

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 04th JULY 2016

Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive that the trees on (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a full report regarding the cost of the former IMPAC literary and the resulting benefits?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The prize, awarded for the twenty-first time on 9th June, is now named The International DUBLIN Literary Award.

Budget

A total of € 180,250 has been allowed for the International DUBLIN Literary Award in the City Council's 2016 estimates, as follows:

- Prize money €100,000
- Administration €80,250

The amount for administration includes the judges' honoraria; flights & accommodation for the judges' meetings; catering & events (longlist, shortlist, and winner announcement and reading), and communications & printing.

As with all our programmes we endeavour to deliver the International DUBLIN Literary Award in the most cost effective manner possible.

Sponsorship

IMPAC, the City Council's original partner in the Award, ceased operating some years ago. The Trust Fund set up in co-operation with IMPAC was exhausted at the end of 2014 Award and was wound up. The Award was an initiative of Dublin City Council in 1994 and has been administered by Dublin City Council since its inauguration in 1996. We believe that the Award, now in its 21st year, has made a

fantastic contribution to the literary life of Dublin and brings significant benefits to the City. We think it's only right that, as the Award is now entirely a City initiative, sponsored by the City Council, the Award be called the International DUBLIN Literary Award from now on.

Value for money

The International Dublin Literary Award is a key element of our UNESCO City of Literature designation and of the international promotion of Dublin's literary reputation. Research and experience have shown that Dublin's outstanding literary and cultural heritage are core brand strengths that attract leisure visitors and heighten the appeal of Dublin for worldwide business and conference visitors, as well as for businesses seeking to locate in Ireland.

The City Council's development plan includes a commitment to the enhancement and promotion of Dublin as a 'City of Character and Culture', promoting an active artistic and cultural community at city-wide and neighbourhood level, which are central to making a vibrant city that is an attractive destination for tourism and the creative industries, and adding to the quality of life of Dubliners. Our investment in the Award is a small part of our overall investment in the future of the City.

The worldwide online, broadcast and print media coverage of the 2016 Award announcement has once again been excellent, and the Award has reached a worldwide audience of many millions in Ireland, the UK, North America and Asia. Indeed, a review of the worldwide print and broadcast and online media (excluding social media) coverage of the 2014 Award announcement shows that the event reached a potential audience of 70 million around the world. The purchase cost of such coverage is €4.9 million which we regard as an excellent return on investment.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the estimated costs of taking the bridge over the river Dodder, at Anglesea Road, into charge; if a count on the number of buses, delivery lorries taxis and cars that go over the bridge every day into Herbert Park Hotel; the yearly insurance costs; the yearly maintenance costs; a map showing the section of the area that will be taken in charge; if there is an accident - the buses have to back into the hotel bus park area, bicycles come at high speed from the Dodder laneway, cars come from the apartment car park, taxis park on bridge and many pedestrians use the area as a short cut - will the Council insurance be used?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Punch Consulting Engineers wrote to Dublin City Council in March 2016, on behalf of the Herbert Park Hotel, requesting that Anglesea Road Bridge be taken in charge by Dublin City Council. Included with this request were Design details, Specification and Maintenance records of the bridge. Road Maintenance Services wrote back to Punch Consulting Engineers advising that that the bridge was not suitable for declaration to be a public road under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 as the bridge serves as an access to a private development which is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. In view of this no assessment of the bridge was carried out by Dublin City Council to determine the costs of taking the bridge in charge or surveys of traffic using the bridge. Please find attached a copy of Drawing No. RM 36510 showing the bridge and the adjoining road.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the current status of the improvement works in canon Mooney gardens, can he give the following information, an outline of all works that has been completed and a schedule for the remainder of the remedial works that needs to be undertaken.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Improvement works to the Canon Mooney Gardens complex are ongoing. The following is a brief outline of works carried out and remaining works:

Works Completed:

- Replacement of all wastewater stacks in complex.
- Upgrading / replacement of public and balcony lighting.
- Redesign and resurfacing of courtyard area including installation of car parking spaces, drying lines and bicycle stands.
- Installation of bins storage areas.
- Concrete repairs throughout complex and removal of concrete structures at stairwells.
- Resurfacing and remedial works to stairwells.

Outstanding:

- Painting of complex (expected to commence in next 4 - 6 weeks).
- Replacement of all pramshed doors (proposals have been received and are currently being examined, works expected to be completed in next 12 – 14 weeks).
- Additional works to bin store areas (planting / painting and installation of locking system etc. 4 - 6 weeks).
- Additional minor concrete repair works (expected to commence in next 2 - 3 weeks).

