

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**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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To ask the Chief Executive (**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 to replace window (**details supplied**) in a tenancy property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have this window replaced.

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Self Service Portal currently offers the public the facility to report issues across a range of 27 services. In the period January to March 2018 1,709 service requests have been made using this facility. In line with the improvements proposed in the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2018 and the draft Customer Service Action Plan 2018-2020 it is intended to improve the portal over the coming period and this will include examining the feasibility of providing auto-confirmation and updates.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no current planning application for any development on this site .The last permission was issued in 2004. The site will be assessed from a derelict sites perspective and the Councillor will be notified of the findings.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with this issue **(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 respond to this housing maintenance matter **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our high powered jetting machine attended to this issue at this property and the blocked drains have been cleared.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our high powered jetting machine attended to this issue at this property and the blocked drains have been cleared.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site beside Silverstream Nursing Home (St. Pappins) is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council. It is not possible to state who the owner of the site is as Dublin City Council does not maintain records of property in private ownership. The Planning GIS system indicates that there is no current planning permission for demolition or to redevelop lands adjoining the St. Pappins nursing home. Notwithstanding the above, the demolition of structures may be exempt development under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 50 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The shallow roots of the Cherry Blossoms outside the Sorting Office had lifted the footpath in several places thereby presenting potential tree trips. The area had become dangerous for the many pedestrians including elderly people who use this area. It was decided therefore, as part of the upgrade of the east side of Crumlin Village to replace the existing trees. It should be noted the number of new trees will exceed the number of trees removed.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ha'penny Bridge is a unique landmark in the city and as such is a protected structure. Having regard to this, the Council will refer any future proposed installations to the Protocol Committee.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total amount paid out to hotels and B&B's in 2017 for provision of Emergency Accommodation to families was €47M.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

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's 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.16 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The event concerned is at an early planning stage. The budget holder of it is the OPW. There will be some costs to the City Council such as Waste Management services however it will be another month approx when the planning of the event is further developed before DCC are in a position to determine costs.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Garda Síochána are the authority who decide locations for speed cameras. Signage associated with these cameras is provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Dublin City Council has no input in speed camera operations.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A structural investigation was carried out on the dividing walls at this address during the week and work to replace the wall will commence within the next 6/8 weeks.

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 Drawn 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.

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- 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 is not relevant nor 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

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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 carriages 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 micro chipped 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).

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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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council, at its monthly meeting held on Dec 2010, passed bye-laws made under Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 to regulate the operation and licensing of horse- drawn carriages and drivers within its functional area. These came into force in February 2011.

The Environment & Transportation Department has recently carried out a review of the operation of these bye-laws in the light of experience since their introduction. Revised bye-laws will be submitted for consideration by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee at the June meeting. As the making of bye-laws is a Reserved Function, the Council must advertise its intention to make bye-laws and invite submissions by public consultation at least two months prior to making them. If time allows, the Council may agree to this at the July meeting, otherwise the earliest it may be considered will be at the September meeting. The Council shall consider any submissions made to it and not withdrawn and may then make the bye-law either in accordance with the draft or subject to such changes as the Council may, at its discretion, determine, or not make the bye-law. The bye-laws, if passed by the Council, shall come into force on such date as shall be specified in the bye-law, which cannot be less than 30 days after its making. According to this timeline the earliest the revised bye-laws could come into force is late 2018 or early 2019.

Q.21 **COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

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Q.24 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area will be looked at as regards provision of planters once there is local buy-in as regards maintenance. Parks and Landscape Services will examine the location and if found suitable will arrange to install free standing planters for the summer months.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have the City Quay area cleaned regularly by the driver of a small dyna van and also by a road sweeping machine. We will monitor litter levels in this area over the summer months and arrange extra cleaning when necessary. We have the litter bins in this area emptied at least three times a day on a daily basis.

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 slippy. In bad rain the water can't make its way into the pipes and down into the gully which leads to them overflowing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The guttering and gullies will be cleaned at (**details supplied**) in the next 2 weeks.

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 Tidy Towns need to be backed up by regular collections at these times to ensure that the Village work is not being undermined by excessive litter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services clean Donnybrook Village and empty the litter bins there every morning. There is also a crew detailed there to empty litter bins and sweep shop fronts in the afternoons as well. When events are on in this area, a separate crew is deployed to look after the extra litter generated there. We will monitor this area, especially at weekends, to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not intended to place lighting in this open space (Poddle Park). Well lit public footpaths are available for pedestrian access on Lower Kimmage Road, Ravensdale Park, Kimmage Road West, and Brookfield Green.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no record of this property being acquired.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services are currently undertaking upgrading works at this location. Part of the work involved the crown lifting / crown thinning of a number of trees to allow more light into the space and the removal of one tree (London Plane on the opposite side of the space to that of the new hotel) that had been damaged by strong winds a couple of years ago. This damage was structural and had extended into the tree trunk rendering it unstable and liable to failure at this busy junction. Accordingly the tree was removed as part of the upgrading work.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The "CWMF (Capital Works Management Framework) operated by the DHPLG consists of 4 stages of approval

