

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11th JUNE 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive for the park by-laws for **(details supplied)** to be furnished to me. Local residents are uncertain what they are, particularly in relation to dogs and dog walking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws document has been made available to the Councillor.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of signage directing people to the Sean O'Casey Theatre, St Mary's Road, East Wall on the following road junctions:

- junction of East Wall Road and Church Road (near Aldi and Lidl)
- junction of Church Road and St Mary's Road (near the red brick RC church)
- further east at the junction of East Wall Road and East Road (near the Portside Business Park) junction of East Road and the other end of Church Road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment & Transportation Department's criteria for all signage requests is set out below

- Fingerpost signage 1000mm x 300mm, Black writing on White background. Irish and English translation. (Extra depth may be considered, e.g. 1000mm x 600mm)
- The sign must be produced by one of three approved City Council sign Manufacturers (Rennicks, PWS or Highway).
- The applicant must submit a Map showing location(s) of proposed signs. (No signage to be within 600mm of the Kerb Edge and to be erected on pre-existing Sign Poles. No Lamp Standards).
- The format must be approved by DCC Traffic Officer before manufacture. All costs associated with production to covered by the applicant.
- The quantities and location of Signage to be pre-approved by DCC Traffic Officer prior to manufacture.
- If no suitable Sign Pole exists, one can be erected. Cost of 300 euro per pole to be charged to applicant.
- All Signage to be collected from applicant and erected free of charge by DCC

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the sewer system at **(details supplied)** Residents have been informed that a sewer rod is stuck in the system and is causing a continuous blockage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This has been investigated by DCC Drainage. On inspection it was discovered that the private drain is defective and that there is a sewer rod stuck in the private drain. Neither DCC nor Irish Water has any responsibility and it is up to the householder to remedy. The householder has been informed.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to take whatever action is needed to address the illegal use of mosquito alarms at certain stores in the City. These alarms are a danger to the health of young people.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This Unit can address this issue under Sections 107 and 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 to establish if there is a nuisance in respect of a specified premises where there is a specific complainant affected.

In the event that any person wishes to make a complaint regarding specific premises, this Unit will investigate that complaint in line with standard procedures.

It should be noted that under Section 106 of the above Act, the delegated Minister has powers to make regulations for the purpose of the prevention or limitation of any noise which may give rise to a nuisance or disamenity, constitute a danger to health, or damage property.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of providing a shed for the resident at **(details supplied)** as many of the neighbours have a shed for storage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not provide tenants with garden sheds.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Dublin port requesting a Taxi Line be installed at the Stenna Line to facilitate late arrival of passengers ships.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter was forwarded to the Dublin Port Company on 21st May. The Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive has the Traffic Advisory Group agreed to put double yellow lines in place outside **(details supplied)**. When will these double yellow lines be put in place? The entrance to this house is blocked by parked cars everyday given its proximity to Donaghmede Shopping Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Double yellow lines have been recommended by The Traffic Advisory Group on 23/5/2018, from the common boundary of house nos 14/15 **(details supplied)** (eastern side) running northwards for 7m to Lamp Standard no 13. This measure will be installed when the Traffic Officer's work schedule permits and when free of parked vehicles.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive is it normal practice to place double yellow lines across the entrance to a private house? Can the recently installed double yellow lines across the entrance to **(details supplied)** be removed to facilitate the requirements of this family? Can a footpath be put in place on the other side of this lane?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Double yellow lines are not normally provided across driveways, save for locations where the carriageway needs to be kept free of parking to maintain access and traffic flow.

The double yellow lines were provided due to Health & Safety concerns raised by the Traveller Accommodation Unit as a result of parked vehicles on the northern side of Belcamp Lane blocking the footpath. These vehicles were forcing pedestrians onto the middle of the road. The rescinding of the restriction at (details supplied) is not recommended.

The provision of a footpath is not recommended as the existing footpath on the northern side of the laneway will suffice where the existing restrictions under the law are observed.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the structural engineers and architects report relating to **(details supplied)** can be supplied to me. The resident there has asked me for this as there are numerous housing maintenance issues going on there and this will help plan a course of action for the family living there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

"**(Details supplied)** are currently being considered for redevelopment. As part of this process some site investigations have been undertaken. In November 2017 a site visit was undertaken by a structural engineer and architect. A visual inspection of some of the dwellings was carried out and No. **(Details supplied)** was one of the dwellings visited. The building condition survey for this unit notes the following:

- The external walls at **(details supplied)** have are insulated internally with 20mm polystyrene insulation and complete with 12.5mm plasterboard. These walls show very few signs of mould growth due to condensation. This has been observed in all rooms except the bathroom. The bathroom is not insulated and shows signs of damp walls and mould growth in isolated parts.
- The ground floor is of concrete construction. It is not known if the ground floor is suspended on ground beams. The ground floor appears to be dry with no visual sign of defects. No damp proof courses have been observed.
- Ceilings show no signs of mould growth due to condensation. (Ground Floor unit)
- The bathroom ceiling shows signs of water damage due to the shower leaking in the bathroom of the 1st floor maisonette

The report goes on to state:

- Based on a visual inspection, it appears that the structures are free from structural defect "

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the small stump of a tree in the garden of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are being made to have this tree stump removed.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the contractor who maintains the green area (**details supplied**) to cut along the wall area where the name plate is as overgrowth is an eyesore.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area will be brought to the attention of the relevant contractor through the complaints mechanism provided for in the terms of the contract.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many voids there is in the North East Inner City and when they will be ready for letting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 59 vacant properties in the Central Area which are summarised as follows:

Property Type	No of Beds	No of Units Vacant
House	1	0
	2	3
	3	3
	4	2
	Total	8
Apartment	No of Beds	No of Units Vacant
	0	4
	1	14
	2	17
	3	2
	4	0
	Total	37
Senior Citizens	No of Beds	No of Units Vacant
	0	5
	2	9
	Total	14

Of these 59 properties, 4 have been refurbished and are available for letting. The remaining 55 are being refurbished and are expected to become available for letting by end August 2018.

Housing Maintenance arranged for the refurbishment of 89 properties in the Central Area in 2017 and has refurbished 32 to date in 2018. A list of locations has been forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what rates arrears if any is not yet paid in full in Dublin City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The rate arrears outstanding at year end 2017 were € 32.4 m. The balance outstanding now in relation to that figure is € 22.3 m.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

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

- 2 windows need replacement at front of house - upstairs bedroom & downstairs sitting room
- letting in draughts 20 years plus installed by tenant
- replace hall door - door very draughty

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This repair request has been noted and the windows and door here will be inspected. Remedial repairs may be carried out in the interim prior to a full replacement of same if it is deemed necessary.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the compulsory purchase of properties by DCC can the Chief Executive detail the following:

- a) Number of residential properties compulsorily acquired in 2015, 2016, and 2017 and to include the price paid for each property
- b) Number of properties (residential) to be acquired in 2018
- c) Average cost and time involved in bringing compulsorily acquired properties into housing stock and detail how many of properties acquired in 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been let out to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use is a key priority for the Council. The Derelict Sites Unit (DSU) through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (the Act) proactively strives to achieve this objective. As part of the Council's Active Land Management Strategy we have been pursuing an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 and this has yielded positive results. (There were no derelict sites acquired compulsorily in 2015 – 2016)

(a) 2017

The Council acquired compulsorily eleven derelict properties that were entered on the Derelict Sites Register. Ten of the properties were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing Department. These properties are currently undergoing refurbishment and will be used for social housing, the remaining property, 30 Merlyn Road, was sold at auction and has been rendered non derelict and extensively refurbished by the new owners.

There is a statutory process prescribed in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 for claiming compensation in the case of the compulsory acquisition of derelict sites. In accordance with the Act any person who immediately before the making of the vesting order, had any estate or interest or right in respect of the site acquired may apply to the local authority not later than twelve months after the making of the Vesting Order for compensation in respect of the estate, interest or right. Compensation claims received to date are currently being finalised.

7 Barry Avenue, Finglas, D11
6 Creighton Street, D2
188 Downpatrick Road, 188 Crumlin, Dublin 12.
6 Elm Mount Drive, Beaumont, Dublin 9.
7 Kingsland Park Avenue, Portobello, D8
30 Merlyn Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4.
6 Nelson Street, Dublin 7.
7a Oakwood Avenue, Dublin 11.
32 Reuben Avenue, Dublin 8.
21 Rutland Street Lower, D1
3 St Anthony's Road, Rialto, Dublin 8.

(B) 2018

The following derelict sites will vest in the Council on 2nd July, 2018. They will be retained by the Council under the control of the Housing Department; they will undergo refurbishment and will be used for social housing purposes. Further derelict properties are being identified for compulsory acquisition:

Barry Avenue, 1C, D11
Glenties Park, 58, D11
Kilbarron Park, 55, D5
Manor Place, 48, D7
Oldtown Road, 35, D9
Oldtown Road, 35A, D9

(c)

The City Council established the Buy and Renew section in early 2017 as part of the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative to help reduce the level of residential vacancy in the City. The purpose of the Buy and Renew Scheme is to identify vacant units and return them to residential use. Properties acquired under the Buy and Renew Scheme must be long term vacant. They can be acquired by one of two processes:

CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order).

Or

Acquisition (Mutual Agreement with the Owner(s)).

The fact that these properties have been long term vacant means that the condition of each property varies and the resources (finance / time/ materials) needed to return them to housing stock will be different in each individual case. The Valuation of each property it will also vary given its location in the City.

The time involved in acquiring a property will vary and this is dependent on the co-operation of the Owner as regards their engagement with the City Council in this process.

On average it takes the City Council anything from 3 months to 8 months to acquire a property and the average cost of refurbishing a property is €180,000.

The City Council has returned 3 properties to housing stock in 2017. The remaining properties will be refurbished in 2018 and returned to stock as they are completed throughout the Year.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to list the sites owned by DCC which are on the Vacant Site Register and also detail the following in relation to them:

- a) Site size and zoning
- b) Site value (current)
- c) Planning status for development on each site (if any development planned)
- d) Housing capacity for each site if fully developed
- e) Confirmation that these sites will be subject to the Vacant Site Levy (3% 2019 and &5 from 2020 onward) and to detail how DCC can effectively levy itself the amounts due.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below the sites owned by DCC which are on the Vacant Site Register at present. Where a live planning permission is currently in place for a site it has been detailed below. With regards to the housing capacity for each site if developed, we have estimated the number of units possible on each site based purely on a density range of 60-120 units and the site being developed for 100% residential purposes. This figure should be seen as estimation only.

VS-0006: O' Devaney Gardens North, 10 Ashford Place, Arbour Hill
Size/Zoning: 1.7775ha/Z14
Site Value: €8,750,000.00 (10/04/2017)
Planning Status: 2945/16 – Part 8 approved for demolition of remaining 4 flat blocks
Housing Capacity: 160-213 units

VS0-0007: O' Devaney Gardens South
Size/Zoning: 0.569ha/Z14
Site Value: €3,150,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: 2945/16 - Part 8 approved for demolition of remaining 4 flat blocks
Housing Capacity: 34-68 units

VS-0008: St. Bricin's Military Hospital, O'Deavaney Gardens/Moira Road
Size/Zoning: 0.6574ha/Z14
Site Value: 3,250,000.00 (06/06/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 39-78 units

VS-0011: Infirmary Road - Montpelier Hill
Size/Zoning: 1.0973ha/Z14
Site Value: €8,000,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 65-131 units

VS-0028: Grand Canal Place, Long's Place, Bond Street
Size/Zoning: 0.4807/Z5
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 28-57 units

VS-0038: 33-36 Dolphin's Barn Street, South Circular Road
Size/Zoning: 0.058ha/Z4
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: 3618/15 – Permission approved for the demolition of the existing buildings and the provision of a part three storey to part six storey mixed-use building which will include 2 No. units at ground floor level to be used for class 1 / class 2 / restaurant uses and 12 No. residential units at the upper levels comprising 1 No. one bedroom apartment, 9 No. two bedroom apartments and 2 No. three bedroom apartments.

VS-0040: Former Boys Brigade Football Pitches
Size/Zoning: 2.0921ha/Z14
Site Value: €12,900,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 125-251 units

VS-0067: Site at corner of Marshal Lane and Bridgefoot Street
Size/Zoning: 0.056ha/Z5
Site Value: €700,000.00 (03/04/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 3-6units

VS-0101: Site between 541 and 553 North Circular Road, Dublin 1
Size/Zoning: 0.1075ha/Z1
Site Value: €1,500,000.00 (12/06/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 6-12 units

VS-0103: Dominick St
Size/Zoning: 0.6909ha/Z14
Site Value: €13,500,000.00 (26/05/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 41-82 units

VS-0117: (Readymix site) 5-23 East Wall Road, D3
Size/Zoning: 0.6445ha/Z4
Site Value: €5,950,000.00 (10/04/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 38-77 units

VS-0186: Ellis Court, Benburb Street
Size/Zoning: 0.1058ha/Z5
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: 3885/17 – Planning permission granted for refurbishment and deep retrofit of the existing 4-storey providing a total of 22 units; 6 no. 1 bed apartments, 13 no. 2 bed apartments, 2 no. 2 bed townhouses and 1 no. 3 bed townhouse

VS-0339: Corner of Park Road, Ashtown Grove, Navan Road
Size/Zoning: 0.0797ha/Z3
Site Value: €150,000.00 (28/07/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 4-9 units

VS-0352: Poplar Row, Ballybough, Dublin 3
Size/Zoning: 0.095ha/Z1
Site Value: €550,000.00 (21/12/2017)
Planning Status: 4124/15: Permission granted for housing development of 29 units

VS-0380: Site bounded by Poppintree Park Lane West, Parkview Close, Parkview Drive and Parkview Green, Ballymun
Size/Zoning: 0.2319ha/Z1
Site Value: €370,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 13-27 units

VS-0383: Site located on south side of Parkview Road, directly adjacent to 58-60 Parkview Road, Ballymun
Size/Zoning: 1.1665/Z1
Site Value: €1,600,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 69-139 units

VS-0400: Site bounded by Coultry Road and west of Woodhazel Close and Woodhazel Terrace
Size/Zoning: 0.96ha/ Z1
Site Value: €1,200,000.00 (12/12/2017)
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 57-115 units

VS-0402: Shangan Road, site opposite Virgin Mary School and Church, Ballymun
Size/Zoning: 2.7281ha/Z1
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 163-327 units

VS-0403: Coultry Road (Site east of Coultry Gardens)
Size/Zoning: 0.5051ha/Z1
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 30-60 units

VS-0407: Site bounded by Silloge Road and Silloge Park and Sillogue Avenue. Formerly 187-279 Silloge Road, Ballymun
Size/Zoning: 0.7436ha/Z1
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: No active planning permission
Housing Capacity: 44-89 units

VS-0737: St Michael's Estate, between Goldenbridge Cemetery and rear of 25-39 Connolly Avenue, Inchicore, D8
Size/Zoning: 0.7947ha/Z14
Site Value: Being determined
Planning Status: 2475/15: Part 8 development for former St Michael's CBS as an exhibition space. The application covers part of the northern end of the site.
Housing Capacity: 47-95 units

City Council owned sites, which stood entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 1st January 2018, will be levied in 2019 in respect of the year 2018, based on 3% of their market value.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive referring to my various questions (e.g. Q48 (Nov 2014), Q68 (Dec 2014), Q52 (Mar 2015), Q69 (Jun 2015), Q81 (Jan 2016), Q69 (Jun 2016) and Q76 (Oct 2016) to give me an update on the discussions relating to compensation for DCC from NTA in relation to the loss of income to DCC from the permanent loss of car parking spaces due to the Luas Cross City works. As the Chief Executive is aware, the answers given to date all mentioned ongoing discussions etc. but the last answer (Oct 2017) confirmed that a final settlement will be agreed on completion of the project. The Luas Cross City project is now complete and therefore a settlement figure reflecting the loss of approx. €1.8m per year in perpetuity should now be in the final negotiation stages. Can the Chief Executive confirm this is the case and detail current discussions taking place and outcome possibilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As previously stated (Q40 September 2017), it is premature to accrue any amount in respect of the lost income pending agreement with the NTA. The matter is being pursued and the Councillor will be advised of the position once clarified.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC intends to carry out a survey/ cost benefit analysis of all flat (and senior citizen) complex to ascertain if it is more financially prudent to consider the demolition of a complex rather than fund the ongoing maintenance costs, particularly in the case of older complexes. Flat complex dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s could be at a stage where the ongoing maintenance and upkeep costs could outweigh the benefit of the complexes being demolished and replaced with modern low cost/maintenance units (with the added possibility of an increased number of units being built on lower rise complex sites).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, building upon its experience of regenerating complexes, is seeking to develop a strategy to regenerate its apartment complexes that are over 40 years old and build more and better public housing. Dublin City Council has currently over 6,000 apartments that are built more than forty years ago. Because of its scale this Regeneration Programme has the potential to be the largest such programme in the State.

