

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 5th MARCH 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to install dishing at the entrance to Willows FC in Dublin 11. There is a high path to be crossed to gain access for cars turning in off the road which is causing people to accelerate on approach, potentially endangering young children and coaching staff **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has noted that the request is slightly ambiguous and requires further clarification. Road Maintenance Services inform that, should the club require to install a vehicular dishing at the entrance to Willows FC (Dublin 11), then he should arrange for a contractor to complete a Road Opening Licence application, which can be downloaded from Dublin city Council website(i.e. <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-permits-and-licences/road-opening-licence>) and enclose a copy of the Planning Permission for this vehicular access in addition to all other documents required therein. The completed application should be returned to Road Maintenance Services, Floor4, Block2, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Should a pedestrian crossing be requested at this location, then the matter should be referred to Traffic.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will review the issues raised in the email submitted with this question relating to drains and gulley cleaning in the Sandymount area. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report has been issued to the Councillor

Q.3 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to inform me if any pre planning meetings or enquiries have been received about the old Georgia Pacific Factory site on the Jamestown Road. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The purpose of Section 247 is to assist potential planning applicants to gain a greater understanding of the planning application process, any relevant regulations and any relevant objectives of the development plan that may impact on the planning authority's decision in relation to applications for the site in question. Dublin City Council keeps a record of consultations held under Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. When an application for planning permission is subsequently lodged details of any consultations which were held become part of the planning file and so become publically available at that stage.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of the field at (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This open space is cleaned on a weekly basis and the grass will be cut at the next maintenance session. It is planned to plant 14 new trees here before the end of March. An inspection of the vehicle was carried out on the 12th February 2018 and the owner will be identified and contacted. If the vehicle proves to be abandoned, it will be removed.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a replacement boiler at (**details supplied**). The tenant informs me the boiler is old and very slow to heat up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This house is not a City Council owned dwelling therefore the responsibility for replacing the boiler rests with the owner.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a cleanup of the laneway at (**details supplied**) residents inform me the last cleanup was not completed as the workers left the piles they had cleaned up in the laneway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I contacted the waste management crew that cleaned the lane and they returned to ensure all debris and rubbish was removed. The lane has been inspected and I can confirm that it is now thoroughly clean. Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 13th February 2018.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a repair to the roof at (**details supplied**) and examine the windows at this property with a view to possible replacement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have no record of these requests prior to this. They have now been logged and arrangements will be made to have an inspection of the roof and the windows carried out.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the Parks Department would consider installing Sli na Slainte distance markers (or distance markers generally) in Brickfields Park, Drimnagh. A hugely successful Park Run has been established there with hundreds of runners and walkers weekly and these would help it go from strength to strength.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscapes Services will investigate an effective method of having routes and distances in Brickfields Park marked for the benefit of walkers and runners, taking into consideration suitability, new technologies, and cost.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council's traffic section will install **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that a request be made to the bus owners / companies to remove the **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if a legal issue has arisen regards the development of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if Comeragh Road Street signs as well as Kilworth Road Street signs can be installed at their relevant junctions. Please see below street signs as an example.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has inspected this junction and appropriate nameplates have been ordered to suit.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have these Housing Maintenance issues dealt with (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling has been inspected. Arrangements are being made to have the door replaced and the necessary repairs to the walls carried out over the next few weeks.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many RAS tenants have entered homeless accommodation due to a landlord leaving the RAS system, whether wishing to go back to the market, selling up or taking the property back into their own use?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date no RAS tenants have gone into Homeless accommodation due to the landlord leaving the RAS scheme, either due to the landlord not renewing their contract, selling up, or taking the property back into their own use. At the moment we have 103 tenants on the RAS exit list with landlords coming out of the scheme for the above reasons. We are actively looking for suitable accommodation for all tenants on the exit list.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many families, single person and couple households are currently in homeless accommodation or experiencing homelessness at this time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The latest figures of families and singles accessing emergency accommodation for January 2018 in the Dublin Region are listed below.

Single Adults:	2,261
Adults in Families:	1,658
Families:	1,191
Dependents:	2,509

Q.22 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how much land (in hectares) in Dublin City is owned by the Council; how much of this Council-owned land (in hectares) is zoned residential; and how much land total by any owner (in hectares) in the City is zoned residential?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Councils housing land portfolio comprises 73 sites comprising c120 ha. The vast majority of this land is zoned for residential purposes.

According to the Development Plan Core Strategy:

“The vast majority of the 4466 hectares of existing Z1 and Z2 zonings (residential and residential conservation areas respectively) are already built out. However, for purposes of this plan, it is estimated that there are circa 210 hectares remaining to be developed in these zones, with the potential to provide for 34,000 residential units (based on the housing land availability study).

Similarly, the other zones which can accommodate residential (and other) uses are also largely built out, yet it is estimated that 230 hectares of the 2043 hectares (from Table C) remain to be developed, which will give a yield of circa 18,000 units (excluding windfall sites and vacant lands of which 61 hectares of the latter have been identified in the inner city).”

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC put the cleaning off Moland Place, Dublin 1 - off Gardiner Street Lower on a weekly cleaning schedule. There is constantly dumping on this street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Moland Place cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. We also have dumped rubbish removed from this laneway when necessary.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC place double yellow lines on Moland Place, off Gardiner Street Lower as there is frequent double parking and it is impossible to get a car up the laneway especially at weekends.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 27th February, 2018, reported that as Moland Place is less than the required width for single-sided parking, it is recommended to rescind the existing single yellow line on the east side of Moland Place and replace with double yellow lines as follows:

- Rescind single yellow line on the east side of Moland Place, from a point 20 metres south of the Talbot Street/Moland Place junction, extending southwards for 47 metres.
- Extend double yellow lines on the east side of Moland Place, from a point 20 metres south of the Talbot Street/Moland Place junction, extending southwards for 47 metres.

This recommendation will be submitted for noting to the Central Area Committee meeting on 13th March, 2018, as part of the Traffic Advisory Group Minutes.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can the Gardai patrol Moland Place as there is anti-social behaviour there on a constant basis especially on Sunday's.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has been forwarded to An Garda Síochána and the Councillor will be informed when a response is received.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can the below footpath on Haddington Road be sent to the relevant section for immediate fixing please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pavement at Haddington Road will be examined and a reply issued to the councillor within two weeks.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to establish a programme for the regular clean up of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have **(details supplied)** cleaned every Friday to ensure that this area is kept as clean as possible.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide extra litter bins (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.32 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.33 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH**
To ask the Chief Executive approximately what percentage of private motor cars entering the Canal Cordon during peak traffic hours are traversing the city centre as part of their commute to a destination on the other side of the canal cordon?.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carries out an Annual Cordon Count Survey in the month of November, counting the number of vehicles entering /exiting the canal cordon from 7:00am-7:00pm for various vehicle classifications. The Cordon Count Surveys do not include calculating the percentage of private motor cars entering the canal cordon during peak traffic hours and exiting on the other side of the canal cordon.

- Q.34 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive what the delay is with handing over of the Digital Hub to DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The delay in handing over the Digital Hub to Dublin City Council is that the necessary legislation has not yet progressed through the Dail.

