

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 9th APRIL 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could have a response issued to me regarding the potential traffic hazard as outlined by a constituent below.

During snow on Friday evening I was coming out of town. A car in front of me took a wild lurch at Star of the Sea school roundabout and shot across onto other side of road. Fortunately there was no traffic coming towards us. I stopped but before I could go over to help the car moved off again.

I thought at first that it had just skidded but attached photo shows what actually happened. In the snow the concrete extension off the footpath was invisible. When the car hit it, it was directed to the right and would have gone head on into any on-coming traffic. Fortunately, there was none.

This type of footpath widening at roundabouts is common enough around Dublin but in snowy conditions it's a hazard. Actually I reckon it's a continuous cycling hazard as it forces cyclists to move out from footpath. It's not hard to see that in the dark such a situation could be tragic.

Perhaps you'd raise this type of preventable hazard with the powers that be.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will review the junction at Beach Road/Leahy's Terrace and the Councillor will be informed in a due course.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for remedial works to a tenancy property at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive how many new cases of street homelessness presented in recent cold weather event and to indicate how these people were previously unknown to DHRE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE in conjunction with the Peter McVerry Trust undertook a detailed analysis of the people that accessed emergency shelter in St. Catherine's Sports Hall during the recent severe weather event. A total of 177 unique individuals were accommodated in the facility during the period of operation, of which 38 were new presentations to Homeless Services.

We are aware that there are people staying in unsatisfactory conditions such as overcrowded spaces and other temporary accommodation. Due to the severity of the weather event, these people that are normally reluctant to engage with services were encouraged into accommodation. Importantly, this unprecedented event provided the opportunity to engage with these people and subsequently many remained in emergency accommodation and were able to access relevant supports to address their specific needs

Q.4 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following street lights repaired (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to upgrade the street lighting at Clare Hall Estate, Dublin 13 and restore to their previous level as a matter of urgency. Visibility has decreased since the new LED lights have been installed and is a danger to pedestrians and traffic and crime levels have increased. Lighting in some of the cul de sacs is particularly poor. The new lights do not illuminate the same ground area as previous lights - only the immediate area under the lampposts is now lit. Photos attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The previous 'orange' type lights (low pressure sodium lights) that were installed in Clare Hall cannot be re-installed or restored as the manufacture of these lights is being phased out of production.

If the cul de sacs where the lighting is considered particularly poor could be identified these could be re-visited with a view to seeing what improvements might be possible.

With regard to the new lights not illuminating the same ground area the issue may be that there is less spill light into people's gardens as the new lights focus the lighting distribution onto the public roads and footpaths where the lighting spread is considered reasonable.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** as the tenant is complaining of dampness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of this dwelling will be carried out in the next 2 weeks in relation to a report of dampness.

The attic in this dwelling has been insulated. Phase 2 of our insulation programme has commenced. This dwelling will be included in this phase however no timeframe can be given at this stage for works under this programme for an individual dwelling.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the tree at the Donnybrook BuZz Shelter on the main Donnybrook Road beside Old Wesley RFC be included in the Tree pruning programme for 2018. Donnybrook Tidy Towns commissioned this project in 2017 and it has been observed that the tree is casting too much shadow in Spring / Summer months to allow for sustainable planting that favours the indigenous Bee and wildlife population for which the zone was designed to highlight. The BuZz shelter is proving very popular with the general public and any help highlight the Zone towards public awareness for the National Pollinator Plan would be most welcome.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree and planting at this location has been visited recently and it was noted that the tree was pruned in recent years and additional pruning may not resolve the problem in regard to shading of the sustainable planting.

Therefore, if the undersigned is contacted he will arrange a meeting between local parks gardening staff and the Donnybrook Tidy Towns to discuss horticultural based solutions which may help alleviate the problem.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the green open space at Belmont Park, Raheny to be tidied up and all the litter be removed there from and identify what improvements will be carried out on that green open space in the coming year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area was cleared of shrubs as a result of local complaints regarding weed species, litter and vermin which when investigated it was found that the quality of the shrub planting had declined to an unacceptable condition; dominated as it was by briars , weeds and other undesirable species.

Litter exposed during the clearance works has been removed.

It is intended that the area beneath the retained trees will be replanted with suitable shrub species with ornamental and wildlife values as part of the next phase of the project once weather and local schedules allow.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the humus/rotten leaves removed and cleaned up from the footpath that goes from the green open space to the Raheny Hospice and to identify any source of flooding on same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On the 15/03/2018, 6 of 6 gullies were inspected and cleaned in Belmont Park in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. These gullies were in normal working order.

Waste Management Services had the humus/rotten leaves cleaned up from the above mentioned footpath on the 20th March 2018.

The area was cleaned to a very high standard by Waste Management on the 20th March.

This area is not prone to flooding according to local records and knowledge. The recent heavy rains at the end of a wet winter have resulted in many very wet and unusable pitches and open spaces throughout the city in recent weeks and most areas are significantly wetter than would be expected at this time of year. It is expected that the situation will greatly improve in the coming weeks as weather improves and temperatures rise.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the erection of a road sign on Hole in the Wall Road asking drivers not to indicate left for New Priory until they have passed the junction of Grattan Lodge Estate as early premature indication is causing near misses and potential accidents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not provide road signs advising motorists with regard to driving behaviour.

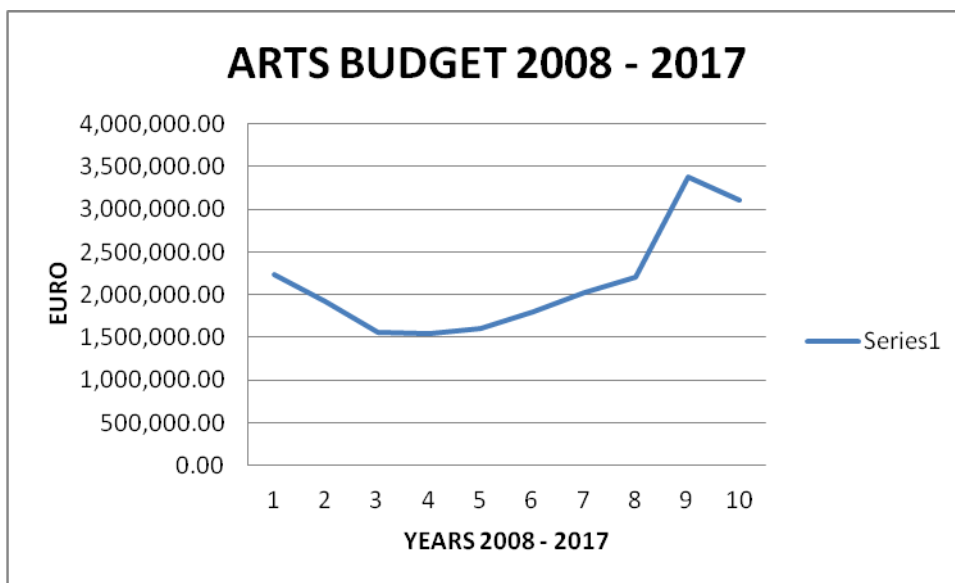
Q.14 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide to this Councillor with a report on the budget allocation for the arts for each of the past ten years 2008-2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Please find below the figures for the budget allocation for Dublin City Arts Office for the years 2008-2017.