Under the strategic framework of the National Development Plan, the National Planning Framework and the City Development Plan, Dublin City Council will review its own active land management and co-ordinated planning in addressing the housing shortage. In addition to providing vital housing, Dublin City's Regeneration Programme will act as a dynamic catalyst for urban redevelopment.

Dublin City Council will seek to deliver housing led area renewal and estate redevelopment at increased sustainable densities and build upon established principles of community-based, tenant-led approaches to estate regeneration, ownership and management.

A one size fits all approach to regeneration will not be appropriate. Each apartment complex will be treated as unique and the regeneration delivery and funding mechanism will need to be sufficiently flexible to reflect this.

State funding for replacement housing is likely to be challenging as the primary focus appears to be on new builds. Accordingly, the Council may need to consider creative ways of sourcing the finance for this programme which will most likely necessitate funding solutions, from a combination of public and private sources.

Two Reports on Regeneration proposals for Dublin City Council Apartment Complexes have been presented and discussed at the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee.

At the May 2018 SPC meeting, it was agreed that the City Council as part of the Housing Strategy component of the City Development Plan will audit the developmental potential (to achieve greater densities) of the council's apartment complexes and make recommendations on the Council's Capital Works Programme for the period 2018 to 2040.

Accordingly the multi-disciplinary team under Darach O'Connor will undertake the following:

- a) Issue a tender to review the development potential of all housing apartment complexes across the five administrative areas
- b) Meet with councillors across the five area committees to discuss a rolling implementation plan
- c) agree a capital work programme for the city and its delivery mechanism
- d) seek interaction/learning/collaboration with cities of best practise
- e) report back to the Housing SPC

Q.19 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many Compulsory Purchase Orders Dublin City Council has completed in the last 10 years and to provide detail of reason for CPOs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a list of Compulsory Purchase Orders made in the period 2008 - 2017:

CPO Title	Purpose	Year
Finglas Village-Seamus Ennis Road-Mellows Road-North Road Area CPO	Housing, Development, Road Realignment and Amenity	2008
Howth Road Brookwood Avenue Area CPO	Road Improvement	2008
Ballybough Road CPO (no 27)	Housing and Development	2009
Pigeon House Road Foreshore Area Compulsory (Water Cooling Facility) Order	Engineering	2010
Summerhill Place Area CPO	Housing	2010
Rathmines Road / Maxwell Road CPO	Housing	2012
Charlemont Street Tom Kelly Road Area (Housing and Rejuvenation) CPO	Housing and Rejuvenation	2015

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Ballymun Area Compulsory Purchase (Renewal and Regeneration of Ballymun in line with its designation as a key district centre in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017) CPO	Development	2016
Bonham Street/Island Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Provision of Social Housing, Community Centre, Public Park, Public Plaza and Private Amenity Space) Order	Housing, Community & Public Amenity	2017
Marshalsea Lane Area Compulsory Purchase (Development) Order	Development	2017

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 Manor Place, 48, D7
 Oldtown Road, 35, D9
 Oldtown Road, 35A, D9

Q.20 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider derogation on the tenant purchase scheme for the Ballymun area considering the objective of increasing the number of privately owned homes in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government produced a Tenant Information booklet in February 2016, for circulation to tenants who might be eligible to purchase their tenancy under the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016. This information set out the criteria and general information for the scheme which excluded the following properties;

- Apartments, flats, maisonettes and duplexes
- Houses specially designed for older people
- Houses provided for people with disabilities to help them leave institutional care and live in the community
- Houses that are part of a group housing scheme for Travellers
- Caravans, mobile homes or other homes that can be moved
- Houses in a private development transferred to the local authority by the developer
- Houses reserved by the local authority for particular reasons

In the interest of proper management of its housing stock, the City Council have also excluded one bedroom houses and houses which are under-occupied from the scheme i.e. 3, 4 & 5 bedroom houses with one occupant. This scheme setting out all the criteria was presented to the Housing SPC meeting in April 2016.

In view of lack of social housing becoming available for people in need of social housing support, there are no plans to make any exceptions to this criteria.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what steps he is taking or will take to ensure Dublin City Council ranks as the top Local Authority in the National Integrity Index. Publication of a recent study by Transparency International Ireland shows Dublin City to be ranked 4th of the 31 Local Authorities with 2 other Dublin Authorities in 2nd and 3rd place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Oversight Audit Committee (NOAC) is the Government Agency that has responsibility for the oversight of standards and delivery in Local Authorities. Transparency Ireland is a Non Government Organisation (NGO). This is their first audit of the transparency of Local Authorities. Like other Local Authorities Dublin City Council engaged with Transparency International prior to publication. We notified them of a number of errors and requested further information about how a number of the criteria were being measured. It is worth noting that 3 items that were not found on our website were actually published but admittedly difficult to find. We are currently redesigning the website and will look at making these items more visible and including other policies that are currently omitted. Dublin City Council wishes to make its policies, procedures and operations as transparent as possible and accessible to our various stakeholders. However Dublin City Council has reservations about a small number of the criteria being used by Transparency International - criteria which are not statutory requirements. We are not convinced that these added criteria are indicators of best practice as claimed by Transparency International.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what the status is regarding the Iveagh Markets. Will he confirm if further use will involve a public consultation process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A dilapidation survey of the building has been undertaken by consultants appointed by the Council, the findings of which will be presented to the Council shortly. The Council will then consider the most appropriate course of action available to it in order to protect the building.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council could carry out an Environmental / Community impact report on the volume of student accommodation built, under construction and at planning stage in the Dublin 8 area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two recently opened student accommodation schemes in the Dublin 8 area. The Binary Hub scheme has 470 bed spaces (ref. 3191/13) and included a new public pedestrian street linking Bonham Street and Thomas Street through Binary Hub scheme; as well as the refurbishment of an industrial heritage building, the Grainstore, with total of approx 2,000m² office space for the Digital Hub. The New Mill scheme of c400 bed spaces on Mill Street (ref 3475/14) included the high quality refurbishment of No 10 Mill Street, a Protected Structure and one of the most historic buildings in the Liberties now HQ for Teelings, as well as significant office space of 2,000m² now the international HQ for Staycity the aparthotel company.

There are two sites under construction, one on Thomas Street (c260 bed spaces), and the other at Blackpitts (c300 bed spaces). The Thomas Street scheme includes the high quality refurbishment of a number of historic buildings fronting on to Thomas Street reinstating the historic streetscape.

Demolition has commenced on two sites, the Donnelly Centre Cork Street (400 bed spaces) and Brickfield Lane (c300 bed spaces). The Donnelly Centre scheme includes a public retail / café unit, accessed from Cork Street with an ancillary outdoor terrace (40 sq.m.) onto Cork Street. The Brickfield Lane scheme includes a science and technology hub of 26 no. units and a publicly café.

The Watkins Brewery site at Newmarket and St Lukes Avenue has a planning permission for 350 bed spaces and includes renovation of a Protected Structure and other industrial heritage structures (ref 2812/17). There is a planning permission at Spitalfield/Carmens Hall for 230 bed spaces, (ref 2827/17).

When the two schemes under construction are complete there will 1430 bed spaces, with an additional 700 where demolition has commenced. There are two other schemes providing 580 bed spaces where development has not started.

Including existing, under construction and permitted, there is the potential for 2,710 bed spaces in the Liberties which has a population of 23,000 and this ratio (less than 12%) is considered acceptable.(up to 30% considered acceptable in Edinburgh).

There is significant vacant development land in the Liberties for other uses such as standard residential. There are 70 sites (32 hectares) suitable to be on Vacant Sites Register.

As a result of Variation 3 to the Development Plan an applicant for student accommodation “will be requested to submit evidence to demonstrate that there is not an over-concentration of student accommodation within an area, including a map showing all such facilities within 1km of a proposal”.

The preparation of an Environmental / Community impact report on student accommodation in the Dublin 8 area and other areas within the Canals could be considered in the context of next year’s work plan for the Planning Dept.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive the status of the planning application for the Old Crumlin Shopping Centre and what if any works have taken place? Locals have stated that works are taking place there at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Crumlin Shopping Centre is zoned Z4 – District Centre, to provide and improve mixed service facilities. District centres, which include urban villages, provide a far higher level of services than neighbourhood centres. They have outlets of greater size selling goods or providing services of a higher order, and their catchment area extends spatially to a far greater area than that of neighbourhood centres.

Under Reg. Ref. 3078/09/x1 an extension of duration of permission was granted for development on the site consisting of the existing Crumlin Shopping Centre and surrounding car park, situated to the north of Crumlin Road. The site has a stated area of 33,010m² (3.3 hectares).

The original permission (3078/09) provides for the demolition and redevelopment of part of the shopping centre, with the total gross floor area to be increased from 10,805m² to 17,193m². The permitted development includes redevelopment of the two anchor retail units, one having a gross floor area of 9,288m² and containing 3,500m² net convenience floorspace, 3,424m² comparison floorspace, café and ancillary areas and the other having a gross floor area of 3,751m², together with provision of a further four retail units in addition to three existing units to be retained (off licence, takeaway and retail unit), a café, new internal mall, new toilets, management suite and space for library or office accommodation (1,330m²).

The extension of duration of permission was granted until 17th March 2020. Works have recently commenced on this site in preparation for the redevelopment as permitted under this permission.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the shop front scheme as I recently met with residents from Rialto and some business who welcomed the introduction of the new shop front scheme. They have tried to encourage the local businesses to take up the offer of the grant. Some of the businesses are only leased and the residents could not engage with the owners as they did not know them. Has the Council been able to contact all of the shop owners and so far what has the uptake been?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Currently Shop Front Improvement Schemes run in both the Inchicore and Dolphin’s Barn / Rialto areas.

The Inchicore Shop Front Improvement Scheme has been extended this year from just Inchicore Village (2017 scheme) to include approach roads into Inchicore. All eligible premises have been informed either by email or information dropped into their premises. The official deadline is today, 25th May 2018 and so far 6

applications have been received with an expectation of another 6 today. In 2017 there were 46 premises eligible, 9 applicants with 6 grants paid – total grants paid €12.5k with capital investment in those shop fronts totalling €55k.

The Shop front Improvement Scheme in Dolphin's Barn / Rialto was announced on 10th of April and applications are invited until 29th June. The scheme is advertised online at www.libertiesdublin.ie, but efforts have been made to approach all businesses within the catchment to advise them of the scheme. I am also available to liaise with any businesses interested in taking part.

To date, two applications have been received and approved; while six more potential applicants are in the process of applying.

Applicants need only seek permission from their landlord if this is a requirement of their lease and the scheme is open to both tenants and landlords of commercial properties. Given the budget available for the scheme for 2018, supporting the eight potential projects above would likely exhaust the allocated funding. However it would be considered a successful uptake.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the Shamrock Street lamps in Crumlin Village can be maintained and preserved. They are an integral part of Crumlin Village, they represent an excellent aesthetic design and should be maintained. Please see below screenshot of the Crumlin Village Architectural Conservation Area, it shows that the shamrock motif is integral to the ACA. I would appreciate a full and positive reply, and that the integrity of the Crumlin Village ACA is maintained.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Lighting Services appreciate that the shamrock scrolled bracket / pole may be of historical significance to Crumlin Village, and we are of similar mind in preserving our historic infrastructure where possible. However, there are other considerations that we have to take into account, including the structural integrity of this infrastructure.

The public lighting poles with the Shamrock Brackets in Crumlin Village are being removed as part of the Crumlin Village Enhancement Project to facilitate the new road layout and parking bays here, and on safety grounds, they will not be relocated or replaced. These poles and brackets have reached their end of life and on safety grounds; a decision was taken to remove this infrastructure as part of the project.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive as we have had a number of complaints in relation to parking on Mount Prospect Ave Clontarf, D3 (primarily from the junction with Baymount Park to Park Lawn) by people using the park. Could this matter with the relevant sections in DCC to see what options might be available to address the issue on a more permanent basis. A previous undertaking was given that residents beside the park would be liaised with when event where taking part in the park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic advisory Group will investigate if further measures can be adopted to alleviate the ongoing parking issue and will liaise with other D.C.C. sections in this regard.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive what actions are Dublin City Council taking in relation to 2158/17, an approved planning permission on the Old Naas Road in Bluebell. I have heard that the topsoil being excavated in Bluebell has been illegally dumped in a neighbouring local authority (Dun Laoighre Rathdown). What legal action are DCC taking in relation to this against **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue is currently being investigated by the Waste Enforcement Unit and subject to the outcome of this live investigation, appropriate measures and legal proceedings may be taken.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide details of any Dublin City Council funding available for cross border community projects.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Although the Commemorations Grants Scheme is not aimed specifically at cross-border projects, the scheme is open to Dublin-based projects with a cross-border dimension.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following the following repairs be carried out at **(details supplied)** sitting room window is broken and taps in the kitchen are constantly dripping

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repairs have been carried out to the taps and window at this property.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can a very large and dangerous pothole on the Malahide Road outbound, between Belcamp Lane and the R139, opposite First Stop Tyre Centre, adjacent to Clarehall Shopping Centre, be repaired as soon as possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question was received by the relevant engineer at 18.28 on the 24th of May. The pothole was inspected the following morning and was considered to be high impact as it was potentially dangerous. Due to the high impact of the road and the volume of traffic it was forwarded to the afterhours crew and fixed that night, the 25th of May.