- Q.35 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.36 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to say if Lombard Street West and the roads surrounding it is a residential 30km zone and if it is are all the 30km signs in place and if not why is this area not a 30km zone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Lombard Street and its surrounding streets are designated 30Km/h zones. Speed signs are located at the point of entry to a zone and exit where the speed-limit changes. All required signage has been installed in this area.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can he arrange to have the area outside 3 St. Kevin's Parade cleaned as work was carried out on the pavement but the old soil from the work along with dirt has gathered along the kerb and this has not been cleared away.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above-mentioned location cleaned on the 21st February 2018.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to say when the "Welcome to Ringsend" signage will be erected similar to the village signs in Donnybrook and Sandymount.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the South East Area Committee meeting in June 2017. Work will soon commence on further detailed consultations to deliver the first elements of the plan under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). It is proposed that location and wording of appropriate village signs be agreed at that stage as part of these detailed consultations in summer 2018. Once this has been agreed the signs can be installed. The graffiti mentioned above is on private property. The South East area will contact the owners / occupiers requesting them to remove it.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail all planning permissions for Housing developments granted under the Docklands SDZ (North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme) and to confirm the social housing requirement under each permission, detailing the number of units, type of units and location of units in each case. To further ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all Part V requirements to be fulfilled in the scheme will be a condition of any and all planning approvals.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The previous tables (from October 2016 and January 2017) have been updated and expanded as requested. Amending permissions which changed unit numbers are shown in italics under the parent permission reference number.

In total, 1,844 apartments are granted at present, of which 677 are on site. These numbers exclude the student accommodation which also makes a significant contribution to residential need in the area. Pre-planning consultations are also ongoing on a number of sites.

File Number	Block	Location	Residential Units	Status
DSDZ3367/15	2	Sheriff St	165 apartments	Granted
DSDZ3357/17	3	Sheriff St/New Wapping St	360 units, of which 7 are houses and 353 are apartments	Granted
DSDZ3689/15	5	Sheriff St/"New" Street	Student accommodation- 970 bed spaces	Granted
DSDZ2749/15, <i>DSDZ2496/17</i>	8	Mayor Street/Castleforbes St.	170 apartments	Under construction
DSDZ3552/16	8	North Wall Quay/Castleforbes St.	124 apartments	Granted
DSDZ3779/17	9	North Wall Quay/Mayor St/Castleforbes St	420 apartments	Granted
DSDZ2608/16	11	Lime Street	Offices & 91 apartments	Granted
DSDZ2457/16, <i>DSDZ2041/17</i>	11	Hanover St/Cardiff Lane	Offices & 56 apartments	Under construction
DSDZ2014/17	11	Cardiff Lane	7 apartments	Granted
DSDZ3864/14	14	Sir John Rogerson's Quay	Offices & 72 apartments	Under construction
DSDZ3197/16	14	Hanover Quay	122 apartments	Under construction
DSDZ2546/15, <i>DSDZ4102/16</i>	15	Sir John Rogerson's Quay	Offices & 181 apartments	Under construction

DSDZ3777/15	15	Hanover Quay	Offices & 40 apartments	Under construction
DSDZ3796/14	17	Bolands Quay	Offices & 36 apartments	Under construction

In relation to Part V, there is a potential for approx 184 new social housing units, subject to planning being granted for the current applications. (DSDZ2014/17 as a small site falls below the requirement to deliver Part V).

All relevant permissions issued have included the following condition requiring compliance with Part V.

“Prior to commencement of development, the applicant shall enter into an agreement with the Planning Authority under Section 96 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as substituted by Section 3 of the Planning & Development Amendment Act 2002) in relation to the provision of social and affordable housing, in accordance with the Planning Authority’s Housing Strategy unless the applicant has applied for and been granted an Exemption Certificate under Section 97 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 - 2010 (as amended).

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 - 2010.”

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when the planters at Henry Street, Mary Street and Jervis Street will be replaced and to also indicate what will be done with the ones currently on these streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Six Planters on Henry Street will be replaced by early March. The six currently on Henry Street will be relocated – 4 along Custom House Quay, 1 at the Dublin Port entrance and 1 close to the Guild Street/Sheriff Street Upper junction.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has applied for any funding under the Structures at Risk Fund 2018 and to detail same. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to comment on the fact that this fund allows for 5 applications per local authority and if he considers that this is inequitable towards larger authorities such as DCC and if such restrictions did not apply can he give an estimate of how many buildings in Dublin could benefit from this fund.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Ministerial Circular on Structures at Risk states that the scheme will operate in 2018 “... with funding available to the amount of €1,324,000, of which €74,000 of which will be allocated for funding towards the type of house covered by An Action Plan for the Sustainable Future of the Irish Historic House, launched in 2015. Due to the limited resources available for the operation of the scheme in 2018, DCHG will consider four applications per local authority (LA), only one of which may be a publicly-owned building. A fifth application may be made if it relates to an Irish Historic House in private ownership. Structures at Risk 2018 Application Form B 2 The total funding available for each individual project shall not exceed 80% of the total project cost.

The minimum funding available under the SRF will be €15,000 up to a maximum grant of €30,000. The minimum funding available for a fifth project in respect of a historic house in private ownership will be €5,000 up to a maximum of €10,000”.

Appendix 1 of An Action Plan for the Sustainable Future of the Irish Historic House states that “properties under discussion are Irish country houses, primarily of the 18th and 19th century, predominantly associated with landed estates”.

Dublin City has only a small number of properties which would meet the criteria of an Irish Historic House, particularly when compared to County Councils.

The Conservation Section of the City Council advertises the scheme and assesses the applications received. No applications have been received which were of the type of Irish country house covered by An Action Plan for the Sustainable Future of the Irish Historic House.

Applications received are assessed on the following equally weighted criteria as set out in the circular:

- Significance of Structure
- Urgency of Works
- Quality of Method Statement
- Efficacy of Works

Fourteen applications for funding under Structures at Risk were received by the City Council in the current round; 2018. The four applications which scored the highest are forwarded to the DCHG for their consideration and final decision with regard to the allocation of funding. Last year only one (public) building in Dublin was allocated funding by the Department.

Over the years, the Conservation Section/Planning and Property Development Department have contacted the Department to express concern regarding the limitation of funding available to Dublin City at the same level as that for other counties, considering the much larger number of Protected Structures in this city.

The funding allocation received by Dublin City from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht is not secure and has been diminishing year-on-year for some time now, when one considers overall funding, including the grant funding for Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas. Total funding ranges from a high-point of €1,078,300.00 in 2006 under the National Conservation Grant Scheme to a low of €298,000 in 2018 under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. This reduction in funding has occurred in tandem with the receipt of formal Ministerial Recommendations for the addition of more than 1,000 new (extra) structures and features to the City’s Record of Protected Structures (RPS); which already has some 8,720 structures on the Record.

The Conservation Section continuously targets structures on our Buildings-at-Risk (BAR) Register to encourage owners to apply for Structures at Risk and other funding schemes available from the DCHG. In this way secure these buildings for the future. We have even combined departmental funding with DCC housing grants for qualifying applicants to ensure that conservation works are carried out to weather and secure vulnerable protected structures.

At present, there are 114 structures on the BAR Register, of which 18 are ‘new’ buildings at risk cases added in 2017, and 5 added already in 2018. A review of the BAR Register is ongoing with a view to addressing older cases dating from 2009 to 2015.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration could be given to bringing the hugely successful Jacob's Biscuit Factory & Dublin exhibition, currently in City Hall, to other libraries throughout the City to give as many people as possible an opportunity to see this excellent exhibition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Jacob's exhibition is scheduled next to go to Donegal County Museum for six weeks from the end of March. Arrangements are in hand for it to travel through the Libraries' branch network after that.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive if Taxis can be legally prohibited from using an area of road on which Dublin Buses are permitted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently Taxis are not allowed to use contra flow bus lanes, an example is Stephen Green East. Section 32 (5) (b) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking Regulations) 1997, makes provision for taxis and wheelchair accessible taxis to use normal with flow bus lanes in the course of business. This provision would need to be revoked in order for taxis to be prohibited from using with flow bus lanes.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to explore the benefit of introducing a new public litter bin design, particularly for bus stops and residential areas to address the issue of illegal dumping. There is currently a growing issue of domestic waste being dumped in plastic bags in public litter bins, resulting in them overflowing before they are scheduled to be emptied by City Council staff. Once overflowing occurs, the area becomes a mess and the Council employees have to increase the frequency of emptying. These small street bins are intended for small items of casual litter e.g.

empty cans and similar sized litter, so perhaps existing bins could have adapted openings (reduced in size) to facilitate this type of litter only.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council currently has four standard designs of litter bin in use across the city. Each of these designs allows for the reduction or restriction of the aperture in order to prevent the disposal of large items or bags of household waste. If there are areas of particular concern to the member, bins in these areas can be altered to reduce the size of the aperture. If there are concerns regarding illegal dumping into specific public litter bins these may be monitored and the waste disposed of investigated with a view to carrying out enforcement action under the waste bye laws or litter pollution act.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of people on the Housing Lists who have been approved for HAP in the last six months, but who are finding it difficult/impossible to get Landlords to accept HAP i.e. they have not activated their HAP. Please also express this as a percentage of the total number approved for HAP (successfully activated and not).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) is a social housing support which is available to all households who have been deemed eligible for inclusion on Dublin City Council's Housing List, including many long-term Rent Supplement recipients. There are currently over 19,000 households on our Housing List.