Q.8 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the estimated additional cost to the council for the removal and disposal of election posters during each election (General, European and Local)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the last few years, Waste Management have provided a recycling service for posters used in elections and referenda once the election/referendum date has passed. We accept posters at our civic amenity sites located in North Strand and Ringsend for a set time period and we advise both political parties and independent candidates in advance. The majority of posters received are sent for recycling in the nurseries in St. Anne's Park. It is not possible for us to attribute a cost to the remaining posters which would be co-mingled with other recyclable material at our civic amenity sites.

The removal of posters that have fallen or been erected at inappropriate locations is carried out by both litter wardens and waste management staff during the course of elections and it is not possible to attribute a cost to this activity as it is carried out during normal day to day operations.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if, he will supply me with a full copy of the TSM (2010) as referred to in the reply to Question 54 at the South East Area Committee Meeting of 15th June 2016 and set out below.

“Q.54 Councillor Paddy McCartan

To ask the Manager who is responsible for putting up "level crossing" and "overhead wires" signs at the local DART stations in Sandymount? Given that level crossings are there for 150 years and overhead wires there for 34 years, who decided their necessity now.

Reply:

The pre-existing signage was carried out for the most part in English. Dublin City Council was made aware of their responsibility, by the Irish Language Office, to replace the “English-only” Signage.

Dublin City Council had two choices: A) Erect Irish/English Signage (Twice the size of original signage) which were also non-compliant with TSM (2010) or

B) Install new Visual Signage that also fully complied with the Traffic Signs Manual (2010).

Dublin City Council decided to undertake Option B.

Contact: Michael O'Brien, Traffic Officer, Environment & Transportation Department

Email: michael.obrien@dublincity.ie

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Signs Manual 2010, published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is available online at:

<http://www.dttas.ie/roads/publications/english/traffic-signs-manual-2010>

The Manual, which is too large to download as a single document, is divided into 10 Chapters as below. Each chapter can be downloaded individually.

Chapter 1: Introduction and Sign Location

Chapter 2: Directional Information Signs

Chapter 3: Variable Message Signs

Chapter 4: Other Information Signs

Chapter 5: Regulatory Signs

Chapter 6: Warning Signs

Chapter 7: Road Markings

Chapter 8: Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks

Chapter 9: Traffic Signals

Chapter 10: Typical Applications for Traffic Signs and Road Markings

Chapter 6 refers to ‘Level Crossings’ and ‘Overhead Electrical Cables’ (see extracts attached).

Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the introduction of these Public Toilet facilities for Dublin and to report to this Councillor and the relevant SPC on the issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council's current strategy includes the following short and long term measures to address the issue of public toilet infrastructure.

- a) Proceed with Tender for the provision of aesthetic portable/temporary public conveniences to cater for major events and late night requirements in City Centre. (Short Term)

- b) In conjunction with the Business Community, develop a Partnership Scheme similar to schemes in operation in other countries such as the United Kingdom to extend access to facilities currently provided by public offices, transport operators, department stores, hotels, pubs, coffee shops etc. (Short Term)
- c) Develop permanent public toilet facilities in the City Centre. This is subject to available finance and could be advanced through public or private enterprise. (Long Term)

Current Position

- a) The City Council has made provision in the 2016 Budget to continue the operation of the two Automated Public Conveniences in Sandymount and Clontarf and the temporary public conveniences to cater for major events and late night requirements in the City Centre. A new tender competition to provide these facilities is currently being planned.
- b) The City Council initially contacted a number of Organisations in the City, of the type mentioned at 2 above, to seek their views on possible involvement in a Partnership Scheme to extend access to their facilities. There was a limited response and it is planned to reopen further contacts to explore potential scope for a revised scheme.
- c) There is no provision in the 2016 budget to develop permanent facilities in the City and no specific private enterprise has emerged.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(Details supplied)**,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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Q.14 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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Q.15 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to expedite the review of medical priority for
(Details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the annual running cost of the Dublin city council tow-truck used by Traffic Department for parking enforcement (including Salaries and Capital depreciation of vehicles/ equipment)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Street Parking Services carry out parking enforcement services under contract with Dublin City Council. The cost of the service is €6.1m annually by way of monthly payment and is inclusive of all costs associated with salaries, vehicles and equipment. The operational fleet includes 12 Opel Vivaro enforcement vans, 1 electric Aixam Mega support van and three Ford F450 rapid removal vehicles. The service employs 53 operational front line staff and 16 back office administration and call centre staff.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can the holes in the park wall opposite **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive will he state when Mercer House C Block will be repainted?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mercer House C Block is included on the 2017 Draft Exterior Painting Programme.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Will the Chief Executive arrange to have the electrical wiring in **(details supplied?)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive give a report as to why **(details supplied?)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the manager to provide a copy of the DCC funding proposal under the Government's National Taking in Charge for Residential Estates (NTICI).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DECLG has set aside €10m funding nationally under the National Taking in Charge Initiative (NTICI) in order to accelerate the taking in charge process of housing estates. An application was made in May for the maximum amount available to Dublin City Council (€80,000) in order to bring the Main Street in Clongriffin up to standard. A decision on the funding request from the Minister is pending. As the application is under a deliberative process by a Government Department which has not yet concluded it would not be appropriate to provide a copy of the application until the process has concluded.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of how many Council Properties have applied for extensions and for what reasons since 2000? Can the Manager say where the proposal for using modular type construction to provide cheaper and faster extensions currently lies. (discussed at Housing SPC maintenance sub group)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since 2011 to June 2016 -

