

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 14th MAY 2018

- Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**
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To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**
- Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**
To ask the Chief Executive to replace window **(details supplied)** in a tenancy property.
- Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**
To ask the Chief Executive to improve the Self Service Portal which needs updates/expansion, with an automatic confirmation of receipt (including text of submission) and an email to say task dealt with / can't be dealt with / awaiting funding / updates as become available
- Q.5 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive how many families have moved into the family hub on Clonard road, the date they moved in, whether they have been placed into other accommodation, the nature of this accommodation (whether HAP or local authority) and the date on which they were moved.
- Q.6 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on the site at old Scholar's Pub, Blackpitts, Dublin 8 - whether planning permission has been granted, the date of said permission, whether any commencement notices have been applied for, whether any inspections of said site have been carried out on foot of reports of rats, rubbish etc.
- Q.7 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**
To ask the Chief Executive to deal with this issue **(details supplied)**
- Q.8 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**
To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing maintenance matter **(details supplied)**
- Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**
To ask the Chief Executive to urgently address the sewage problem at **(details supplied)** this is a health issue for the family, with a constant smell and not been able to go out the back garden.
- Q.10 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**
To ask the Chief Executive to urgently address the sewage problem at **(details supplied)** the man hole in the garden is blocked and overflowing.
- Q.11 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**
To ask the Chief Executive to address the following in relation to the site next to St Pappin's Nursing Home in Dublin 11:
- Who is the owner of the site?
 - Are there any plans for its development?
 - Was planning permission required for demolition and who carried this demolition out?

Q.12 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the cherry blossoms that have been cut down in Crumlin village will be replaced once the improvement works to the Public plaza have been carried out and if not could this Councillor be furnished with the reason.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC continue to place up the dubs banner on the Ha'penny Bridge if the dubs reach the All Ireland football final.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what costs did DCC pay out to hotels and B&B's for the homeless families in 2017 in Dublin.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans DCC have for the vacant site on **(details supplied)**

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there will be a costing of funds on DCC for the Papal visit.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

Q.18 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for the installation of speed cameras on the R139 road adjacent to Northern Cross.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the dividing wall at **(details supplied)** to be replaced. DCC removed the wall as a danger and confirmed that it would be replaced. That was 6 months ago and tenants are upset that it is taking so long.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the points made in relation to Horse welfare as contained in the following:

Dublin Horse Drawn Carriages - Overview of Issues

In light of recent events in Killarney in April 2018, where 2 tourists were tragically killed in an accident involving a pony and trap, MLHR believe it is vital that all Dublin City Councillors are made fully aware of major inadequacies with the current DCC Control of Horse Draw Carriages Bye-laws, the licensing process, enforcement issues and potential safety and insurance risks therein.

Issues with the DCC Current System:

Enforcement Issues

There are ongoing issues of underage drivers, unlicensed carriages and unlicensed horses regularly operating at designated and non-designated hiring stands, including Temple Bar (until early hours of the morning). Enforcement by Gardaí across all districts is not consistent. MLHR believe this is due to a variety of reasons:

- Enforcement is not being prioritised by An Garda Síochána.
- Existing Control of Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws 2011 are not robust in courts.

- Lack of awareness of Garda powers with regards to the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, Control of Horses Act 1996, DCC Control of Horses Bye-laws 2014 and Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye-Laws 2011, difficulties with logistics and seizing equipment/horses.

- Gardaí do not have powers to seize a carriage or horse for offences by driver or carriage owner under DCC Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye-laws.

Insurance and Garda Vetting Issues

- The driver and carriage licensing period usually runs from May to April. The insurance period by the main insurance company (based in Kerry) runs September to August. When a driver or carriage owner presents their insurance details for their licence application, according to the Council, there is no subsequent check made by DCC in September to verify if applicant's insurance has subsequently expired even though they continue to possess a carriage driver or carriage licence.

- There is no requirement to display or present insurance details.

- Gardaí do not have powers to demand proof of carriage driver or carriage insurance.

- Drivers, underage drivers and carriages are in operation which MLHR alleges are unlicensed, which means they may not be insured or have public liability insurance noting the Council.