Please note that urgent or dangerous matters, requiring a quick response, should be sent directly to roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to check on household waste removal at **(details supplied)** as there is a smell arising from uncollected household waste.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is responsible for waste collection in apartment and older person's complexes only. Uncollected household waste in this case is a matter for the tenant and their service provider.

This matter will be investigated by Waste Enforcement and / or the Litter Prevention Service and action will be taken where appropriate.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding **(details supplied)** who owns his apartment outright. He understands that DCC may own some properties in his building. To ask the Chief Executive does any scheme exist operated by or under the auspices of Dublin City Council whereby it would be possible for him to enter into an arrangement where the Council could take his apartment for housing purposes and he would be housed in an apartment under Council ownership in Ringsend. He would potentially be prepared to transfer title to the apartment in exchange for security of tenure so there would be a financial/overall housing stock unit gain for the Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council operates the Financial Contribution Scheme. The Scheme is open to home owners in Dublin City Council's administrative area. Admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme will be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property, and is dependent on having available vacancies in older persons' accommodation. Properties will be subject to inspection when the candidate is made an offer. If the dwelling is found unsuitable or if it requires substantial repairs, Dublin City Council may not purchase the property and an applicant may not be eligible for the Financial Contribution Scheme. I will arrange that a form is sent in the post to the home owner **(details supplied)** for the Financial Contribution Scheme. I note that the home owner only wishes to be housed in the Ringsend Area. Applicants who apply for the Financial Contribution Scheme are only housed in older person accommodation and would not be housed in apartments.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive as at present construction work takes place on the site of the old Central Bank residents and local businesses advise that there do not appear to be warning signs warning the public of the heavy construction traffic; i.e.:

- None for the pedestrians walking up Crown Alley and crossing Cope Street;
- None for the pedestrians walking up and down Fownes Street;
- None for the pedestrians on Dame Street where a tarmac entrance has been created for large construction traffic to enter the site off Dame Street;
- No signs for cyclists to warn them of the dangers;
- No signs for the heavy construction trucks entering the area warning them of the myriad cyclists and pedestrians likely to appear out in front of them; and
- Local residents and businesses report that since July 2017 no warning signs of the kind identified in the bullet points above have been erected. They further query whether on site safety signs are displayed on the entrance gates.

On grounds of public safety to ask the Chief Executive to ensure that adequate signage is erected at this locus as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Roadwork's Control Unit contacted the main contractor responsible for Central Plaza Development and advised him of local business & residents concerns regarding inadequate warning signage on surrounding streets, to alert pedestrians & cyclists of construction traffic. The contractor agreed to review his Traffic Management & Logistics Plan and to install additional warning signage where necessary. Roadwork's Control Unit will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that safety concerns are satisfactorily addressed.

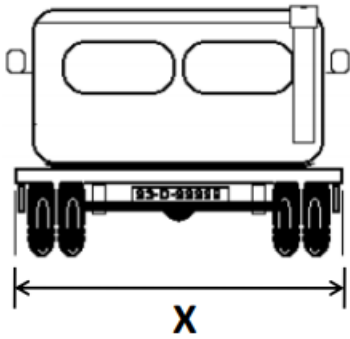
Q.35 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

E&T To ask the Chief Executive:

- (a) What is the width of the carriageway on Cope Street; and
- (b) What is the allowable width of a carriageway for large construction trucks?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

- a) Cope Street at the East side of the carriageway has a width of 4.7m
Cope Street at the West side of the carriageway has a width of 3.5m.
- b) Below are the Road Safety Guidelines on Maximum Weights and Dimensions of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles and Trailers, Including Manoeuvrability Criteria (page 11).

MAXIMUM WIDTH		
<p>THESE DIMENSIONS DO NOT APPLY TO A LAND IMPLEMENT OR VEHICLE FOR GRASS CUTTING, HEDGE-TRIMMING OR FORESTRY OPERATIONS WHILE USED IN THE DAY TIME, OR A LAND IMPLEMENT USED DURING LIGHTING UP HOURS FROM JULY TO AUGUST INCLUSIVE, PROVIDED THAT THE VEHICLE COMPLIES WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC (LIGHTING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1963 (S.I. NO. 189 OF 1963).</p>		
DESCRIPTION	WIDTH (X)	IMAGE
AGRICULTURAL TRAILER / PIECE OF INTERCHANGEABLE TOWED EQUIPMENT	2.55m ⁸	
CONDITIONED VEHICLE	2.6m	
LARGE TRACTOR	2.75m	
PASSENGER VEHICLE WITH SEATING CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT PASSENGERS	2.55m	
REFRIDGERATED VEHICLE, TRAILER OR SEMI-TRAILER	2.55m (For vehicles first registered or trailers first licensed on or before 31 st Dec 1997 the limit was 2.6m but this expired on 31 st Dec 2006)	
RIGID TRUCK, TRACTOR UNIT OF AN ARTICULATED VEHICLE, TRAILER OR A SEMI-TRAILER	2.55m (Provided that the vehicle’s DGWV exceeds 3.5 tonnes)	
VEHICLE OR TRAILER	2.5m	
VEHICLE TOGETHER WITH ITS LOAD (Apart from loose agricultural produce which is not in bales or crates)	2.9m	

Q.36 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to create a “pocket park” at the Grand Canal crossing encompassing the Percy French and Patrick Kavanagh seats and surrounding area, to include the following:

- (a) Cleaning and refurbishment of the Percy French and Patrick Kavanagh seats;
- (b) Relocation of the adjacent belly bins to proximate but more suitable locations; and
- (c) Beside the petrol station there is a Gas Networks wall that is covered with graffiti which should become a vertical garden wall by planting upwards along the wall, thus eradicating graffiti and adding to the pocket park effect.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Dublin City Council paid for the cleaning of the Patrick Kavanagh sculpture in 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of his death. This area is in the ownership and care of Waterways Ireland.
- b) Big Belly bins can be relocated to more suitable adjacent locations and arrangements will be made to do this.
- c) The wall will be inspected and the owners contacted in relation to the removal of the graffiti and also as regards the suggested planting idea.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the pathways and kerbs weeded at **(details supplied)** photo attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above work carried out on the 1st June 2018.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could give me a comprehensive reply to the issues outlined in the email submitted with this question relating to Busking in Temple Bar outside the permitted hours and what action Dublin City Council can and will take to ensure that residents are able to be confident that the bye-laws are being enforced fairly and in accordance with the Bye laws adopted by the Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are four Assistant Inspectors in the Licensing Unit and part of their remit is to enforce the Street Performers Bye-Laws 2016. They work a seven day shift between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. On occasion they work up to 12 midnight. There are up to 500 Street Performers with permits at any given time. The busker mentioned was asked to attend a meeting in the Civic Offices as he was busking without a permit in Temple Bar outside the hours permitted in the Bye-Laws. There was an interpreter present and the Bye-Laws were explained to him. He was issued with a permit but unfortunately he continued to break the bye-laws and his permit was revoked. We are aware that he has health issues and can be very aggressive. The Inspectors have moved him on several occasions and on one such occasion he accused the Inspector of robbing him. A report on this was filed with An Garda Síochána.

It is coming into the busy season for busking and the Inspectors have been proactive and have been talking to the buskers on the streets and giving warning notices where a breach of the Bye- Laws has occurred. Also a meeting has been requested with the Gardaí in Pease Street so we can work with them over the summer months in particular to ensure the Bye-Laws are enforced.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can respond to the concerns raised by a constituent relating to the data collecting capacity of the Big Belly Solar Bins. The constituent recalled reading previously that they had a means of Identifying mobile phones that pass by, and that this info can be analysed along with data gathered in nearby shops/retail outlets and used for marketing purposes. This may have implications for privacy including under GDPR.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Big Belly Solar Compactor Bins in use in Dublin City Council do not have the capacity to carry out this type of data collection. The technologies that the bins currently provide to assist Dublin City Council in litter management and street

cleaning are the compaction capacity of the units that increases the amount of litter a single bin can accept and the fill level monitoring and reporting that provides reports to Dublin City Council Waste Management Operations identifying which bins require emptying at regular intervals.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the leaking kitchen sink repaired and the shore in the front garden unblocked at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Both these matters have been resolved.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the skip at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same removed as a local resident says that it is positioned on the pathway illegally for over three weeks now, that it is being used by people to dump domestic waste into, and that there is rubbish everywhere on the public footpath which is blocked by the skip; can he also advise if a householder is obliged to obtain a licence to place a skip on the public road or footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Inspector from the Council's Roadwork's Control Unit visited the location on the 29th May and witnessed an unauthorised skip from APlus Skip Hire placed on the footpath. Roadwork's Control contacted the skip company and requested the immediate removal of said skip and advised that they inform their customer of the requirement to apply for a skip permit from Dublin City Council before any further skips are placed on the footpath at that location.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to location as per **(details supplied)** where grass growth is preventing children having access to play in the area and say if he will arrange to have same cut as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area is maintained by contract & has received one cut this season. Further cuts are scheduled by the contractor in coming weeks.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to damaged driveway slope at location as per **(details supplied)**, lifted by tree roots which was first brought to the attention of the City Council in early 2016 and now say if he can immediately arrange for same to be repaired so that the wheelchair bound resident of **(details supplied)** can easily access/egress his home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpath at this location will be repaired within the next month.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To the Chief Executive please refer to constituent as per **(details supplied)** whose name was removed from the voters register and say

- a) What is the procedure for removing a person's name from the Voters Register, who and how is it decided to remove a person's name
- b) What efforts are made to advise persons who move house that it is possible their name will be removed from the Voters Register

- c) If he can confirm that a voters registration form is posted annually to every household within the City Council's 5 administrative areas and if so, can he say what instruction is included on said forms re the possibility of a person's name being removed from the Register
- d) If he can explain how it is that a person who rarely re-registers annually will have his or her name retained on the Voters Register while another who fails to re-register in any given year can have his or her name removed from it
- e) If he can explain why it is that some persons names are removed for not re-registering whereas other persons, who do not re-register, have their names retained on the Register
- f) what action he can take to assist and advise persons, as per details attached, where, when they moved house but did not register from the new address on time, believing their name would still be on the Voters Register at their previous address, found themselves in a situation where on Polling Day they are unable to cast their vote as their name has been removed from the Voters Register.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Franchise Section received an RFA Household Form from the former address of the above constituent on 18th July 2017. As the constituent was not listed on the form, an 'Unable to Establish' Letter was issued to clarify if the constituent was still resident at this address. This is standard procedure. As no reply was received from the constituent, they were removed from the Register of Electors 2018-2019. The obligation is on a voter to register themselves at their current address. The Local Authority is obliged to keep the Register as accurate as possible

With reference to the above questions, please see the following:

- a) In order to remove an elector from the register, we require a written request (i.e. registration form, letter, email etc.). On receipt of the request, the Franchise Section still issue a letter to the elector notifying them that we intend to remove them from the Register and asking them to contact us if they do not want us to proceed. If we do not receive a response we proceed with the deletion. Also if we receive an RFA household form and an elector is omitted from the form, but present on the Register, a similar letter is issued to that address asking the omitted voter to contact us to confirm that s/he still wishes to be registered at that address. In addition we are notified of deaths by the HSE and we remove these names from the register.
- b) The onus is on the elector to advise the Franchise Section of the relevant local authority if they move address and wish to be updated on the Electoral Register. An RFA3 Change of Address can be downloaded from Checktheregister.ie or can be requested from the Franchise Section.
- c) A leaflet drop was carried out in 2017 targeting 97,600 households in various local electoral areas in the Dublin City Council area. It is proposed to carry out additional leaflet drop in 2018.
- d) The Franchise Section goes on information provided on RFA Household forms. As mentioned in Section a), if an elector is omitted from the RFA Household form but is on the Register, an 'Unable to Establish' letter is issued to confirm the elector's current address.

The onus is always on the elector to advise us when they move address and wish to be updated on the Register of Electors. Electors are always advised to look up Checktheregister.ie when the draft Register is produced or in advance of an election or referendum date and if registered not to add themselves to the supplement in the requested period.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to please state the list of current EU cofounded programmes that involve DCC. May I have the actual programme, the project and the value of the programme please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Arts Office is the lead in one EU cofounded programmed called Permission to Wonder – a training in Visual Thinking Strategies.

What it is: Visual Thinking Strategies is a teaching methodology based on the work of cognitive psychologist, Abigail Housen and veteran museum educator Philip Yenawine that supports learner-centred thinking and feeling when looking at art objects.

Who are involved: Dublin City Arts Office are the lead partner with 5 organisations, each located in Spain, The Neatherlands, Denmark, Finland and Slovenia. Local Partners within Dublin City are the Dublin City Arts Office, LAB Gallery, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane and 5 associate schools in the Dublin City areas. The 5 schools are:

South Central	St Catherine's NS, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8
South East	Catherine McAuley, Baggot Street, Dublin 2
North West	Dominican College, Glasnevin, Dublin 7
Central	St Vincent's BNS, North William Street, Dublin 1
North Central	Scoil Mhuire BNS, Marino, Dublin 3

What it does: the programme is to train teachers and arts educators in the Visual Thinking Strategies Method in all 6 countries. This supports schools to implement Visual Thinking Strategies Method to enhance learning with visual arts.

Timeline: from October 2017 to July 2020.

Funders: Dublin City Arts Office and the European Union with an Erasmus Plus grant of €244,618 to Dublin City Council.

Value of Programme: €244,618 grant to Dublin City Council in support of a project that falls out of the Dublin City Council Arts Education Learning Policy adopted by Dublin City Council and implemented by Dublin City Arts Office.

2017-2018 Socially Engaged Commission with Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane and Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts in Ireland, as part of the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme funded by Creative Europe. Value of the commission €50,000. The commission was awarded to Seamus Nolan, one of Ireland's foremost artists working in collaborative arts practice. Seamus Nolan is investigating the idea of archive, deconstructing ideas on 'heritage' and engaging with Pavee Point in North Great Charles Street, as well as Traveller communities and Traveller activists and archivists.