- 202 applications have been received by DCC tenants for extensions on grounds of disability.
- 94 applications have been received by DCC tenants for extensions on grounds of overcrowding.

The proposal for using modular type construction to provide cheaper and faster extensions is still under investigation, and no decision has been made yet.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive,

(a) How many 1 bed dwellings are currently in the Dublin City Council Housing stock?

(b) Can the Chief Executive say how many people on the current Housing list are in need of 1 bed accommodation and for what length of time they are on the list.

(c) Can the Chief Executive say how many people have been housed into 1 beds using Approved Housing Bodies stock since 2008

(d) Can the Chief Executive explain what plans are in place to reduce the need for 1 bed accommodation in Dublin City at present?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) There are currently 4393 1 bed dwellings in the housing stock.

(b) Please refer to table 3(a)(b)(c) of the May Quarterly Allocations Report 2016.

(c) The number of people housed into 1 beds using Approved Housing bodies for 2014 & 2015 are below.

Year	No of applicants housed into AHB 1 beds
2015	187
2014	152

(d) New capital schemes will include provision for 1 bed accommodation where appropriate whilst existing and proposed refurbishment of 2 into 1 schemes also address this issue.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report into the construction work that has now begun on the Newcomen Bridge Cycle Project and to detail the major pieces of work required as part of the project and what are the indicative timelines for the completion of these works?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Contractor has been appointed for the construction of the Newcomen Bridge Cycle Project. The main activities by the contractor for the early part of the contract include preparation of steelworks proposals and prefabrication of steelworks off-site. The Contractor has also been advancing the necessary agreements with Irish Rail and CIE on detailed work methods and railway safety. Major on-site activity is programmed to start end July.

It is anticipated that the bridge will be completed in December 2016.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why it took more than three hours for the portable pump to be located in the Christ the King area of Cabra on Tuesday June 14th last when homes were being flooded?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the past year, Dublin City Council, Drainage Division has deployed a pump to Leix Road/Cuala Road on receipt of severe weather alerts. No alert or warning was received prior to the June 14 pluvial flood event.

Following reports of flooding in Cabra East on 14th June last a pump was deployed but due to operational difficulties, including gaining access to the location, it took longer than anticipated before it was put into service.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the number of vacant sites identified through the North East Inner City Action Plan and to provide details of these sites, including their size and whether any planning permissions had been granted for each of the sites in the past ten years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the new Urban Regeneration and Housing Act the Council has a requirement to produce a Vacant Site Register. A report on the preparation and production of this register was brought to the Planning, International Relations & Property Development SPC meeting for discussion and was agreed.

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act makes provision for a vacant sites levy in areas in which housing is required and in areas in need of renewal. The draft Dublin City Council Development Plan clearly defines these areas within the Council's functional area. Each Planning Authority is to establish and maintain a vacant sites register from 1st January 2017 as owner is to be notified before 1st June 2018 that their site is on the register and the levy is payable in arrears. Each site must be surveyed, mapped and its market value and ownership ascertained. The Act outlines the procedure for sites on the register, appropriate notices, market value, appeals, the amount of the levy etc.

As part of this programme the survey for the inner city area is nearing completion. The Active Land Management team is systematically progressing through the rest of the city to create a complete register of vacant sites within the functional area of Dublin City Council. As soon as this register has been completed the information will become available.