- Unlicensed operators would not be garda vetted as per the Carriage Driver licensing process.

Suitability of a Horse to Draw a Carriage is Not Assessed

According to the Bye-laws, horses used to draw carriages should have "a temperament and physical condition suitable to such work", be of a "suitable age" and "be cared for and treated in a manner which does not cause them unnecessary suffering".

- However, at no point during the driver or carriage licensing application process does a veterinarian from the Council (or any authority) REVIEW or APPROVE the suitability or age of a horse for pulling a carriage. No checks on hooves, correctly fitted shoes, teeth, stamina, fitness, harness or equipment the horse is engaged with. Badly fitted or worn shoes can cause a horse to slip, especially on cobble locking and therefore risk an accident. Risks are higher in areas of dense population/where public are consuming alcohol e.g. Temple Bar.

- There is no minimum or maximum age of horse specified in the bye-laws.

- The specific horse/horses used during the carriage/driver licensing year are not relevant or related to the carriage/driver licensing process.

No Routine Welfare Checks

- Regular checks on welfare of horses while working or while stabled do not occur.

- Ad hoc welfare checks are rare. If a welfare issue occurs after 5pm there is no way to contact Authorised Officers under the Animal Health and Welfare Act (DSPCA or Dept. of Agriculture inspectors) to assist Gardaí.

- As there are no maximum working hours for horses, and no routine checks, the risk of overworked horses being in operation is greater.

No Person Suitably Qualified to Assess Harness/Equipment

According to the Bye-laws, "only equipment and tackle [sic] suitable for the purpose shall be used in connection with the horse".

- There is no one suitably qualified in the Council or assigned by the Council to check that the tack is in fact suitable while horses are working.

Driver Competency in Driving a Carriage is Not Assessed

- There is no requirement for carriage drivers to have a motor driving licence or demonstrate any knowledge of the rules of the road.
- No carriage driving test/assessment is carried out on drivers by the Council as part of the application process.
- How are drivers currently assessed? Drivers submit this short form signed by a colleague in the industry who is on a list held by the Council (the Council possess a list of names they have had in their possession for years, some of whom are not licensed, yet are authorised to approve a 'Letter of Competence').
- Letter of Competence

Driver/Carriage Owner's Equine Knowledge Not Assessed

No assessment is made on the carriage driver's stable management, equine knowledge, ability to care for a horse or equine first aid.

Difficulty in Reporting Incidents

Due to the lack of regular welfare checks, it is generally left up to members of the public to report welfare issues, however it is difficult for the public to identify carriages, as licences (if present) are extremely difficult to see. The Carriage Licence is a dark metal plate.

Horses to be Licenced ("Horse Licence")

As of 4 September 2017, 14 horse licences were in force for the entire Dublin City Council area and according to the Council, not all of these were for carriage horses - yet over 32 horse and carriages are in operation on busy days.

- Possessing a Horse Licence for a horse DOES NOT MEAN the horse was approved by a vet as suitable to draw a carriage. It is a simple check, once per year, of any horse in the DCC area (if application made) that includes a review of a horse's stable to ensure it complies with the DCC Control of Horses Bye-laws.
- When a vet reviews a horse's stable, according to the Council he/she only reviews the specific stall/stable the horse is in, not the entire yard.
- The DCC horse licensing system does not specify acreage for a horse like in other jurisdictions (e.g. Louth) to have space for turnout and for horses have an opportunity to express natural behaviours outdoors.
- There are loopholes with regards to the requirement for a horse licence for carriage horses if e.g. the horse resides in SDCC.

Issues with Carriages

- As unlicensed carriages are in operation - these carriages have therefore not passed a mechanical inspection by the Council's Inspector which would occur during the licensing application.
- It is MLHR's understanding that a mechanical assessment of a carriage is made while the carriage is static, not while it is in motion or hitched to a carriage horse. The mechanical inspection occurs once per year and only for carriage licences for which are applied for.
- No ad hoc inspections of carriages occur by a mechanical fitter/inspector from the Council during the year.
- Many carriages are currently in operation during the hours of darkness with poor lighting, no lighting/reflectors.