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
EXPENDITURE	2,556,706.00	2,208,166.00	1,757,200.00	1,783,131.00	1,950,659.00	2,255,554.00	2,282,308.00	2,542,489.00	3,790,068.00	3,708,915.00
INCOME	314,329.00	284,405.00	205,441.00	241,964.00	351,894.00	452,265.00	257,187.00	331,794.00	407,158.00	602,013.00
NET	2,242,377.00	1,923,761.00	1,551,759.00	1,541,167.00	1,598,765.00	1,803,289.00	2,025,121.00	2,210,695.00	3,382,910.00	3,106,902.00
		<i>Economic Crash Impact on Budget</i>					<i>MusicTown</i>	<i>Chinese New Year moved to Arts Office</i>	<i>Dublin Culture Connects</i>	



Q.15 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to define the term 'adequate' with regard to the quality of visibility for pedestrians from night time LED street lighting with particular regard to **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The term ‘adequate’ means that the Street Lighting meets Class P4 lighting levels as set out in British Standard BS 5489 Part 1 for residential estates.

Any new street lighting proposed for new residential developments is designed to meet the above standard. The above lighting standard is also applied to lighting upgrades in older housing estates where old lighting is replaced with new LED lighting.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that a full inspection of the pump house at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The water pumps are in good working order in this complex. The recent bad weather caused an issue with the water pressure. This has been rectified.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would clear the shores at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Between the 21st-23rd March 2018, the Surface Water and Flood Management direct labour force inspected and cleaned 43 of 45 gullies on **(details supplied)** in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. One gully was omitted due to a parked car while another gully is need of repair works, which has been forwarded on to Drainage Services.

Between the 21st-22nd March 2018, the Surface Water and Flood Management direct labour force inspected and cleaned 19 of 22 gullies on **(details supplied)** in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. One gully was omitted due to a parked car while the two remaining gullies are in need of repair works, which have been forwarded on to Drainage Services.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been imposed on persons who are caught dumping and taken to court. Also how much legal action by DCC have taken place in the north inner city over the last 6 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report will issue directly to the Councillor in the next fortnight comprising of the details of the number and amounts of fines awarded from court actions taken in relation to illegal dumping offences under the Litter Pollution Act and how many actions have been initiated relating to alleged illegal dumping offences in the North Inner City – D1, D3 and D7 in the last 6 months.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would remind home owners and DCC tenants to avoid dumping food products in areas as it may lead to rodents in areas of such dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issue of food waste being left out by householders for consumption by animals is not known to be a widespread problem. Where it is known that the issue does exist Dublin City Council will issue correspondence to householders reminding them of the fact that this is an offence under the litter pollution act and that it also serves to attract vermin. If specific areas or streets can be identified to the Waste Management Division we will arrange for correspondence to issue to all addresses.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently deal with water damage at a tenancy property **(details supplied)** arising from delays in carrying out necessary works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was a leak from the maisonette above this dwelling. This was repaired immediately. There is some staining to the ceiling as a result. This will be painted.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the monies allocated and spent on operational services and capital projects by the City Council in each of its five administrative areas in each of the past five years, 2013-2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The format of financial reporting is prescribed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and captures financial information within operational/functional divisions as set out in the annual budget and annual financial statements. The information as requested cannot be provided.

Q.22 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.23 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.24 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A response will issue directly to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive for a full update in relation to the provision of flood defences along the River Poddle and the River Dodder. When will these works start

and how close will the collaboration and co-operation be with South Dublin County Council and the other relevant agencies? I would also like to ask will there be public consultation or at the very least, will there be a point of contact for concerned residents along these 2 rivers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A consultant is programmed to be appointed by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) for the Poddle flood alleviation project within the next week. As two thirds of the estimated 800 buildings flooded in 2011 were in South County Dublin they are the lead authority on this project, however Dublin City Council (DCC) will be represented on the project steering group. There will be public consultations both in DCC and SDCC on the final proposed project as part of the application for planning permission. The project programme is 50 months to completion.

Flood alleviation works are progressing between Ballsbridge and Donnybrook Bridge on the Dodder. Works to the Smurfit weirs are programmed for completion in 2018. Contract Documents are being compiled to appoint a consultant for Dodder Flood Alleviation Works Phase 3 which runs from Clonskeagh Bridge to Classon's Bridge in Dartry. It is programmed to appoint this consultant in Q3 2018. Portions of this project are in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown (DLRCC). This project will also have a public consultation period as part of its planning permission application in both Council areas. There will be DCC, SDCC and DLRCC points of contact on both of these flood alleviation projects.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to his response at point (a) to my question 135 at the March 2018 Council meeting and clarify his reference to the conditions of An Bord Pleanála (PL 29N.240131) in relation to (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to his response to my question 134 at the March 2018 City Council meeting in relation to the lack of compliance/adherence with an enforcement notice served on the owner of a property and in relation to (**details supplied**) respond to queries raised

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to carry out noise monitoring as soon as possible as residents are distraught as the noise levels being inflicted on them for such a long period of time now and if levels are found to be above that which is acceptable. Can the Chief Executive please take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that further efforts are made by the company to reduce the really awfully upsetting situation for residents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Iarnród Éireann are currently in the process of carrying out a track renewal maintenance programme between Killester and Clontarf. A $\frac{3}{4}$ mile section of life expired rail has to be renewed. These are essential maintenance works that must be done at night when the railway is not in operation. Iarnród Éireann advised that the works will be finished by May 2018.