According to the previous vacant site study (February, 2015) there were approximately 8 vacant sites within the North East Inner City Action Plan Area which amounted to 1.08ha. This figure is currently being updated for the new register.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report into the Council's plans to develop a conservation plan for the restoration of Mount Joy Square Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A part eight planning permission application in relation to this proposed work is in preparation, and it is hoped to present it to the September City Council meeting. Meanwhile some minor landscaping and tree removal has taken place to assist with the conservation of the railings/plinths.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a yellow box or any measure to prevent parking outside of **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the public street bin collection schedule for McKee Ave, McKee Road and the surrounding area. Residents have noted that the bins are left full for longer periods than they used to. Has the schedule been altered at all in the last two years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have the litter bins in the above mentioned area emptied on a daily basis, Monday to Friday. We also include the emptying of these bins in our weekend schedule. This schedule has been in place for many years.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the process following complaints regarding **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repairs to the path at **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to furnish me with a copy of the letter sent from Dublin City Council to the British government requesting that the diaries of Roger Casement be returned to Ireland, following the passing of a motion calling on the Chief Executive to send such a letter at the May meeting of Dublin City Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Correspondence to the British Prime Minister, Mr David Cameron on the matter of the Rodger Casement diaries was issued on the 11th May 2016. An acknowledgment of this correspondence was received from the Prime Minister's Office on 6th June 2016 and a response was received from the UK National Archives on 21st June 2016. Copies of the above correspondence are attached.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

With regard to the entrance to Donnybrook Fire Station, to ask the Chief Executive:

(a) To replace the bollards in front of the Fire Station. There are currently red /white plastic traffic bollards which have lost their florescence and paint, two are broken off and they now pose a potential safety risk for commuters and pedestrians of not being identified as an emergency entrance/exit for the rescue service; and

(b) To re-paint the hazard box in the front of Fire Station as it has faded?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location will be listed without delay and tasked.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposal, if any, to rename the area at the back of Belmont Avenue / Mt Eden Rd as Woods Way, and if there is to be a re-naming, when will this take place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The approval of the South East Local Area Committee will be requested at the July 2016 meeting, to seek the consent of the City Council, that procedures be initiated under Section 78 of The Local Government Act 1946 as amended under the Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations 1956, to conduct a statutory plebiscite. The local authority may with the consent of a majority of the qualified electors as determined under the plebiscite, change the name of this laneway. This decision is a function reserved to the City Council.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive:

(a) Whether a Preservation Order has ever issued in respect of Havelock Square, Dublin 4, and in particular, whether such an Order issued in May 1976;

(b) What is the current status of any Preservation Order(s) in respect of Havelock Square; and

(c) What is the current conservation status of Havelock Square?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) and (b): No structure / building with an address on or at Havelock Square is on the city council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

(c): The properties surrounding Havelock Square are zoned Objective Z2 "To protect and / or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas" in the Dublin City Development Plan 2011 - 2017; these areas are referred to as 'Residential Conservation Areas'.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the terms of reference and scope of the Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities Feasibility Study which has commenced in relation to the Tom Clarke Bridge and to give an estimated timeline for its completion and publication? Also, to detail the amount budgeted for improvements to The Bridge over the next three years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The overriding purpose of this project is to review the existing condition and functionality of the Tom Clarke Bridge, review options and provide a solution to improving the pedestrian and cyclist facilities linking the north and south docklands at the Point Roundabout and South Link Roads respectively while enhancing the architectural character of the bridge.

A preliminary traffic management plan and underwater archaeological study will also be required.

The feasibility study is currently underway and is hoped to be completed by September 2016. Expenditure on options and any necessary improvements to the existing bridge (if any) will be dependent on the outcome of the feasibility study.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the following in relation to the provision of domestic waste collection by Dublin City Council prior to its privatisation:

A. Amount of domestic waste collected annually (say average last three years of service)

B. Number of households to which the service was provided.

C. Cost to DCC of provision of the service.

D. Cost per household of provision of the service.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A. Amount of domestic waste collected annually (say average last three years of service)

Waste Management Services exited the domestic waste collection service in January 2012. The following is the amount of waste collected in the 3 years prior to its privatisation:-

2009	
Total tonnage of household waste collected.	150,266
Tonnage of household waste sent to landfill.	104,694
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling.	45,572

2010	
Total tonnage of household waste collected.	123,896
Tonnage of household waste sent to landfill.	78,719
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling.	45,177

2011	
Total tonnage of household waste collected.	118,083
Tonnage of household waste sent to landfill.	72,795
Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling.	45,288

B. Number of households to which the service was provided.

The number of households which had a waste collection service from Dublin City Council was:-

2009	163,500
2010	148,004
2011	136,642

C. The net cost to DCC of providing the service in 2010 was €23 million. The full cost of the provision of the service was €44.8 million.