Issues at Hiring Stands

- Access to water at Designated Hiring Stands for drivers is an issue. Water is essential for keeping horses hydrated and for cleaning horses' legs, urine/dung and keeping the area clean.
- Dehydrated horse in Temple Bar
(Dehydrated horse in Temple Bar 2017)

Horses to be Microchipped and Passported

MLHR allege there are horses in operation that are not microchipped nor have a passport. Equine identification is a legal requirement.

What MLHR are Doing:

In June 2017, MLHR was informed by DCC that revised bye-laws would be published for public consultation in September 2017 and since then, MLHR have carried out extensive research and consultation with stakeholders including:-

- Dublin City Council.

- Licensed and unlicensed carriage drivers and carriage owners.

- An Garda Síochána.

- Equine professionals (vets, farrier, dentist and physiotherapist who work with carriage horses).

MLHR also reviewed and consulted with vets who work with the New York carriage horse licensing system (a more advanced system than the Dublin with regards to horse welfare, compliance and traceability).

MLHR has drafted over 50 recommendations on how to improve the current system. Many of the drivers and carriage owners we spoke to concur with our findings and want to see a more professional industry in place.

Dublin City Council has advised MLHR that drafting is currently underway on revised DCC Control of Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-laws. These may (or may not) be made available for public consultation.

What We Want to See Happen:

1. Enforcement of existing legislation (Acts and Bye-laws) by An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Dublin City Council at hiring stands, while horses are working and with regards to horses in general in the city and where they are stabled.

2. MLHR Call on DCC to engage with stakeholders to ensure that any revision to the Control of Horse Drawn Carriage Bye-laws incorporates the following:-

- Actual checks/controls on equine suitability and welfare during the licensing application process and while equines are working.

- Actual checks/controls on driver competency and horsemanship - definition of "competency" to be fully reviewed to ensure safety and welfare of passengers and horses.

- Tightening up of insurance loophole.

- Improve the ease of identifying carriages so that incidents can be reported more easily (reflective licence plate clearly positioned on carriage).

- That any revised bye-laws facilitate greater ease of enforcement for An Garda Síochána who are ultimately the main agency tasked with enforcing the Bye-laws.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

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Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place some free standing planters on Lennox Place in order to make some environmental enhancements.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive given the increasing number of tourists in the City Quay area over the summer months and also bearing in mind that this area has a high number of residents and cars which block a proper clean up by machines....can the Chief Executive assign a hand cart in the City Quay/Lombard Street/Dowlings Court area in order to keep the area consistently clean?

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the gutters cleaned for the elderly couple at **(details supplied)**. The gutters are full of moss / grass / muck. The moss is falling on the ground and its causing the pathways and yard to become slippery. In bad rain the water can't make its way into the pipes and down into the gully which leads to them overflowing.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have an extra bin collection at weekends in Donnybrook especially when events (Rugby and Concerts) are taking place. Sunday is a rest day for most and when people come out for walks etc. The efforts of Donnybrook TidyTowns need to be backed up by regular collections at these times to ensure that the Village work is not being undermined by excessive litter.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of placing street lighting near the Bridge at **(details supplied)**. In the winter months this area of the park is completely dark and a danger to the many people who cross through the park which is an open park.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the City Council has purchased no. 2 Griffith Road, Dublin 11.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the Parks or Public Domain departments why a tree has been cut down from the square at junction Kevin Street and Patrick Street adjacent the site of the new hotel construction.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the 'streamlined approval process' for the approval of Local Authority Housing by the Department of Housing and to indicate:

- on how many occasions or stages is approval required by the Department.
- the main stages and amounts of time it takes from site selection to tenant handover.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is aware that temporary street closures allowing for 'play streets' are provided in the UK on a regular basis using the 1847 Town Police Clauses Act. It seems this Act is still in place in Ireland, and therefore would the Chief Executive consider using this Act to provide for 'play streets' in Dublin.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state the amount of funds raised in development levies in each of the last five years broken down by type of development and monies raised.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he might use his powers in Event Licensing to better promote sustainable transport and travel such as ensuring that temporary bicycle parking is provided at major music and sports events, and to ensure that cycle lanes are not used for coach parking during such events, and to update the "Guidelines for Events Organisers" manual accordingly".