The mainstream HAP Scheme was introduced to Dublin City Council's administrative area on 1st March, 2017. During the period 1st March, 2017 – 26th February, 2018 1,222 HAP tenancies have been set up. The HAP Section has not been made aware of an issue with landlords refusing to accept HAP.

Since 1st January 2016, under the Equal Status Acts 2000-2015, a person cannot be discriminated against when renting because they are in receipt of Rent Supplement or any other social welfare payment or a housing assistance payment. Persons experiencing discrimination on these grounds are advised to contact Threshold, 21 Stoneybatter, Dublin 7, on Tel: 1800 454 454 or email: advice@threshold.ie

Q.53 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of senior citizens Council housing units which are vacant for more than two months. Why they are vacant so long. What is the expected date for allocating them to people on the housing lists and also, what is the average turnaround time on these vacant units.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are 135 vacant Senior Citizens units have been vacant for more than two months. 86 of these units have been vacant since 2017 and 2 vacant since 2016. Refurbishment works on 35 of these were completed in early 2018 and the properties are now available for re-letting. All of the others are currently being refurbished and will be available for letting in the coming months.

A further 47 units were earmarked for two-into-one conversion and were vacated at various dates since 2013. Councillors will be aware that these are planned vacancies which cannot be refurbished until funding has been made available and designs are agreed.

36 of these are at Verschoyle Court and work commenced on refurbishing these as single bed units in November 2017. They are all expected back by 1st May 2018. The other 12 units are part of two-into-one amalgamations at Glasanaon Court, Richmond Road and Rosevale Court. Last year Housing Maintenance refurbished a total of 876 properties which included 281 Senior Citizens Units.

Q.54 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.55 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR 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.57 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the progress in his plans to improve the energy savings and efficiencies in street lighting by moving towards the greater use of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) for street lighting and to state how many street lights there are in the city managed by Dublin City Council. Also can you inform me how many have been converted to LEDS, the costs of replacements per unit, the running costs per lumen for conventional streets lights, and their LED equivalent, and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council maintains approximately 47,000 lights in the city. An LED replacement programme commenced in early 2016 and to date over 4,500 lights have been changed to LED. The cost of a standard functional LED Luminaire ranges from €130 to €260 per luminaire (for residential roads and local residential distributor roads) depending on the light output required from the luminaire.

With regard to running costs a typical 55W low pressure sodium light (with electronic control gear), that you will find in a residential estate, costs about €26 to run per annum while its 27W LED replacement costs about €12 to run per annum. In relation to 2018 it is planned to replace another 2000 lights, mainly in residential areas.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state the distribution of Council employees that are in the following age categories, and can he make a statement on the matter: -24, 25-34, 35-45, 45-64, 64+

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below shows a breakdown of Council employees by age category.

Age	percentage
17-24	2.74%
25-34	10.76%
35-44	27.74%
45-64	57.33%
65+	1.43%

The low percentage figures in the 17-24 category reflects the general lack of recruitment since 2008. However, since 2016 recruitment levels at entry level has recommenced. This will in time increase the numbers in this age bracket.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to list the top five suppliers to Dublin City Council in the last year for which figures are available and in each case specify the supplier name, value of contract, and nature of product or service received.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below contains a list Dublin City Council's top five suppliers for the period January 2017 to December 2017.

Vendor Name	Payment Total	Vendor Classification	Account Descriptions
Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors	€28,216,497	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Legal Expenses, LPT, Purchase of Housing Stock, Service Charges
MASON HAYES & CURRAN Solicitors	€23,453,154	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Legal Expenses, Public Liability Claim, Purchase of Housing Stock, Purchase of Land
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED	€17,994,874	SUPPLIER	General Insurance, Insurance Claims, Liability Insurance, Property Insurance, Public Liability Claim
FOCUS IRELAND LTD	€17,746,729	CHARITY	Contributions, Grants, HAP Rent, Rent
PURCELL CONSTRUCTION LTD	€13,207,826	CONTRACTOR	Construction/Refurbishment Main Contract, Planning Contributions

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format the following: the total number of social housing units sold to tenants from 2007 to 2017, and the total number of social housing units built by the Council from 2007 to 2017?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of social housing units sold to tenants is as outlined in table below. It should be noted that the Tenant Purchase Scheme closed for applications in

December 2012 so no new applications were submitted in the years 2013/14/15 which led to the decline in Sales. The new Tenant Incremental Purchase scheme then opened in mid 2016.

Year	No of Dwellings sold
2007	133
2008	35
2009	10
2010	26
2011	25
2012	156
2013	189
2014	39
2015	0
2016	1
2017	54

1,345 units were built by Dublin City Council from 2007 – 2017. This is made up as follows;

<i>Year</i>	<i>No of units built</i>
2007	226
2008	385
2009	141
2010	82
2011	91
2012	0
2013	0
2014	131
2015	19
2016	40
2017	230
Total	1,345