A Noise Management Plan was submitted to the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit and approved prior to commencement of the works. Continuous noise monitoring is carried out at the most sensitive noise locations. One of the locations agreed is adjacent to **(details supplied)**

The results will be reviewed to ensure best practice as outlined in the noise management plan is observed.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to trees at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can say when he can arrange to prune same as they are seriously negatively impacting on the quality of life of the resident who is an elderly lady

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at this location were inspected and found to be in acceptable condition. No pruning works are warranted at this time. Minor tidying up of stubs left by previous branch removals is desirable but lower priority and will be carried out as schedules allow.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full list of how many former full time employees of Dublin City Council have been reemployed under contract agreement in the past two years. This also to include job description and types of fees and payments, length of time of contract and a break down between male and female.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A small number of former employees have been employed on an ad-hoc basis to conduct specific pieces of work.

As these former employees are normally engaged by departments, we are in the process of collecting the information and will be in a position to issue a report in 2 weeks.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to the cost so far for the College Green Plaza Project and Traffic Realignment. Also, the overall costs and expense for presenting Dublin City Council's case at the oral hearing of An Bord Pleanála. This report to include individual breakdowns of professional fees, i.e. legal representation, cost of hiring out rooms in Gresham hotel, staff costs etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be prepared and issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give up a full scientific assessment as to the dangers posed by drinking water from plastic containers such as those that are installed in City Council offices and the Civic Offices and also the bottles that are supplied to the Dublin Fire Brigade services. There is concern about micro plastics from the WHO and in particular those that are now contained within bottled water and other such plastic containers that hold drinking water. It is time for DCC to assure its staff around the health implications of bottled drinking water.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have asked our Corporate Health and Safety Officer to investigate this matter and advise accordingly.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full environmental impact assessment on the impact and implications of the rerouting of Dublin Buses and other traffic in and around the side streets adjacent to College Green such as Westmoreland Street, Townsend Street, Dame Street, Georges Street, Parliament Street. There are many health implications for the level of emissions that are coming from such vehicles as Dublin Bus and other private buses and coaches and cars which tend to be older models. The recent evidence presented at the oral hearing of An Bord Pleanála in relation to emissions was very alarming giving rise to serious public health concerns. This impact study should be carried out immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be prepared and issued to the Councillor in due course.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the traffic department can examine the pedestrian sequences at the traffic lights at Goldenbridge and Drimnagh Luas Stops. Davitt Road is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and I would appreciate if the pedestrian sequences can be made safer for local residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are currently in the process of connecting the traffic signals sites at Goldenbridge and Drimnagh Luas Stops to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System which allocates junction timing depending on traffic and pedestrian demand. In addition, we intend to develop a new specification for the operation of the traffic signals at Drimnagh Luas Stop. These measures will allow us a greater degree of control to monitor and make changes to the operation of these junctions as required and in particular to address the concerns you have raised.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what residents in an apartment block can do when a significant number of the apartments are being let to airbnb tenants and these lettings are impacting negatively on the rest of the residents in the same apartment block. Also what has DCC done to prevent this practice, bearing in mind the housing shortage in Ireland.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In a situation like this residents should raise it with the Management Company for the Apartment Complex.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the indicative plans being prepared by this Council to redevelop the site at the corner of Russell Street and the North Circular Road, which is in our ownership, as a potential housing project and to indicate the timeline for the delivery of such a proposal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Development Department of the City Council are trying to acquire the property adjacent to the small piece of land in Dublin City Council ownership with a view to developing the whole Site.

A decision has not yet been made as to whether such a Development would be for Social Housing.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive update on advancing the new City Library at Parnell Square including indicative timelines for the achieving of major milestones in the design, planning and construction stages of this project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following remobilisation, the multidisciplinary design team is working to meet the requirements of a July 2018 planning submission. Aspects of the design, including the mechanical, electrical fit-out, structural considerations, adjacencies and food service requirements are being further developed as part of this process. The project Environmental Impact Statement is also being developed as part of the design to planning process. Other Project timelines and milestones will be advised when the outcome of the planning process is known.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to reiterate his previously made commitment that City Councillors will make a final decision on the preferred route for the Liffey Cycle Route, notwithstanding the engineering review being undertaken by the National Transport Authority. While funding may have to be sought from the National Transport Authority for the construction of this project, it is not a proposal that has been developed by the NTA and therefore any decision on the preferred route and whether it is to be advanced, should remain with this Council and I ask the Chief Executive to commit that he and the Executive are not attempting to off-load a decision on this project to the NTA.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Transport Authority will provide a preferred option for the Liffey Cycle Route. This will be presented for the consideration of Dublin City Council. If agreed, it will proceed to public consultation in the usual way.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a further progress report on the delivery of the design, planning and construction of Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the Royal Canal Greenway between Sheriff Street and Ashtown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Royal Canal Phase 2

Dublin City Council will be in a position to award the contract as soon as the Bridge Agreement and licences are on hand. The Contractor would be required to start works on site within three weeks of award of Contract. Liaison with Waterways Ireland, Irish Rail and CIÉ is ongoing. Tenders for the construction contract were received on 8th March 2018. A tender board will meet in April 2018 to recommend a preferred Tenderer. Works are still scheduled to start on site in late Q2 or early Q3 as per January 2018 update.

Royal Canal Phase 3

It is anticipated that Tender Documents will be issued by end April 2018. Works are still scheduled to start on site in Q3 2018 as per January 2018 update. This will be subject to obtaining the necessary licences from Irish Rail, CIÉ and Waterways Ireland.

Royal Canal Phase 4

It is anticipated that a Consultant for the detailed design of phase 4 will be appointed in June 2018. The detailed design of the scheme is scheduled for completion by end 2018 as per January update with tenders for construction being issued in Q1 of 2019.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council why the South Central Area has the highest backlog for TAG requests in the City Council administrative area. There are TAG requests from 2013 and this is unacceptable for all South Central communities who are left waiting for in some cases road and traffic upgrades that could potentially save lives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As you can appreciate the TAG section is a very busy section with both TAG and NON TAG requests. All Areas have a backlog and after looking at the figures it turns out that the South Central Area actually has the lowest number of outstanding requests with only 131 outstanding. Of these 131 there is only 1 from 2013 and this is a full wrap around pedestrian request. As you know we only have a very limited budget and in turn can only process 1 large pedestrian crossing or 2 basic pedestrian crossings each year. With this in mind it is thought to be most efficient to pick two each year that stand a good chance of being completed within budget.

The TAG team is constantly looking to improve ways they manage their work load and strive to provide a better service to both the public and the public representatives.

Just to put the improvement of the back log in context -

Month/Year	NOV/2016	NOV/2018
No of outstanding requests	196	131

This is a reduction of 65 outstanding requests in the space of two years along with answering new requests.

