crumlin, Dublin 12. This is the last stage of the social housing approval process with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government prior to the AHB commencing on site.

The Department will review the tender process and ensure the costs are still in line with the pre-tender estimate and should issue their acceptance of the tender submitted. Once this approval issues, WALK will be in a position to appoint their preferred contractor and should be in a position to commence on site under a Building Licence Agreement with DCC. Our Development Department have been instructed to initiate the disposal process with WALK.

The removal of the Japanese Knotweed forms part of the preferred contractor's tender submission and pending DHPLG approval, and the appointment of the successful Contractor, it may be appropriate to provide more information around the proposal in place to remove the Japanese Knotweed.

### **Q.52 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive what has caused a delay in the Housing Maintenance Department in addressing an issue first raised by me on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 with regards dampness in the home of (**details supplied**) due to structural and drainage issues in St. Michan's House and what is the proposed plan of action to address these problems.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance has carried out works to the external walls in this complex such as filling all cracks/plaster. This work was carried out to the external wall of this dwelling. Residual issues are currently being investigated such as the need for ventilation units in some flats. This flat is included in these works.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of an expression of interest submitted by residents of **(details supplied)** for the provision of a Bicycle Hanger system similar to that which I raised through a Council Question at the October City Council meeting.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment and Transportation Dept. has no plans for a Bicycle Hangar Scheme. In 2014/2015, Dublin City Council's City Architects Division, trialed a Bicycle Hangar Scheme on John Dillon Street, Dublin 8, and may have plans that are relevant to Cllr. McAdam's enquiry. Details of the pilot scheme can be found in the following link: <https://dubcitybeta.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/beta-project-report-card-public-full-bike-hangar-version-1-1.pdf>

The residential bike hangar Beta Project was trialed for 5 months in 2015. (See <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/residential-bike-hangars>.)

The DCC Beta concept was reactivated in September 2017, and our plan is to now review this project to explore whether the concept would benefit from further exploration, discussion, or testing, or whether it is ready to proceed to a more advanced stage. This will take place in the coming couple of months, and we will update the Councillor as soon as the review is complete.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the proposed Liffey Cycle Route, the review being undertaken by the National Transport Authority and when a report will be issued on foot of that review and how does the Chief Executive envisage advancing the project following the completion of that review.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The NTA has commissioned a consultant to review proposals for the Liffey Cycle Route. It is anticipated that this review will be completed in April 2018. It is the intention to proceed with the scheme as soon as the option selection process is concluded.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the feasibility of opening a new pedestrian / cycle access route to the royal canal from East Wall.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Detailed cycle route proposals for the "Grand Canal and S2S Docklands Premium Cycle Routes" were presented to elected members in 2010. Details relating to the S2S Docklands cycle route included:

1. The construction of 1156 metres of two way cycle track adjacent to the Royal Canal from Samuel Becket Bridge to Ossory Road

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2. The construction of a single span pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Royal Canal directly adjacent to the existing Iarnród Éireann bridge at Ossory Road
3. The construction of 580 metres of cycleway from West Road to East Wall Road
4. The construction of a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Tolka River at East Wall Road / West Road into Fairview Park, linking with the existing cycle route on Alfie Byrne Road.

The Environment and Transportation Dept. were not successful in obtaining full council support for Part 8 proposals for items 3 and 4 above. The scheme therefore did not progress to construction.

At present, the Environment and Transportation Department has no plans to examine the feasibility of opening a new pedestrian/cycle route to the Royal Canal from East Wall.

### **Q.56 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC have made any effort to get the SEAI Warmth and Well-being Scheme extend to include DCC tenants who live in apartments and flats. At the moment they are excluded. We have tenants who have been passed for the scheme and in need of this upgrade but can't avail of it. If the Council have not pursued this could they. We have tenants who need these upgrades urgently due to poor health.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Warmth and Wellbeing scheme is managed by SEAI in conjunction with the HSE. Dublin City Council engaged with both the SEAI and the HSE to seek inclusion of our tenants in the scheme who meet the required criteria so they could avail and benefit from the scheme. To date we estimate approximately 100 tenants have availed of the scheme and have had their properties upgraded or are due to have their properties upgraded imminently. The scheme is currently only available to people living in houses. Eligibility for the scheme is set by the HSE and SEAI and is outside the control of Dublin City Council. The rationale being that flats and apartments have complex structural designs and fire certificate issues for example which would prohibit these works. Energy upgrade works would only be appropriate in these cases as "a whole building solution". There are approximately 50 people identified by SEAI and the HSE as meeting the criteria for the Warmth and Well Being Scheme but cannot get upgrade carried out as they live in Flats or Apartment complexes. Consequently, Dublin City Council have contacted SEAI about these cases, and are planning to meet in February to discuss possible measures Dublin City Council may be able to provide to give some helpful measures to assist these eligible residents.

### **Q.57 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why it is taking so long for the Law Department to finalise the transfer of ownership of **(Details Supplied)** from Fáilte Ireland to DCC. This process commenced on foot of a proposal by me to the June 2016 Arts SPC. At the September SPC it was agreed that Architectural work could commence, now we were told at the 22nd January SPC that the Lease negotiations are not completed. It's hard to understand that over one and a half years later, two public bodies could take so long to transfer the ownership of this house. It's a serious loss to Dublin that this house has been closed up for so long. Would the Chief Executive please state what action he will take to accelerate the process.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Officials in Community, Recreation and Economic Services (CRES), City Architects, and the Law Department have been working to finalise the transfer of ownership of the lease from the National Tourism Development Authority to Dublin City Council. CRES has issued a formal request to Planning & Property Development to acquire the lease and negotiations have been opened. As previously reported, City Architects have completed a feasibility study and CRES has requested City Architects to proceed with the next phase of the project, which is to commission investigative works and draft tender documents.