Q.62 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive when the former Clayton Love site on Jamestown Road was assessed by the derelict sites section and if it can be inspected again for inclusion on the register.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site was last assessed in October, 2017 and was not deemed derelict at that time. A further inspection will be arranged.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct a full inspection on Upper Reuben Street. Cars are parking all day as it is a free parking zone and due to the street being so narrow it means that cars can't pass each other. To ask the Chief Executive to include space for yellow lines to allow cars to pull in and to further put double yellow lines outside the planter boxes as people are parking in the middle of the road. Could the bollards on the streets adjacent to these be removed as Reuben Street can't take the volume of traffic, with all day Parking allowed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 28th November, 2017, recommended double yellow lines on the carriageway on the outside of the plant boxes located on Reuben Street between Herberton Street and Herberton Walk (apart from the plant box on the corner with Reuben Walk as it is already illegal to park on a corner). The Traffic Officer has confirmed that the double yellow lines are now in place. The Area Engineer will arrange to carry out an inspection of the bollards in place and the Councillor will be informed of the decision in due course.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive, with regard to the National Transport Authority's proposal for the Merrion Gates, if the NTA decides to seek to proceed with this proposal is planning permission required from Local Authorities or can the NTA apply directly to An Bord Pleanala?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The NTA has been the lead agency in the Feasibility Study for the project. No decision has been made on whether the two local authorities, Dublin City and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown will have responsibility for delivery, or whether this will be retained by the NTA.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding to take all necessary remedial measures to address the problems from the grass area which runs alongside the Grand Canal, parallel to The Moorings apartment complex, Portobello which is in an appalling condition. As evidenced by the attached photograph, it creates a serious risk of falls for pedestrians. It is also dangerous for cyclists (who use this path despite the fact that such usage is prohibited) and an eyesore. To ask the Chief Executive to address this problem and to provide a report to the Council as to what these measures constitute.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is not within the remit of Dublin City Council. It is the responsibility of Waterways Ireland who may be contacted directly at Eastern Region, Floor 2, Block C, Ashtowngate, Navan Rd, Dublin 15, D15 Y3EK or phone number 8680148.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive while it is noted that works on Phase 1 of the Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme (from intersection of Strand Road with Gilford Avenue to the intersection with St. Alban's Park) will, subject to Part 8 approval, take place from April-November 2018, when is it envisaged that works on Phase 2 (from intersection of Strand Road with Seafort Avenue to the intersection with Gilford Avenue) will (a) commence and (b) conclude, and to ask that, given the serious flood risk at this location, to prioritise the matter and ensure that the Phase 2 works are carried out expeditiously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Procurement of a consultant for Sandymount Flood Alleviation Project Phase 2, will commence in Q2 2018 and is programmed to be completed in Q4 2018. Part 10 Planning permission is programmed for Q4 2019. Procurement of a contractor is programmed by Q3 2020 with work commencing, assuming no delays, in Q2 2021 when all environmental conditions, sub-consultants and restrictions are complied with. Work is programmed to take 12 months to complete. This project is in the high priority classification of the 81 flood alleviation projects on the Dublin City Council programme of works.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive in circumstances where constituents have drawn my attention to a derelict property at **(Details supplied)**, which I have been told has remained vacant and derelict for some years, to ask the Chief Executive (a) to take all appropriate steps under the relevant Derelict Sites and Dangerous Buildings legislation, (b) to provide a report to the Council in this respect, (c) to clarify whether the property could be subject to a CPO under either the Housing Act 1966 or other legislation, and (d) if the answer to (c) is yes, to consider making such an acquisition to increase the provision of housing provided by the Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The property, a Protected Structure, has a long history of dereliction and stands entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The current owner acquired the property in January 2017 and lodged a planning application in October 2017 which is at additional information stage. The prospect that the site will be redeveloped is very positive as ultimately the redevelopment of the site will resolve all the current issues with the property. The situation is being kept under review. Details of the proposed development ref 4127/17 are set out below.

Planning Ref 4127/17

Details supplied: The proposed development will consist of the following: change of use of this three storey over-basement (four storey) end-of-terrace building from residential to office use; demolition of the two storey rear return; partial demolition of rear elevation; partial demolition of side elevation/gable; restoration/repair works to brickwork, roof, windows, and doors; internal and external modifications to facilitate this change of use; and new disabled access to front of existing building. Planning Permission is also sought for a proposed three storey over-basement (four storey) office extension to the rear, with new pedestrian entrance from Peter Place; landscaping, boundary treatment works including reinstatement of railings; and all associated site and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive for information regarding home insulation in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward. What does a tenant need to be deemed successful for cavity wall insulation and/or attic insulation? How do they apply and is there also any funding there for private home owners?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has completed insulation works to over 8000 dwellings under Phase One of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme. Phase One was restricted to suitable dwellings with cavity wall construction and included measures of Attic and Cavity wall pump fill insulation. Dwellings Identified as Phase One type are now complete.

All dwellings categorised under Phase One of the programme in Ballyfermot and Drimnagh are now complete. According to our records this included 429 upgrades in Ballyfermot, 36 upgrades in Drimnagh and 527 upgrades in Cherry Orchard respectively.

Dublin City Council is pleased to advise that Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme has now commenced. Phase Two will concentrate on houses of solid wall construction. Measures included in this phase of the programme will include External Wall Insulation, Attic Insulation, Window and Door Replacement where required. We anticipate that this phase will be more complex and difficult due to the nature of External Wall Insulation.

In Ballyfermot, Landen Road, Muskerry Road, and Lally Road, have been identified as priority areas. We are currently carrying out surveys and works on Landen Road. In Drimnagh, a number of properties have already been upgraded on Galtymore Drive and Mourne Road and we will progress further as Phase Two becomes fully mobilised. Phase 2 will be rolled out on a road by road basis, based on the number of dwellings on that road and roads adjacent to it. We currently estimate 835 dwellings in Ballyfermot, 363 dwellings in Drimnagh and 25 dwellings in Cherry Orchard which will fall under the category of Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme.

There is no requirement for tenants to apply as Dublin City Council has identified each house type and is advancing the programme to include dwellings which fall under the category of Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme. The programme does not extend to private home owners. However private home owners can contact The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) to avail of grant funding directly.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive can the windows at **(details supplied)** be inspected for the possibility of window upgrades?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is not a City Council owned dwelling, therefore the responsibility for replacing the windows lies with the owners.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive can the house at **(details supplied)** be looked into for the possibility of a heating upgrade?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The heating in this dwelling is in good working order and not in need of an upgrade.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive can the tree at **(details supplied)** be looked at for possible removal or alternative solution found.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the condition of this tree at the above location is not of good standard, we have scheduled it for removal. Work will be carried out over the next 8 weeks.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could detail the number of cars clamped on the 25th March 2016 and the 8th April 2016 and the 14th April 2017 and the 28th April 2017 in the Dublin 1, 2 and 4 areas. To further ask the Chief Executive if he could quantify the income received by Dublin City Council on each of those days from clamping fees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The enforcements of illegal parking are citywide and cannot be broken down by postcode.

Enforcement figures citywide are as follows for the dates requested:

25th March 2016	153
08th April 2016	220
14th April 2017	223
28th April 2017	205

The relevant declamp fee is €80 per enforcement.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.75 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.76 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.77 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question **(details supplied)**

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

Q.78 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question **(details supplied)**

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

Q.79 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question **(details supplied)**

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

Q.80 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES
To ask the Chief Executive the following question **(details supplied)**

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

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY
To ask the Chief Executive if he will ensure that appropriate action is taken in relation to **(details supplied)** a listed property, that has been converted into three residential units without any planning permission being sought. In addition to the general issue of the lack of planning approval and the need for a Section 57 Determination by the Conservation Officer it would appear that on a superficial examination that some or all the following may apply: insufficient private open space,

insufficient waste storage facilities, inappropriate toilet systems that shake the walls of adjoining properties, bedroom sizes below permitted levels, no and/or inadequate fire escape and no Fire Certificate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently under investigation. The owners position is that this property has been in three residential units for many years and that the works being carried out are maintenance and repair works that do not affect the character of the structure. The Planning Enforcement Officers observations to date would concur with this view, however there have been a number of further complaints made relating to other issues. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area will carry out a further inspection and make a final recommendation on all matters shortly.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the nature of the planned works, due to take place this year in Georges' Place and what the indicative timeline is for the completion of these works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This will be investigated and a reply will issue to the Councillor within the next 2 weeks.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the nature of the planned drainage maintenance works, due to take place this year in **(details supplied)** and to provide an indicative timeline for the completion of these works?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have completed a survey of all of the drains in **(details supplied)**. A large number of defects were discovered. To date we have carried out 4 localised small repairs. There is a large section of sewer pipe that needs replacing and this work is scheduled to begin in early April. There is also a smaller section of surface pipe that needs replacing and this work will be carried out subsequent to completion of the sewer work. It is estimated that all underground pipe work will be replaced and repaired by June 2018.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the properties due to be included in **(details supplied)** and for the Chief Executive to detail the address of the properties in each administrative area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has identified approximately 5328 houses in its housing stock that are of solid wall construction and consequently would be categorised under Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme. The following is a breakdown of these properties in each administrative area.