We are continually looking into new policies and trying to put in place new criteria for projects like the neighbourhood traffic studies and to work better and more efficiently with our Public Representatives.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to reply received to Council question (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to all our parks/green spaces that have railings/fences/gates how many are accessible by wheelchair/motorized chair? I ask this as a constituent of mine cannot get access to his local park Eamon Ceannt Park

as his motorized chair cannot get in through the kissing gates. He informs that there are other parks that he has the same problem in. Are there plans to address this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Kissing gates are installed at park entrances to deter vehicle access, in particular quad and scrambler bikes and also to deter horses. The entrances are designed to particular standards i.e. to be fully accessible to wheelchairs and push-chairs. Unfortunately many of the larger motorised wheelchairs have difficulty using the gates. In this situation Park Services can meet with the individual in question to see if the gates can be altered to accommodate the larger wheelchair. If this is not possible the keys of the main vehicle gate can be provided. The individual can contact Park Services to organise a meeting at the park so we can hopefully come up with a solution.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the origin of the advice given on the Motion by Norma Sammon and the amendment by myself on 12th June 2017. What questions were asked of the official who gave the advice & why the advice did not include information about derogations or the legal precedent already live in Dublin County.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The only derogation in relation to the control of gulls in the Dublin area was issued by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in 2017. The reply to the Motion by Norma Sammon was drafted in September 2016 but the motion was not reached until June 2017.

The derogation/licence granted in 2017 permits the removal of herring gull eggs and nests from a defined area in Balbriggan. The licence does not permit the culling of gulls. It was granted as a one-year pilot basis only with the intention of carrying out a review at the end of a year.

Neither the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht or Fingal County Council committed to undertaking the activities permitting under the derogation. It is understood that local community groups were prepared to organise suitable personnel to undertake the work of removing nests and eggs.

It should be noted that the removal of nests and eggs from rooftops of houses and businesses is a hazardous activity, not only because of the height involved, but also because of the aggressive nature of the gulls when interfering with their nests. DCC has no further information on the outcome of the derogation and whether it will be renewed in 2018.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if St. Assams Church, Raheny, Dublin 5 is a listed building or a protected building. Have Dublin City Council had any information in relation the on-going plans for the building?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two churches in Raheny known as St. Assams.

The (“old”) St. Assam’s Protestant church (ruin), dating from 1712, and it’s graveyard, at Howth Road, Dublin 5 is a protected structure, Ref. No. 3967 on the RPS.

The former (“new”) St. Assam’s Roman Catholic parish church, dating from 1859, on the Howth Road, Dublin 5, is a protected structure, Ref. No. 3966 on the RPS.

There is an application out on additional information (Plan No. 4495/17) for O’Doherty House which is immediately to the west of St Assams Church for development of a three storey building with credit union office at ground with apartments above. Additional information was requested on 14-Feb-2018.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can outline the claw back rules relating to someone (**details supplied**) who bought their house in 2005.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There are no claw back rules relating to this property (**details supplied**). The dwelling was purchased under the Tenant Purchase Sales Scheme. In the event of the sale of the dwelling, it will require consent from Dublin City Council under Section 90(6) of the Housing Act 1966.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the issues raised in the email submitted with this question relating to the finish of the flood relief walls along the Liffey Campshires.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The “temporary barriers” are a requirement of Health and Safety for the Wicklow Granite “blocks left unattended” required for the ongoing construction of the adjacent cycletrack; programmed to be completed by the end of this month.

The wall material is as per planning permission approved by An Bord Pleanála following all public and statutory consultations.

The wall on Sir John Rogerson’s Quay will be faced with Wicklow granite, on the estuary side, similar to attached photo of George’s Quay which forms part of this flood alleviation project. This current operational flood wall reduces the flood risk to an estimated 3,000 buildings in this area.

The total cost of this flood alleviation project which extends for 1,150m is €5.5m. We will contact our cleansing division with regard to the clearance of rubbish bins.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O’MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to please give clarification and a detailed explanation in to the following:

1. Documents recently released in the public domain show that the land boundary between St. Anne’s and St. Paul’s was agreed in 3 stages in the 1950s, leaving the land open for the use of the community from c1952 to 2001. Is this factual?

2. Is there any identified 'Areas of Conflict' between any of the parties i.e. DCC, Vincentian Order and Crekav.
3. Does the current fencing correlate with the map boundaries that was erected by the Vincentian Order with the stated aim of (and planning permission granted for) facilitating the continued insurance of St Paul's school property and playing fields, not as a means of separating this land from the rest of the park to facilitate its future sale to a 3rd party developer?
4. Are DCC in discussions with developer regarding boundaries?
5. Should DCC engage in any negotiations with the developer - including boundary realignments - that could prejudice a live planning application? Particularly as said corrections and realignments may facilitate a development that DCC is now on the record as stating is not in compliance with either Z15 or the Birds Directive?
6. The negotiations involve more than correction of lines on a map - works are proposed on site to install new fencing on amended boundary lines. These should be subject to a planning application and NIS, given the material nature of the changes to the land boundaries, and the fact that works will need to be undertaken on the boundary of both a conservation area (St Anne's park) and a site identified as being of international importance for Brent geese (St Paul's playing fields). The boundary works will impinge on overgrown scrub land with semi-mature trees which in itself forms a habitat that may host bats, a protected species.
7. Can detail drawings of the a) the current boundary b) the past boundary c) any changes that are under negotiation, be issued to me.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The three property transactions in the 1950s transferred the land free from any encumbrances and with no stipulation as to future use.

In November 2016, Crevak Trading were informed by the Property Registration Authority of an area of conflict in respect of their registration of lands at St. Pauls which revealed a discrepancy on the boundary alignment between St Anne's Park and St. Paul's lands. Following discussions between the parties it was proposed by Crevak Trading to the PRA that the matter should be rectified by mutual consent to match the existing folio.

It is understood that the rectification of the 'area of conflict' in terms of mapping is now complete as far as the PRA are concerned.

Other than this minor discrepancy the boundary between St. Anne's Park and the lands transferred to the Vincentian Order is in accordance with the title documents.