- Q.58 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.59 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.60 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.61 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR 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.67 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.68 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.69 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Verville Retreat on Vernon Avenue Dublin 3, MKN property group have applied for planning permission (2038/18). The planning enforcement section had instructed court proceeding in relation to this property/site in 2016, is the court case still pending. Can the developer apply for planning permission if the case is unresolved. Was the land owned by the same developer in 2016?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Further to Court Proceedings being initiated in respect of non compliance with the requirements of an endangerment notice the owners made contact with DCC and gave an undertaking that the works required under the Endangerment Notice would be carried out. Compliance was confirmed by the Planning Officer assigned to investigate endangered structures on 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2017.

The Endangerment Notice required the following:

- 1. To inspect and review all window and door openings to ensure that they are boarded up, including those of the glass conservatory.**

All windows have now been secured - hoarding had been removed to facilitate the site being viewed (during sale period).

- 2. To secure the southern boundary of the property from trespass using fencing and/or hoarding above the height of the existing boundary wall; i.e. the boundary wall abutting the open space to Grosvenor Court, including at the corner to the rear and east of the boundary with No. 16 Grosvenor Court.**

The site had been secured along the southern boundary with temporary fencing.

- 3. Inspect all CCTV security equipment and sensors and ensure all are in proper working order, situated in appropriate positions to detect trespass (including from the south via the boundary wall to Grosvenor Court) and at sufficient height to avoid vandalism.**



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A Security Company has been retained to carry out the requirements set out above. They enclosed a report from the security company dated 20 February 2017 which confirms that the CCTV security equipment and sensors are all in proper working order.

- 4. Inspect roof and carry out repairs where required including the reinstatement of broken/missing flashing, repair of ridge tiles, roof timbers, roof lights (including dormer roof lights) and valleys.**

Roof inspection has been carried out, it is in good repair, the windows have been secured and the valleys have been cleared.

- 5. Inspect and carefully clear all gutters, valleys, storm water outlets, and stormwater down-pipes. Where required, carry out conservation repairs to all damaged/missing flashing, storm water outlets, gutters and storm water down-pipes, ensuring that all storm water discharges from the building.**

Inspection of all gutters and valleys has been carried out and storm drains have been cleared of leaves and debris.

- 6. Carefully clear vegetation and rubbish surrounding the house, the steps and the basement areas to ensure no damage is caused to historic fabric. This should be carried out in a careful manner. Where ivy is present on the walls of the Protected Structure, it should be carefully trimmed back flush to the wall, the roots should be cut at the base and the stumps injected with herbicide.**

All vegetation has been carefully cleared back. Ivy has been treated at the roots level and cut at the base. This was being undertaken as I was present.

- 7. Check all drains to ensure that the surface water can drain away.**

All drains were checked and have been cleared.

As the property was no longer considered to be endangered the file on the matter was closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. The owner of the property now does not appear to be the same owner as in 2016.

### **Q.70 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that planning permission was granted for **(details supplied)** this is a 2 story extension which has commenced building and include a side window upstairs which is causing problems for neighbours.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Condition 4 of the permission issued states that the window serving the en-suite bedroom no.3 on the side elevation at first floor level of the proposed extension shall be permanently glazed with obscure glass.

### **Q.71 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.72 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.73** **COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive (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 if any discussions have taken place between DCC (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.75** **COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive the progress or stage of TAG at the residents request for Pay and display at (details supplied)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A map outlining a proposed Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme for (details supplied) is being prepared by the Area Traffic Engineer at present. Following submission of a recommendation to the Traffic Advisory Group and noting by the Area Committee, a ballot of the residents concerned will be carried out in due course.

**Q.76** **COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the requested report (details supplied) is finished or has it even started.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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

To ask the Chief Executive how much undeveloped land, in hectares, the Dublin City Council owns and to provide a breakdown by zoning type again in hectares.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This information is currently being compiled and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

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

To ask the Chief Executive to summarise the history of the various income threshold and other eligibility criteria for applying for council housing in Dublin City Council since the formation of the state.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current income thresholds for the Dublin City Council Housing List are listed below. More detailed guidance on exemptions and how income is calculated can be accessed by downloading the Household Means Policy from the following link to the Department of Housing website.

<http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/migrated-files/en/Publications/DevelopmentandHousing/Housing/FileDownload%2C29413%2Gen.pdf>

Dublin City Council does not have records of income threshold and other eligibility criteria since the formation of the state.

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Single adult		€35,000
2 No Children	Adults	€36,750
1 1 Child	Adult	€35,875
1 2 Children	Adult	€36,750
2 1 Child	Adults	€37,625
2 2 Children	Adults	€38,500
2 3 Children	Adults	€39,375
2 4 Or More Children	Adults	€40,250
3 4 Or More Children	Adults	€42,000

ered for an offer of accommodation from the City Council an applicant must be both eligible for social housing support and in need of such accommodation. If a household does not meet the eligibility criteria, then the assessment ceases at that point.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. Income: The applicant's income must not exceed the thresholds prescribed in the Household Means Policy.
2. Residency (if relevant): The right of non-Irish nationals to qualify for social housing support must meet the criteria set out in Housing Circular 21/2012.
3. Alternative Accommodation (if relevant): The household must, in the opinion of the Council, have no alternative accommodation available it. (Social Housing (Assessment) Regulations 2011. Regulation 22 of S.I. 84/2011, as amended by S.I. No 136/2011 and S.I. 321/2011.)
4. Support Previously Provided (if relevant): In determining the most appropriate form of social housing support for a qualified household, a housing authority shall not consider the provision of specified social housing supports (local authority/RAS/Incremental purchase) for a household that was previously a tenant of a dwelling or a site provided by a housing authority and incurred arrears of rent for an accumulated period of 12 weeks or more in any period of 3 years, and which arrears have not been paid, and the household has not entered into an arrangement with the housing authority for the payment of such arrears or, has not substantially complied with the terms of the arrears agreement. (S.I. 321/2011).