Stage 1 – Capital Appraisal & Project Review

Stage 2 - Pre Statutory approval (pre Part 8 commencement)

Stage 3 – Pre tender approval

Stage 4 – Tender approval and award of contract

The process by which DCC manage and deliver housing construction projects is broadly as follows;

- Pre Stage 1 process which consists of:
 - Identifying a suitable site for residential development
 - Agreeing an outline development proposal for the site with DHPLG
 - Completing a Cost Benefit Analysis for all projects in excess of €20m
- Obtain Stage 1 approval, then
 - Initiate a tender process to procure a Design Team to develop outline plans for the site
 - Prepare plans for Part 8 process
- Obtain Stage 2 approval to the completed outline design plan and to proceed to Part 8; then
 - Undertake Part 8 Planning Approval to the development proposal
 - Following Part 8 approval prepare detailed plans for the construction tender
- Obtain Stage 3 pre tender approval, then
 - Initiate and complete tender process to procure a contractor for construction.
- Obtain Stage 4 approval to the award of contract for construction; then
 - Appoint a contractor to commence construction.

Timescales for developments will typically be as follows:

- 8 to 12 months approximately from initial concept and proposal for development to the completion of plans and drawings for the commencement of a Part 8 planning application (Stages 1 & 2).
- 9 to 12 months approximately from lodgement of a Part 8 application through to the appointment of a contractor
- 6 to 12 months for rapid build construction contracts
- 15 – 24 months for traditional construction contracts

From initial concept through to provision of completed dwellings, it is reasonable to conclude that most construction projects will take in excess of 3 years.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently being examined and a reply will be furnished as soon as it is complete.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total amount of funds raised in development levies in each of the last five years is as follows:

Year	Levies
2013	€13,485,912
2014	€7,229,671
2015	€14,696,171
2016	€21,030,931
2017	€34,087,875

A report on the type of development will be issued to the Councillor in the next two weeks.

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".

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Event Organisers are advised to promote suitable transport and travel and promote the use of public transport to events. The Event Guidance Booklet is currently under review and consideration will be given to this proposal where appropriate.

Dublin City Council has developed a Croke Park and Aviva Stadium Major Event Parking Enforcement protocol in conjunction with An Garda and Croke Park and Aviva Stadium and this has been incorporated into their individual Major Event Plans. The protocol sets out roles, responsibilities and lines of communication between the relevant stakeholders. Dublin City Council has also recently met with An Garda Síochána in relation to the development of a similar protocol for events in the 3 Arena.

The Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) operate in the immediate area of events primarily under the direction of the Gardai who typically control traffic and parking in the area surrounding events. On major event days DSPS provide a free vehicle relocation service to the Gardai where a vehicle has to be relocated for crowd safety reasons and a dedicated removals truck is assigned for this purpose. In addition to removals this crew also carry out enforcement as does another dedicated enforcement crew. These resources operate solely in the immediate area.

Enforcement on match days and prior to other events is typically carried out on surrounding roads early in the day prior to traffic and crowd build up in the area when unrestricted access is possible. Early enforcement in this way also acts as a deterrent to other motorists who then arrive later in the day when attending the stadiums. Aside from this, enforcement levels largely depend on a number of issues, i.e. the teams playing, nature of the event, Garda resources deployed and Health &

Safety issues as these all affect the ease with which enforcement crew can move around the area to carry out enforcement.

Events access and egress form part of the traffic management plans drafted by An Garda Síochána and Promoters of the events concerned. Bicycles and large scale crowds do not generally work together safely and particularly given that many of the large scale events in the city are concert events where alcohol is consumed. The preference for travelling to and from events in the city for safety reasons is public transport. The issue of coach parking for events forms part of traffic management plans that are drafted by An Garda Síochána and The Promoter of the events concerned. If Cycle Lanes on public roads are closed temporarily to accommodate bus parking for events in the future it will be done under the powers granted to An Garda Síochána under the Roads and Traffic Act. They will only exercise such powers where they deem it necessary to do so

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the intention of the Environment & Transportation Department to incorporate a comprehensive survey of the departments assets (Poles & Signage) in the Traffic Sign Cleaning Contract due to be awarded in 2019. This should deliver an extensive Database (12 months after start of Contract) that will allow DCC to better target the removal of redundant assets from 2020 onwards.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE has requested services to update their records in relation to service users having a history of being in state care. However the PASS system does not currently have the functionality to report on this data. PASS was originally designed with a set of predefined reports based on measurable Key Performance Indicators; a history of state care was not a KPI in the original design. The DRHE is in the process of upgrading the PASS system and it is expected that such a report will be available when the upgrade is complete in early 2019.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These works are part of the South Campshires Flood Projection Project which runs from George's Quay to Sir John Rogerson's Quay and involves the installation of a new flood defence system, utilities, upgrade to civic spaces, new two way cycle track and road / traffic improvements. The flood defence works, utilities and civic space works are substantially complete.