Area	Phase Two
Central	441
North Central	590
North West	2268
South Central	1855
South East	174
Grand Total	5328

Q.85 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of any agreement made between Dublin City Council or Corporation and the Vincentian Order relating to the transfer of lands at the boundary of St. Anne's Park in Raheny/Clontarf to St. Paul's College?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council disposed of the lands at St. Paul's College to the Vincentian Order in three transactions in 1952, 1953 and 1959. Copies of the Deeds of Conveyance will be provided to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with the following (details attached) which are all minutes of the Dublin City Council SEA Traffic Advisory group dating back to Jan 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the process to ban the sale of real Fur from all Dublin City Council licensed markets, events and casual trading stalls. This is in keeping with best practice in other jurisdictions and in keeping with the protocols around animal rights and the exploitation of animals. At present the markets are being flooded with real fur products. Quite a lot of this is unmarked and consumers are unaware. Rabbit fur is one in particular that is making its way back into the market place through market stalls etc. Recently Old Spitalfields Market in London issued an outright ban on the sale of such products. There is an opportunity here for Dublin City Council to lead the way.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently reviewing the Casual Trading Bye-Laws (Control and Designation) 2013 and the Casual Trading Bye-Laws (Fees) 2013 which were made pursuant to Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, to regulate, supervise and administer casual trading in its functional area.

A submission can be made in relation to the ban of Fur for sale for the draft review of the Bye-Laws which can be submitted in writing to the Casual Trading Section, Dublin City Council, Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 or by email to casualtrading@dublincity.ie by the 5.00pm on the 29th March 2018.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full investigation and review of Dublin City Council's SEA community grants. Over the past number of years it would appear that the allocations of these monies is constantly going to the same organisations and community groups. The City Council needs to be mindful of the potential conflicts of interest whereby certain individuals associated with the City Council are also deeply involved with some of the organisations receiving community grants. There also appears to be a geographical imbalance in the way the money is distributed and DCC are obligated by duty of care to ensure that there is full equality and inclusion, good governance and transparency in the manner in which we administer these funds. It is now an appropriate time for DCC to initiate a full audit and examination of this entire area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued in 2 weeks.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that when UPS delivery services are not using the site on weekends at Wolfe Tone Park that the area is free for residents parking. This issue needs to be addressed by the Chief Executive when we issue the permits to delivery service providers who work from Monday to Friday. The pilot scheme at Wolfe Tone Park has been cordoned off and restricted by unsightly drab advertising banners and barriers. While this may be appropriate during the working week it is not appropriate to leave this space vacant on the weekends when parking is in great demand by residents and others. Even to have a facility for pushbikes would have been appropriate and better use during this pilot scheme but certainly leaving it in the manner that it is presently just adds to dilapidation and abandonment of city spaces.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cordoning off of the distribution hub was agreed in order to guarantee the location is free from obstruction for ease of use. However, consultation will be initiated with UPS to review the operation of the hub and to improve its appearance.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To request that the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to please liaise with the Irish Wheelchair association in relation to the parking issues on Blackheath Drive, Clontarf D3. Since the IWA opened the gym to the public, residents in Blackheath Drive are struggling to exit their driveways with the vast amount of cars parked outside their house by people going to the IWA. I have had many residents voicing safety concerns in relation to this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to monitor the location and enforcement action to be taken for any instances of illegal parking.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive could I request a copy of the safety audit that was carried out on the S2S.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Road Safety Audit Stage 3 is being finalised by the Auditor and will be made available for circulation at the end of February 2018.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can a sign be placed on All Saints Road, Dublin 5 to kindly request that people do not park on the grass verges.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This type of signage is not covered in the Department of Transport, Traffic Sign Manual 2010. It is illegal to park on a grass verge. Instances of illegal parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services T. 6022500.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to please request the management of the Family First Credit Union Raheny are requested to clean and maintain the upkeep of the St Assam's Catholic Church in Raheny village. Can the owners please give a outline of the plan for the premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location was inspected and found to be in good condition. The upkeep of the church is not the responsibility of Dublin City Council.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council for a complete breakdown of the staff members of Dublin City Council travelling overseas for St. Patrick's Day, St. Patrick's Day related activities and the entire month of March. In this reply I would appreciate if the list of locations can also be furnished to this Councillor as well as a complete list of costs associated with these trips and how the costs for these trips are met.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No officials in Dublin City Council are travelling on business in relation to St. Patrick's Day.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council how many employees of Dublin City Council (including employees of companies indirectly overseen by DCC such as leisure companies) are earning below the living wage of 11.70 per hour and if he could give a comment on how DCC are going to give effect to the motion I had passed in 2015 at the full City Council meeting that DCC be a living wage employer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pay rates of City Council staff are determined by Government pay policy and comply with the Minimum wage Acts 2000 and 2015. For information purposes, the minimum rate for General Operatives is €11.1036 an hour (not including travel and eating on site) and the minimum rate for Clerical Officers is €11.9849.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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 NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please address the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please address the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure this work (**details supplied**) is carried out as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to deal with the following issues in our tenant's home (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have no record of these maintenance requests prior to this, however, the house will be inspected shortly in order to investigate the issues raised.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the community centre in Oliver Bond Dublin 8 complex refurbished and reopened so that children and the wider community can have a safe place to utilise.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This Centre has been damaged and is in need of substantial refurbishment. I understand that a majority of residents in this complex would be of the view that the premises should be demolished to make way for more outdoor play facilities and improvement of the public domain areas. We will consult with the local community on the issue but at present there are no plans to refurbish the premises.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that as a matter of urgency DCC Traffic Dept meet with a group of parents, teaching staff & myself to see at first hand the major accident waiting to happen outside St Patricks School, Chapelizod, Dublin 20. The situation is becoming increasingly difficult with failure of cars to adhere to signals, etc we need a comprehensive response to these issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pedestrian Counts were carried outside St. Patricks NS in 2016, 2014 and 2011, none of which met the warrant for the installation of a School Warden. As stated in the criteria for the provision of a School Warden, School Wardens are provided for children who are under 12 and unaccompanied by an adult. There is a pedestrian crossing outside of the main school gate which records very little usage by children as most of the children are coming from the Martins Row or Ballyfermot/Lucan Road direction, and most are dropped by car. Our pedestrian counts over the years show very low numbers to warrant the installation of a School Warden. Cllr Jackson wrote in back in 2016 under Q19, which I gave my replay to, but in that he suggests "Flashing Lights on the approach to the School", I think he was talking about the Flashing Amber Lights you see outside some schools in the County areas, that could be something to look into. Cllr Jackson also mentions. "The situation is becoming increasingly difficult with failure of cars to adhere to signals", the matter of motorists driving across the pedestrian crossing on the green man is an enforcement issue and therefore should be referred to the Gardaí for their attention.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council respond to the ongoing illegal development at 80 to 82 Naas Road Dublin 12, whilst the developer has being told to cease illegal development he has continued with immunity I am asking that under no circumstance can DCC entertain retention of this huge illegal development and what action are we going to take to ensure the housing here is restored to its previous uses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A planning enforcement notice has been served in respect of this matter. How the owner chooses to deal with this notice is at his discretion, however legal proceedings will be initiated against him on expiry of the notice on 23rd of March 2018 if the notice has not been complied with. The retention application will be dealt with having regard to the current City Development Plan and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area as is the case with all planning applications.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive regarding our meeting in January with Dublin City Council officials from the Planning Dept, Area Manager and public representatives met with Councillors to discuss the serious over concentration on commercial buildings i.e. Take-always, betting shops, chemists etc. I am anxious to hear from the Planning Dept on our follow up meeting for early April what action we are going to take to

improve the retail mix, issues of concern to traders, cleansing, physical improvements etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the meeting held in January the position with regard to the planning process and the criteria used to decide on planning application was outlined. Traders and the public representatives detailed their concerns which were noted by all present. Area staff have met with the traders with a view to them organising themselves to deliver on improvements in the area and arrangements have been made for regular cleaning of the shopping areas. The Area office is anxious to ensure that improved cleaning and other improvements of the area are put in place. The Area Office is not aware of any follow up meeting for April.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC please ensure that supermarket groups, retail, and leisure concerns are made aware of the potential that the Gala Cinema on Ballyfermot Road could afford them with its re-development potential. For years this tired building has lay idol in this prominent location along Ballyfermot Road. I regret to say the front elevation is a blight on Ballyfermot Road. Is this building worthy of inclusion on the derelict sites register and are rates being paid on the building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gala Cinema is in receivership and there are arrears outstanding on the premises. The premises is currently vacant and part payments are being made by the receiver in respect of vacancy charges due. A Derelict Sites inspection will be arranged and the Councillor updated on findings.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that audible signals and countdown timers are put in place on the pedestrian crossings at Tara Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the countdown timers and audible signals was carried out at this site. All of the audible signals are working correctly. Currently there is a countdown timer on the crossing at the top of Tara Street, which is the busiest crossing at this junction, both countdown timers' clocks have been checked and are operating correctly. There are currently no plans to install any further countdown timers at this location.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of Dublin City Council social media accounts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently the Corporate Communications Section is aware of 47 Social Media accounts that are operated by Dublin City Council Departments. Details of those social media accounts can be found in the attached appendix. The Corporate Communications unit is currently undertaking an audit of all social media accounts as part of the redevelopment of the Corporate Website