There are no discussions taking place in relation to boundaries and/or fencing pending the outcome of the planning process which is underway.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINGLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to update rent account at **(details supplied)** with recently submitted P60.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 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.63 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive about the residents at Hanover Wharf who have expressed understandable concern with the recent practice of bins being collected at 12pm and waking up all the residents with the extremely loud noise of gates being opened and closed and crashing noise. Previously collection time was at or before 10pm and the bins were stored out at side of the building but they are now behind the

gates. Can the Chief Executive arrange to have the bins stored outside and collected before 10pm as was previously the practice?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Hanover Wharf is within the Central Commercial District area of Dublin City Council and as such waste collections may take place until midnight as set out in the Dublin City Council Bye Laws for Storage, Presentation and Collection of Waste. Collections that take place after this time can be subject to enforcement action under the bye laws and any information relating to activities should be referred to the Litter Management Office for follow up and action.

It is recommended that the management company responsible for the development make contact with their waste services provider to ensure that the service provided to them is in keeping with the expectations of the residents and carried out at an appropriate time and in a manner that ensures disturbance to residents is minimised.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the protocol and legal requirements required to apply for a licence to transport asbestos. What is the verification process for a new company with no previous track record of the removal of asbestos?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the function of the National Waste Collection Permit Office to issue and renew all Waste Collection Permits of both hazardous and non hazardous waste in the Republic of Ireland. For specific information on the protocols, legal requirements and verification processes necessary for hauliers to transport asbestos please contact the NWCPO directly at contactus@nwcpo.ie or telephone (057) 9357428.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if, in the interest of public safety, he can write to the HSE and/or the landlord of Gandon House, Amiens Street and request that the bollards at the front of the building be moved back an appropriate distance to facilitate people queuing at the extremely busy bus stop at this building and to also facilitate pedestrian movement along this section of Amiens Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has been forwarded to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. The Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, an application has been received by DCC in relation to a proposal to demolish Number 200 Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Furthermore, can the Chief Executive detail progress on the proposed addition on Number 200 Clonliffe Road to the list of protected structures (on foot of my motion to the Central Area Committee on 11th April 2017). Finally, can the Chief Executive detail what interim protection is afforded to a building while it is being assessed as being suitable for inclusion on the list of protected structures and, in this case in particular, can any proposed demolition of Number 200 be stopped until the addition or otherwise is determined by DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the adoption of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, the assessment of additions to (or indeed deletions from) the Record of Protected Structures has commenced this year, in association with: the consideration of recommendations for additions to the RPS published by the NIAH/Ministerial Recommendation, and the surveying of 10 priority areas to be considered for potential designation as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) as provided in the current Development Plan, which came into effect on the 21st October 2016.

Over the coming years, the available resources of the Conservation Section will focus on this already adopted, operational programme for the drafting of 10 priority ACAs for the historic core of the city, along with associated additions to (amendments of or deletions to) the RPS within these areas, as mandated under the City Development Plan, and some of the additions to the RPS recommended by the Minister.

A file for the assessment of the proposed addition of No. 200 Clonliffe Road was created last year and has been added to the list of 1,311 candidate additions now awaiting assessment.

The Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) does not provide any procedures for the ‘interim’ protection of a structure.

A structure is only legally protected under Section 55 of the Act once the formal notification of the proposed addition to the RPS is issued by the Planning Authority to the owner(s) and occupier(s), and with the placing of a public notice in a newspaper to that effect.

However, this can occur only after the assessment of the special interest of the structure in accordance with the Act, the preparation of a report for the relevant Area Committee, the approval of that Committee to initiate the addition process, a legal search to identify the owner(s) and occupier(s) and the preparation of the statutory notices.

The demolition of a ‘habitable house’ such as that at No. 200 Clonliffe Road requires planning permission and as such would be considered as part of a planning application having regard to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Regulations and Guidelines made thereunder, together with the policies, objectives and other requirements of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many submissions/observations were received by DCC in respect of the Rolling Stones Concert in Croke Park. Can the Chief Executive also provide a summary of the nature of the objections and submissions of support?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There were approx. 90 submissions/observations received within the statutory period.

The core issues raised in the submissions/observations (but not solely confined to) can be summarised as follows,

1. Lack of consultation

It was acknowledged that Croke Park informed local residents of their intention to apply for a licence for the proposed event however it is alleged that they never solicited a response or comment.

By way of response to this issue raised the licencing process is a consultation process that allows any party to make a submission/observation relating to a proposal to hold an event. Approx 90 people exercised this right and wrote to Dublin City Council in making a submission. Any additional dialogue between Venue Management and locals is a matter for the parties concerned and is not a matter that requires to be considered by Dublin City Council.

2. Cap on Number of Special Events in Croke Park/Intensification of Use

There is no “cap” on the number of Special Events that can be held in Croke Park. Croke Park are allowed hold up to three special events per year by way of Condition No 11a attached to their Planning Permission granted in 1993 PL29N.089403 (0238/92) for the redevelopment of the stadium subject to the complying with

Condition No 11b. (Compliance submissions have been received from MCD in respect of 2 proposed Taylor Swift Concerts scheduled for 15th and 16th June 2018 and a proposed Michael Buble Concert on the 7th of July 2018).

Section 240 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 states:

(2) (a) Notwithstanding section 230 or 239, the provisions of this Part shall not affect the validity of any planning permission granted under Part IV of the Act of 1963 for the holding of an event or events or for a funfair.

(b) Where a planning permission referred to in paragraph (a) has been granted for the holding of an event or events in respect of land, a licence under this Part shall be required for the holding of any additional event on the land concerned.

There is precedent for the granting of such licences for events in Croke Park e.g. licences were granted in 2008, 2009, 2012 and 2014. The granting of a licence for a potential 4th concert this year does not in the opinion of Dublin City Council constitute a significant intensification of use of the stadium given the history of events and outdoor event licences granted in the past. Therefore Dublin City Council is satisfied that the applicant in this instance is entitled to apply for an event licence in respect of additional events above the number permitted under the existing permission.

3. Litter/Waste management concerns

A robust litter and waste management operation is put in place for all events in Croke Park. This plan will be put in place before during and after the proposed Concert if granted a licence.

4. Noise

Dublin City Council outlined that if a licence is granted for concerts strict noise control limits would be imposed by way of EPA pre-emptive notice which would include a requirement for monitoring of noise levels relating to sound checks/rehearsals and concerts. A Condition relating to numbers and duration of rehearsal and sound checks was attached to the granted licence.

5. Parking Restrictions/Traffic Management/ incomplete application

A draft event management plan is what is required to be lodged as part of an application for An Outdoor Event Licence Application. This plan and information is developed and evolves during the course of the licensing process, having regard to previous events held in the venue, submissions made and exchanges of information both at statutory and bilateral meetings. Dublin City Council is satisfied that the licence application and documents submitted comply with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and associated regulations. It should be further noted that Croke Park have been running events for the last 20 years in the redeveloped stadium and locals are well aware of the traffic management and security plans that go in place associated with such events. The issue of using the car park in Clonliffe College for events associated with Croke Park is covered under the Planning Permission associated with the redevelopment of the stadium and in any case this proposed event is being applied for by way of licence so any approval for use of land associated with the event is stand alone.