Actual Programme	The Project	Value of the Programme

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Project	Programme	Value
ROUTE-TO-PA - Smart Dublin, Chief Executives A multidisciplinary innovation project, that, by combining expertise and research in the fields of e-government, computer science, learning science and economy, is aiming at improving the impact, toward citizens and within society, of ICT-based technology platforms for transparency.	Horizon 2020	€125,000 No cost implications for DCC
BE GOOD (Building an Ecosystem to Generate Opportunities in Open Data) - ITS, Environment & Transportation Dept Is a pioneering project aiming to unlock, re-use and extract value from Public Sector Information (PSI) to develop data driven services in the area of infrastructure and environment.	ERDF	Total Project Budget €7,348,085 (4 year project)
VaVel (Varacity Vvelocity and Value) –ITS, Environment & Transportation Dept It aims to provide tools and techniques for dealing with very large data and Dublin will be providing feeds from our SCATS system Bus Network and from our CCTV system	Horizon 2020	€250,000 Budget No cost implications for DCC
URBACT 111 - Smart City Planning Deploying smart city technologies and solutions at a district level as a mechanism to help secure opportunities and remain competitive	URBACT	Total Budget €63,000 30% payable by DCC
iSCAPE - Traffic Noise & Air Quality Unit, Environment & Transportation Dept Improving the Smart Control of Air Pollution in Europe. The project aims to integrate and advance the control of air quality and carbon emissions in European cities in the context of climate change through the development of sustainable and passive air pollution remediation strategies, policy interventions and behavioural change initiatives to exposure.	Horizon 2020	€5,850,828 (5 year project) No cost implications for DCC

<p>ReaLsMs – City Architects Dept To develop and implement a perspective on the Smart City through critical humanities research and innovation in the context of the Digital Studies; the development of historical and philosophical underpinnings of the Data City and the implementation of the Smart City within local governance structures.</p>	<p>H2020</p>	<p>€463,500 €9,000 to DCC</p>
<p>Permission to Wonder – a training in Visual Thinking Strategies The project is designed to innovate and develop the components of a methodology for educators in European partner countries to learn and use the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) method to facilitate Learning with Visual Arts in Schools and in Cultural Institutions with a remit for arts education.</p>	<p>Erasmus +</p>	<p>€244,618 40% paid to DCC</p>
<p>EACEA-41-2016 - Towards a European framework for community engagement of higher education – Housing Policy Unit, Housing & Community Department Community engagement refers to the development of relationships by universities with stakeholders in their local or regional communities in order to address societal needs, in a way that is mutually beneficial. . The expected long-term impact is the eventual mainstreaming of community engagement at EU universities, which in turn will have an impact on improving social development and cohesion in their wider communities.</p>	<p>EPLUS</p>	<p>€499,300</p>
<p>Operandum – Regional Projects & Flood Advisory Office, Environment & Transportation Dept OPEn-air laboRAtoRies for Nature based solUtions to Manage environmental risks</p>	<p>H2020</p>	<p>Overall cost €15,489,771 (3 year project)</p>

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to state if the maisonettes similar to 3 Kerlogue Road, Ringsend will be allocated under the financial contribution scheme for senior citizens?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Financial Contribution Scheme was introduced by Dublin City Council some years ago in recognition of the fact that there are older persons who find their existing accommodation too large for their needs and who wish to be considered for housing in Older Persons' accommodation. Admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme will be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property, and is dependent on having on having available vacancies in Older persons' accommodation.

3 Kerlogue Road is not a senior citizen complex and applicants for the Financial Contribution Scheme are only allocated accommodation in senior citizen (older person) complexes.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a traffic management plan to be carried out in Mount Tallant Avenue and the surrounding streets? These roads experience a high volume of traffic especially in the morning where cars are illegally turning right

onto Aideen Avenue in order to cut through Mount Tallant to Harold's Cross. Also there is a high level of congestion at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present the Traffic Advisory Group is preparing a set of criteria for the Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes.

Safety concerns in relation to Mount Tallant Avenue and the surrounding streets, highlighted by the councillor indicate that this location may be a potential scheme to study when criteria for schemes are agreed.

The Councillor will be informed later in the year if the above area qualifies as a scheme for the study. If not, the Traffic Advisory Group will endeavour to address traffic issues independently.

During a site inspection made on Tuesday 05-06-18, no congestion problems were observed at the junction of Mount Tallant Avenue and Harold's Cross Road. There is a yellow box to aid egress at the junction of Mount Tallant to Harold's Cross.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the dog litter bin, which has been removed from the park at Cedar Court, D6 to be replaced, along with the updating of the 'No Dumping' Sign, which currently is quite small and difficult to see?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following enquiries made within the Waste Management Services, no record is available regarding the removal of the dog bin from the park at Cedar Court. Records of installation and removal of all bins, litter bins and dog bins, are kept in this office. Arrangements have been made to install a dog bin, anti-dog fouling signs and a "No dumping" sign at Cedar Court.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the walls at the rear of **(details supplied)** to be insulated. These walls are not solid in the middle and therefore have very little insulation. This work was not carried out at the same time as other premises were being insulated some months ago.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The attic in this property was insulated in 2017 but we will make arrangements to have the property surveyed in the next 6-8 weeks.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the illegal landfill at Moatview Court, Dublin 17. Photo attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Meeting was held on the 8th June to decide on short term and longer term strategy with regard to illegal dumping at the above location.

We have contacted a Contractor who has assessed the volume of waste and estimates it to be approximately 1500 tons volume, and further we have obtained a price for the removal of same. We hope to arrange removal as soon as possible. It has been indicated it will take a number of days to do so. We do have to verify on the contract arrangement in advance.

Further interdepartmental actions will focus on the longer term strategy to prevent further waste disposal on this site. A meeting to review progress will take place on June 29th next.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the three vacant sites (designated for housing) at Belcamp Estate (two sites) and the Darndale Spine site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sites at Belcamp B & C are scheduled for the next phase of housing developments and initial plans and details are being prepared by the City Architects Department in this regard.

The Spine site in Darndale is one of the sites included in the future Rapid Bundle No 3 development. Feasibility Studies and Design Plans will be required for each site and this process will be undertaken following completion of similar studies for Rapid developments in Bundles 1 & 2.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if the 26 units reclassified in the homeless figures in March were included in the figures prior to March this year and to say how they had been classified before March if this year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the context of the challenging numbers that continue to present as homeless, the DRHE has engaged with landlords in order to negotiate leases and letting arrangements that provide households with own door homes and arrangements. This means that households do not have to stay in unsuitable emergency accommodation but rather have their own secure accommodation, where they can independently live.

This solution means that families are being provided with private accommodation, suitable for their needs and with no risk of them being returned to emergency accommodation until such time as a longer term arrangement is put in place. Previously properties in this category were included under Supported Temporary Accommodation. Families residing in this type of accommodation are not accessing typical emergency accommodation, but instead are occupying fully furnished, own door units that allow families to live independently.

In the homeless Dublin figures for March there are 26 families that fall into this category - 39 adults & 85 children.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what progress has been made with the development of a comprehensive property register for all Council properties with links to the Fixed Asset Register.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An initial consultation process with all departments involved in property was carried out by the Transformation Unit and a project scope prepared. The Planning & Property Development Department have now assigned a full time resource to the project to carry out an in depth analysis of all existing systems, core attribute information required for the range of property-related functions, business processes and other specific requirements. Once complete this analysis will form the basis of the specification for the technical solution.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state the Council's financial interest in, and names of directors that he may have appointed to the North Wall Quay / Mayor Street Management Company and Apleona Real Estate Limited and to make a statement on their current and future functions. In his reply could he outline what progress has been made in the taking in charge of publicly accessible private lands in the Docklands Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has no directors on the board of the North Wall Quay Management Company and its interest is limited to owning the freehold title of the public realm area within their remit.

The Docklands Office is currently progressing a project to transfer the City Councils freehold title to the Management Company and it is envisaged that this will happen before the end of 2018. A similar process is in train for the other two management company controlled areas (Custom House Dock and Grand Canal Harbour) and these will also be completed by year end.

It should be noted that the City Council will not be taking all lands that are currently within the remit of these management companies into its charge.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a more web-friendly version of the current Dublin City Development Plan providing hyperlinks to each chapter and more clearly indicating the contents of each section including the appendices.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has procured suppliers to redesign the current website. One of the issues being addressed is how to make planning content, especially the City Development Plan and variations, more web friendly. The Planning Department is already working on this matter. We would expect that the new web site will go live by year end.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his responsibilities for ensuring good air quality in Dublin City, to state how many monitoring stations there are in the inner city, and to outline his plans to increase this number, and comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (AAMP).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has enforcement responsibilities under the Air Pollution Act 1987 and the regulations made thereunder in respect of emissions from premises, and specified processes and fuels. Dublin City Council also provides for good air quality in Dublin City through the City Development Plan.

In terms of air quality monitoring Dublin City Council operates a network of air quality monitoring stations throughout Dublin City and also operates three monitoring stations in adjoining areas on behalf of the other Dublin local authorities.

All of these stations are listed below:

1. Civic Offices/Winetavern St
2. Coleraine Street (closed since 1 May 2018 due to site redevelopment)
3. Ballyfermot Library
4. Phoenix Park (Ordnance Survey)

5. Marino Health Centre
6. Finglas (Mellows Rd.)
7. Rathmines
8. Davitt Rd. (due to reopen following site redevelopment)
9. Blanchardstown
10. Dun Laoghaire
11. Old Bawn

These stations form part of the national ambient air quality monitoring network under the auspices of the Environmental Protection Agency who are the competent authority in Ireland for air quality monitoring.

In addition to the above it should be noted the Environmental Protection Agency also operate a number of air quality monitoring stations, including one in Ringsend.

The National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (AAMP) involves investment of €5 million over five years through the EPA to effectively double the number of air monitoring stations in the country, particularly in those regions where there has been no monitoring carried out to date.

In the context of the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (AAMP), Dublin City Council has been carrying out a nitrogen dioxide indicative study with EPA over approximately 18 months to determine the most appropriate sites for new monitoring locations in the city. As a consequence of this, arrangements for new monitoring stations in the Heuston Station area and Pearse St. are at an advanced stage. Dublin City Council has also taken delivery from the EPA of a number of particulate pollution analysers which can report on a range of particulate sizes in real time. These will be commissioned for use in the existing monitoring stations.

Dublin City Council has also purchased a data acquisition system which will improve data retrieval from its monitoring network and will enhance the availability of this data to the public in real time. This will require intensive effort over the coming months to ensure the robustness and security of the system as well as ensuring it is fully integrated with EPA data retrieval systems.

It should also be noted that the EPA is in discussion with other stakeholders in Dublin who may also operate air quality monitoring stations that will be integrated in the national ambient air quality monitoring network

Q.57 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he can put in place a cycle path from East Point Business Park to Ringsend.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently working on a number of projects that together will form a cycle route from Alfie Byrne Road to Ringsend.

The Point Junction Improvement Scheme will provide a two-way segregated cycle track from Alfie Bryne Road to the existing Point Roundabout. This scheme is currently at the options selection stage.

A cycle link from the Point Roundabout to Thorncastle Street via a proposed dedicated pedestrian and cycle bridge is at the options selection stage.

A cycle link from Thorncastle Street to Ringsend Park will be incorporated into the Ringsend Core Bus Corridor project.

Funding has been made available for options selection for all of the above schemes.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City might participate in the European Forum for Urban Security (Efus): a European network of local and regional authorities dedicated to urban security.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Contact will be made with the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) and consideration will be given to Dublin City Council participating in the network.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether there has been any progress made in providing red light running cameras in the city (apart from Blackhall Place) in cooperation with An Garda Síochána?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date there has been no further progress.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of initiatives available to staff in terms of promoting sustainable urban mobility in the course of their work. In his reply can he state the amount of (a) car parking spaces, (b) bike parking spaces and (c) staff employed in the Civic Offices.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are several initiatives available to staff to encourage sustainable travel such as the Cycle to Work Scheme and the annual Tax saver Travel Ticket. Dublin City Council is a partner in the NTA Smarter Travel Workplaces and as such runs an annual 4 week cycle challenge for staff in May and an annual 4 week pedometer (walking) challenge for staff in September/October. Electric fleet vehicles are available to staff for use during the working day which enables them to leave the car at home.

There is limited car parking available to staff at the civic offices which in turn requires them to travel by other modes to the offices.

DCC did (up until 2013) have a Mobility Manager whose role was to encourage sustainable mobility by staff. Under her remit, a mobility hub was created on Dubnet and cycle parking, cycle repair and drying facilities were extended and improved at basement level. The last staff travel survey was in 2013 and indicated approx 25% mode split for people driving to work. (The mode split for the city centre in 2017 by car was 29%). The survey indicated a strong desire by staff to improve end of trip facilities such as cycle parking, showers, changing and locker facilities in the office.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to install a bath for **(details supplied)**. The resident has balance problems and is not able to stand in the shower without supervision.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An adaptation application form has been sent to the tenant at this address. Once this has been completed and returned and an occupational therapists report received, we can then assess the application and have appropriate action taken.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the roads within Coultry Gardens. The surface is in a very bad state with many large potholes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that this request has been added to Road Maintenance Services work list and it will be scheduled for repair when there is a crew available in this area and subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider moving the pedestrian entrance to the centre of the fence, rather than both ends of the fence, at the gap between Oldtown Road and Shangan. The reason would be to make the entrance more visible and reduce the amount of illegal dumping at the gap.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The A/Public domain officer proposed that the main reason for the illegal dumping at this location is the two unoccupied houses located at the gap between Oldtown Road and the entrance to Shangan.

It is hoped that these two properties will be occupied in the near future, this and the continued enforcement by litter wardens should reduce or stop this illegal dumping. There is no funding in the 2018 discretionary budget to redesigning the entrance as requested above.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full investigation into the pollution of oil into the Pond in Poppintree Park. This has been going on years now and is affecting the wildlife in the park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sewers and Main Drainage are currently investigating this matter. Once an update is received, the Councillor will be contacted directly. It must be noted the Sewers Department responded to the latest pollution incident very promptly.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of RAS landlords in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Year	Number of RAS Properties
2015	1176
2016	1132
2017	1051
1st May 2018	1011

Q.66 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many commercial hotels do we use for homeless services and if there has been an issue securing rooms over the summer months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are approximately 96 commercial hotels in use that provide emergency accommodation to homeless families.

Contingency arrangements that provide additional emergency accommodation can be activated when there is increased demand on services, as occurred during the recent concerts in the Phoenix Park.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the traffic management at the Glasnevin Ave/Collins Ave and Ballymun road Junction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will investigate this and a report will issue to the Councillor when this is complete.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what progress has been made in the construction of affordable housing in Cherry Orchard, how many units will be built and when will the work commence?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government announced a new Affordable Housing Initiative in December 2017. A dedicated Affordable Housing Unit has been established to administer the scheme in conjunction with a multi-disciplinary working group to carry out feasibility studies, viability assessments and infrastructure requirements.

Dublin City Council is currently preparing an overall submission to the Department for the Affordable Housing Serviced Sites Initiative funding; a 6 hectare site in Cherry Orchard is included within this submission. The proposed development in Cherry Orchard will consist of approx 200 affordable units and, subject to approval from the Department, we would proceed to applying for Part 8 planning approval later this year or early 2019. Based on this timeline we could anticipate that a contractor would be on site to commence construction in early 2020.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the capital funding made available by the Department of Environment to DCC for the construction of public housing for each year since 2009?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figures below show the amount received from the Department of the Environment Planning and Local Government from 2009 to 2017 for housing construction projects.