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the school meals service, indicating in his answer what is served, the annual cost, number of meals served and nutritional content.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The School Meals Section operates three schemes – the Urban School Meals Scheme, Soup Scheme and Hot Meals Scheme. The combined cost of these Schemes, excluding administration, for the period August 2016 to June 2017 was €1,223,668.00. During the school year 2016-2017 there were 181 national schools in the Urban School Meals Scheme with approximately 23,500 pupils receiving some or all of the items available on school days. Dublin City Council recoups 50% of the food costs from the Department of Social Protection.

Under the Urban School Meals Scheme each child can avail of the following:

Monday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese Sandwich - Mandarin
Tuesday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Chicken Sandwich – Apple
Wednesday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Corned Beef Sandwich - Banana
Thursday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Cheese Sandwich
Friday: Milk (189ml carton) – Half Ham Sandwich - Apple

Under the Soup Scheme approximately 150 pupils in four national schools received a cup of hot soup on school days between October 2016 and April 2017.

Under the Hot Meals Scheme a subsidy of €1.27 per pupil is paid towards the cost of providing hot meals in 9 special national schools. On average 515 pupils received a hot meal on school days during the 2016-2017 school year.

Under the urban School meals Scheme and the Soup Scheme the nutritional content is governed by the size/weight requirements as set out in the tender documents (Specifications) the relevant parts of which are quoted below:

Sandwiches

- Bread provided must contain a minimum of 6% dietary fibre.
- The meat shall be good quality and the natural gristle and gelatine content shall not exceed 8%. Cereal, if used, shall not exceed 10%. The use of offal is prohibited.
- The butter shall be Sweet Cream Butter containing not less than 80% milk fat.
- Cheese Sandwich: 4gms butter and 10gms sliced mild flavoured cheese e.g. Emmental or equivalent in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 50gms.
- Chicken Sandwich: 4gms butter and 14gms slice of chicken in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 54gms.
- Corned Beef & Ham Sandwich: 4gms butter and 14gms slice of meat in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 54gms.
- Bread & Butter Sandwich (Alternative to cheese or meat sandwich): 4gms butter in each sandwich. The minimum weight of the sandwich unit shall be 40gms.

Fresh Fruit

Minimum Requirements.

All fruit shall be:

- intact & practically free from bruising
- firm

- free from rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for human consumption
- free from pests and damage caused by pests
- free from fungal or mould damage or desiccation
- free from abnormal smell or taste

Specification & Quality Requirements

Banana Specification

Colour:

- Full Yellow. Green tips and traces of green are acceptable.
- Grade 4.5 to 5 at delivery

Appearance

- Clusters of clean, fresh bright bananas.
- The crown should be sound and cleanly cut.
- Fruit should be ripened to a uniform colour.

Texture

- Fruit should have a fresh moist pulp with characteristic banana flavour.
- Firm to peel, sweet / starchy flavour.
- Length: range: 140mm – 220mm

Apple Specification

- Fruit variety: Royal Gala (minimum 33% blush)
- Size: 60 – 65mm
- Quality: Eating quality
- Brix: 12% minimum

Orange Easy Peeler Specification

- Fruit type: Satsuma or Clementine. Fruit must be seedless & easy peel.
- Colour: Full yellow to orange colour
- Size: Calibre 3: 55 – 60mm
- Quality: Eating quality
- Brix: 8% minimum

Milk

- Pasteurised milk as required for this tender shall be understood to mean homogenised, pasteurised, fresh cows' milk with a fat content of not less than 3.5%. UHT or other extended life milk products will not be considered suitable for this contract.
- Pasteurised milk shall be produced in accordance with the Milk and Dairies (Special Designations) Regulations 1938 and not otherwise. In the case of non-Irish Tenders the pasteurised milk shall be produced in accordance with the corresponding regulations in the country of the tenderer.

Soup

- The soup supplied shall be of good quality and of low salt/sodium type. The soup, ideally, should be prepared at the contractor's premises from fresh meat and vegetables, appropriate stock and additional ingredients, which may be pureed. Where suppliers do not manufacture soup themselves details of the manufacturing company, their premises and product must be provided. In

either case the company must comply with all food preparation hygiene regulations.

- The contractor shall provide a range of popular varieties e.g. Oxtail, Vegetable, Chicken, Beef & Vegetable, and Tomato. The same variety of soup should not be supplied on more than two occasions in any one week.
- The soup shall be brought fresh daily to the school or as otherwise agreed with the schools. Other than heating, the soup shall require no other preparation; powdered or condensed soup will not be acceptable. Heating arrangements will be taken care of by the schools but the contractor shall supply disposable beakers suitable for individual servings. The average individual serving is 200mls.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm whether the proposed development of a Children’s Science Museum on the grounds of the National Concert Hall will impact on the status of the Iveagh Gardens as a protected structure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted by the Planning Authority and upheld on appeal for a national children's science centre with planetarium dome in September 2016 in the north wing and part of east wing of the National Concert Hall.

This permission provided for a section of the boundary wall along a part of the eastern boundary of the Iveagh Gardens to be demolished to allow for a new access ramp and steps into the Iveagh Gardens. Up until the end of the 19th century, there was a pedestrian connection between the gardens and what is now the site of the National Concert Hall. The proposal is now to reconnect these two sites and reinstate this historic link, which will also have the benefit of connecting the Iveagh Gardens, the National Concert Hall and critically the proposed national children’s science centre and planetarium. This is in accordance with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan such as SC3 which seeks to “develop a sustainable network of safe, clean, attractive pedestrian routes and lanes... to make the city more coherent and navigable”. It is also considered that it will contribute to the enhancement of the Iveagh Gardens and its setting as well as the emerging cluster of visitor attractions in and around the National Concert Hall.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility and feasibility of an inter-family transfer affecting **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to waste management, can he confirm the following

- a) Who is responsible for cleaning of the litter bins on the LUAS line and the frequency of emptying. I noticed that the bins at the stations in the city centre area are regularly full.
- b) That the waste collection companies are charged or fined for any bags collected by the waste collection vehicle employed on overtime by Dublin City Council every weekend. I observed this vehicle collecting abandoned bags from a number of waste collection companies over a weekend

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) Cleaning of Luas stops and maintenance of litter bins available at these stops is carried out by the Luas operators Transdev and their contractors. The Waste Management Division will make Transdev aware of the issue raised above and request that they ensure that the frequency of emptying of litter bins at City Centre stops is adequate in order to ensure that there is no littering created at or around the stops.

b) Bags of domestic or commercial waste presented for collection on non collection days or outside of the appropriate hours as set out in the Dublin City Council Bye laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Domestic and Commercial Waste remain the responsibility of the person who has presented them for collection and that person may be fined for presenting waste at incorrect times.