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made or if there is any chance that the Council might even start to implement the objective in the City Development Plan of removing 50 unnecessary poles per year per area as a contribution to dealing with street clutter or is it simply going to be ignored like so many other objectives.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive following emails to services asking them to start recording on PASS if services users have a history of state care while under 18, can he now provide the number of people registered as homeless with a recorded history of State Care when under 18.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify what contractor is carrying out the cycle track works on the South Quays at Sir John Rogerson's Quay and City Quay; to comment on the lengthy delay in construction and to state when the works will be completed.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the numbers of Rate payers for commercial Airbnb style short term lettings broken down by quarter and area for 2016, and 2017.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a survey of the pedestrian refuges at the 5 arm junction in Finglas Village with a view to improving crossing facilities for pedestrians. The 40 bus stop at bottom of McKee Avenue has increased the pedestrian footfall between that side of McKee Ave over onto the Supervalu side and also onto the Jamestown Road.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of Capital Projects over €500,000 over the last 5 years and any planned future projects. Can these be separated into the 5 different Local Electoral Areas?

Q.42 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

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

Q.44 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of **(details supplied)** and to establish whether it is compliant with the Dublin City Council Parking Bye Laws and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q.45 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with the Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority to arrange for the removal of a bus shelter located at **(details supplied)** which continues to be a magnet for anti-social and criminal behaviour and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q.46 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the grounds upon which he intends to prevent City Councillors from being able to vote on whether **(details supplied)** is maintained on a permanent basis or whether it should be curtailed following the trial period? It is my belief that this issue should be decided upon by the elected representatives of the City and that right should not be infringed upon by the Executive.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the potholes on **(details supplied)** to be repaired immediately.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

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Q.51 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider purchasing Swan Court, Parnell Road which has recently been refurbished and put on the market for social housing.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask Chief Executive to arrange repair works **(details supplied)**

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if new planning applications who are providing parking spaces as part of their application have to include a certain percentage for electronic car spaces? DCC are building residential quarters and they don't seem to have allowed any space for electronic cars.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how much it cost to carry out the refurbishments in Braitwaite Street/Summer Street/Pimlico Terrace Flats and what the average was per flat? Why were electronic showers now installed in the refurbished flats? Have any of the refurbished units presented again with damp and sewerage problems?

Q.55 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

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Q.58 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the government's decision to proceed with the Metro North proposal at a cost of approx €3 billion euro can Dublin City Council please be an advocate for Dublin West - Inchicore, Ballyfermot etc. They are strangled to death with traffic. The development of a Luas System first mooted a few years ago travelling from College Green to Lucan would transform public transport in the West of the City. During a 24 hour period last Sept 2017 Ballyfermot Road had just under 12,000 traffic movements. Our community cannot take any more traffic & we need investment for the future.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief that the following be looked at (**details supplied**)

Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that the following be done as a matter of urgency. For the tree base outside 27 Cloiginn Ave to be looked at as the footpath is rising from the tree growth leaving a trip hazard of approx 75mm. I was told a few months ago it would be addressed however nothing has being done to date & the tree stump outside 16 Cloiginn Ave was to be removed last year is still awaiting its removal.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that consideration be given to the following (**details supplied**)

Q.62 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to re-instate the bollard removed on Maplas Terrace.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide Children at Play and more prominent 30KPH signs on New Ireland Road.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the following in relation to Part V Social Housing as covered under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015

a) Please confirm that the act effectively reduced the Part V requirement from 20% to 10% and indicate where this residual 10% is clearly stated as being for social housing i.e is "affordable" still on the statute books?

b) Please confirm that developers cannot buy themselves out of their Part V obligations, referring to the Act section(s) prohibiting this buy out option.

c) Please confirm that developers cannot offer land elsewhere in lieu of on-site social housing, again citing the relevant section(s) of the act.

d) Please clarify how the Act deals with site/house valuation for Part V purposes.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the Social Housing Targets 2018-2021 as set by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for Dublin City Council and to further ask if the targets set correlate with those set by DCC management itself and finally, if the Chief Executive can indicate what financial resources will be requires to ensure delivery of the targeted number of Social Housing.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail any procedures that are in place to ensure that DCC is not bidding against any other housing provider (e.g. Simon etc) given that this could lead to higher prices than necessary being paid for units.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update to his proposed new North City operations depot in Ballymun and to confirm that the set up and operation of this depot will be subject to members' approval. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the transfer of operations to the new depot (if approved) can only take place if the sale of sale/proposed use of existing depots is agreed and in place.