The current works relate to the construction of the cycle track from Matt Talbot Bridge to the Samuel Beckett Bridge. The two way cycle track is temporarily open from the Matt Talbot Bridge to Lombard Street and closed from Lombard Street to approximately Creighton Street / Windmill Lane due to visible ongoing works at the junction of City Quay and Lombard Street. It is programmed that the Lombard Street junction construction works will be completed in May 2018 which will allow the cycle track to be surfaced in June 2018, and opened.

The fencing remains in place over the entire length of the cycle track as a precautionary measure to ensure pedestrians / cyclists do not come into contact with adjacent vehicular traffic whilst the cycle track surface is incomplete. There are further works to be carried out to complete this Flood Protection scheme later this year and early next year but these will have a negligible effect on the new cycle track.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if commercial Airbnb style short terms are required to pay rates, how many such properties are registered for rates, and what steps are being taken to ensure proper rates payments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While aparthotels are rateable, no rates were charged on any individual residential properties that were used for the provision of accommodation on a short-term basis. The Valuation Office is currently reviewing issues relating to the rateability of certain classes of residential property.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will investigate this junction in relation to pedestrian movements and a report will issue to the Councillor.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached a copy of:

- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2013-2015
- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2014-2016
- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2015-2017
- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2016-2018
- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2017-2019
- Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2018-2020

Each Capital Programme provides information on the planned capital projects and expected capital expenditure over the indicated 3 year period. The latest 2018-2020 Capital Programme indicates all capital projects planned up to and including 2020.

While some of the projects in the capital programme specify the electoral areas in which they will be located, the majority of projects are categorised by department as many projects incorporate a number of electoral areas. For this reason it is not proposed to provide any further breakdown of categorisation than that provided in the attached capital programmes.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No individual or business has any authority to rent parking space on the public road in the manner facilitated by the app **(details supplied)** and Dublin City Council does not authorise this. While spaces advertised may appear to be located on the public road, when examined these are found to be located in private driveways, communal apartment parking and private business parking located off street which is a private matter and not relevant to the bye-laws **(details supplied)**.

If the Councillor is aware of specific locations on-street in the area **(details supplied)** that are included in the app these should be provided to the undersigned and will be fully investigated.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter has been referred to the National Transport Authority for comment and a reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no intention to prevent any councillors voting on this issue. The actual implementation of the measures at this location on a permanent basis is under the

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relevant section of the road traffic act and is an Executive function, however as always the views of the elected members are fully taken into account in any decision. A report is being submitted on the trial period along with a recommendation on the scheme to the next area committee meeting.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to the Roads Maintenance Confirm System for appropriate action having regard to the relevant criteria for repairs prioritisation.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Consideration is being given to acquiring this residential development at Parnell Road.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently no specified standard for quantum of car parking spaces for e-cars in the development plan. It is noted there is no guidance provided on this matter in the new national apartment guidelines. The issue is often discussed at pre-application/design stage with the developer however and dealt with on a site by site basis. It is noted that the document 'National Policy Framework: Alternative Fuels for Transport in Ireland 2017-2030' recommends the introduction of regulatory measures to require recharging facilities in residential developments by 2020.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cost of this maintenance work was €79,000. The average cost per flat was €5,600. The work comprised of insulation and mechanical ventilation to top floor flats following previous roof work and did not involve showers. One unit was recently revisited to deal with a routine condensation issue. None of the units presented with sewerage problems.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter will be discussed with the NTA.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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 been done to date & the tree stump outside 16 Cloiginn Ave was to be removed last year is still awaiting its removal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree trip outside No. 27 Cleggan Avenue was logged on our system back in September 2017. Road Maintenance currently has over 700 defects to address in the South Central Area which is leading to a backlog. If you add to this our winter maintenance night works, where numbers were down during the day, this has further exacerbated the situation. Road maintenance will endeavour to carry out this repair at our earliest opportunity. I inspected outside no. 16 Cleggan Avenue and there is no tree stump present. Could you check this location is correct as Cloiginn Avenue may be another location?

Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I confirm that an antique bollard at the junction of Malpas Terrace and Fumbally Lane has been damaged and removed. Road Maintenance will replace this antique granite feature. This item will have to be made by hand and reinstated.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The standard 30K/h slow zone signage will be installed on New Ireland Road. Dublin City Council does not provide a larger or more prominent slow zone signs. This request for Children Crossing signage has been referred for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) I confirm that The Urban Regeneration Act 2015 reduced the Part V requirement from 20% to 10% - Section 31 (b) of the Act refers. Affordable Housing is still on the statute books however Circular 33 of 2015 states that “ with regard to the provision of affordable housing it is considered that meeting the current acute need for social housing should be the priority for local authorities in the first instance. You will be aware that all previous affordable housing schemes have been stood down since 2011, and as such, local authorities should now seek agreement to fulfil Part V obligations in the form of the direct transfer of completed social housing units, where possible.”
- b) Section 96(3) sets out the (only) 6 types of Part V agreements that may be made, and the buy-out option previously contained in the Planning & Development Act 2000-2002 is now removed – Section 96(3)(vi) refers.
- c) Section 96(3) sets out the (only) 6 types of Part V agreement that may be made, and the transfer of land within the functional area of the planning authority option previously contained in the Planning & Development Act 2000-2002 is now removed – Section 96(3)(iii)
- d) The cost of the site associated with the on-site residential unit(s) is dealt with under Section 96(6). The cost of the on-site residential unit is dealt with under 96(3)(d)(ii)

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 required to ensure delivery of the targeted number of Social Housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The target for 2018 of 5,871 units is detailed per category and is based on DCC's most recent data and projections of likely completions over the course of this year. The overall figure for 2018-2021 of 9,094 is not broken down by category and is an estimate of completions over this 4 year period. This target figure is compiled by the DHPLG and is based, inter alia, on data derived from DCC. This target of completions is broadly achievable by DCC, primarily subject to the necessary funding being provided. Based on current costs it is likely that funding in the region of €400 - €500m will be required to deliver this target number of units over a 4 year period.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's policy is that properties notified to the Council as potential acquisitions either by a private vendor or an AHB are cross referenced between both sections to ensure that there is no competition between DCC and an AHB in acquiring a property for social housing.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Design Team are currently working through the detailed design phase of the North City Operations Depot Project, which was granted planning permission by Fingal County Council in February 2017. The provision and management of facilities for staff and operations are the responsibility of the Executive. The funding of the construction costs of the new North City Operations Depot is dependent on the sale of the existing depots. The disposal of depot sites will require the approval of the Members. A detailed report will be brought to Council on the matter before the summer break.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.69 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.70 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.71 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.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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The current data centre contract ends on 30th September 2018. If the service is required after this date then an appropriate open EU level tendering process will be completed in a timely fashion for this service for DCC. This is in the IS procurement plan for this year.

The procurement of different types of PCs is carried out using a national framework established by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) for the whole of government. DCC uses a supplementary RFT under the framework for these procurements. The successful tender is selected by the OGP who run the SRFT. The process is currently underway and it is anticipated that it will be completed in the next month. This process is then valid for an eighteen-month period for the purchase of PCs for DCC. DCC has no input into the selection of the members of the framework.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The units listed as practically completed throughout 2017 would all typically be occupied within a short period of time following their handover to the City Council or Approved Housing Body as applicable. New units are always in high demand and both DCC and AHB’s would have lists of applicants signed up for new units with the only delays occurring due to normal issues such as furnishings being installed or new tenants requiring some time to move from their existing accommodation to the new property. An exception to this rule for units completed in 2017 is Prospect Hill; in this case DCC require that some further remediation works be completed by the Receiver prior to allocating to new tenants.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Percy French and Patrick Kavanagh seats along the Grand Canal at Mespil Road/Wilton Place will be inspected with a view to cleaning / repair in the near future. The big belly solar bin beside the Patrick Kavanagh seat was relocated to the side of ESB Substation.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.77 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

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.

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

Q.79 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.80 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.81 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.82 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.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

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

Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.86 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A report setting out the details sought in this question would require an extremely detailed file review i.e. a manual check of the files in order to collate the information in the categories as requested.

However, I can provide figures in relation to the number of claims received by Dublin City Council along with the number of court proceedings served on the Council for the years 2014 to 2017:-

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
New Claims	746	741	844	1086
Proceedings issued	395	321	391	398

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ha'penny Bridge is a unique landmark in the city and as such is a protected structure. Having regard to this, the Council will refer any future proposed installations to the Protocol Committee as is the case with Liberty Hall.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) drives a housing-led approach to homelessness on a regional basis, in conjunction with the relevant service providers throughout the sector. Central to this approach is ensuring effective services for homeless people that meet their needs and demonstrate their effectiveness through monitoring, reporting arrangements and adherence to Service Level Agreements. The Service Level Agreements ensure adherence by the Service Providers to particular legislative requirements, including Children First Act 2015 and National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.