6. Sanitation - Public Toilets on street locations

External toilets will be provided at agreed locations.

7. Local Residents- General Event Cordon Area Access/Access for people with disabilities.

The Venue Management Community Team members work with the Gardai and stewards regarding resident's access and all reasonable efforts are made to keep

access restriction and disruption to a minimum for local residents. Should any person with a disability require medical provision or access to their property, arrangements will be made through the emergency services or through the residents hotline to assist in any required way.

8. Anti Social Behaviour

- a) An Garda Siochana as is usual for events in Croke Park will be putting in place controls around the Venue by way of a Section 21 order should a licence be granted for the event. No alcohol is allowed to be consumed on the street inside the event cordon. An Garda Siochana are well experienced in dealing with events of all type in Croke Park including outdoor concerts. An Garda Siochana have indicated that the policing and external security plans for the proposed concerts will take into account the potential public order related issues associated with this event, such as drinking in public, public intoxication, anti social behaviour and public urination. The Promoter has undertaken to provide a significant number of stewards/security personnel to be deployed outside the stadium to assist in reducing the potential for public order related incidents. An Garda Siochana have also sent me a copy of their plan relating to the proposed event.

There is a requirement by Dublin City Council to provide a resident's hotline to deal with any local complaints associated with the concert.

9. Works Schedule

Working hours on temporary structures associated with the Concert will be restricted as normal from 8am to 10pm with 1am being given on the night of the concert to remove what is required from the stage and pitch. These working hours for concerts are standard across the City for all large scale outdoor concert events.

10. Submissions/Observations made outlining benefits of concerts in terms of employment and to local businesses and good atmosphere brought to the area. Area is carefully cleaned after events in Croke Park. Events promote the area positively "an area that can receive negative coverage".

Dublin City Council notes these submissions and is aware of the benefits of concerts to the City and the points raised.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an estimate (both in number and financial impact) of the number of positions in DCC have been lost as a result of services, such as Household Waste Collection, Third Level Student grants, Homeless Hostels, Insurance etc.) no longer being provided by Dublin City Council and if the Chief Executive can also confirm whether, or not, such a reduction in staff correlates with the reduction in services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I wish to advise that all the above issues were dealt with in a report by the Chief Executive to the Corporate Policy Group on 23rd March 2018. The full report is attached.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor directly within two weeks.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council clean the footpath opposite Whitehall Church on the Swords Road between the bus stop at the junction with Collins Avenue and the pedestrian crossing at the church? It's the pavement along the main road, and not the pavement alongside the houses. (See photo) It is covered in muck, and it's a frequent route for people getting the bus to the church.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the footpath cleaned at the above mentioned location on the 3rd April 2018.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council install ramps on Ballygall Parade. The residents report a lot of speeding cars. This road used to be a bus route in the past, and so wasn't deemed suitable for ramps, but it is no longer a bus route.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 30th January, 2018, did not recommend speed ramps on Ballygall Parade.

Ballygall Parade is currently traffic-calmed with six speed cushions adequately placed to reduce vehicle speed. The installation of additional cushions/ramps will further encourage harsh braking and consequent heavy acceleration in-between.

The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend additional speed ramps on Ballygall Parade.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of couples without children registered as homeless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The latest homeless figures from February 2018 show that there were a total of 2,176 singles with no children in emergency accommodation. All aggregate figures published refer to singles / couples however no distinction is made between singles and couples for reporting purposes.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state what correspondence he has received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport Agency in relation to the proposed Metrolink route.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive did not receive any correspondence from TII or the NTA on the route of the proposed Metrolink. However, he is a member of the Board of the NTA and the proposed route was discussed by the Board.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of complaints received relating to short term airbnb style lettings during 2017 broken down by area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were approx 40 complaints made in 2017 relating to short term holiday style lettings. The majority of these were in the Central and South East Area areas and were evenly distributed across the two areas.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of preferences expressed for each area by applicants currently on the housing waiting list.

I realise this will cause some double counting if one person has three preferences expressed on their form, but it's not about the total number, I am trying to understand demand for each area and in that case each preference for area A or area K or whichever area should be counted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Table 1(a) shows the March 2018 Housing List, illustrating **all of the area preference choices** that have been expressed by applicants. This table includes the same applicant being counted up to 3 times depending on the number of Areas selected.

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March 2018 Housing List all area preferences										TABLE 1 (a)											
BAND 1 HOUSING										Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Band 1	Traveller Priority										74	42	61	10	40	21	9	2	3	4	266
	Housing Medical Priority										78	12	66	45	27	34	31	34	43	25	395
	Housing Medical Priority older person										12	1	17	12	2	2	1	8	10	9	74
	Welfare Priority										28	4	18	18	16	21	17	6	10	3	141
	Welfare Priority older person										3		4	7	2	4	2	6	6	4	38
	Homeless Priority										809	432	902	901	357	390	669	459	478	422	5819
	Homeless Priority older person										34	7	37	42	26	27	41	48	54	31	347
	Band 1 Grand Total										1038	498	1105	1035	470	499	770	563	604	498	7080
BAND 2 HOUSING										Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Band 2	Band 2 Housing List										2095	905	2422	1628	1040	1400	1405	1122	1593	803	14413
	Band 2 Housing List older person										107	14	139	174	52	72	108	134	193	88	1081
	Band 2 Grand Total										2202	919	2561	1802	1092	1472	1513	1256	1786	891	15494
BAND 3 HOUSING										Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total	
Band 3	Band 3 Housing List										3164	1112	3277	1822	1135	1578	1524	1389	2243	809	18053
	Band 3 Housing List older person										289	76	311	244	127	169	181	219	310	122	2048
	Band 3 Grand Total										3453	1188	3588	2066	1262	1747	1705	1608	2553	931	20101
TOTAL	Housing List Total										6693	2605	7254	4903	2824	3718	3988	3427	4943	2320	42675

* It should also be noted that the current number of Active Housing Applications on the Housing list is 19,381