Q.68 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.

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Q.72 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to report in detail on the process and timeline involved in issuing a new tender for the following services currently provided by Hewlett Packard, the contract with whom is nearing an end:

- Following an EU Tender process in 2011, HP was awarded a contract for the provision of a Data Centre Hosting Service for a contractual period of up to 5 years. This is for the provision of co-location space for our DR equipment. The current contract expires on 30th September 2017.
- The ICT Department under the remit of the "OGP framework 2016-2017 for the provision:
 - Standard Workstations (Lot 1)
 - CAD Workstations (Lot2)
 - Standard Laptops (Lot 3)
 - Executive Laptops (Lot4)
 - CAD Laptops (Lot 5)"DCC awarded Lot2 and Lot 4 to HP.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many of the 314 units listed as practically completed in the q4 2017 rebuilding Ireland are now tenanted and the average time it has taken for a unit to be tenanted after designation as practically completed, and how long he expects it to take to tenant those units not currently tenanted.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will contact Waterways Ireland to repair and upgrade the Percy French and the Patrick Kavanagh seats along the Grand Canal at Mespil Road/Wilton Place and to locate the Big belly Bin closer to the ESB substation reducing the eyesore effect at this regularly photographed location.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

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- Q.78 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long to repair the radiators at (**details supplied**). The tenant has had officials out to look at them but they still both haven't addressed the problem. The tenant is elderly and in remission from cancer.
- Q.79 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**
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- Q.87 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**
To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report concerning details of all claims against DCC from 2014-2017 (i.e public liability, employer's liability, motor liability and property liability), in terms of the following:

Total numbers of claims received?

Total numbers of court proceedings lodged against DCC?

Of those court proceedings, please break those down in terms of status, by way of:

(a) how many went to a full court hearing?

(b) how many went to a full court hearing?

(b) how many did DCC attempt to defend?

(c) how many did DCC settle before going to a full court hearing?

(d) how many were decided by a judge in court in favour of DCC? (ie with an award made)?

(e) how many were decided by a judge in favour of the plaintiff (ie struck out with no admission of liability and no compensation payment made by DCC)

For those years, how much money in legal fees was DCC owed, at the end of the calendar year?

How many court proceedings did DCC lodge to try to recover legal fees?
How many judgments AND judgment mortgages did DCC secure, arising out of unpaid legal fees owed to it?
How much money did DCC write off arising out of unpaid legal fees?

Q.88 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a directive and order that no banner what so ever are to be placed on the Ha'penny Bridge. Given the recent controversy surrounding Dublin City Council's own banner that was left obstructing the bridge from view and given the fact that it gave rise to a negative impact on one of the cities National monuments and given the fact that this is a rare protected structure that no such advertising banners be it sport, or any commercial activity be allowed on this fragile structure. This is one of the key destination spots for tourists. They come there to photograph themselves on the iconic bridge on an iconic river. It is absolutely unacceptable that this bridge would be simply covered up by a vinyl banner that was strung across the entire bridge and left there for weeks.

This issue regarding the bridge and the banner was in no way an affront to the GAA Dublin team or any of its fans. This is about protecting Dublin and its unique heritage.

There is a protocol in place with regards the hanging of such banners from Liberty Hall and perhaps that this is the criteria that should be used by DCC if they themselves wish to display a banner supporting the Cities sporting activities or indeed the national game.