### **Q.79 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Aramark have any contracts with Dublin City Council and if so to list them.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Aramark have the following contracts with Dublin City Council:-

- Staff Restaurant :- Civic Offices, Wood Quay
- Staff Restaurant:- Motor Tax Office Smithfield
- Staff Restaurant:- Dublin Fire Brigade, The O' Brien Institute Training Facility Marino.

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### **Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding his answer to my question no. 42 at the January meeting if he can comment on the response below from a representative to the Barista in question (**details supplied**)

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.81 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of all correspondence sent and received regarding the Iveagh Markets since it was announced that Dublin City Council would take over the markets due to the delays with the prospective developer proceeding with his plans.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Copies of relevant correspondence will issue to the councillor directly.

### **Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive is he aware that the "J Demsey" shopfront a structure of special architectural and artistic interest, appears to have been removed at 54 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1, and can he ensure that he prioritise the placing of structures deemed of regional importance or higher on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage are placed on the list of Protected Structures in the City Development Plan. Can he state what action he has taken in regard to the site in question, and in his answer can he give details on the staff resourcing available to assess such structures and give details of any outsourcing of such services.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning Department is aware that the shopfront had been repainted last year and the name on the fascia painted over. There is no information on file to indicate that the shopfront has been removed.

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has been undertaking a survey of Dublin City for the purposes of Section 53(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The survey forms part of a national survey of post-1700 built heritage, involving the recording of structures according to specific criteria within the area of a planning authority, upon which recommendations are made by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for inclusion to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS); including structures additional to the existing RPS.

Section 53(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides that a planning authority shall have regard to any recommendations made to it by the Minister. Furthermore, a planning authority must provide reasons to the Minister where it has considered the recommendation and decides not to comply with same. Accordingly, consideration must be given to the Minister's recommendation, whether it is proposed to include the recommended structure on the RPS or not.

The NIAH Dublin City survey commenced in 2011 and is being undertaken on a phased basis in 5 stages, which are likely to be completed by the end of 2018, with recommendations published in later this year and next (except the south suburbs where there is no indication of any survey commencing).

Stage 1 of the survey of Dublin 1 and parts of Dublin 7 were undertaken by the NIAH in 2011 and 2012. The Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (at that time)

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subsequently recommended the inclusion of 1,680 structures to the RPS for Dublin City on the 4th June 2014, of which 494 were net additions to the then existing RPS for Dublin City. 54 Lower Dorset Street was included in the NIAH list of recommendations due to its shopfront. The report also noted that the roof has partly collapsed.

The resources available to the Conservation, Archaeology & Heritage Section for additions to (and deletions from) the RPS, comprises one full-time and one part-time Conservation Research Officers; whose duties mainly involve Section 5 Declaration (assessment of exempted development relating to protected structures), Section 57 Declaration general conservation advice and management, supervision and implementation of the (now) annual Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Structures-at-Risk Fund. A number of RPS requests and S57 declarations requests are outsourced in order to manage the workload, and this is managed within the Planning & Property Development department.

### **Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with any details of the Pilot vacancy study of residential units that was being carried out by the Planning and Development Department in conjunction with the Central Statistics Office. In particular I would be interested in obtaining the Terms of Reference and the Conclusions.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Correspondence regarding early actions on vacant homes was issued to DCC CE by Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr Eoghan Murphy T.D. in August of 2017. This correspondence stressed the need to undertake early action at the local level to provide an accurate and up-to-date picture on the scale of residential vacancy in DCC and to do so within the context of the finalization of the Department's Vacant Homes Strategy (forthcoming).

In response, a Vacant Housing Officer is in place, the Repair & Leasing Scheme and Buy & Renew schemes implemented. The Housing & Planning Departments are working on active land management plan to return housing, buildings, sites to active use. A pilot residential vacancy study was undertaken by the Housing and Community Services department.

The study involved (a) design and delivery of street-level survey of residential dwellings in selected Electoral Divisions where high rates of vacancy were reported, and (b) engagement with key stakeholders on the definition of residential vacancy and its measurement.

Development and fieldwork for the study was conducted in Q3 and Q4 of 2017 and analysis of the results is underway since January 2018. A full report is currently being drafted.

An executive summary of study's preliminary findings and conclusions will be presented to the DCC Housing SPC on Thursday February 8th. In parallel, the Department of Housing is convening a Working Group from February to focus on issues of definitions, methodologies and other matters related to vacancy.

### **Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the details of his plans for a 'Super Depot' that would consolidate many Council services in one location.

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### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Depot Consolidation Project involves the rationalisation of existing depots into 2 main locations servicing the City, providing greatly enhanced staff facilities, achieving efficiencies through sharing of facilities and enabling the release of existing depot lands for more appropriate uses.

The proposal is to develop a North City Operations Depot at St Margaret's Road, Ballymun and a South City/City Centre Operations Depot at a location in the south of the City. Marrowbone Lane was originally identified as the optimum location for South City Operations.