The routes covered by the waste collection vehicle operating at weekends are first inspected by Litter Wardens who remove dumped and incorrectly presented bags for inspection and investigation in order for enforcement to be carried out. Following this any remaining bags are removed by the waste collection vehicle. It should be noted that the majority of bags removed are not those of waste collectors but simply untagged dumped bags of domestic waste.

Unless it can be ascertained by Dublin City Council that an authorised waste collector has refused to remove the bagged waste in question and has not consequently identified this fact, by way of placing a notice on the bags, to the person who has presented the waste no action can be taken against the waste collector.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive can he provide me with documents or details of any discussions with the Executive of Dublin City Council, or any persons in an official capacity within DCC, on the proposed Supervised Injection Centre to be run by Merchants Quay in Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 10th October 2017, The Temple Bar Company made a written request to the Planning Authority, under Subsection 1, Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, seeking a formal declaration on whether or not the use of Merchants Quay Ireland facility at Riverbank Court, Merchants Quay, as a supervised injecting facility, is or is not development and if it is development, whether it is exempted development.

Dublin City Council informed Merchants Quay Ireland in writing on 13th October that an application for a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) had been submitted. The planning authority invited views or comments on the application by close of business on 25th October 2017. No response was received.

The decision of Dublin City Council (0392/17) states:

Having regard to:

- a. Sections 2,3,4,5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended),
- b. Article 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)
- c. The planning history of the site, plan ref no. 5850/07 and ABP ref no. PL29S.228820).

The Planning Authority determines that the development in question would be a material change of use. Accordingly, this change of use would constitute

development under Section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) which is not exempted development either under this Act or the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

I have not been party to any meetings in relation to any proposed supervised injection centre.

Dublin City Council was represented (Brendan Kenny) on a working group established by the HSE in 2016 on this issue. This working group concentrated on what type of facilities would be required of such a centre. This group did not deal with the possible locations for the centre. The provision of a supervised injection centre is a matter for the HSE.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of staff employed by Dublin City Council annually from 2008 to present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see details of numbers of staff employed by Dublin City Council from 2008 to 2017 in the table below:

Dublin City Council Employment in Whole Time Equivalent (WTE)

Category	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017
Managerial	53.00	50.00	45.80	42.80	39.80	40.60	37.00	36.00	40.00	35.00
Clerical Admin	2,286.00	1980.90	1,949.80	1,900.70	1,844.00	1,764.7	1,712.90	1,656.20	1,657.60	1,694.20
Prof/Tech	589.60	493.40	459.00	448.60	435.40	438.10	432.20	432.00	479.20	454.40
Outdoor	3,023.90	2,995.50	2,889.80	2,748.40	2,571.90	2,462.40	2,394.30	2,341.80	2,213.40	2,079.60
Fire fighters	979.00	909.00	897.00	876.00	876.00	865.00	868.00	842.00	921.00	920.00
Total	6,931.50	6,428.80	6,241.40	6,016.50	5,767.10	5,570.80	5,444.40	5,308.00	5,311.20	5,183.20

Q.132 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to answer the following questions in relation to dog foul.

- What legal powers has a Dog Warden to tackle an owner allowing a dog to foul a public place?
- How many Dog Wardens are employed by Dublin City Council, by area?
- What other grades of staff are authorised to tackle dog foul?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Dog Wardens have power under the Litter Pollution Acts to issue fines. All Fines issued under the Litter Pollution Acts are €150, which includes fines for dog fouling. It is an offence under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place.
- The dog warden service is contracted out by Dublin City Council to Ashton pound. The dog wardens are not assigned to a specific area. There are 5 dog wardens who enforce the Control of Dogs Act for all of the Council's

administrative area. All calls received in the Control of Dogs section are forwarded immediately to the contractor.

- c) Other grades authorised to issue fines under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009 are Litter Wardens, Public Domain Enforcement Officers and Environmental Liaison Officers.

Q.133 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.134 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to Planning Enforcement or lack thereof, in relation to protected structure as per **(details supplied)** and say

1. if he can address the issue that the required works under planning enforcement's 'endangerment notice' were carried out, as my constituent believes this not to be the case; under this notice - broken windows were supposed to be covered with shuttering, ivy and other plants were to be removed from the building, holes in the roof were to be repaired and gutters/downpipes were to be cleared, none of which was done; and if he can explain in detail, the context in which he felt, in early 2017, it was not necessary to proceed with the endangerment notice in relation to this protected structure.
2. if he can refer to letter from my constituent re details supplied and address the 1 to 7 points raised therein
3. if undertaking given by owner was not adhered to, why planning enforcement allowed matters to go unchecked
4. if he is satisfied that the owners of the protected structure are complying with their legal responsibilities to protect the structure and if not, what enforcement action he intends to initiate
5. if he can explain in detail what the rationale behind the issuing of endangerment notices is, and say if same is being adhered to by the City Council, and if not, can the CE give reasons why this is the case
6. if he can arrange to have the matter fully re-examined and make a detailed statement on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site inspection by the Planner assigned with conservation endangerment on the 20/02/2018 revealed the following. See comments on each matter subject of endangerment notice in red.

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.

Alpine Security has been retained to carry out the requirements set out above. They enclosed a report from Alpine Security 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 storm water 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 and completed as the Planner was present on site.

7. Check all drains to ensure that the surface water can drain away. All drains were checked and have been cleared.

Dublin City Council is satisfied that the Notice has been complied with and therefore we closed our file on the matter. The purpose of an endangerment notice is not to have a property rebuilt or improved in appearance. Its main function is to carry out works to prevent any further endangerment of a protected structure and to halt any decline of the structure.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to development at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he is satisfied that;

- a. as set out in planning condition 2, the restaurant/café bar remains subsidiary to the main use of the site for swimming, in accordance with the recreation and open space zoning of the site.
- b. the works on the baths will be completed prior to the opening of the restaurant/café bar
- c. the size of development on the site is that for which planning permission was granted as local resident feels that the development site now exceeds that which was granted permission
- d. that there is adequate parking provision to service the restaurant/café bar as residents are concerned about the hazards that on street parking will have on current lack of road space in this locality

and if he can make a statement on the matter to include a comment on the usage requirement of the swimming pool in the permission granted and its future public use

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) There is no condition relating to subsidiary of the restaurant. The condition states that the restaurant shall be operated in conjunction with the pool. It is allowed to operate from 8am until 11.30pm by way of condition.
- b) The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is carrying out an inspection next week and will determine whether works have been substantially completed on the baths.
- c) The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is carrying out an inspection next week and will determine whether the size of the development is that for which permission was granted.

There were no conditions relating to parking spaces required for the development.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** and say

1. if the building was ever examined from a possible listing aspect
2. if, in pre-application discussions, talks have gone into
3. protecting the building
4. density of any future development on the site
5. what is the opinion of the Council from a preservation point of view, of the future of the building.
6. if he can take necessary steps to have the owners secure the site/property

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. **(Details supplied)** has not been assessed to date for possible addition to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

5. The building may considered for assessment for possible addition to the RPS under the significance criteria, as it would appear to have some architectural and technical significance on the basis of information currently available. However, since such an assessment has not taken place, it may be that future development should be directed towards the grounds, with a sensitive conversion of the principal building to a new use or uses, having regard to the provisions of Chapter 16, section 16.10.17 "Retention and Re-Use of Older Buildings of Significance which are not Protected" (at page 340) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) requires the Planning Authority to keep a written record of any pre-application consultations conducted.

The record of any such Section 247 consultation is placed on the planning file upon validation of a planning application and only then, forms part of the public file.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** and say

1. if he can examine both locations with a view to making same safe as residents report several 'near misses' with cyclists and say there is clearly an issue with cyclists coming upon these pedestrian zones without warning and not understanding that it is a shared space.
2. if he can consider introducing signage or some other action that would slow cyclists down at details supplied to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A road safety audit has been carried out. The report will be presented to the North Central Area Committee scheduled for Monday 12/03/2018.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council take-in-charge Gofton Hall in McKee Avenue, or set out what needs to be done in order for the estate to be taken in charge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below the procedure to be followed for the area, details provided, above to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council.