In addition the DRHE has produced a National Quality Standards Framework for Homeless Services in Ireland which will apply to providers of services to homeless

persons. The NQSF for Homeless Services will be applicable to all homeless service provision in receipt of section 10 funding, whether the service is statutory, voluntary or private service provider. It will apply to homeless services for single adults, adult couples and families. The objectives of the standards are to:

- Promote safe and effective service provision to persons experiencing homelessness
- Support the objectives of National Homelessness Policy, i.e. enabling people to move into and sustain housing with appropriate levels of support
- Establish consistency in how persons experiencing homelessness are responded to across different regions and models of service delivery.

Furthermore the various service providers are cognisant of their responsibilities and obligations under Child Protection

Private Emergency Accommodation

It is DRHE policy that all staff working in Private Emergency Accommodation working directly with service users must undergo Garda Vetting. It is the responsibility of the service provider to obtain Garda Vetting for each member of staff, including the Owner / service provider. The DRHE manages this process in conjunction with the Private Emergency Operator.

All staff that deal with children in the course of their work are required to be familiar with and work within Child Protection Policy. Accordingly the DRHE provides Child Protection training to Private Emergency Accommodation staff, which covers the following topics:

- Knowledge of the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance 2017
- Understanding of the roles and responsibilities of mandated persons as assigned under legislation
- Knowledge of the types and features of abuse and factors which may make children more vulnerable to harm
- Guidance in responding to a disclosure of abuse from a child;
- Reviewed the reasonable grounds for concern and the thresholds for reporting;
- Knowledge of how to report child protection and welfare concerns

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted for the redevelopment of lands at O'Connell Street/Moore Lane and Moore Street. This permission was granted an extension of duration until 2021. No commencement notice has been submitted for this permission and no new application has been lodged for the redevelopment of these lands. The area office has no knowledge of any plans to move the Moore Street traders.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pedestrian crossing will be installed on the junction of All Saints Road and the Howth Road in the next 4 to 6 weeks. As part of the works DCC need to install anti-skid road markings at this location. Due to the cold weather the anti-skid road markings could not be installed. Once the anti-skid road markings are installed, DCC will be able to install the poles and connect the ESB supply to the lights thereby making the pedestrian crossing operational.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council currently provides water services to Irish Water under a Service Level Agreement. There is no indication at this time nor is there any agreement with Irish Water as to how many council employees will be required to transfer to Irish Water. Currently there are 457 Dublin City Council staff members working in the SLA, covering Engineering, Technical, Crafts, Administrative and General Operative grades.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

HAP tenancies are recorded by Municipal Area. The table below outlines the number of mainstream HAP tenancies in Dublin City Council's administrative area and tenancies processed by Dublin City Council in Swords, Howth and Malahide at 3rd May, 2018.

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Mainstream HAP Tenancies by Municipal Area	
Beaumont Donaghmede	- 213
Cabra - Finglas	172
Clontarf	69
Kilmainham / Inchicore	47
Rathgar - Rathmines	82
Pembroke South Dock	31
North Inner City	196
Ballyfermot - Drimnagh	147
Crumlin - Kimmage	118
Ballymun	82
*Swords	71
*Howth / Malahide	26
Total	1,254

*Tenancies in Fingal County Council's area

The HAP Section does not have access to information on HAP tenancies processed by other local authorities in areas outside of Dublin City Council's administrative 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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. A number of pothole repairs have been completed along this stretch of carriageway. There are insufficient resources to complete carriageway resurfacing at this location in 2018. Carriageway resurfacing will be considered in 2019. Project selection is based on carriageway condition relative to other locations in the North Central Area and funding availability.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bonnington Hotel is used to provide emergency accommodation on a self accommodation basis for up to 80 families experiencing homelessness. The hotel has been undergoing refurbishments and has been inspected by Dublin Fire Brigade. The refurbishments include a new communal kitchen and new laundry facility. The DRHE is currently in discussions with the hotel with regard to some decorative upgrades.

The premises are privately run and Dublin City Council does not have a lease or contract agreement with the owners / managers of the property. Families currently residing here are free to source alternative self accommodation if they are not satisfied with their current accommodation. If you or a client has specific concerns in relation to Health and Safety please advise the DRHE as a matter of urgency.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bonnington Hotel is used to provide emergency accommodation on a self accommodation basis for up to 80 families experiencing homelessness. Families currently residing here are free to source alternative self accommodation. In the context of these numbers it is not possible to suspend usage of the facility. The premises are privately run and Dublin City Council does not have a lease or contract agreement with the owners / managers of the property.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE has in place a system of inspection and review that applies to both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by Service Providers. All service providers are required to ensure that buildings should be suitable for their stated purpose and comply with relevant and applicable housing standard legislation, fire safety regulations and health and safety legislation. Equally service users have responsibilities to ensure the safety and comfort of all service users.