There are many benefits to the consolidation of depots including:

- Purpose built facility with the appropriate facilities for staff. Conditions in a number of existing depots are poor and require upgrading and investment.
- Efficiencies associated with sharing stores, administration and resources
- Reduction in operational costs
- Improved health & safety compliance
- Better co-ordination & access to staff in emergency situations
- Release of sites for more appropriate uses that are consistent with their land use zonings
- Community benefits by locating facilities in more appropriate sites
- Improved service delivery models to take advantage of developments in technology
- Opportunity to provide community gain at the locations selected.

An Integrated Design Team was appointed to develop the design of the North City Operations Depot on 6th April, 2017. The Team is working with the Operations Departments in defining their space and operational requirements and developing the detailed design of the depot facility.

The North City Operations Depot will incorporate Waste Management, Housing, Public Lighting, Traffic, Surface Water Maintenance and Roads Maintenance operations. The consolidated depot will operate on a shared basis with shared stores, staff and welfare facilities, parking, workshops, fleet management and office accommodation.

Community consultations have been held with local stakeholders including the neighbouring residents of Carton and St Margaret's Halting Site, IKEA and the Ballymun Industrial Estate.

Planning permission for the overall project was granted by Fingal County Council on 11th January 2018. The decision is subject to a 4 week period to allow those who made submissions / observations to appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanála.

Further information regarding the planning application / decision can be found at: <http://www.fingal.ie/planning-and-buildings/apply-or-search-for-a-planning-application/search-planning-applications-online/searchplanningapplicationsonline/>  
Planning Reference: F17A / 0686

### **Q.85 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive, the following matters with regard to the area of Merrion:

In summer 2017 it was announced that water on Sandymount Strand was not safe for bathing, but Merrion Strand was. Could the Council state where exactly is the

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border/boundary between Sandymount Strand and Merrion Strand and where exactly is the official boundary between Sandymount and Merrion.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no physical boundary separating the bathing waters along Sandymount Strand and Merrion Strand, however, the boundary between them is deemed to be located at the end of the Strand Road Promenade. This is located around 50m south of the Strand Road / St. Alban's Park junction (heading towards Merrion Gates).

Dublin City Council has not defined the boundaries of city suburbs and has not taken on this function, so no official boundary exists between Sandymount and Merrion.

### **Q.86 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

At the October 2017 City Council meeting I submitted the following question and received the following reply [Details supplied]. As is apparent from my question in October, this matter was first raised by way of question at the January 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It was then raised again by way of question at the June 2017 SEAC meeting. I then raised a question at the October 2017 City Council meeting (which sets out the full history). Now, in February 2018, over a year after the first inspection in January 2017, no remedial works have taken place. As a matter of urgency I request that (a) the Chief Executive provide a full chronology of events as to what has happened in respect of this property between January 2017 to February 2018, to include furnishing me with correspondence between the Council and the owner in particular the owner's response to the Council's request after the October 2017 DCC meeting (which request is referred to in the answer to my question in October 2017) to submit details of the proposed improvement works, specifying the timeframe for commencement and completion and a copy of the Council's request in October 2017, and (b) the Council to immediately initiate formal action under the Derelict Sites legislation: **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As outlined in reply to Q81 to the City Council on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the Councillor was informed that the owner is liaising with the Derelict Sites Section and that work is to commence in January. We have received an e-mail from the owner confirming that a Building Contractor has been engaged and that work is due to commence on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. This site will be inspected in the first week in February and if works has not commenced, then formal action will be taken under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

### **Q.87 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

At the November 2017 City Council meeting I submitted the following question and received the following reply [**Details supplied 1**]. Within the past 6 weeks, I have received many representations from neighbours in respect of the property at issue. I have included at [**Details supplied 2**] extracts from three such emails (I have received many more) received from residents of three different neighbouring properties. To ask the Chief Executive (a) for a full update on the state of the legal proceedings since November 2017, (b) to ensure that these proceedings are pursued as expeditiously as possible, taking all necessary steps to resolve this problem of the state of this property without any further delay, and (c) to act immediately to address the Japanese knotweed problem as identified in the emails at Details supplied 2.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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**Q.88 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface Waterloo Lane, which is in urgent need of resurfacing, in early course and to outline a timetable as to when this will take place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waterloo Lane is not part of Road Maintenance Services' 2018 Major Works Programme. The lane will be logged in our Asset Management System for local repairs to be carried out.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the **(detail supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can I receive an update on the **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can I receive an update on the **(detail supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can you confirm **(detail supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive have the Carillion group (recently collapsed company involved in state PPP projects) any involvement in any Council PPP schemes.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Carillion Group are not a member of any of the three consortia, which were pre-qualified to progress to stage 2, the dialogue phase of the Social Housing PPP programme.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive that he examines the feasibility of roundabout sponsorship to fund upgrade works need at McKee Avenue roundabout and the Jamestown road Roundabout. Sponsorship on main N2 roundabout could be considered also. See image attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment & Transportation Department is not in favour of erecting advertising on roundabouts on safety grounds as it could cause a distraction for road users.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a comprehensive report on the waste services still operated by Dublin City Council. Report to include all waste



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collected and disposed of by Dublin City Council, how and where said waste is disposed, and the costs involved.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report will issue directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

### **Q.96 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please have the following case looked into **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.97 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the following **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.98 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me a full report on the endangerment notice served on the Kilmainham Mills 8, can we find out who the new owners are & can we go ahead and do the works to secure the building and levy this against the owners.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Section 59 Endangerment Notice was served on the registered owner and occupier of Kilmainham Mills on 12/10/17. This notice was to be complied with on or before November 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. No communication has been received and no works were carried out on the property.