D. The cost to DCC per household for the provision of the service was €303 per annum approx. but the Council only billed on average €107 per household. It should be noted also that the Council operated a waiver scheme to approximately 40,000 customers.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that Dublin City Council will be involved, both at local and head office level, in the Task Force being set up by the Taoiseach's department in partnership with the North inner City community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has not yet got any confirmation/information with regard to our involvement with the proposed new Task Force for the North Inner City Community

Q.45 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, it is possible to introduce a substantially reduced parking bay charge from Sunday's in order to discourage all day parking on City Centre residential streets which have permit parking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Aside from residents and their visitors who can rely on a Residential Parking Permit or Visitor Parking Permit there is a limit of 3 hours parking allowed when parking in any Pay and Display and Permit Parking area after which the vehicle must be moved to another location, thereby eliminating all day parking.

There is limited residential parking in the city centre area. The weekday and Saturday parking fee within the city centre area is €2.90 per hour. The fee for parking on Sunday is significantly reduced at €1.40 per hour. The reduced fee for parking on Sunday facilitates visitors parking in the city centre area rather than surrounding residential areas.

Where a Residential Parking Scheme is operational on Sunday the standard parking fee still applies, i.e.,

€2.90 per hour - Yellow Zone,

€2.40 per hour - Red Zone,

€1.60 per hour – Green Zone,

€1.00 per hour – Orange Zone

Q.46 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to have DCC as the governing authority issue a comprehensive statement clarifying the position viz a viz the collection of black bags post July 1st, collections in non designated streets. The Chief Executive should set out his understanding as to what has been agreed between the Minister and the waste collectors. In addition how are they ever going to make weight comparisons when there is no past records, many of the collectors have no weighing facilities currently in operation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been in contact with the Department of Environment seeking further detail and clarification on exact implications, if any, to other aspects of the recent legislation/regulation re Household Waste (which include bag designations). We will inform the Councillor as soon as we receive clarity on the situation.

Q.47 AN TARDMHEARA CRIONA NI DHALAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the following matter (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive that DCC carry out all works at (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would reinstate the path that has lifted outside (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive to address the overgrowth from a complex that adjoins the property (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request. **(Details supplied).**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that he is in a position to appoint three graduate traffic engineers to help deal with a backlog of traffic management requests from the public.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive has recently agreed to sanction the employment of 3 Graduate Engineers to be assigned to work with the existing Area Traffic Engineers to deal with the backlog of traffic service requests received from Councillors and members of the public. The Human Resources Department is arranging for the recruitment of a panel of Graduate Engineers. The competition will be advertised in mid-July.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to list all agreements under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that the Council currently has in place with developers to acquire housing units, and to indicate the type of units, price to be paid, location and current status of such obligations."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present Dublin City Council have no formal agreements in place for Part V for any developments. Preliminary discussions are taking place on a number of developments and Part V assessments are being carried out by the Quantity Surveyors and City Valuers. The next stage of the process will be entering into negotiations with the developers with the view to reaching a formal agreement.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide for a computerised online query system and reference for members of the public and elected representatives as is the case in South Dublin County Council?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive's Office has consulted with South Dublin County Council on their members' representative system. The system was developed in-house by SDCC staff to deal with routine representations from council members. Council questions and motions are dealt with through a separate system. I and colleagues from the Chief Executives system will visit South Dublin in July to explore the design and operation of the system. It should be noted that South Dublin County Council have reported recent response backlogs on the system due to the increased volume of enquiries from members. We have also consulted with Fingal County Council who use an alternate representatives system.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state the procedure and timelines that he hopes to use to add additional buildings onto the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) and to ask is he aware of the concerns of elected representatives that this appears not be happening through the Development Plan Process despite the significant amount of buildings that are not listed on the Record of Protected Structures but are deemed to be of Regional Importance in the Office of Public Works recently published Buildings of Ireland survey."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The survey results published on the Buildings of Ireland website for Dublin City are undertaken by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH).

To date the NIAH have completed or have commenced 10 survey phases, covering much of the area within the canals, the west of the city and parts of the north-east (Marino, Clontarf and Raheny). Parts of the south-east and significant areas of the city's suburbs remain un-surveyed and there is no definite timescale for the completion by the NIAH of the entire city.