Year	Amount received from DHPLG for construction projects
2009	€20,720,601
2010	€33,752,997
2011	€13,447,472
2012	€13,723,569
2013	€14,162,039
2014	€13,319,432
2015	€12,741,646
2016	€17,798,669
2017	€44,604,722

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive with 120 members the Cherry Orchard Running Club is fast becoming the biggest sporting group in Ballyfermot & Cherry Orchard. To ensure inclusivity the club is free and managed by volunteers and supported by Familibase. Can the Chief Executive outline what coaching & training supports DCC can provide to this club?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council through the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership, the local Sports Officer and Sport & Fitness Ballyfermot Centre have been actively engaged with the Familibase across its services including the Cherry Orchard Running Club.

To date the club has been supported with offers of training in terms of governance, safeguard, First Aid and Cardiac First Responder Training.

Additional support was given in the form of concessions to enable members attend a number of events such as Operation Transformation Run, Hell and Back Adventure Race for families, the Phoenix Park Remembrance Run and The Lord Mayors Five Alive Race series.

In addition to the above financial assistance was also given to enable 6 members of the running club to participate in an upcoming Triathlon in August 2018. Collectively we will continue to support the running club in the context of resources available to us.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on negotiations between DCC, the Receiver and the Department of Housing concerning the Poolbeg SDZ, specifically the provision of social and affordable housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Detailed negotiations are underway between representatives of DCC and the Receiver to advance the commercial agreement required to achieve the additional social and affordable housing units at Poolbeg SDZ.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the rationale upon which DCC calculates rental rate from local community groups who rent DCC owned premises and explain the variations in rents charged for example but not exclusively (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.73 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to Belmayne, D13 to indicate where in the taking in charge process this estate is? To indicate the responsiveness of the developer to undertake the bringing up to standards of deficiencies identified in the initial application to DCC for it to take the estate in charge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The taking in charge process has commenced and service division site inspections have been conducted. The developer has been made aware of the works that need to be undertaken to bring the area up to taking to charge standard and is working to carry out all the necessary remedial works. As soon as this standard is achieved every effort will be made to conclude the taking in charge process.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to develop a traffic management plan for the Belmayne estate - while this estate is waiting (for a decade at this stage) to be taken in charge it is surrounded by building projects including the upcoming Ayrfield development resulting in a significant number of site lorries driving not the streets. This is causing major traffic tensions and pedestrian safety issues. Streets are narrow with no traffic calming - a one way system should perhaps be introduced. The main streets have no road markings and on street parking in very much compromised and under capacity for the estate needs. It's imperative that such a traffic management plan be designed so as to be immediately implemented once the estate has been fully taken in charge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC is not in a position to devise a Traffic Plan for The Belmayne Estate until the area is taken in charge. This and other traffic management issues are the responsibility of the Developers and their agents which need to be made good to D.C.C. standards prior to the taken in charge process being undertaken.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on DCC plans to plant new trees, plants and shrubbery in the North Central Area and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While the full details of the planting programme for the coming planting season winter 2018 -2019 have not yet been finalised the broad objectives are as follows:

- Tree planting: It is proposed to concentrate on replacement trees with a few new plantings. Larger canopy trees will be planted on open spaces to compensate for loss of canopy cover through the use of smaller specimens within residential areas..

- Seasonal flowering schemes in usual locations – flowerbeds, roundabouts etc.
- Shrubs very little of this type of planting is carried out at present in parks and open space due to fears of creating cover for congregation after dark. Some small areas of replacement planting are carried out e.g. Belmont Park to replace original overgrown areas.
- Bulbs a continuation of the mechanical mass planting of bulbs programme is proposed, suitable locations to be identified during the summer months.

Any planting requests, suggestions or proposals should be forwarded to the Parks Service on the email below as soon as is practicable to allow the locus to be inspected and if suitable included in this winter's planting programmes.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether he has plans to expand the mobile library service for the North Central Area and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The mobile library operates in the North Central Area as per the following schedule:

- Artane - (1)
- Brookwood Grove, Artane, Dublin 5. Monday 5.15pm - 7.30pm
- Beaumont - (2)
- Coolgreena Close, Dublin 9. Tuesday 2.15pm - 3.15pm
- St. Fiachra's N.S., Montrose Park, Dublin 9. Tuesday 11am - 11.50am (school only service)
- Belmayne - (1)
- Outside schools (Educate Together School and St. Francis of Assisi Primary School), Dublin 13. Wednesday 11am - 11.50am (school only service)
- Clarehall - (1)
- Templeview Way, Dublin 17. Monday 2.15pm - 4pm
- Clongriffin - (1)
- Main Square, Dublin 17. Tuesday 5.15pm - 7.30pm
- Darndale - (1)
- Bell Building, Village Centre, Dublin 17. Wednesday 12.05pm - 12.50pm
- Donnycarney - (2)
- Clanree Road, Dublin 5. Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Elm Road, Dublin. Friday 2.15pm - 4pm

We have no plans to expand the mobile service but a review of the stops is underway.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have a new bollard installed outside the house (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter as he has been a number of years waiting for the Council to do same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I can find no record of Road Maintenance Services having been previously informed of this matter. We need to liaise with ESB to carry out works on this road but will endeavour to have a new bollard installed within the month.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether he has plans to expand the opening hours of the recycling centres in the North Central Area & city and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While we have no plans to extend the daily opening hours in our bring centres due to budget constraints, I can confirm that all bring centres which accept green waste will open seven days a week during the summer.

From 3rd June 2018 up to and including 2nd September 2018 the following bring centres will be open from on Sundays from 10am until 2pm:

- Gullistan Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6
- Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12
- Grangegorman, Dublin 7
- Collins Avenue, Dublin 9
- Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5

Q.79 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the total expenditure to date on the Walsh Road closure/ changes. Could the Chief Executive confirm from what funding stream this money was made available. What is the projected cost to bring this project to conclusion and how does the Chief Executive justify this expenditure on foot of 31 service requests over 'a number of years'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has over a number of years received 31 service requests from members of the public and 29 from elected public representatives highlighting the impact of traffic volumes on Walsh and Ferguson Roads and the health and safety concerns which arise from what was reported as excessive traffic on these roads.

Walsh Road and Ferguson Road are narrow residential streets with two-way vehicular traffic. There is a steep gradient on Walsh and on Ferguson Road from south to north which may have induced higher vehicle speeds in this direction, despite the presence of traffic calming measures. Both of these roads suffered large volumes of rat running traffic for a number of years due to its strategic nature as a bypass of sections of St Mobhi road or Drumcondra Road.

As the traffic volumes increased, residents began parking further up on the footpaths to prevent damage to their parked vehicles. This in turn led to deterioration in pedestrian safety as pedestrians were forced onto the roadway because there was little effective footpath width remaining. Furthermore, the increased road width remaining allowed for faster vehicle speeds exacerbating the risk to more vulnerable road users.

Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016 – 2022

The Development Plan for Dublin City Council includes a number of objectives and policies which are of relevance to the scheme.

The following specific objectives and policies of the Development Plan are of greatest relevance to the scheme.

Objectives: -To tackle the adverse environmental and road safety impacts of traffic in the city through measures such as: The implementation of traffic calming measures including the restriction of ratruns in appropriate areas in accordance with best

practice and following advice contained in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

Policies: - To improve the pedestrian environment and promote the development of a network of pedestrian routes which link residential areas with recreational, educational and employment destinations to create a pedestrian environment that is safe and accessible to all. - To increase capacity for public transport, cycling and walking, where required, in order to achieve sustainable transportation policy objectives.

Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019

Significantly improve pedestrian and walking facilities in the city. Place the pedestrian at the highest level of priority in transportation planning followed by cycling, public transport, goods and other vehicles.

Both plans was adopted by Dublin City Council and the Council as an organisation and affirms the values by which we should work together to deliver on our ambitions.

The Department of Transport Traffic Management Guidelines highlights the necessity to develop a road improvement scheme in order to enhance the public realm.

“Streets are (or ought to be) living spaces, an integral part of the community and the focus of many activities that link together people’s lives. The way in which streets are managed and used promotes or discourages a sense of community and makes them an attractive or unattractive place to live...This imbalance must be reversed if urban communities are to revive and prosper. Planners and engineers must take the lead in this process. The introduction of a road hierarchy and the management of traffic onto appropriate roads is a fundamental step in this process.”

After numerous requests from Public Representatives, Dublin City Council agreed to undertake a traffic analysis of Walsh Road, Ferguson Road and Millmount Avenue, Drumcondra.

This consisted of procuring a traffic engineering consultant using the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets to design different possible options including Drumcondra Traffic Survey’s, installation / construction of bollards, roundabout, road signage and poles, Road Safety Audit and an Attitudinal survey. Two public information meetings were held In Drumcondra Library about the different proposed options and the public’s views were sought on the proposals.

The total expenditure on the scheme to date would be around €82,709 excluding vat and is funded from Minor Works North West Area budget.

The preferred option which was recommended by the traffic consultants following their traffic analysis and the input of the public was the provision of option 6 which would implement bollards, signage and a mini roundabout at the Walsh Road/ Millmount / Milbourne junction, and which will not allow through traffic (except cyclists and pedestrians) from Milbourne Avenue and Millmount Avenue to Walsh Road and Ferguson Road and vice versa This option reflected the relatively unique layout of the streets in this area where measures could be implemented to remove through traffic without creating any cul de sacs.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify what the nature is of the 'Private Council Meeting' taking place in City Chambers which is preventing the June North West Area Committee meeting being webcast from City Hall. Does this private meeting actually require webcasting?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council Chamber was booked by the Housing Strategy and Research Section of Dublin City Council to host an event on 19th June 2018. The event is the Euro Cities Housing Work Group which focuses on the role of social and affordable housing in fostering social cohesion in cities. The main issues addressed by the WG are the affordable housing, social housing and housing for vulnerable groups, mixed-use urban developments, housing and social cohesion, urban regeneration and rehabilitation of existing housing stock. Using the transfer of knowledge and know-how, cities focus on new and innovative forms of partnerships and finance models for investment in affordable housing. Each member of the Euro Cities Project is given the opportunity to host and chair a Working Group and this honour falls to Dublin City Council in June 2018. The event will be attended by over 60 persons including a selection of councillors from the Housing and Planning and Property Development SPC's.

The North West Area Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on the third Tuesday of the month in the Ballymun Civic Offices. Unfortunately, the request to hold the June North West Area Committee meeting in the Council Chamber could not be accommodated as the venue had already been booked to host the Euro Cities event.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of “representative groups” and individuals acting on behalf of survivors of the Magdalene laundries, who were consulted with by the City Council in discussions about the proposed Memorial to victims of Magdalene Laundries that is expected to be placed at the Seán McDermott Street site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has not yet consulted with “representative groups” acting on behalf of the Magdalene Laundries, about the proposed memorial that would be placed on the same site of any new development on Sean Mc Dermott Street.

We have always indicated our willingness to consult with all interested parties on this issue and remain prepared to do that. No redevelopment of the site/property can be considered until the disposal of the site/property is approved by the Elected Members. If the disposal is not approved then the property development will not go ahead.

We have always indicated our commitment for a provision of a suitable memorial in the property development and we would love to engage with all interested parties on such a memorial.

We hope to submit the proposal to dispose of the site/property at the July meeting of the City Council. If approved it would likely be at least 12 months before any redevelopment would commence (planning permission/appeals etc) which would give ample opportunity for consultation.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive despite a no of e-mails to the Planning Enforcement Department I am still waiting for an update on File no E1337/17. Could the Chief Executive please give me the update required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The person in control of erecting the boards concerned has been given a number of opportunities to remove them following the service of a warning letter regarding this matter.

An Enforcement Notice under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) is being served relating to this matter.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O’MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following information in relation to the litter warden services for the last two years:

- A) Number of litter wardens employed.
- B) Number of fines issued.
- C) Number of fines paid.
- D) Number of fines progressed to summons/ court.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The following is the information requested:

- A. There are 16 Litter Wardens employed in Dublin City Council at present.

B/C/D

Year	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Fines cancelled on Appeal	Prosecutions initiated	Convictions obtained in court	Out of court settlements
2016	1661	618	255	533	80	42
2017	1464	600	191	331	73	23
2018 (1/1/201/- 30/05/2018)	429	188	52	90	20	11

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O’MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to give me a total list of DCC owned derelict sites and buildings across the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There are currently 85 sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register. Eight of these sites were acquired compulsorily by the Council under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 during 2017. The sites are being retained by the Council under the control Housing & Community Services and will be used for social housing purposes. The properties are currently undergoing refurbishment by Housing & Community Services and will be removed from the Derelict Sites Register when the remediation works are completed.

- 7 Barry Avenue, Finglas, D11
- 6 Creighton Street, Dublin 2
- 6 Nelson Street, Dublin 7
- 7 Kingsland Park Avenue, Dublin 8
- 7a Oakwood Avenue, Dublin 11.

32 Reuben Avenue, Dublin 8.
21 Rutland Street Lower
3 St Anthony's Road, Rialto, Dublin 8.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the acquisition of 6 Creighton Street, Dublin 2 by Dublin City Council under the derelict sites process was any compensation offered or paid to either previous occupants or to the title holders of the site and if so who and if not why not.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

6 Creighton Street was acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (the Act) and vested in the Council on 14th September, 2017. There is a statutory process prescribed in the Act for claiming compensation in such cases. In accordance with the Act any person who immediately before the making of the vesting order, had any estate or interest or right in respect of the site acquired may apply to the local authority not later than twelve months after the making of the Vesting Order for compensation in respect of the estate, interest or right. A statutory Notice of the Making of the Vesting Order specifying the compensation process was served on the owner, published in the Irish Times and fixed to the property. The Council has not yet received a claim for compensation.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the suggestions from a constituent of Ruth Coppinger TD regarding measures to improve the litter situation along the Royal Canal (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question has been referred to Waterways Ireland who look after the area along the Royal Canal.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the reported contact made by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executives regarding the reduction of the numbers reported as homeless to the Department on the basis of re-categorising those is certain transitory forms of emergency accommodation (funded under Section 10 of the Housing Act) as not being homeless and explain why the DRHE acceded to this request when other regional homeless executives such as the Mid West refused.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the context of the challenging numbers that continue to present as homeless, the DRHE has engaged with landlords in order to negotiate leases and letting arrangements that provide households with own door homes and arrangements. This means that households do not have to stay in unsuitable emergency accommodation but rather have their own secure accommodation, where they can independently live. This solution means that families are being provided with private accommodation, suitable for their needs and with no risk of them being returned to emergency accommodation until such time as a longer term arrangement is put in place.