Private Emergency Accommodation

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out annual inspections of Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. Since the beginning of September 2017 an enhanced regime of inspections has been agreed with Dublin City Council's Environmental Health Officers to assess compliance with the New Housing Standards for Rented Houses Regulations (July 2017). These inspections have been carried out in collaboration with the DRHE's Facilities Staff, who ensure compliance with the DRHE's Service Standards and to assess the appropriate continued use of these premises. These inspections are unannounced and are designed to ensure compliance with building, maintenance and health and fire safety standards.

Emergency Accommodation managed by Service Providers

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive in conjunction with the Department of Housing is developing the National Quality Standards Framework for Homeless Services in Ireland. This framework will apply to all homeless service provision and includes a regular inspection regime of services by the DRHE Standards and Monitoring Team. The objectives of the standards are to:

- Promote safe and effective service provision to persons experiencing homelessness
- Support the objectives of National Homelessness Policy, i.e. enabling people to move into and sustain housing with appropriate levels of support
- Establish consistency in how persons experiencing homelessness are responded to across different regions and models of service delivery.

Complaints

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive actively pursues all complaints and has a formal complaints policy that deals with all complaints received. Inspections are often carried out on foot of complaints received and are categorised under the following headings:

- Service Access
- Customer Service
- Building Standards
- Service Standards
- Child Protection
- Behavioural concerns
- Criminal Allegation

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Environmental Health Officer inspected the property in January & April this year under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017. The landlord is undertaking the required remedial works. A further inspection is being scheduled to ensure the works have been completed and the property is being maintained to an acceptable standard.

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 GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gateway labour activation scheme run by the City Council was successful in providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The scheme has concluded and there are no longer any individuals working for the Council under the Scheme.

Dublin City Council recently advertised in the national media and on its website for General Operatives. Former Gateway participants would have been eligible to apply. Following interviews a panel will be formed from which identified GO vacancies across the organisation will be filled.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. There is no subsidence in the temporary reinstatement following the repair to the water network. Road Maintenance Services has scheduled a permanent reinstatement when a crew is next available in the area.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council would normally acquire vacant properties for sale on the private market. In the case where an owner is selling a property currently occupied by a HAP tenant, the onus is on the tenant to find alternative accommodation. The City Council can consider, on a case by case basis and, subject to the tenant meeting certain criteria, the acquisition of a property with a tenant in-situ. The HAP tenant should make contact with our Housing Acquisitions Section to discuss the situation.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date all private developments in the Belmayne/Clongriffin area have observed their Part V obligations. With regards to future planned developments, there is a social housing obligation at the Parkside development, however there are no units due under Part V as the developer had previously provided additional units in the Belmayne area and these additional units have been offset against the Part V obligation in Parkside.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is on the Dublin City Council's transfer list for one bedroom older persons accommodation in Band 3 with the following position:

- 81 for accommodation in Area M (Pearse St., Ringsend, City Quay, Donnybrook)

Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicant was not awarded an overall Medical Priority in March 2018. It is open to the applicant to appeal the decision if they wish.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North and South Quays are important routes within the city centre and have been prioritised for public transport, while still allowing access for deliveries and access to car parking. The bus service along the Quays particularly the North Quays has benefited hugely from the introduction of these measures with decrease in journey times and an increase in Dublin Bus passenger numbers. There is the new Luas CrossCity route which crosses both the North and South Quays at two locations and at present this service is attracting strong patronage while still not operating at full headway.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently being examined and a report will issue to the Councillor in due course.

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.

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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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is a key objective of the Dublin City Council Development Plan to target a modal shift towards cycling and to invest heavily in cycle infrastructure. Key to achieving the modal split target is the provision of safe, secure cycle parking facilities at convenient locations, as the absence of appropriate cycle parking facilities has been shown to deter people from cycling in the first place. There is not a requirement to undertake public consultation for the installation of on street cycle stands

To achieve this objective, and to cater for the ever increasing number of cyclists in the city, Dublin City Council has an on-going cycle parking installation programme.

As part of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project, 2 and not 3 of the over 20 plus car parking spaces in the heart of Sandymount Village are to be converted to cycle parking. The stands are not for the Dublin Bikes Scheme and are for public cycle parking.

There is a clear demand for cycle parking within the village as evident by the number of bicycles observed locked to poles. The footpaths in Sandymount Village are narrow and parking bicycles on the footpath causes obstructions and is hazardous to pedestrians. The proposed cycle parking will clearly offer a safer alternative.

The exact location in Sandymount Village has been chosen as it is adjacent to an existing build-out which provides additional protection to cyclists from passing vehicular traffic. The design also maximises effective use of the public carriageway by including an area currently marked with double yellow lines. It is also a convenient location for cyclists which should maximise usage.