Q.88 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive when you get a chance drive down Belmont Avenue and then into Mt Eden Road, Donnybrook there are a number of Potholes on Mount Eden and Belmont Ave. They have been reported so many of these over the last number of years and they are just being temporarily filled in and re-appear year in year out. It's got to the stage that the only solution is a re-surface of both these roads. Can these roads be resurfaced?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I will arrange for these roads to be inspected, however I would say that they are not part of our 2018 Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for next year's programme.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if a permanent solution can be found to prevent stolen cars being driven onto the green between Clonshaugh Drive and Moatview, for example semi sunken boulders that cannot be shifted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks and Landscape Services are actively engaging with other departments and the Gardaí to try and find a more robust workable solution. It is hoped a more aesthetic solution than semi-sunken boulders can be arrived that also might also allow for emergency and maintenance access but this may be the most practical solution in the short to medium term.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to reconsider the response that residents in Clare Hall have received thus far from Council officials to their legitimate complaint about the inadequacy of their street lighting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Clarehall, that includes Temple View Estate and Elmfield Estate, is a very large residential area. If residents could identify some streets or areas that are of particular concern to them then a review of those streets or areas will be undertaken. However, in general, it has to be stated that the new lighting is considered to be satisfactory.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if the request from a resident in Baldoyle for traffic noise reduction measures on the road bridge near the Baldoyle Industrial Estate can be entertained. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection was completed on Grange Road. The carriageway is in good condition. No localised repairs or resurfacing is programmed at present.

Dublin City Council is a self funding authority and does not receive grants from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport for road maintenance works. At this point in time no funding has been allocated to Dublin City Council as part of the National Development Plan for road maintenance works.

Dublin City Council has approximately 1700km of road in its charge and last year resurfaced 12.3 km of Regional roads and 14.7km of Local roads. At this point in time it is not possible to advise if funding will be available to resurface the Grange Road as part of a future works programme in view of the significant demands on resources.

It should be noted that where traffic speeds are lower than 50 km/h, traffic noise is mainly attributable to engine, transmission and exhaust noise, especially from lorries and buses. Where speeds are higher, the major component of traffic noise comes from the tyre/road interaction. In the case of Grange Road the speed limit is 50km/hr so the installation of a low noise road surface may have only a limited impact on noise production.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor

Q.100 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of HAP tenancies lost since the introduction of the scheme and the reason for the loss?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There have been 28 HAP Tenancies lost out of 1,303 HAP tenancies set up since the introduction of the Mainstream HAP scheme which was introduced the 1st March 2017. The breakdown is as follows;

14 Tenants Voluntarily exited the scheme as they no longer wished to avail of HAP, e.g. 9 moved out of property / 2 moved back in with their parents / 2 moved abroad / 1 tried to move their partner in which was not accepted by the Landlord.

12 Notice to Quit's were served by the landlord e.g. 9 landlords were selling properties / 2 cases of anti social behaviour / 1 RTB case in relation to rent arrears.

1 situation where a tenant was ceased due to non payment of Differential Rent.

1 situation where the tenant accepted an offer of Social Housing.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the reply to Q.119 February 2018 City Council meeting, can the Chief Executive confirm that there are no homeless facilities exclusively for ex-addicts or addicts in recovery?

Can he also detail the following?

- a) The number beds in the Temporary Emergency Accommodation facility in Amiens Street and the operator managing the facility?
- b) The number of drug free beds provided for stable clients on segregated floors in other TEA's and the location and operators of such facilities?
- c) The total number of emergency beds provided by the DRHE?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The Aimen Street facility provides Temporary Emergency Accommodation for up to 40 and is operated by Crosscare.
- b) There are 4 further facilities that provide such Temporary Emergency Accommodation:-
 - Teach Mhuire, operated by Cuan Mhuire (6)
 - Camberley, operated by Sophia (6)
 - Fingal, operated by PMVT (6)
 - Clonturk Rd, operated by PMVT (11)

- c) There are approximately 2,000 emergency beds for single adults.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Red Light Camera systems can the Chief Executive answer the following questions.

- a) Can he confirm the number of RLC systems deployed in Dublin?
b) Can he detail the number of fines issued at the locations where RLC systems have been deployed since their introduction?
c) Do Dublin City Council intend to deploy more RLC systems given the increased traffic congestion since the introduction of the LUAS?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The red light camera system was installed and is managed by TII in conjunction with AGS.

As far as we are aware there are two cameras operating in the DCC area, one at the luas line at Benburb Street and one at St John Road, South Circular Road.

AGS and TII will be contacted in relation to the number of fines issues and the Councillor will be informed of their response in due course.

AGS and TII will be contacted in relation to possible further installations and the Councillor will be informed of their response in due course.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding complaints I've received about the non-enforcement of the Control of Horses Act. Can the Chief Executive detail the following?

- a) How many people have been given written permission to graze horses on Council land in each administrative area over the last two years?
b) How many horses have been impounded in the South Central area, per month, over the last two years?
c) How many of the horses impounded have been taken for fly grazing?
d) How many reports of stray horses have been received, per month, in each of the administrative areas over the last two years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Licensing Unit do not give anybody permission to graze horses on Council land. There were 91 horses seized and impounded in the South Central Area in 2016 and 54 in 2017.

The vast majority of horses are seized at night so it is difficult to determine if they are grazing on public land.

In 2016, 273 reports were received and in 2017, 220 reports were received. Some of the reports received were for the same complaint.

In 2016, 131 reports were from the South Central Area
25 reports were from the North West Area
100 reports were from the North Central Area
17 reports were from the Central Area

In 2017, 110 reports were from the South Central Area

65 reports were from the North West Area
35 reports were from the North Central Area
10 reports were from the Central Area

The Licensing Unit keep yearly statistics of seizures and complaints rather than monthly statistics.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive for a full update on all “training and awareness sessions” which have or will be given to Councillors prior to 25 May 2018 (the date on which the GDPR takes effect).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

GDPR awareness sessions for the Councillors will take place on the 27th April 2018. Details will be circulated to the Councillors very shortly.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to identify the scenarios in which the National Transport Authority’s proposal for the Merrion Gates (a) would, and (b) would not, require planning permission to be sought from a local authority before it could come before An Bord Pleanála. I previously asked the below question for the March 2018 Council meeting and with respect it has not been answered.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The National Transport Authority may sanction that Dublin City Council implement proposals for Merion Gates. In that scenario, Dublin City Council will determine the appropriate statutory planning process. This will follow either the Part 8 Process or the Part V (submission to An Bord Plaenála).

On the other hand, should the NTA consider it would be more convenient, more expeditious, more effective or more economic if the project was to be implemented by the NTA, it has the authority, following consultation with Dublin City Council, to proceed with the project.