Previously properties in this category were included under Supported Temporary Accommodation. Families residing in this type of accommodation are not accessing typical emergency accommodation, but instead are occupying fully furnished, own door units that allow families to live independently.

In Dublin 91 households (376 people) fall into this category*. These are all self contained units and it is expected that longer term leases will be negotiated for these

properties. While these families are accessing homeless support services, they are not currently at risk of homelessness. The DRHE made the decision on the re-categorisation of homelessness and it was not done on the instructions of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The re-categorisation was done to reflect a more accurate picture of the current homelessness situation.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive given that the DDDA supplied electricity to a designated 'Campshire Kiosk Location' from the licence commencement date, 1 February 2009 (see link below) until the DDDA 's undertakings were transferred to Dublin City Council (SI No 114/2016) what is the legal justification for not continuing with this particular undertaking
http://www.ddda.ie/files/business/docs/20081104053936_RFP%20document_Licence%20at%20Sir%20Jo.pdf

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Docklands Office is aware that a Casual Trader operating in the Docklands has been seeking a mains electricity supply at their current pitch. The licensee has been advised that the Council does not provide electricity to Designated Trading pitches and that we supply only a specific area for someone to trade from. DCC casual trading Bye Laws advise as to the use of generators if power is required. As per the Chief Fire Officer, only diesel generators or batteries are permitted to supply power at Casual Trading pitches.

The DDDA document referred to in the question was issued by the Authority as a Request for Proposal tender document and not a contract. The document clearly states under the heading Important Notice on page one "No legal obligation shall arise between the Authority and an interested party unless and until an agreement has been entered into and formally executed in writing between the Authority and the successful candidate."

Regarding the request that Dublin City Council discharge the undertaking transferred to it by the DDDA, the DDDA issued a new Casual Trading Licence to this trader for a period of 3 years commencing on 01.02.2016 prior to the dissolution of the Authority. This licence did not include the provision of mains electrical power and therefore no undertaking exists from the DDDA that committed DCC to providing this casual trader with mains power in the future.

It is stated in each of the Casual Trading agreements that have been issued in the Docklands that "The Licensee at its own expense shall be responsible for the provision of electrical power to the licensed area and shall pay for all electricity consumed at the licence area."

Docklands Office does not install power connections (Electrical or Diesel) at casual trading pitches and it is not obliged to provide same as part of the licensing agreement. It is my understanding that the Casual Trader who is the subject of this question was previously able to source power while operating beside the Warehouses on Sir John Rogersons Quay (West of the Samuel Beckett Bridge) via an agreement between that trader and the owner / operator of that building. This supply was not facilitated in any way by Dublin City Council or its predecessor with responsibility for the area the Dublin Docklands Development Authority.

Due to flood defence works on the South Campshires the casual trading pitch which is the subject of this Council Question was relocated after consultation and

agreement with the licensee and at no point was it agreed to install a permanent power supply as part of this relocation.

The City Council cannot agree to install a power supply at this location as to do so would create a precedent for the supply of mains power at other sites throughout the City. A Casual Trading licence is temporary by its nature and is subject to renewal and possible relocation as deemed necessary by Dublin City Council. While a further relocation is not being considered at present it may be necessary at some point in the future to move this license to another location in the area and this is a further reason why permanent mains power is not installed for Casual Trading pitches.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the erecting of a "Love Dublin" sculpted text installation in a prominent tourist area for photo opportunities and promotion of the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This proposal will be presented to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group for consideration at its next meeting.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on overcrowding, fire safety and other issues relating to residential properties in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In light of the significant increase in numbers of people using private rented accommodation and the increase in incidences of gross overcrowding within the private rented sector Dublin City Council recognised the need for a significant increase in the level of staff resources available to undertake inspections and have doubled the number of Environmental Health Officers to 20 who are now available to carry out inspections under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017

In addition to increasing the number of officers available for inspection DCC has also restructured the Environmental Health Section and have set up a rapid response team of Environmental Health Officers to respond efficiently and effectively to complaints in relation to gross overcrowding and serious non compliant properties.

This team is available to respond to initial referrals received or allegations of serious overcrowding instances within premises and aim to undertake a site visit within 24 hours of receiving the referral. The primary aim of this initial site visit is to gain access to the property and undertake an inspection. This inspection will then inform the team as to the direction of any subsequent investigations warranted by the various sections e.g. Planning or Fire Brigade within Dublin City Council.

A Private Rented Unit has also been set up within the Environmental Health Section. This Unit has a co-ordinating role with the various sections within the City Council that deal with gross overcrowding. The Unit is also responsible for the media campaign that was launched in the last few months which consisted of both a poster and social media campaign which will be increased over the coming months. In the majority of cases investigated to date for gross overcrowding officers have found that the profile of tenants within these properties are primarily non nationals who have come to Ireland to study English. They on the whole find the properties through Social Media or word of mouth in their circle of friends.

In addition to the work of the rapid response team the existing Environmental Health Officer teams which are split into North and South City geographical areas remain in situ and continue to respond to tenant complaints, proactive inspections and inspections under the Rental Accommodation Scheme and Housing Assistance Payments scheme.

Dublin Fire Brigade have also increased the number of residential inspections with 169 inspections been carried out to date in 2018. This resulted in 6 Fire Safety Notices being issued and a number of agreed fire safety measures being implemented

Consideration is being given in the medium and longer term to different approaches to inspections and developing a risk rating of properties so that Dublin City Council would have a more targeted approach to inspections.

Legislative changes to deal with gross overcrowding have also be sought in order to give Housing Authorities enhanced powers to intervene in cases of gross overcrowding to seek orders from the Circuit or High Court to vacate such premises or reduce the numbers living in the property when appropriate. Greater responsibility should also be placed on landlords when registering tenancies with the Residential Tenancies Board to declare the number and size of each bedroom and the maximum number of tenants permitted to reside in the dwelling.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the requirement of the City Development Plan to carry out a review of the use of industrial estates in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The requirement of the Dublin City Development Plan to carry out a review of the use of industrial estates in the city is by way of objective CEE04 (ii), as captured under chapter 6, City Economy and Enterprise.

Objective CEE 04 (ii) states:

'To carry out a study on the potential of lands zoned for enterprise and employment space, the adequacy of such potential supply, and the issue of under-utilised/vacant lands.'

The land use zoning objectives pertaining to enterprise and employment is Z6 (coloured purple) and Z7 (coloured dark purple), as identified on Dublin City Council's 2016 – 2022 Development Plan land use zoning maps.

This review has begun and is ongoing. It is being carried out by the Active Land Management Unit of the forward Planning Section. There are over 80 no. Z6 parcel of lands identified for the purposes of this study, varying greatly in size, with approximately one quarter reviewed to date.

This work is linked, at times, with the work on vacant sites, also carried out by the Active Land Management Unit.

Once this initial review is completed, a second phase/part to this work will be the requirement of objective CEE 04 (i) which states:

'To carry out a targeted survey of those industrial estates with likely redevelopment potential and to make recommendations on how that redevelopment potential might be best achieved.'

The majority of Z6 & Z7 zoned lands in Dublin City Council have been developed. Reviewing the quantum of these enterprise and employment zoned lands, with respect to capacity is a major piece of work for Dublin City Council given the national importance of Dublin, as an economic driver for the city, metropolitan area, region and country.

The Z6 zoned lands constitute an important land bank for employment use in the city, which is strategically important to protect, and balanced with the need to increase housing supply with sustainable travel distances from employment areas.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please explain how the city is now hosting a proliferation of Gambling venues offering slot machines, black jack, roulette etc. I thought there was a prohibition of such establishments within the City of Dublin & if this is the case how can they get around the legislation, the damage to society of these establishments is enormous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Authority is not aware that the city is now hosting a proliferation of gambling venues, offering black jack, roulette etc. Under the Planning Acts amusement arcades require planning permission. Where applications are received they are assessed under the provisions of The Development Plan.

Section 16.26 of the City development Plan states that:

Amusement centres will not be permitted in residential areas and will only be appropriate in mixed-use areas where the proposed use is in keeping with both the scale of the building and the pattern of development in the area. It is an objective of Dublin City Council to prevent an excessive concentration of amusement centres.

Amusement/Leisure complexes are permissible uses in Z4 (District Centre) and Z5 (City Centre) areas. They are not permitted on Category 1 retail streets in the city centre retail core.

If complaints are received about unauthorised gambling venues they will be investigated by The Enforcement Section.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can I have an update on the housing situation of **(details supplied)**. She is living at the above with her two children for the past few years, She is not a well women requiring a open heart surgery, one of her sons is not well & requires ongoing support with development issues, the stairs and the apartment life does not suit this family, **(details supplied)** has told me her son on a number of occasions in the middle of the night has got out on the balcony, has broken locks & televisions etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is on the Dublin City Council's transfer waiting list in Band 1 with a Welfare Priority for two bedroom accommodation with the following position.

- Position 18 for two bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore).

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. I would suggest that the applicant increase their areas of choice.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC check out ownership of a car Vehicle number **(details supplied)** which has being left in the **(details supplied)** since late November last year 2017. The car which is in good condition is never moved and all discs are now out of date on the window. It is just to your left coming in from **(details supplied)** approx 7 to 8 car parking places there was a second car there but it was moved 4 weeks ago.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The abandoned vehicles officer was not able to locate the vehicle at the given location. I have been in contact with Councillor Jackson seeking further details on this case.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive as I recently have an environmental request to me from a resident of **(details supplied)** who moved into the after a couple of years ago he has contacted me in relation to the fact the road is .5 km long with 3 young trees growing on the pavements, he is looking for an environmental enhancement with trees etc in addition he tells me a number of gardens are very badly littered particularly no 20 & 22 with garbage, rotten timber, old furniture always left in the front garden. Is there anything we can do to a clean up the area, plant some trees and get badly looked after gardens cleaned up by their owners.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The presence of both overhead and underground services along most of this street has prohibited the planting of street trees. There is only a small number planted in suitable areas.

The Public Domain Officer has inspected the two properties at 20 & 22 Ballyfermot Avenue. The property at 20 Ballyfermot Avenue is a City Council dwelling. The Public Domain Officer and Project Estate Officer will work in partnership to address the litter in the front garden under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and Housing Misc. Provisions Act 2014. The other property is a private dwelling. Public Domain has written to the property owner regarding litter in the front garden.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to please state what involvement has DCC in the drawing of the next EU Operational Programme with the Government. What steps has been taken to involve the elected members as is a subsidiary requirement. Also the €4bn 2040 project which includes urban regeneration, as announced by the Government.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate his legal duties and responsibilities with regard to the procurement process to exclude from tenders companies, and

subsidiaries thereof, who have been found to be complicit in grave violations of international law.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These matters have already been addressed in replies to previous questions from the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the number and cost of trips abroad taken by council staff and management in each of the past five years, and the reasons for each trip: details to include the costs incurred with travel, accommodation and food of each trip abroad.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details of staff travel have been published on the City Council website since 2011. See link below which will contain all information required from 2011 to the end of the first quarter of 2018.

<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-your-council-about-dublin-city-council-council-departments-corporate-services-department-travel>

Q.99 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if the repairs to **(details supplied)** are complete and if the bike lane will be fully reinstated along this road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance is currently carrying out resurfacing works on **(details supplied)** as part of our 2018 Resurfacing Contract. These works are expected to finish by the end of next week. Line marking to the cycle lane is ongoing and being applied as the works progress. All road markings will be reinstated as they were before.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if a review on the increase in rents for Senior Citizens could be reviewed when Senior Citizens get an increase in their pension from the state. It has been reported that in the last increase of 5 euro the rent by DCC for Senior Citizens went up by 3.30 euro. This means that most of their small raise is taken in DCC rent. Can this be looked at and a report given to me.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Rent adjustment came into effect on the 07/05/2018. This rent Adjustment is updating the 2018 Budget increases in Social Welfare Payments. The adjustment means a slight increase in rent, on average 0.75 cent.

There may be other reasons why some Senior Citizens had a higher increase in their rents i.e increased pension rates for those over 66 or over 80 or a living alone allowance. This can be investigated on submission of the addresses of the Senior Citizens in question.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if an inspection of the roads between **(details supplied)** could be inspected and a report on condition and planned repairs be sent to me. There are a number of roads in need of repair due to heavy traffic and damage after the cold weather at the start of the year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The junction of **(details supplied)** will be repaired/resurfaced as part of the 2018 Road Maintenance Services Works Programme. **(Details supplied)** will be inspected and any potholes identified will be filled in and put on a list for permanent repair in due course.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if DCC have any extra contractors now working on the voids turnaround. There seems to be big delays in some areas due to only 1 contractor getting contracts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has managed the refurbishment of 368 properties to date in 2018. All available resources have been used to achieve this. We have currently tendered to establish a new Term Maintenance Contract.

While this is expected to give us greater capacity in the long term we continue to experience constraints in the short to medium term. Arrangements are currently being made to place vacant properties that are not with a Term Maintenance Framework contractor with a contractor on the Framework Agreement for Emergency Works.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if there can be a ramp replaced at Broombridge as cars are going over the bridge at speed, there have been a number of instances where pedestrians crossing over the north side of the Bridge have almost been hit because of the speed that some cars are travelling over it at. The pedestrian crossing on the north side of the bridge is very close to the top of the bridge & cars travelling over have no visibility to see what is on the other side, a ramp here will have cars slow down & decrease the danger to pedestrians crossing the bridge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.104 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if there can be an increase in trees planted in Finglas South. There is a disparity between the numbers of trees planted in areas such as Finglas to areas like Glasnevin. One benefit of trees is their ability to sequester carbon from the atmosphere. This is important in improving the air quality in our areas, also evidence points to people feeling better when they live in a greener environment. Stress levels are reduced. In particular residents from Cloonlara have stated that they had trees removed when gardens were being extended & they were never replaced. Could the replacement of these trees be done, & also an increase in greening our working class areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are similar numbers of trees planting in Finglas and Glasnevin. The difference may be that some of the trees in Glasnevin are older, therefore bigger and so may give the impression of having more trees. Finglas has newer areas with smaller trees which will mature into big trees given time. Cloonlara has been added to the tree planting list for Autumn/Winter 2018/19.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for the potholes on St Margaret’s Rd at the Lid roundabout can be repaired.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that this request has been added to Road Maintenance Services work list and it will be scheduled for repair when there is a crew available in this area and subject to other Road Maintenance Services’ priorities.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any investigation works done in relation to works that can be done to redevelop the section of the Ratoath Road between Dunsink Lane & Ratoath Ave. This section is very narrow, has no pedestrians’ facilities & attracts constant dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Currently there are no plans to upgrade this section of the Ratoath Road. Arrangements are in place to co ordinate a plan with Waste Management and the Parks Department to clean up the road and cut back shrubbery. The Public Domain Section is in the process of engaging with an outside Company to develop a traffic management plan.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many families and/or individuals have been removed from our Homeless Housing list since January 2018, and the reasons for their removal including whether accommodated in alternative emergency accommodation, in permanent housing, under HAP or whether recategorised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The tables below detail the number of exits from homelessness to tenancy by both families and individuals for the first quarter of 2018. These figures are broken down by tenancy type. For your information all HAP tenants are entitled to be placed on the Housing Transfer List.