Since the owner and occupier have failed to comply with the Section 59 Notice it has been recommended that Court proceedings are issued under Section 63 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). We are currently awaiting a Court Date. We understand that the new owners are Cerberus Capital Management and they have appointed Grant Thornton as Receiver.

### **Q.99 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC please arrange that the Lamp standing outside the Church of the Assumption Ballyfermot / Kylemore Road be replaced as soon as possible it was removed a couple of weeks before Christmas.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The column in question will be replaced in the next few weeks.

### **Q.100 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to why **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.101 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to the functioning of the HAP Transfer list within the context of DCC allocation process

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Allocations has contacted Councillor Gilliland in relation to the query. Applicants who had a homeless priority on the housing list have been placed in Band 1 - Transfer HAP. It should be noted that positions on the transfer list are subject to movement when applicants of longer standing on the housing list take up Housing Assistance Payment. Please contact Housing Allocations if there are any further queries.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to public lighting columns at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to install a brighter bulbs/lights as a constituent complains that the light is currently projecting light out onto the roadway only, as opposed to onto the footpath and the roadway, which was the case prior to the installation of the new lighting columns/LED Bulbs and why the original lighting columns were replaced in the first instance as constituent feels the older columns were not in need of replacement:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)** were replaced on safety grounds as they were at the end of their life and were in a very poor condition. As part of this column replacement, the lights were also changed to LED.

The new LED lights are more efficient than the old lights as they consume less energy and they direct more of the light onto the roadways and footpaths where it is

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required. There is also less spill light and light pollution from the LED lights to the areas surrounding the road and footpaths, e.g. front gardens etc, and this has the effect of making these areas appear dim when compared to the old lights.

By using energy efficient LED light sources in public lighting installations, Dublin City Council is reducing its energy consumption and its carbon emissions footprint, and this will also assist the council in meeting its obligation under the European 2020 carbon reduction targets.

The lighting levels from the new LED installation on the roadway and footpaths are considered to be to an acceptable standard and there are no plans to make any further changes to the lighting installation here.

### **Q.108 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to road **(details supplied)** which is being used by motorists to take a right hand turn which is prohibited and say what action can be taken by Dublin City Council to prevent the continued breach of the right hand turn ban. If he can examine the traffic situation on road as per attached and say what measures if any, can be introduced to ease the hazards being experienced by pedestrians due to the road being used as a rat-run

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.109 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to park at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange for same to be cleared of rubbish as local resident complains that the park area is filthy and in urgent need of cleansing and removal of rubbish/litter.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area was cleaned last week.

### **Q.110 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to details attached and say if he can arrange for Replacement of public litter bin at details (a) as requested by local resident  
Cleansing/removal of ivy from small wall at details (b) as requested by local resident  
**(details supplied)**

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The litter bin at **(details supplied)** has been replaced. A number of attempts have been made to contact the complainant in this case to establish the precise location of the ivy. The Parks Service will continue to try to make contact with the resident and will arrange for the ivy to be cut back as soon as the locus can be identified.

### **Q.111 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive in reference to the Causeway Geotech site survey has their report pointed to any issues on land of the proposed new depot at site at St Margaret.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Causeway Geotech carried out site investigation works and no issues were reported on the findings. The Environmental Considerations report details the results of the site investigation and was submitted as part of the Planning Application to Fingal.

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See : <http://documents.fingalcoco.ie/NorthgatePublicDocs/00574345.pdf>

### **Q.112 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive has an Environmental Health and Safety assessment been carried out on the impact of traffic increase and potentially or possible hazards from air or water pollution from the proposed new depot site in St Margaret's. To date I've seen no report. Have the EPA been informed also?

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Environmental Considerations Report was submitted as part of the planning application to Fingal County Council. This report considered impacts on archaeology, architecture and cultural heritage, potential noise and vibration impacts both in the short term during construction and longer term impacts when operational. The report also deals with air quality and climate impacts, water (surface water and groundwater), soils and geology. A full copy of the report is available online - planning reference is F17A/0686.

<http://www.fingal.ie/planning-and-buildings/apply-or-search-for-a-planning-application/search-planning-applications-online/searchplanningapplicationsonline/>

We are currently in discussions with the EPA regarding the application for waste licences for the North City Operations Depot and the Civic Amenity site. A pre-application meeting was held with the EPA on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

### **Q.113 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive have entrance and exit locations for new planned depot been agreed with planners and the Transport Authority. What and where are these finalised entrances and exits.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Notification of decision to grant planning permission was received from Fingal County Council on 11th January, 2018 (Planning Ref No. F17A/0686). The permitted entrance and exit locations, were discussed with the planning authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland at pre-planning stage, and are shown on the drawing below:

The design of the Depot takes cognisance of the site specific requirements such as the large number of fleet vehicles onsite and the potential associated safety implications. The design has segregated the movements of vehicles as follows below:

- Staff Vehicles
- Fleet Vehicles
- Civic Amenity vehicles

Entrance from East (St Margaret's Road)  
Staff Vehicles will access and egress the site through Junction 7 – the proposed 3 arm signalised junction of St Margaret's Road/ Operations Depot Eastern Entrance.

#### Entrance from North (opposite IKEA)

Fleet Vehicles will access and egress the site through Junction 2 – the existing 3 arm signalised junction of St Margaret's Road/IKEA Main Entrance junction, which is to be upgraded to a 4 arm signalised junction for access to the operations depot.