Notwithstanding the above, no decision has been made on whether the two local authorities, Dublin City and Dun Loaghaire Rathdown will have responsibility for delivery, or whether this will be retained by the NTA.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my previous Council question 65 for March which I received the response below:

Q.65 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive 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.

However, the problem is caused by Dublin City Council because the reason why the grass area is in such bad condition (see photo attached) is because every morning Council officials drive along this path to empty bins – these vehicles create the tracks evident in the photos. Of course it is quite proper that the bins must be emptied but I formally ask the Chief Executive to work with Waterways Ireland to bring about an appropriate solution (which may include provision of a gravel path, or an alternative method to emptying the bins in this area). Simply outsourcing the issue to Waterways Ireland is not acceptable when the Council has a major causative role in the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Division will work with Waterways Ireland to identify and implement a workable solution to this issue to ensure that damage to the grass area

caused by bin servicing is minimised or eliminated while continuing to provide the service.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection of the maintenance issues at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make contact with the **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the report to the Strategic Housing Development application ABP-300559-18 (lands east of St Pauls College) makes reference to a potential land-swap between Dublin City Council and the applicant. Can the Chief Executive confirm my understanding that a swap of this nature would constitute a disposal and would thus be the subject of a full vote of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An exchange of lands constitutes a disposal and in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 would be subject to the consent of the Elected Members of the City Council.

However, recent legal advice states that minor boundary adjustments can be dealt with under the Property Registration Authority's Rule 141 which provides for the

amendment of a boundary with the consent of both parties without the necessity for the sealing of a Deed of Transfer.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process behind the decisions to remove parking bays from Delcassian downs, Glasnevin and replace them with double yellow lines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It was recommended to install double yellow lines at this location due to a number of queries regarding difficulty of access on the road for vehicles on the western side of the green on Dalcassian Downs.

From site inspection, it was noted that vehicles parking opposite one another were causing an obstruction to traffic flow. It is imperative to maintain traffic flow particularly with respect for emergency vehicles.

The decision was made to install double yellow lines via the standard Traffic Advisory Group process which was noted also at the North West Area Committee meeting of 20th February, 2018.

Following several representations the Traffic Advisory Group has written to those concerned stating that; the City Council would have no objection to placing double yellow lines immediately outside the houses and to re-instating the pay and display and permit parking area along the green. In order to proceed on this basis, the City Council will require confirmation in writing, such as a petition signed by the households concerned, in support of double yellow lines being placed outside houses No. 34 to 43 inclusive, and to re-instating pay and display and permit parking along the green. Please note that the double yellow lines would prohibit parking on that side of the road, immediately outside houses No. 34 to 43 inclusive, including across driveways

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to implementation of an affordable housing scheme for the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently there is no Affordable Housing Scheme in the City or indeed any other part of the country. We expect that the Government will shortly announce the details of such a Scheme on a National Basis.

In the meantime Dublin City Council has identified a number of sites that may be suitable for the development of Affordable Housing (see monthly Housing Supply Report) and these are being progressed.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to discussions with the HSE in relation to providing a primary care centre for Finglas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Development of a Primary Care Centre in Finglas is a matter for the Health Services Executive (HSE). There have been discussions between Dublin City Council and the HSE in relation to exploring the possibility of a DCC owned site being made available for such a development, but, no agreement/decision has been reached on this.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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 PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive can two trees be planted on McKee Avenue **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tree planting has finished for the season. The sites will be inspected and if suitable will be included in the schedule for next winter's tree planting programme.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to acknowledge the success our Housing Development Section achieved in acquiring the lands of the former Scoil Eanna on the Crumlin Road. Can this acquisition now be used to provide for much needed Public Housing and community facilities on this site? Can the original house be retained and refurbished to provide for a permanent Library incorporating community meeting rooms. There is long established need for a library in the Drimnagh area. Can the Chief Executive also use the opportunity of providing housing on this site to simultaneously plan for the complete regeneration of the Rafter's Road/Lissadel Road maisonette complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Proposals for the Scoil Eanna site and some other adjoining sites are at a preliminary stage. When the extent of the development site has been defined, an assessment will be undertaken to determine the development options of the site. We are also currently reviewing the options and preparing initial development plans for the maisonette complex on Rafter's Road / Lissadel Road site.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Development Section to bring forward plans to provide Older Persons Accommodation on the site of the Fr. Lar Redmond Centre on Keeper Road Dublin 12. The local residents groups are prepared to support this proposal but are very concerned about the delays in progressing this development particularly as the centre is long since closed and is attracting anti-social behaviour in the vicinity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is proposed to demolish the old community premises and to develop a small scheme of social housing for senior citizens on this site. In the first instance we are seeking Tenders from contractors for the demolition job while at the same time we will begin the initial design process for the housing

Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to have a cracked pane of glass replaced in the newly installed windows in the back bedroom of his house at **(details supplied)**. Our Tenant reports that the crack appeared when the windows were been installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cracked pane of glass in the window will be replaced within the next 2 weeks.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the speed ramps in Barry Park and Barry Drive in Dublin 11.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the ramps at the above mentioned roads and will carry out the necessary repairs to the ramps that have been found unsatisfactory (i.e. in front of **details supplied**). These works will be carried out when a road maintenance crew is available in this area, subject to other road works priorities.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can Housing Maintenance please indicate when the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me a full update on the legal efforts to secure the Kilmainham Mill building, an industrial heritage project, the alleged purchases of the Mill & the requirements of the purchasers to secure the fabric of this beautiful building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The company which owned Kilmainham Mills entered receivership and the Chief Valuer made an offer to the Receiver in respect of the purchase by DCC of the property. The offer was not accepted and the Receiver has since sold the property to another party. The Chief Valuer is endeavouring to engage with the new owner but without success to date.

Court proceedings were recommended, under Section 63 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 -2016 (as amended) as the owners failed to comply with the Endangerment Notice that was issued. The file is currently with the Law Agents awaiting a Court date. However as the site is now sold, (information that we were only made aware of) a new Endangerment Notice will be issued on these owners, this is currently in progress.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief executive that Dublin City Council please place a concrete landing to allow the re-instatement of the 79 Bus Stop at 162 Cherry Orchard Ave Cherry Orchard Dublin 10, Dublin Bus have said they require the concrete landing to allow people get off the bus in a safe manner, the stop is now gone 2 years waiting for the landing next to the Park here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Engineer will assess the bus stop location in question and revert back with findings in due course.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive could the legal papers to allow the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter will be investigated and a formal response will be sent to the applicant and the Councillor.