Table A: Families

Month	Housing Assistance Payment	Local Authority/ Approved Housing Bodies / Long Term Accommodation / Housing Agency Acquisition	Private Rented	Private Rented Other	Total Households
Jan-18	31	46	0	0	77
Feb-18	42	19	0	0	61
Mar-18	17	22	0	26	65
Apr-18	32	13	0	65	110
Total	122	100	0	91	313

In the context of the challenging numbers that continue to present as homeless, the DRHE has engaged with landlords in order to negotiate leases and letting arrangements that provide households with own door homes and arrangements. This means that households do not have to stay in unsuitable emergency accommodation but rather have their own secure accommodation, where they can independently live. This solution means that families are being provided with private accommodation,

suitable for their needs and with no risk of them being returned to emergency accommodation until such time as a longer term arrangement is put in place.

In Dublin 91 households (376 people) fall into this category*. These are all self contained units and it is expected that longer term leases will be negotiated for these properties. While these families are accessing homeless support services, they are not currently at risk of homelessness.

Table B: Individuals

Month	Housing Assistance Payment	Local Authority /Approved Housing Bodies /Long Term Accommodation /Housing Agency Acquisition	Private Rented	Allocations to Households
Jan-18	15	16	1	32
Feb-18	26	18	1	45
Mar-18	12	8	2	22
Apr-18	16	5	4	25
Total	69	47	8	124

Q.108 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the terms of reference underpinning Homeless accommodation funded under Section 10 and how it differs from other Homeless accommodation provided or funded by the local authority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Specifically, in terms of statutory funding, resources for homeless services are derived from two sources. Firstly, Section 10 funding from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government to local authorities under the 1998 Housing Act combined with a contribution (at 10 percent) of funding directly from each local authorities revenue streams. Secondly, the Health Service Executive provides funding of homeless services provision in addition to its own direct service provision of care and support programmes.

Section 10 funding, Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1988, has given local authorities flexibility in providing or arranging for the provision of accommodation for homeless persons by enabling them (i) to enter into financial arrangements with voluntary bodies providing accommodation for homeless persons, (ii) to contribute towards the cost of rented accommodation or lodgings for homeless persons, or (iii) to provide other appropriate financial assistance.

There is no other funding for the provision of emergency accommodation for people experiencing homelessness.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive with regards to cars that are abandoned in public and residential areas, does the council have involvement in removing them or is it down to the Gardaí?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council removes vehicles from public and residential areas once they are deemed to be abandoned. The Gardaí also have the authority to arrange removals.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the timescale from one block to the next for the exterior insulation works currently ongoing in the Cromcastle flats complex in Kilmore Dublin 5?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a 5–6 week time scale allowed per block.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed remedial works around the refuse chute collection areas in the Cromcastle flats complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Painting of the entrance areas where the bins are located in all the blocks in Cromcastle Court is being scheduled. Housing Maintenance Engineer will evaluate if the doors to these chute areas can be replaced and include seals to keep noise levels down when doors are opened.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive are the large excavation works currently being carried out at the rear of the Woodlawn Estate, Santry Dublin 9, on behalf of the City Council? Previously referred to in question 54 C 21st of May 2018, I have attached photographs with the location. The residents of Woodlawn Grove and Woodlawn Green and Woodlawn Park are concerned as to what these works are for, they have had no information or communication from any company or body regarding these works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is part of the ESB Networks & was preparatory works to relocate some trees to facilitate the installation of the 110Kw underground cable to service IDA lands to the east for FDI. It is understood that all residents have now been informed through a leaflet drop from ESB to explaining the proposed works.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the services provided by the City Council in the Moore Street, Moore Lane and Henry Place area, the duties and responsibilities the city council has with regard to the Moore Street market and its traders, the number of new applications made for stalls on Moore Street in each of the last ten years, the number accepted, the number refused and the reasons for refusal and to request details of the city council's plans for the future of the Moore Street market.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the Intention of Dublin City Council to implement the findings of the James Bourke report. We will also endeavour to increase the offerings of the market through the casual trading section.

The Licensing Section issue licences for the Moore Street traders in accordance with the Casual Trading Bye- Laws 2013. The enforcement of the Bye-Laws is under the remit of the Central Area Office. Currently there are 19 traders licensed to trade in Moore Street. Due to plans for redevelopment in the area new licenses have not been issued in the last ten years. 31 applicants have been added to the waiting list in this period.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and implement changes required in respect of the changed traffic situation along Clontarf Road opposite the newly opened 'Clontarf Bath's' restaurant and between the Oulton Road junction and Scoil Ui Chonaiill GAA Club please. There are an increasing number of cars parked in this area (restaurant patrons) and among other traffic difficulties I'm aware that residents living along this section are finding it increasingly difficult to egress their properties by car without dangerously driving onto the far traffic lane. Furthermore their lines of vision have been restricted by parked cars. This is a fast section of roadway and the increase in parked car and car traffic as well extra pedestrian traffic is a major health and safety feature in this area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department is in discussions with an architect representing the proprietor of the Clontarf Baths in order to agree on a solution to traffic management and parking requirements for the site.

The parking and access issue adjacent to Clontarf Baths will be investigated by a traffic Engineer & and the Councillor will be advised of any recommendation in due course.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to action and facilitate the roll out of the new 'Bleeperbike' and 'Urbo' Stationless Bike Hire Scheme to the Dublin North Central Area please. I understand the bikes do not have to be returned to a docking station but simply locked to an official Sheffield stand and I'm requesting that this scheme is facilitated as a priority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The stationless bike hire scheme was launched on the 30th May. Bikes are being rolled out throughout the City including the North Central area.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive as I have been asked by local residents to raise the following in respect of any future Interpretative Centre on Bull Island. I know that DCC are not welded to any completed design at the moment and the project is in its infancy, whether that be 4 storey building or 1 to 2 storey building over a greater area etc. In the designs that are being shown to the public / public reps etc a 4 storey building seems to be continuously preferred over a lower storey building even though there has been more support for a lower building at meetings. Can I receive a report on this please as well as on the reasons for the preferred location?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The feasibility study indicated a 4 storey building, however this is a concept only and the City Council is open to examining alternative design options, including the option of increasing the footprint of the building thereby reducing the height of the building as has been expressed in public meetings. These options will be explored by the design team and will be the subject of ongoing consultation with stakeholders, including the elected representatives, residents, businesses etc.

The preferred location was identified following a detailed selection criteria process to assess the range of potential environmental and other impacts the proposed centre might have. These impacts included consideration of landscape and visual impacts, road infrastructure, drainage, waste management etc. The proposed location on the causeway would have minimal impact on the important flora and fauna of the island

as this area was landfilled and consists of amenity grassland. The location also provides an opportunity for the centre to become the hub for visitor activity on the island, allowing greater visitor movement management thereby reducing impacts on sensitive locations. This approach has been examined in other comparable locations internationally and has been successful. The location also ensures no additional parking is required along the causeway (other than what already has planning approval) and that services can be readily managed. The central location identified also provides opportunities to provide views to the entirety of the island while minimising any direct impacts on more sensitive habitats. DCC will shortly begin the procurement process for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary team to begin the design process for the proposed UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the lopping of a tree on the public road way adjacent to (**details supplied**). This tree is quite overgrown at this stage and is blocking much of the light from the said residence who would be very much obliged if DCC could attend to this request please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Lopping is not a recommended arboricultural practice as it can lead to a proliferation of weakly attached re-growth which can exacerbate issues experienced.

The tree has been included in the tree work schedule for light pruning to be carried out in early autumn after the bird nesting season.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to allowing access to our public parks for persons with mobility issues can the Chief Executive request that our Parks Section provide alternative entrances and exits to our public parks for persons using electric disability wheelchairs and scooters. It has been reported to me that parks with kissing gates are inaccessible for such users. This is contrary to our policy of accessibility for persons with disabilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general Parks are accessible to people of all abilities but if there is a specific instance where someone cannot access a park with their electric wheelchair and we are informed of the location we will arrange to change the configuration of the gate.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Roads and Traffic sections to either erect bollards and or paint double yellow lines at the corners of the junction of Captain's Road and Windmill Road. This corner is constantly parked on blocking vision for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians using this roadway. It is a major problem during the football matches and training sessions in the adjacent Willie Pearse Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer on inspection of the above location has reported that this matter is an enforcement issue. Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36 paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked.....(a) on that side of a section of roadway along the edge of which traffic sign number RRM008 (double yellow lines) have been provided", "(c) within 5 metres of a road junction" and "(d) on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 (continuous white line) has been provided". Further restrictions, therefore, would not be recommended. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to An Garda Síochána or Dublin Street Parking Services at Tel: 602 2500.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have litter bins installed at or adjacent to the 4 pedestrian entrances to Clonmacnoise / Bangor Field in Crumlin. Residents complain of littering and dog dirt on and around the field.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have a dog litterbin installed at two of the entrances to the Bangor Field in Crumlin.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a complete clean-up of the road, pathways and play area in our Crumlin Park housing complex. On a recent visit there I observed weeds growing through the pavement and roadway paving slabs. The entrance to the estate also needs to be cleaned and upgraded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have Crumlin Park cleaned on a weekly basis. This area has now been sprayed with weed killer which normally takes 2 weeks to take effect. The Housing Maintenance Rapid Response crew will revisit the area in a few weeks time and will complete the clean up. In relation to an upgrade, we are not aware of the existence of any residents group in the complex but if residents would like to get involved in environmental improvements in the area they should contact the South Central Area Community Section.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive could he confirm the time schedule for the taking over and the renovation of abandoned properties on Old Town Rd. At present there is a vermin problem and drug abuse is carrying on around the two buildings in question and would it be possible put in a hoarding on the perimeter of the two properties in question **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the intention of the City Council to acquire both vacant properties on Old Town Road by way of a Compulsory Purchase Order. Once the properties are vested in the City Council's name they will be refurbished under the Buy and Renew Scheme and retained for housing needs.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can the management confirm that all contractors working on upgrading properties from an energy improvement point of view are fit for the task. Also can the management provide certification from the contractors that their workforce working on insulation retrofits have attended industry standard material usage and installation courses and proof that they have been fully briefed on best practice on insulating window reveals and avoiding thermal bridges Etc. And their work is compliant with industry best standards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Both contractors and Dublin City Council's Energy Liaison Officers must meet with standards set out by the NSAI (National Authority of Ireland) thus ensuring compliance and that the highest of quality is maintained. There are also checks in place from the system suppliers to ensure their product are been correctly used. All contractors must be certified by the system suppliers or they cannot use their product.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm that our field supervisors have attended industry briefings and industry one day courses to assist in the supervision of best practice on energy retrofits and upgrade of properties.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Section can confirm that all our energy Liaison Officers have attended industry briefings and training courses in External Wall insulation to assist the supervision of best practice on energy retrofits on our properties.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm proof that until all such training or proof of training by contractors and their onsite employees and our supervisors are fully up to speed of best practice, that any work to commence and works completed should be halted or checked until such proof of competence is supplied or delivered.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Housing Maintenance Contractors are required to submit a Contractor Competency Form prior to them receiving any works from DCC.

This form requires them to submit:

- Company Safety Information
- Company Safety Management System
- Membership of Professional Bodies
- References to previous projects
- Safety Statement
- Health and Safety Organisation Chart
- Resources Available
- Previous Experience
- Accident Reporting
- Construction Stage Safety and Health Plans
- Role of PSCS

Once a competency assessment form has been submitted, DCC will look at the submission to see if the contractor is suitable to carry out the works

Q.126 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive as I have been contacted by **(details supplied)** who informs me that she dispatched her completed form for the supplementary register by post to DCC on the Friday before the register closed but she was still not registered in time for voting and never got her polling card.

Can the Chief Executive please detail:

- When her form was received by DCC
- If it was processed by the closing date
- If not, why was it not processed soon after i.e. between that date and polling date
- Why no polling card was dispatched

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) completed form was received by post to DCC on Wednesday 9th May 2018, which was after the deadline for submission of forms for addition to the Supplementary Register which was Tuesday 8th May 2018.

Due to the high volume of forms received in the lead up to the closing date, with over 5,000 forms received on the 8th May itself, it was decided not to process forms received on the 9th May, due to time constraints and also to meet the guidelines as

set out by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. Please advise that DCC received 21,368 forms in total, with 19,805 of these supplement applications for and processed by DCC. This figure is up by 5,443 on the Marriage Equality Referendum figure which was 14,362 applications.

As a result, **(details supplied)** completed was not processed and no polling card was issued. However now that the Supplementary Register has reopened again, **(details supplied)** form will be processed in due course.

The above Referendum highlights the need for the introduction of an on-line registration system to allow the public to register on-line. Work is currently ongoing on the establishment of an on-line system and it is hoped that this will be put in place in 2019.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive as local residents have been in touch to complain about the poor quality of landscape maintenance work at **(details supplied1)**. Can the Chief Executive please share with me the contact details for the relevant official managing the relevant contract with **(details supplied2)** so I can forward detailed feedback for action.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Complaints regarding poor performance of the maintenance or grass cutting contracts should be forwarded to the Parks and Landscape Service at parks@dublincity.ie to allow all incidences of poor performance to be logged upon receipt. Details of precise locations, dates and photos if possible should be forwarded. The matter will be investigated and brought to the attention of the contractor and given a short period to rectify the situation as per the dispute resolution provisions in the terms of the contract. The complainant will receive a reply and update as per DCC’s Customer Service Standards.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to give an undertaking to pursue the urgent formulation of a traffic/parking management plan for the area around the Clontarf Baths in liaison with the operators to include:

- clear parking locations for patrons
- clear delineation with the nearby cycle lane and comprehensive protection for cyclists using same
- a plan for safe entry/exit for cars/vans with respect to safety of cyclists and pedestrians
- full pedestrian crossing/management facilities

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The parking and access issues adjacent to Clontarf Baths will be investigated by a traffic Engineer & and the Councillor will be advised of any recommendation in due course. The request for pedestrian facilities is being referred to the Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendations in due course.