Entrance Via Civic Amenity Site (West)  
Vehicle access to the civic amenity section of the site will be through Junction 8 – a proposed 3 arm priority junction located along the R104.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Access Points

There are a number of pedestrian and cycle access points into the proposed development; these are highlighted by the green and blue arrows in the diagram below. Pedestrians accessing the depot building will do so through the proposed Junction 7 to the east of the site. Pedestrians can also access the depot buildings, workshops and stores through Junction 2. Pedestrian access to and from the Civic Amenity Site is through the proposed Junction 8 to the west of the site.

Employee cyclists accessing the depot building will access via the eastern gate with a dedicated route to the covered cycle parking areas. The cyclist access at Junction 7 will be for visitors to the site and directed towards the office buildings public entrance and adjacent covered cycle stands.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive about the open space between **(details supplied)** has been subject to ongoing severe antisocial behaviour for about a year. Because there are three ways in and out, it makes it very difficult to police the area. In conjunction with the local residents, can the Council look at the options for restricting access to the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I have met with some residents and Councillor Andrew Montague in relation to this issue.

1). Green area water logged: I have spoken to waste water section who have examined this and have told me this is not a burst water main. Park sections are going to put top soil on this green space to elevate the poor condition of the Green Space.

2). There are 3 entrances and exits within the estate that we are looking at closing off. We are in discussions with the residents and the Gardaí about two of the entrances.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council fix the light at the back of 2 Shangan Gardens, it is light No. 7.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The light in question was repaired on the 24/01/2018 and all lights on this road are currently operating.

**Q.117 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.118 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that a comprehensive and relevant reply is issued in response to the following. In relation to the Family Hubs can the Chief Executive provide details of the following?

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- a) The number of families who have used any of the facilities.
- b) The number of families who have moved on from the hubs and their length of stay.
- c) The destination of each family who have moved on.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) The number of families who have used any of the facilities.  
 The majority of Family Hubs opened in quarter three and quarter four, 2017, therefore the table below refers to processed data for the last six months of the year. There were 500 families accommodated in Hubs in the period July – December 2017.

<b>Total Families accommodated in Hubs in the last six months of 2017:</b>	
<b>July - December 2017</b>	
<b>Household Type</b>	<b>Total Families</b>
Single Parents	291
Couples	209
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>

b) The number of families who have moved on from the hubs and their length of stay. There were a total of 112 families that moved from hubs to tenancies. Due to the voluminous nature of this task, it is not possible to provide information of the length of stay, at this time. However, once compiled the data will be forwarded to Cllr Perry.

<b>Families moving from Hubs to tenancy in the last six months of 2017: July - December 2017</b>			
<b>Tenancy Type</b>	<b>Single Parents</b>	<b>Couples</b>	<b>Total Families</b>
HAP	35	13	48
Local Authority: Rapid Build	13	9	22
Approved Housing Body	13	10	23
Housing Agency Acquisition	2	0	2
Local Authority Housing	9	7	16
Local Authority Leasing	1	0	1
<b>Total Moves from Hubs to Tenancy</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>112</b>

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- c) The destination of each family who have moved on.  
112 families departed hubs to the tenancy types indicated in the table below.

<b>Families moving from Hubs to tenancy in the last six months of 2017: July - December 2017</b>			
Tenancy Type	Lone Parents	Couples	Total Families
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**Q.119 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of drug free beds available within homeless services and their locations.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In principle all emergency beds are drug-free in the sense that drug use on the premises is illegal. In reality, much like in the rest of society it is not possible to stop drug use by virtue of it being illegal or unauthorised.

It is not possible for homeless services to discriminate against drug-users when providing emergency accommodation and therefore all services are expected to manage an individual's presenting needs, whatever they may be.

There are a small number of facilities such as Temporary Emergency Accommodation in Amiens St. who only provide accommodation for stable and motivated people looking to move out of homelessness into private rental as quickly as possible. Within the other Supported Temporary Accommodation services, some operators have floors where they accommodate stable, drug-free clients together. The assessment officer in the Central Placement Service tries to facilitate people according to their presenting needs and match to the best available accommodation.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide copies of any communications between Dublin City Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland/National Transport Authority/Dept of Transport in relation to the provision of a park & ride facility at Broombridge and Shandon LUAS stations?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

To my knowledge there have been no discussions or correspondence on this matter between DCC and any of the agencies mentioned. The issue was looked at by TII but the local constraints meant that no further investigations took place.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the provisional timelines for the remaining phases of the Royal Canal cycleway and the current status of the funding request for each phase.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Phase 2 – The construction tender has been issued to contractors and tenders are due in March. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q3 2018 subject to CIE, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland licences.

Phase 3 – The construction tender is currently being finalised and it is intended to go for tender in Q2 of 2018. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q3 2018 subject to CIE, Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland licences.

Phase 4 – The NTA have approved the commencement of the detailed design of Phase 4 of the scheme and tender documentation for the appointment of a design consultant is currently in preparation. It is envisaged that the appointment of a consultant will be completed by the end of Q1 and that detailed design and construction tender preparation will follow and be completed by Q2 of 2019.

We will receive notification of NTA funding for 2018 within the next 5 working days, but we are hopeful that we will receive funding for all three phases in 2018 such that will allow the schemes to develop and advance as planned.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.