We need to protect our heritage and make these structures attractive and accessible and visible to all.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full evaluation and safety check on all child protection policies within Dublin City Council administrative area. This safety and policy evaluation to include the entire Homeless service provision for families, young children and vulnerable adults. The scope should also include a full sweep of all approved housing bodies who operate emergency housing provision for homeless families. It is vitally important that we initiate these procedures on a regular basis and be seen to do so. We have a duty of care to our citizens and to our customers and most importantly to our children and our vulnerable adults who use our services. With the recent controversy regarding Scouting Ireland it is important that we re-evaluate the way we operate, who we give grants to and to ensure that the grant criteria in relation to child protection is robust and in compliance with good governance and child protection protocols.

This evaluation report should include all Garda vetting of staff and personnel, all relevant training for staff and personnel and a full report of all complaints made in relation to child protection to An Garda Siochana and DCC officers. This particular report to cover the last 5 years.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding any proposals for the temporary reallocation of the Moore Street casual trading pitches. This report also to include if the Chief Executive has considered measures of redress for inconvenience and potential loss of earnings that will be caused during the rebuild and refurbishment and redevelopment of the Moore Street area.

- What negotiations with the Moore Street traders has happened to date, if any, with regards the potential temporary relocation?

- What sites have been identified as potential suitable sites for this temporary relocation?
- What budgets, if any, has been envisaged for this project.
- What relevant staff are across this?
- What is proposed in the designs for the potential Moore Street market?

Many traders in this area are anxious regarding their future at this location and they wish to be part of all negotiations in a transparent and open way. It is important to note that this is the livelihood and indeed the commercial business of all of these stall holders and their rights are no different than any other commercial entity and that Dublin City Council must abide by those particular set rules when dealing with this particular issue and not simply dismiss these business people/traders as individuals that they can push about willy nilly. A professional approach and a realistic approach is needed here, otherwise one is inclined to have a repeat of the mess that was created at DCC's Fruit and Vegetable Market.

Further, it is important to remember that the Moore Street Market and the casual traders at Moore Street are on par with national heritage and that any interference here must be dealt with along the same lines as you would any protected structure. The Moore Street traders are known the world over and are an iconic part of Dublin. This needs to be respected and reflected by DCC and its executive.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the pedestrian crossing be installed on the junction of All Saints Road and the Howth Road.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive with the pending transfer of staff from DCC to Irish water how many people are involved and what shortage will this leave DCC with.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive how many landlords have accepted the Housing Assistance Payment to date covering the North Dublin Bay area.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to give me a timeline for the repairs on the Howth Road from the Fairview end to Copeland Ave to be completed.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake a full review of the Bonnington Hotel (formally the Regency) from a health and safety standpoint as families have reported substandard accommodation. I have photos for proof.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive the suggestion to suspend usage of the Bonnington Hotel being used to accommodate homeless families until the full review of the property is complete and any works to bring the property up to standard are completed. Can we undertake to do this?

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC review all emergency accommodation units used to house families from both a health and safety perspective. This would apply to hotel/b&b and family hubs used to house families. Have we held an audit on the facilities we use and what mechanism have we in place to make sure the accommodation is up to a high standard?

Q.98 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an immediate investigation into a property on the North Circular Road. The address is **(details supplied)**. I have been advised that this property is seriously below standard and health and safety is a major concern. If we have any information on this building can I be provided with it with my reply, for example reports about this building to DCC, Fire Safety and what steps were taken.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

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Q.103 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive given the future discontinuation of the Gateway scheme if new posts can be created by Dublin City Council for park maintenance to employ those who have been carrying out this work.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if the footpath repairs outside 8 Woodville Court, Coolock be carried out as they have been left in a bad state by Irish Water post a leak repair.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will consider acquiring 53 Collins Avenue West which is due to go up for sale and currently has a vulnerable HAP tenant in situ.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if all planned private developments in the Belmayne/Clongriffin northern fringe will observe their part V obligation or will any developments not be required to meet this on the basis of prior delivery of part V over and above the 10% and if so please specify.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to expedite the housing application of **(details supplied)** on grounds of clear medical need and to provide an update on her current position on the Housing List.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the traffic on the quays as is chaotic at present, even outside rush hours. At 10am most weekday mornings it can take no less than 30 minutes to drive from the Samuel Beckett Bridge to O'Connell Bridge. Furthermore, when using the north quays outside of peak hours, there is significant congestion from O'Connell Bridge back to Capel Street, if not further that it often takes 20-30 minutes to travel just that stretch. To ask the Chief Executive to introduce measures to rectify this situation at off peak hours as a matter of urgency.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the proposed plans for the Herbert Park to Kimmage Quietway and the Dodder Quietway and Dodder Works focusing in particular on (a) the potential ramifications for traffic flow on Marlborough Road, Donnybrook and Herbert Park, Donnybrook, (b) the stage these proposals are at, and (c) what are the anticipated next steps and when are these intended to occur?