The Environment and Transportation Department is in discussions with an architect representing the proprietor of the Clontarf Baths in order to agree on a solution to traffic management and parking requirements for the site.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the appropriate measures to be implemented (including signage/CCTV) to combat the re-emergence of an illegal dumping problem in the laneway between Addison Road and Fairview Strand, Fairview, Dublin 3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The litter warden will check for bags on a daily basis over the next few weeks. No dumping signs have been requested to be placed at this location. Waste management has reported that there are no plans to place CCTV at this location.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full comprehensive statement with regards the controversy and difficulties that arose for many voters around the live register. Many people complained that their documentation was misplaced and that the register was in great disarray. Can the Chief Executive include in this report how many staff were allocated to this task of dealing with new applicants etc. How much in overtime and what is the overall cost? Further, that the Chief Executive carry out a full assessment and evaluation of the registering process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

19,805 voters were added to the supplement for this referendum which was the largest supplement on record for Dublin City and exceeded by a third the number of voters added for the Marriage Equality Referendum. Over 5,000 forms were received on one day (the closing date 8th of May). The deadline fell after a bank holiday so some forms were undoubtedly delayed by An Post collection restrictions and did not arrive to these offices until after the closing date so unfortunately could not be processed. This is not the responsibility of Dublin City Council. This deadline is set by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Franchise staff were working from 7am until 10pm from the 9th of April through the weekends right up to the publication of the supplement on the 15th of May. They ensured that all forms received up to close of business on the 8th of May were processed and included on the supplement. 13 staff were involved in the processing of these forms during this period on an overtime basis. In addition an average of 800 phone calls and emails a day were dealt with by Franchise staff and those in Customer Services in the week prior to the plebiscite. Many of those calls were from people who had not checked the register; wrongly assumed they were still on the register for a previous address; had no vote because of their citizenship status or who were registered but could not find themselves on www.checktheregister.ie. A small number of change of address forms from rural County Councils were sent to the wrong Dublin Local Authority which unfortunately led to voters not being able to vote in Dublin

The Register was not in disarray at any time. A very small number of errors, given the volume of application, were detected and rectified in the days preceding the poll so that a voter was not left without a vote due to an error by Dublin City Council.

The advent of an online system where voters can register or amend their details online would be very beneficial for elections or referenda. Dublin City Council is working with our neighbouring Dublin Local Authorities to have an Electoral Portal in place during 2019.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the role out of the Big Belly Bins. This report to include what staff training has been given? Where are these litter bins to be deployed and what is the overall cost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

100 additional Solar Compactor Bins are being installed at the locations listed below throughout the city. The existing installation of 50 units in the Baggot St area is remaining in place.

The bins are being installed throughout Temple Bar, along the Liffey Boardwalk, completing the installation along the Grand Canal from Mespil Road to Portobello and in local areas across the city identified in conjunction with the Area Depts. The locations have been chosen on the basis that they have generally high demand or seasonal increases in demand that leads to capacity issues with existing bins or a requirement to provide additional bins.

All staff required to service the bins either have already or will receive training in the correct use of the bin. The activity is similar in nature to emptying of standard litter bins and any issues arising will be addressed promptly through normal operational procedures

The total cost of purchasing the units is €956,940. Standard A and B type litter bins with a replacement value of approximately €100,000 will be returned to stock for use in replacing or upgrading existing bins in the city.

Description	Street	Group
Smithfield Square around square	Smithfield Square	Central
Smithfield Square around square	Smithfield Square	Central
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Smithfield Square around square	Smithfield Square	Central
Smithfield Square around square	Smithfield Square	Central
Smithfield Square around square	Smithfield Square	Central
Centra Manor St corner Arbour Hill	Stoneybatter	Central
Bus stop 1648, Manor St corner Arbour Place	Stoneybatter	Central
Bus Stop Outside Immigration Service	Burgh Quay	City Centre
Bus Stop Outside Immigration Service	Burgh Quay	City Centre
Bus stop 329 Aston Quay/Anglesea St	Aston Quay	City Centre
Bus stop 7392 Aston Quay/Aston Place	Aston Quay	City Centre
Bus stop 4720 Aston Quay os Super value	Aston Quay	City Centre
Bus stop 325 Aston Quay os USIT	Aston Quay	City Centre
O'Connell St Side	Westmoreland St	City Centre
Middle	Westmoreland St	City Centre
College Green side	Westmoreland St	City Centre
Grattan Bridge South	Boardwalk	City Centre
Grattan Bridge North	Boardwalk	City Centre
Grattan Bridge - Millenium Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
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Grattan Bridge - Millenium Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Millenium Bridge - Ha'penny Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
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Ha'penny Bridge - O'Connell Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Ha'penny Bridge - O'Connell Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
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Ha'penny Bridge - O'Connell Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Ha'penny Bridge - O'Connell Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
O'Connell St - Rosie Hackett Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge	Rosie Hackett Bridge	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge	Rosie Hackett Bridge	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge	Rosie Hackett Bridge	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge - Butt Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge - Butt Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Rosie Hackett Bridge - Butt Bridge	Boardwalk	City Centre
Essex St West, Smock Alley Theater	Temple Bar	City Centre
Parliament St outside Porterhouse	Temple Bar	City Centre
Parliament St outside Spar	Temple Bar	City Centre
Parliament outside Beef and Lobster	Temple Bar	City Centre
Parliament St outside Turks Head	Temple Bar	City Centre
Essex St East, outside Projects Art Centre	Temple Bar	City Centre
Essex St East outside The Norseman	Temple Bar	City Centre
Fleet St corner Bedford Row o/s Cafe Nero	Temple Bar	City Centre
Fleet St o/s The Morgan	Temple Bar	City Centre
Fleet St o/s Paddy Power	Temple Bar	City Centre
Fleet St corner Westmoreland St	Temple Bar	City Centre
Cope St o/s Central Bank	Temple Bar	City Centre
Cecilia St o/s Docklands Studio	Temple Bar	City Centre
Portobello Harbour	Grand Canal	City Centre
Protobello, Atlas Language School	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Mall Portobello Side	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Mall Middle	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Mall Barge Pub	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Place, Luas Stop	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Place, Luas Stop	Grand Canal	City Centre
Carlemont Place	Grand Canal	City Centre
Charlemont Place at boardwalk section	Grand Canal	City Centre
Wilton Terrace, start	Grand Canal	City Centre
Wilton Terrace, middle	Grand Canal	City Centre
Wilton Terrace, end	Grand Canal	City Centre
Clontarf Rd/Vernon Ave @ shops	Clontarf	North Central
Clontarf Rd/Vernon Ave @ shops	Clontarf	North

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		Central
Bus Stop 1731 Clontarf Rd/Vernon Ave	Clontarf	North Central
Marino Mart, shops	Fairview	North Central
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Near Grainger's pub/shops Malahide Rd end Griffith ave	Marino	North Central
Collins Ave, close to Kitty Kiernans Pub	Donnycarney	North Central
Parnell Park entrance from Clancarthy Rd	Donnycarney	North Central
Taxi rank, Howth Rd near The Inn	Raheny	North Central
Bus stop 722 Station Rd	Raheny	North Central
Outside BOI Seamus Ennis Rd	Finglas Village	North West
Outside Reardons Bar, Main St	Finglas Village	North West
Tesco Express Shops, Glasnevin Ave	Finglas Village	North West
Outside BOI NCR,	Phibsboro	North West
Shops Cabra Rd, near DCC Area office	Phibsboro	North West
Outside shops & train station	Drumcondra	North West
Shops between Gratten Parade & Whitworth Rd	Drumcondra	North West
Shops Swords Rd between Santry Villas & Schoolhouse Lane	Swords Rd	North West
Ballymun Rd @ Supervalu opp Ballymun Area Office	Ballymun	North West
Ballymun Rd @ Pappin Rd shops	Ballymun	North West
Bus Stop 2637 Opp Heuston Station	St Johns Rd West	South Central
Bus Stop 4413 Outside Heuston Station	St Johns Rd West	South Central
Bus stop 4414, Kylemore Rd	Ballyfermot	South Central
Bus stop 1958 Nass Rd beside Long Mile Rd junction	Naas Rd	South Central
Outside Our Lady's hospital	Crumlin	South Central
Outside Coombe Hospital, Dolphins Barn St	Dolphins Barn	South Central
Shops on SCR	Kilmainham	South Central
Patriots Pub	Kilmainham	South Central
Corn Market, High St	Christchurch	South Central
Corn Market, High St opp other Big Belly bin	Christchurch	South

		Central
At triangle, further up from seating area	Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh	South East
Across road entrance to green	Sandymount	South East
Across road entrance to green	Sandymount	South East
On plaza	Rathmines	South East
Corner near church	Ringsend	South East
Outside Centra, 197 Harold's Cross Rd	Harold's Cross	South East
Outside 90 Terenure Rd East	Terenure	South East
Replace existing bin	Irishtown Nature Reserve	South East

Q.132 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full assessment of the health and safety dangers imposed by open general rubbish containers in many of our city flats complexes. With the extremely hot weather much of this general waste has been lying rancid and stinking in our flat complexes. It is giving rise to infestations of flies and maggots as well as rodents and also to flocks of seagulls. It is unacceptable that DCC continue to dump waste and treat waste in this fashion. As a matter of urgency this city management need to address this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council provides a comprehensive waste collection service at its 195 Flat and Older Persons Complexes. An estimated 200 tonnes of waste per week is collected from the complexes. Based on an average occupancy rate of 2.5 – persons this represents a population of approximately 27,000– 30,000 residents.

Of the 195 flat complexes all have Grey Bins for residual waste materials. Green bins for recycling materials have been installed in 87 complexes which represents 44% of the total. 31 of these complexes are flat complexes and 56 are Older Persons complexes. The flat complexes where Green bins are mainly located in the South Central and South East Areas. Grey bins are collected on average twice a week. The Green Bins are 1100L bins and are collected every 2 weeks.

Plans are being progressed to provide the Green Bin installation and Collection system at all locations on a citywide basis. A pilot took place in St Michan's House, Central Area which has been successful. It is proposed to incrementally roll out the Green Recycling Bins to other complexes.

The Tender for repairs to existing bins including the replacement of lids and the acquisition of Green Bins was completed in March 2018. Currently repairs including lid replacement to all existing bins are taking place. Lid replacement and repairs in the Central Area is complete and 90% of South East Area has also been completed. The contractor will then commence the South Central area, followed by Nth Central and North West. The provision of the required additional green bins to cater for all City Council flat complexes is included in this tender.

The chipping of bins to allow weighting of waste has been completed. DCC are now proceeding with a new tender for waste collection. This process will run to the 3rd Q. of this year. There will be a requirement on the successful tenderer to embark on an Education and Awareness Programme for tenants of City Council flat complexes which will include leaflet drops, newspaper advertisement, Customer helpline and procedures for dealing with rejected or contaminated materials to assist with recycling. In order to effectively rollout a programme of recycling refuse, the City

Council recognises that linking in with community/Residents Associations and getting buy-in is a vital factor. Housing Maintenance along with Area staff and the successful tenderer will all be required to work towards achieving this goal.

Currently 5% (2 tonnes) of waste collected from flat complexes is green waste. It is anticipated that the rollout of recycling bins combined with a new Waste Tender can result in an increase to 20%.

The rollout of Brown Bins for organic materials will be examined over the coming months. Brown Bins have been located successfully in one Older Persons complex where access and kitchen facilities are suitable. They have been piloted in a number of other locations, however the initial review shows limited uptake. The options and most effective practice for rolling out the brown bins will be examined as will the provision/availability of suitable storage bins/bags for individual households. Education and Awareness of the benefits is pivotal to the success of any recycling initiative

Q.133 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that all City Council questions and answers are published on the night of the monthly meeting and that we don't have to wait days for this to happen. Also, that the Chief Executive ensures that the webcast on the day of the meeting remains in place and is not taken down so as to ensure continuity and transparency. Also, that the Chief Executive issues a full report with regards recording and archiving for clarity purposes all meetings of the Joint policing committees and sub committees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The replies to individual Council questions are circulated to each Councillor by email at 7 pm on the night of the Council meeting and on request in hardcopy once Item number 2 on the agenda has been reached. The full list of all Council Questions and replies is issued to Councillors by email at 7.30pm on the night of the meeting.

All meetings that are webcast are streamed live at the time of the meeting. The meetings are then archived overnight and the recording with agenda points etc is available the next day. This archive is retained for a 12 month period on our public website and retained as a recording in our City Archives

In the case of Joint Policing Committee meetings there is the option to webcast these in the same way, if required. Due to the nature of these meetings it may be prudent to record the meetings without making them available on the Internet. The decision as to how this should be dealt with rests with the individual meeting organisers. At present only the Central Area JPC is webcast. Any of the JPC meeting's taking place in City Hall can be either webcast or recorded if required. This is a decision for each JPC. There are no recording facilities in the North West or North Central Offices

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to address the unacceptable level of noise from a number of venues (**details supplied**) on or backing onto Camden Street. This unacceptable volume coming from these venues late into the night/early morning makes life unbearable for residents, particularly at weekends, but more recently on most nights of the week. The issue was raised before by Dublin City Council and while the problem was somewhat addressed by these clubs for awhile, it is now worse than ever and needs action.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Councillor Feeney will be contacted by an officer of the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit to get the names and contact details of the complainants. The complaints will then be investigated under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a presentation from Dublin Parking Services to Area Committees with regard to parking services provided in the Areas within Dublin; statistics; customer service SLA with DCC; appeals process; dispute resolution process; discretionary guidelines; etc. The South East Committee requested a presentation previously, but to date have not been given the opportunity to engage on this subject with the service provider. However, given that this service is of enormous importance in terms of traffic flow, enforcement of illegal parking, revenue generation, quality of life for residents (particularly those with permit parking) and for the smooth running of small local businesses during the working week, it would be very welcome if presentations could be made in July or September or alternatively an information and consultation meeting organized by Dublin City Council in Civic Offices at which Dublin Parking Services presented and Councillors would be invited.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council's parking enforcement contractor Dublin Street Parking Services acts under the direction of the Environment & Transportation Department. Therefore it is felt that it would be more appropriate that any questions be submitted to the Parking Enforcement Section who can then arrange for relevant staff to attend the area meeting. A previous presentation on parking enforcement in the SE Area was made to the Transportation SPC.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the road in front of **(details supplied)** to be restored to an acceptable standard and to advise what utility company carried out the work. The road was recently dug up by a utility company (unknown / no communication from them) and filled in badly with tarmac. Also, does the City Council have as part of their Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with utility companies, the requirement to inform residents/businesses in the immediate vicinity of where the work is being done, as to what work is being carried out, when it will be done, what follow-up action is planned and contact details for further information? If not, should this be included in SLAs in the future as part of good customer service from both Dublin City Council and partner utility companies and outsource contractors?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The reinstatement outside **(details supplied)** is temporary and was carried by Irish Water SLA's contractor GMC. This will be followed on with a permanent reinstatement also by Irish Water SLA. At an inspection in response this question it was noted that the temporary reinstatement is in a safe condition. The requirements relation to notifying residents and businesses are detailed in The Directions for the Control and Management of Roadworks in Dublin City 2010 and The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017. The requirements of both these documents apply to all utilities working on the public roads in the Dublin City Council administrative area. Permits issued to utilities to carry out works include conditions mandating utilities to comply with the requirements in these two documents.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for greater street cleaning on Sandford Road and adjoining lanes given how busy this arterial route

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had Sandford Road cleaned on the 1st June 2018. We will monitor this road and adjoining lanes on a regular basis and have cleaning carried out there when necessary.