The contractor has been instructed to cease works and leave the site secure due to health and safety concerns. There has been ongoing interference from members of the public forcibly entering the works area and preventing the installations.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.115 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.116 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.117 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.118 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.119 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.120 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.121 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.122 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.123 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council, at its monthly meeting held on Dec 2010, passed bye-laws made under Part 19 of the *Local Government Act 2001* to regulate the operation and licensing of horse- drawn carriages and drivers within its functional area. These came into force in February 2011.

The Environment & Transportation Department has recently carried out a review of the operation of these bye-laws in the light of experience since their introduction. Revised bye-laws will be submitted for consideration by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee at the June meeting. As the making of bye-laws is a Reserved Function, the Council must advertise its intention to make bye-laws and invite submissions by public consultation at least two months prior to making them. If time allows, the Council may agree to this at the July meeting, otherwise the earliest it may be considered will be at the September meeting. The Council shall consider any submissions made to it and not withdrawn and may then make the bye-law either in accordance with the draft or subject to such changes as the Council may, at its discretion, determine, or not make the bye-law. The bye-laws, if passed by the Council, shall come into force on such date as shall be specified in the bye-law, which cannot be less than 30 days after its making. According to this timeline the earliest the revised bye-laws could come into force is late 2018 or early 2019.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Officials are currently reviewing all the payments to extract the relevant information and will present a report for the June meeting.

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below shows the number of units allocated via the financial Scheme by Area, for the last 5 years.

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Year Let	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
2013	3		4	2	3	2		4	1		19
2014	2		1		2	3		1	1		10
2015	2		5	1	2	1		1	2		14
2016					1						1
2017			2		7	1				1	11
Grand Total	7		12	3	15	7		6	4	1	55

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?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below lists the facilities that provide One Night Only emergency accommodation.

Project Type	Project Name	In EA ONO Only Services 30/04/18
PEA	South Circular Road - Family D.8	13
STA	St Bricins D.7	28
STA	Crosscare - Haven Hse EMERGENCY D.7	7
STA	Crosscare - Amiens St D.1	1
STA	Depaul – Brú D.8	96
STA	Depaul - Mount Brown – D.8	2
STA	PMVT - DCC Richmond St Men D.6	14
STA	PMVT - DCC Richmond St Women D.6	24
STA	PMVT - DCC STA (Women) - Ellis Quay D.7	1
STA	PMVT - DCC Whitworth Road D.3	4
STA	PMVT - ONO Aungier St D.8	20
STA	De Paul – Little Britain Street D.7	65
	Total	275

- PEA – Private Emergency Accommodation / STA – Supported Temporary Accommodation

Individuals accessing one night only accommodation are placed there either by their Local Authority or through the Freephone service. If the Local Authority is placing them, they are directed to either the Assertive Engagement programmes where possible (which assists them to access STA accommodation) or placed on the Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) waiting list. This list is managed by the Central Placement Service and is used for people that have requested this accommodation or who are identified as needing the support. People are advised when suitable STA placements become available. Individuals that are accessing one night only via the Freephone Service may not be eligible for STA accommodation as

a residency application and / or a housing application may be pending. These people are provided with one night only accommodation on humanitarian grounds.

To provide a detailed report on the number of people that have moved from one night only beds to stable accommodation would entail a record by record search of each individual in one night only accommodation. The nature of interactions through homeless services is complex, service users often transition in and out of the different forms of service depending on their support needs. However data from the Assertive Engagement Programme in one of the services provides an overview of the number of move-on's from one night only accommodation per quarter for 2017 and 2018.

Q1 2017 – 27

Q2 2017 – 23

Q3 2017 – 21

Q4 2017 – 26

Q1 2018 – 29

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the Council meeting on 9 April the Chief Executive advised the Council that he would not be complying with the terms of the motion and he explained the reasons for his position. Through its EU membership, Ireland is obliged to comply with all of its obligations with regard to the EU Treaty, the EU Directives on Public Procurement and the Government Procurement Agreement of the WTO (World Trade Organisation). Under the GPA, Ireland is obliged to honour its obligation to provide full and unrestricted access to its public contracts to all the other signatory states of which Israel is a party. Moreover, since Dublin City Council is classed as a local authority (a sub-central contracting authority), under the public procurement rules its decisions with regard to public procurement are interpreted in all respects, both at EU level and GPA level as decisions taken by Ireland itself. Therefore, any action by DCC likely to hinder or restrict the access of a legal constituted economic operator such as HP on the grounds stated in the Member's Motion would be likely to place Ireland in a position where the WTO's General Dispute Settlement Mechanism would come into play were a complaint to be made by Israel as a party of the GPA. Indeed a complaint could be registered with the national authorities under the public procurement directives. The result could be extremely costly for Ireland and for DCC and is without precedent. It is not advisable, therefore, for DCC to act in the manner described in the Member's Motion, particularly in the absence of Government policy or approval for such an action, which could not be justified in the circumstances as stated.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It was not possible to obtain figures for the last ten years for landscape and grass maintenance but the expenditure in 2017 was €1,098,631.57 This included grass maintenance of social housing complexes, burial grounds, fire stations roadside grass margins, libraries as well as some public open spaces.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Using the information gathered through the Vacant Site Survey process there are approximately 11 zoned sites/land banks (104.21ha in total) which are over the 5ha size not currently in state ownership to the best of our knowledge. The majority of these sites are zoned either:

1. Z14 'Strategic Development and Regeneration Areas with an objective to 'seek the social, economic and physical development and/or rejuvenation of an area with mixed use, of which residential and 'Z6' should be the predominant use.'
2. Or Z12 'Institutional Use' with an objective to 'ensure existing environmental amenities are protected in the predominantly residential future use of these lands.'

Site south of River Road, Pelletstown, Ashtown, Dublin 15	Z14	5.731
Site bounded generally by the River Road & Tolka Valley Park to the north, Crescent Park & Royal Canal Avenue, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown House site & Rathborne, Ashtown, Dublin 15	Z14	5.1214
Lands at Elmhurst Convalescent Home, Hampstead Avenue, Glasnevin, D9	Z12	26.403
Site on corner of Park West Road, Park West containing the Aspect Hotel. Park West Dublin 12	Z14	7.3509
Lands bounded partially to the west by un-named road, to east by rail line, to north by wetland park area and to south by Clongriffin Shopping Centre block and by Main Street, Clongriffin.	Z14	6.657
Lands bounded to the north by Marrsfield Avenue, to the west generally by "Belltree Place", and along its extreme western boundary by Park Avenue, to the south by Main Street, Clongriffin and to east by un-named road.	Z14	8.8901
Site fronting Malahide Road, Belcamp Lane and Northern Cross Route	Z14	9.1861
Site fronting Northern Cross Route.	Z14	8.3603
South Bank Road, Dublin 4	Z14	5.5958
Sean Moore Road and South Bank Road (former Irish Glass Bottle Site)	Z14	14.2945
Site located off Belmayne Avenue, and southeast of currently inaccessible greenway	Z14	6.7281

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR 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

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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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A guide to reuse of South Georgian Dublin Townhouses has been commissioned by Dublin City Council to assist owner occupiers or investors in Dublin Georgian properties to examine solutions to a range of opportunities/challenges involved in the conversion/refurbishment of Georgian townhouses and demonstrate examples of appropriate architectural solutions particularly for residential use. The information provided in this guide is useful to all owners and Investors of historic properties in many parts of the city, including conversion of vacant space over shops. This guide will be available on the Dublin City Council website shortly.

The Living City initiative (LCI) is a generous tax incentive scheme to assist and encourage owners and investors to claim tax relief for money spent on refurbishment or conversion of commercial property and residential property (owner occupied and rented residential) in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford and Kilkenny. The scheme was revised in early 2017 to include rented residential property and the criteria used in order to qualify under the scheme were amended to encourage greater up take of the scheme. The minimum cost of works to qualify under the scheme is now only €5,000.

In order to qualify under the scheme, the property must have been built before 1915 for residential properties (this condition does not apply to commercial properties) and be located within the designated 'Special Regeneration Area', which covers most of the Dublin Inner City Area containing shops with underutilised vacant space above them. A map outlining the exact area is available on the DCC website at bit.ly/LivingCityInitiativeMap. A property under the Scheme can be a house, apartment, shop or any kind of structure and can include all or part of a property.

Owner occupiers can claim 10% of the cost of work as a deduction from their total taxable income each year for 10 consecutive years. The relief for Rented Residential and Commercial properties is available over a 7 year period (15% per annum for 6 years & 10% in year 7). Applications for Residential properties are made to Dublin

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City Council and Commercial relief is applied for directly through the Revenue Commissioners.

The Living City Initiative unit in DCC launched an easy to use guide to the LCI scheme in the Mansion House earlier this year, which is designed to readily assist owners to unlock the potential of underutilised and vacant older buildings. The unit undertook a promotional campaign to highlight the scheme, which included leaflet drops, street signage and media promotion.

The LCI unit has also set up a 'One Stop Shop' advisory team which includes input from Planning, Architects, Fire Prevention, Building control, Conservation, Valuers etc., which is available to meet and advise owners and investors in relation to statutory requirements and development matters. This free service is available by making an appointment in advance with the LCI unit by email at livingcityinitiative@dublincity.ie or phone 01 222 3480.