Taking In Charge Procedure - Dublin City Council

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in the following way:

1. The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.
2. Where the development has not been completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority and enforcement proceedings have not been commenced by the planning authority within seven years beginning on the expiration, as respects the permission authorising the development, of the appropriate period, within the meaning of section 40 or the period as extended under section 42, as the case may be, the authority shall, where requested by the majority of qualified electors who own or occupy the houses in question, comply with section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

The Planning Department handles the initial phases of requests for Taking in Charge. Once a request has been received to take a development in charge, the following is the current procedure.

1. Requests issue to the Service Departments of Dublin City Council to inspect the development and to confirm that it has been completed to the required standard. These service Departments are Drainage Division, Road Maintenance, Water, Public Lighting and Parks.
2. Such requests are accompanied by a copy of the Planning Permission and a site location map for the development.
3. Following inspection, and if necessary, the developer is informed of any outstanding works necessary to complete to Taking in Charge standard. It may be necessary for the developer to meet with a representative from the appropriate Service Department in order that outstanding issues are resolved.
4. When a development has been definitively signed off by all service departments as being complete to Taking in Charge standard, a request is then sent to the appropriate Area Manager to have the development taken in charge.

The following is the procedure followed in the Area Office:

1. A report is prepared for the Area Committee.
2. The Area Committee approves.
3. An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge.
4. The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks.
5. Submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on Public display.

6. At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council.
7. Following the City Councils decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map which is available for public inspection.

To date there has been no request to take Gofton Hall in charge.

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in one the following ways:

- a) The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.
- b) The dwelling owners (at least 51%) may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000– the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the Council explain what can be done to alleviate the problem regarding emergency vehicles as they can't get up the eastern end (from No. 1-24) of Shanowen Park, if there are cars parked on both sides of the road. At the moment there are no restrictions on parking on either side of the road. Can the Council alleviate this problem, including the use of double yellow lines on one side of the road, or if residents parking were introduced, could parking be restricted to one side of the road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that double yellow lines are provided on the eastern side of Shanowen Park on approach to the junction with Shanowen Avenue. Further double yellow lines are not recommended as under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36, paragraph (2)k, it is illegal to park "in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic." The Rules of the Road, Part 4, state: "When parking a vehicle you must ensure that: - It does not inconvenience, obstruct or endanger other traffic e.g. double parking."

Instances of illegal parking should be notified to Dublin Street Parking Services or the Gardaí.

The criteria for the consideration of requests for the introduction of Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of parking controls be received from 25% of households before the request can be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The full criteria is being forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive as cars coming from the N1/M1 on to the Swords Road at Whitehall church are often going at high speed, and often find it difficult to stop at the pedestrian crossing at the church, could any of the following options be implemented to help deal with this:

1. signposting the motorist well in advance of the fact that they are coming into a built up area / city traffic etc eg flashing overhead light /slow down sign
2. speed cameras at the junction
3. rumble strips approaching the lights from the Swords Road side

4. very visible speed limits - 50 /60 km per hour placed further out so that motorists can slow down (both in mind and in motor!)
5. longer signal times for the change of lights (when appropriate eg at Mass times Saturday evening / Sunday)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will assess this location and make recommendations regarding traffic calming on approach to the pedestrian crossing.

The pedestrian signal timings have been checked at this junction and it was found that the current time settings reflect the standard times used at pedestrian crossings and minimum safety times have been maintained. For your information, the green pedestrian signal is simply to indicate to pedestrians that they may start to cross the road, the length of the signal is not related to the time required to cross the road. The green man is set to a standard 6 seconds. The amber pedestrian signal is to indicate to pedestrians that they should not start to cross the road but that there is sufficient time for people already on the crossing to finish crossing the road. The duration of the amber signal is based on the time required to cross the road at an average walking speed of 1.2m/s.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the Council address the mould issues at **(details supplied)**. There is a young child undergoing chemotherapy in this house, and issues with mould are leading to respiratory problems which is having a serious impact on treatment

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of this dwelling will be carried out within the next few weeks in relation to the report of mould. The tenant will be advised of the outcome.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many new homeless cases have the Dublin Regional Homeless executive anticipated for the remainder of 2018

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE expect the upward trend of new presentations of both singles and families to continue due to the continued difficulties in the private rented market and the demand for housing supply. However, during 2017 the DRHE introduced a new Prevention team that engage with families presenting as homeless and work to prevent an episode of homelessness occurring. In 2017, 839 families were assisted by the DRHE to secure tenancies and were prevented from entering homelessness. In addition support is also provided for families in tenancies to prevent reoccurrence of homelessness.

In 2017 the number of additional emergency accommodation units needed for families increased by only 9% (or 93 families). This is a dramatic decrease compared with a 51% increase in 2016 and a 106% increase in 2015, this is largely due to the number of tenancies created by Dublin City Council through HAP and social housing.

The DRHE is continuing to source options for additional emergency accommodation throughout Dublin to provide for new presentations to homeless services.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if any additional homeless hubs are planned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE are continuing to source additional family hubs with a number of possible projects currently being examined for feasibility. The new family hub at Green Castle Parade is expected to open in April 2018 with capacity for 28 family units.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive does every person in emergency accommodation have a key worker assigned to them as a matter of course and if so which organisations other than Focus Ireland provide these key workers

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All service users accessing S10 funded Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA's) and Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA's) have access to a key worker who will complete a comprehensive assessment of need and identify key actions in a support plan. Service users accessing One Night Only accommodation, because of the nature of the service do not have a specific key worker but have access to support staff. A key worker is generally assigned when the service user is admitted to the service.

Organisations providing emergency accommodation services are: -
Crosscare, DePaul, PMVT, Salvation Army, Novas, Sophia, Dublin Simon Community, Respond.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the re-housing of those tenants whose homes were destroyed by fire at Glin Court and how long will the projected repairs of the resultant voids take.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ask what the protocol is regarding the submission of petitions to TAG by residents. I ask as residents have contacted me to say that they submitted a petition over 6 months ago re pay and display and they have not received any update whatsoever.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Service requests are referred to the Traffic Advisory Group in the first instance including requests for the introduction of Parking Schemes on residential roads where the initial supporting evidence from 25% of households has been received. Receipt of the residents' petition from the Councillor was acknowledged on 26th June, 2017.

The Area Traffic Engineer has advised further that Clarence Mangan Road is being examined as part of an overall Pay and Display and Permit Scheme for the Tenters area which will require examination of a number of roads and preparation of maps for the roads concerned.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the rat infestation in **(details supplied)**. Residents have informed me that rats are on the increase and are walking along the balconies. Also the residents that live in details supplied report that their stairwells have not been power washed for a very long time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Further work was undertaken by Housing Maintenance Mobile Squads in relation to treatment for Rat infestation and the situation continues to be monitored in conjunction with the Area Office. **(Details supplied)** have been power washed this week.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can clarify if Dublin City Council owns the lands indicated by the white boundary lines in the photograph submitted with this Question.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC is the owner of the land outlined in white.
It forms part of land acquired from the Earl of Pembroke on 8.3.1900.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with an update regarding the Councils Plans to landscape it's lands at the Corner of Clarehall Avenue and Malahide Road at Clarehall Shopping centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area concerned has been taken in charge by DCC Parks Service. As part of the expansion of the Shopping centre it was accepted that the area would be planted with wildflowers by the developer to be then maintained by DCC Parks Services. Parks Services will follow up with the developer to remind them of their agreement to sow or re sow the wildflower meadow, upon establishment it will be maintained by DCC Parks and landscape Services.