Q.110 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive (a) why there appears to have been no public consultation in relation to Sandymount Village, (b) to embark on a process of public consultation and (c) to undertake to find a location for the bike stands which is in accordance with the views which emerge from the public consultation.

On 1 May 2018 workers arrived in Sandymount Village and began putting up barricades outside O'Brien's Wines. The understanding is that three parking spaces are being closed off for Dublin Bikes Stands. While the Dublin Bikes scheme is a wonderful initiative and a welcome addition to Sandymount, this location is highly questionable and does not appear to have been subject to public consultation amongst the residents of Sandymount.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

Q.113 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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Q.116 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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Q.117 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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Q.121 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

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To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY
To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when a review or revision of the current Control of Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws is due?

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY
To ask the Chief Executive to detail the expenditure by DCC on the various events under the commemorations budget last year.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY
To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of housing units allocated via the financial contribution scheme, per area, for the last 5 years?

Q.128 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY
To ask the Chief Executive in relation to homeless services can he detail the following:

- The number of 'one-night-only beds' and their locations?
- The criteria for moving from the 'one-night-only beds' to more stable hostel accommodation?
- The number of people who have moved from 'one-night-only beds' to stable hostel accommodation in the last year, by month?

Q.129 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS
To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the recently passed motion (April 9th 2018) regarding Dublin City Council's City full support for and endorsement of the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement for freedom, equality and justice is circulated to every section/department with the city council and instructions given to senior management within each section/department to adhere to the principles of the BDS, particularly the principle of boycott and divestment, when executing all duties and business related to the City Council's many functions.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS
To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with detail on the monies spent in each of the past ten years on landscape and grass maintenance carried out by external contractors.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS
To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with the detail - size and location - of the zoned residential land banks and sites over 5 hectares in Dublin not currently in state ownership.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE MAC VEIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to please deal with the following (details supplied)

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI
To ask the Chief Executive to please deal with the following (details supplied)

Q.134 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

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

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Q.136 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

Q.137 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

Q.140 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progressing parts d) and e) of the vacant housing motion passed at April's 2017 Housing SPC (see below)

Motion in the name of Cllr Alison Gilliland (from March 2017 DCC meeting to April Housing SPC)

That Dublin City Council members acknowledge the key role DCC as a local authority needs to play in increasing housing supply so as to significantly reduce social housing waiting lists in our jurisdiction, to allow those in emergency homeless accommodation transition into housing and to facilitate the provision of units for private rental and purchase needs. Dublin City Council members also acknowledge the current capital funding and human resource/personnel constrains under which this local authority is operating. Notwithstanding and recognising DCC led housing projects and initiatives currently in train, Dublin City Council members insist that this local authority pursue a proactive and impatient programme of:

- a) repair and lease of currently vacant and derelict private residential units including those of smaller size than the current definition of 'vacant'
- b) bringing DCC owned vacant and derelict sites into productive residential within a target timeline of 3 years
- c) increase by at least 150% the average number of monthly compulsory purchase orders being issued and produce a bimonthly report on same
- d) devise planning and architectural prototypes for the conversion of vacant space over shops into residential living units, establish a DCC one-stop-shop support facility for shop owners to undertake such conversions and call on government to make available a conversion grant for shop owners so as to support the halving of the no of vacant units over shops by half over the next 3 years
- e) introduce an incremental DCC vacant residential property rate for all residential units vacant for more than 12 months
- f) demand a comprehensive capital funding package from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government along with funding for the recruitment of additional expert personnel to our planning and housing departments to facilitate the delivery of the above projects in a timely manner and should such funding not be forthcoming that Dublin City Council members be fully informed.