**Q.126 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive which sites in the city have been identified as potentially suitable for the construction of a purpose built artists residence and studios.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A committee involving Dublin City Council and representatives of the Arts Council and the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht has been established to consider the deficit in artists workspaces. One of the remits of the committee is to consider potentially suitable sites as artists workspaces and a number of sites are being considered with a view to carrying out feasibility studies. This process is in train and we will have a list of potential sites by the end of March. As you are aware any disposal of lands for artists workshops/workspace is a reserved function of the City Council.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a full list (to include location and size) of all undeveloped and un-zoned sites owned by Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Information being compiled and report will issue directly to Councillor.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report of how many sites (including location) have been placed on the vacant sites register to date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 86 sites entered onto the Vacant Sites Register (26<sup>th</sup> January 2018). Location of all sites can be found by following this link:  
<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/Planning/Documents/VacantSitesRegister.pdf>

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in regard to Planning Enforcement what procedure is followed in cases of Protected Structures, and what building conservation expertise the Planning Enforcement section employs to deal with such cases, and to make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Enforcement procedures relating to protected structures are taken pursuant to Section 59 and Sections 151 to 163 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). There is a Senior Planner in the Planning Department who heads up and manages the conservation section which includes dealing with endangerment of protected structures. The planning enforcement section deal with general complaints relating to alleged unauthorised works carried out to protected structures. Warning letters, enforcement notices or endangerment notices are issued as appropriate where it comes to the attention of Dublin City Council that unauthorised development is being carried out at a protected structure. Legal action is taken in cases where enforcement or endangerment notices are not complied with. The Planning Enforcement Section liaise with the Conservation Section on any complex matters relating to protected structures.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in regard to Planning Enforcement how many cases are successfully resolved by the use of a Warning Letter and to outline how he

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defines success in this instance as it appears that the number of Warning Letters greatly exceeds the amount of Enforcement Notices issued.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) there is a general requirement to issue a Warning Letter under Section 152 on the owner/occupier of the property that is the subject of any complaint relating to unauthorised development. The owner/occupier is given a four week period to respond to the letter. Following the expiration of this period an inspection is carried out by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area. Where there is no unauthorised development in situ at the time of the inspection, the file on the matter is closed and is considered resolved. If the matter is not planning compliant at the time of the inspection the owner/occupier of the property concerned may give an undertaking to take steps to remove or cease the unauthorised development within a reasonable timeframe or have already lodged an application to retain the unauthorised development/use. It is at the discretion of the Planning Enforcement Section as to whether or not to give time to allow for a resolution of the matter in such circumstances. The alternative is to issue an Enforcement Notice which is a statutory notice requiring that steps be carried out within a required timeframe, as specified in the notice the carrying out of these steps will result in the unauthorised development being planning compliant. It is generally one case in four that requires a notice to be served. I am happy to discuss planning enforcement procedures with the Councillor directly if he wishes to meet or telephone me at any time.

### **Q.131 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of dog fouling fines issued in 2016 and 2017, and the numbers of these fines paid.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2016 82 fines were issued under section 22 of the litter pollution act in respect of dog fouling offences of these 50 have been paid. In 2017 22 fines were issued under section 22 of the litter pollution act in respect of dog fouling offences of these 18 have been paid.

### **Q.132 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.133 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.134 COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**

To ask the Chief Executive as a matter of urgency will DCC **(details supplied)**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive why Bank of Ireland in College Green have been given an exemption for customers to drive through the proposed College Green Plaza into the

front car park of the Bank, particularly when the issue of security is not an issue as the Bank has vehicle access for cash in transit vehicles and customer cars to its car park at the rear of the building via Foster Place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no question of any exemption having been allowed in respect of the Bank of Ireland. The design proposal for College Green simply takes account of the existing arrangements at College Green whereby the Bank of Ireland have vehicular access to their forecourt. It is understood that access to the rear of the bank at Foster Place is restricted to cash in transit vehicles. Discussions have taken place with the bank authorities in the context of the development of the Civic Space and ways in which the use and management of the space could be enhanced. Further discussions are planned with the bank authorities in order to develop suggestions in this regard.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive what additional safeguards will be put in place for people with disabilities, who are currently feeling very vulnerable given new and complex traffic management solutions within the City e.g. College Green, Luas lines, Cycle ways, etc. An example of this is that colour and texture changes on roads and paths is not effective for people with visual impairment difficulties. Kerbs or possibly some technology solutions need to be considered.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council, NTA and T.I.I. use best practice in relation to the design of Roads and Traffic management projects. The City Council, along with the NTA is monitoring closely the operation of the traffic management measures introduced to facilitate the introduction of LUAS at College Green etc. The Council will take additional actions where issues arise with regard to road users safety including disabled persons cyclists etc.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider putting together a multi stakeholder working group to address the proliferation of illegal graffiti (as distinct from street art) on public, private and business properties across the City. While acknowledging the joint Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána campaign of 'Think Don't Tag' for very young children last year, the success or failure of this campaign will not be seen for some years. Focus needs to move to the problem as it currently presents - widespread, costly, unsightly and unchecked. A mix of enforcement, education and innovative approaches need to be explored.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is proposed to establish a working group comprising of the relevant stakeholders to examine the outcomes of the recent graffiti initiatives undertaken by Dublin City Council and develop actions to be implemented as part of stated objectives for inclusion in the litter management plan 2019 – 2021 which is due to be drafted in the coming year.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.141 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**  
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.142 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to undertake the following works in our tenants home (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.143 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to undertake the following works in our tenants home (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This dwelling was inspected. There is evidence of mould/condensation. This dwelling, solid wall built, will be included in Phase 2 of our Insulation Programme which is scheduled to commence February of this year. The current boiler is in good working condition and adequate to heat the radiators in the dwelling. The dry-lining installed in the bedroom will be checked in relation to the requirement for painting.

- Q.144 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to undertake the following works in our tenants home (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The door of this dwelling has been inspected. It is the correct fit. A fixed weather board is fitted to the door to prevent draughts or rain ingress. The bath does not require further sealant. Phase 2 of our Insulation programme scheduled to commence Q.1 of this year will focus on houses suitable. This unit is part of a flat complex. Flat complexes have complex structural designs and will require a mix of insulation works. Energy upgrade works for flat complexes will only be carried out as a whole building solution. No timeframe can be given for commencement of an insulation programme for flat complexes at this stage. Housing Maintenance will have this flat inspected again in relation to this report of further dampness.

- Q.145 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**  
To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to undertake the following works in our tenants home (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance has no record of ordering a new back door for this dwelling. An inspection of this door will be carried out to determine if a replacement door is required.

**Q.146 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that Dublin City Council place the relevant no parking signs on the side entrance to 66 La Touche Road, Blue Bell. The tenant needs to use this entrance to drive his elderly partner to and from the house. There's a sign on the side door but nothing on the path which means people park in front of the entrance and block them on a daily basis.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not the policy of the City Council to introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under existing legislation. Under current Road Traffic Regulations, a vehicle shall not be parked in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises. Instances of illegal parking can be reported directly to Dublin Street Parking Services on 6022500, or to the local Garda Station.

**Q.147 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive can I request a detailed update on the proposal for a Primary Health Care Centre in Drimnagh. What was the history with this proposal and why has it been stopped.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Permission was granted by an Bord Pleanála in November 2014 for the demolition of existing Health Centre, Mother McCauley and Alzheimer Centre and the construction of a new Primary Care Centre, new Community Centre and new Alzheimer Day Care Centre.

I have received the following information from the HSE:

The primary care needs of the area will be met by a number of new centres; the Primary Care Centre on Armagh Road which is due to open in early 2018 and the new Rialto Primary Care Centre which will be operational in Q2 2019. In addition to these two new Primary Care Centres, Old County Road Health Centre and Limekiln Health Centre will be retained as satellites units to the Primary Care Centres.

In 2018, the HSE will be reviewing health services and requirements for the area. As part of this review, they will be assessing the site on Curlew Road with a view to progressing a project for a mix of health services at this site in 2019.

The Councillor should contact the HSE directly for any further information in relation to this project.

**Q.148 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if the new Government housing loan scheme for first time buyers is the scheme that will be applied to the 900 social and affordable homes allocated in the Poolbeg SDZ, and if not, is he aware of when such an affordable scheme will be announced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan will be available to eligible applicants to purchase new or second-hand properties or to build their own home. Up to 90% of the market value of the property can be borrowed subject to a maximum market value of

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€320,000 in Dublin. The maximum loan available in Dublin is €288,000 to those borrowers who can afford repayments on same. A purchaser of an affordable home can choose which lender to source finance from. This will include Dublin City Council's Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan.

The new loan will be available to applicants who may in the future be purchasing homes in the Poolbeg SDZ. However, the same conditions, e.g. upper cap in market value and income limits apply

### **Q.149 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a list of existing measures and initiatives that are in place to facilitate and assist elderly people visiting the City Centre, and if there are any new initiatives planned to assist them further in terms of ease of mobility around the City, such as access to public wheelchairs if required.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council encourages people of all ages and abilities to come into and move around the city. The principles of universal design underpin the approach to designing the public realm. The public realm master plan for the city core 'The Heart of the City' 2016 proposes a pedestrian friendly city centre with a focus on increasing the space available for pedestrians and improving pedestrian routes through the city. This includes making existing space more accessible (e.g. current part 8 proposal for Temple Bar.). The master plan also identifies locations for public seating throughout the city centre, the limited availability of which is often a problem.

In the Pedestrian Crossing assessment when we conduct a survey, we consider elderly people as a group that is assessed as part of the pedestrian breakdown. For example if we had 30 elderly people crossing in a 30 min period at a crossing point we would consider it as a priority rating and give the junction a high priority for a Pedestrian crossing installation.

### **Q.150 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to please write to Dublin Bus to request the installation of Real Time bus information on Pearse Street at the junction of Grand Canal Quay. These bus stops are located at the heart of 'Silicon Docks' and its disappointing that there is no real time information in this location'

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The provision of Real Time Information signs is a function of the National Transport Authority. This question has been referred to the NTA for consideration and a report will issue to the Councillor when a reply is received.

### **Q.151 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide details of the current planning process in relation to murals and public art in the City, and to please provide a full list of planning enforcement actions that have taken place in relation to murals and public art since 2014.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Murals generally require planning permission but are exempt on hoardings and temporary structures under the Planning and Development Act. Dublin City Council enter into partnerships with Community Groups or organisations to install murals where they are addressing a secondary issue like graffiti or tagging.

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Public Art installations are dealt with by the Arts Advisory Group under the guidance of the Public Art Manager, Ruairi ÓCuív of Dublin City Council Arts Office. The group meet to consider proposals and make recommendations as well as commission pieces and manage funding streams in line with the document “Policy and Strategies for Managing Public Art” available on this link <http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content//RecreationandCulture/ArtsOffice/publicart/Documents/PoliciesandStrategiesforManagingPublicArt.pdf>

**Q.152 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.153 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.154 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q.155 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive can I have an update regarding the pylons in Bluebell - there was a plan to put them underground 10yrs ago and is this still going ahead? Are there plans to put high voltage cables underground from Tallaght to Inchicore via Bluebell for an Amazon substation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

ESB Networks recently made application for a wayleave through the site of the former Bluebell Community Centre and the DCC Water Treatment Plant for the purpose of laying underground 110kV ducts along the approximate line of the existing overhead cables. This application is currently being examined.

A report and drawings on the Tallaght to Inchicore 110kV cable project was listed on the November 2017 agenda. I have attached a copy of that report and drawings for your perusal.