So far only phases 1 and 2, comprising Dublin 1 and 7 (mainly the areas within the North Circular Road) have been formally recommended by the Minister for inclusion in the city's Record of Protected Structures (RPS). These recommendations for structures with a 'regional' rating or higher cover many structures already on the City Council's RPS as well as other structures (net additions) for inclusion.

It should be noted that Dublin City already has some 8,500 structures on its Record of Protected Structures.

Consideration of the Ministerial Recommendations first requires careful checking, particularly in relation to addresses, descriptions, digital geographic referencing, mapping and other matters, including live/current planning permissions, to ensure the accuracy of each of the (net) additions to be brought forward to the City Council; in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Acts, including public notification etc. At this moment there are still outstanding issues to be clarified between the NIAH and the City Council's Conservation Section in relation to some of the recommended net additions (to the RPS) contained in survey phases 1 and 2..

No Ministerial recommendations have been received in relation to any of the other phases of the NIAH survey of the city. For these areas, the structures and their rating on the Buildings of Ireland website are draft survey recommendations only; and may be altered or amended by the NIAH or by the Minister prior to the formal recommendation. There is no timescale within which the Minister must make her recommendations.

Section 53(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides that a planning authority shall have regard to any recommendations made to it by the Minister. Furthermore, a planning authority must provide reasons to the Minister where it has considered the recommendation and decides not to comply with same.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the range of apartment sizes; the number of bedrooms and the number of social and affordable units approved within the Dublin Docklands Strategic Development Zone since it came into force."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Each of the individual permissions granted permission has been examined and the detail of the apartments granted is listed below, as requested, in tabular format. The information only refers to SDZ permissions, not existing pre-dating permissions or DDDA certificates, as specified in the question.

Total number of apartments/duplex granted so far:

Block 2B- 165

Block 5 (student housing) equivalent to 220 apartments, 935 bed spaces*

Block 14- 158

Block 15- 244

Block 17- 41.

Total: 608 apartments/duplex units. (If the student accommodation is included 829).

There are currently a further 302 apartments/duplex units in current planning applications in Blocks 8 and 11.

Number of Bedrooms:

Reference & block	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	total
<i>Block 2</i> DSDZ3367/15	23	117	25	165
<i>Block 14</i> DSDZ3864/14 DSDZ3866/14	9 12	34 62	15 26	58 100
<i>Block 15</i> DSDZ2546/15 DSDZ3777/15	34 8	140 30	30 2	204 40
<i>Block 17</i> DSDZ3796/14	-	31	10	41
Total	86	414	108	608

*student accommodation is not included due to its specialist nature.

Range of Apartment Sizes:

Reference & block	1 bed range (in sq.m.)	2 bed range (in sq.m.)	3 bed range (in sq.m.)
<i>Block 2</i> DSDZ3367/15	55.2-78.2	85.8-105.8	118.1-137.7
<i>Block 14</i> DSDZ3864/14 DSDZ3866/14	56-57 57	84-104 85-96	109-130 105-141
<i>Block 15</i> DSDZ2546/15 DSDZ3777/15	55-56.8 55-66	80-173.2 80-103	111.5-123.6 108-120
<i>Block 17</i> DSDZ3796/14	-	93-130	130-196

*student accommodation is not included due to its specialist nature.

Social and Affordable units Approved

608 units are granted permission so far within the SDZ. As required by the Planning legislation, 10% social units is required from each permission, giving a provision of 60 social units so far. No affordable units are required as the permissions all post-date the change in the Planning Acts. The progression of these 60 social units will be managed by the Housing Department as each permission moves forward into construction.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO
To ask the manager (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON
To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON
To ask the Chief Executive the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive invite HIQUA to inspect all DCC council's emergency accommodation? This to include, all areas where homeless executive clients are housed and that these visits be carried out on a regular basis to ensure best standards in accommodation and due care.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue directly to the Cllr within 2 weeks.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a report as to how much money was gathered under Metro North and also how much money to date has been returned to the contributors. And when they are going to receive their refunds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Contributions totalling approximately €6.5m have been collected under the Section 49 Metro North Scheme. These contributions have been collected from 400 accounts.

To date, no refunds have been made to developers. The Development Contributions Section is currently liaising with the Finance Department of DCC to establish a procedure for the refunds of this significant sum of money.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive write to the BID company (Dublin Town) requesting them to refrain from commercially branding districts of the City for commercial purposes without prior informed consent from DCC. Over the past few years BID/Dublin Town have taken it upon themselves to simply rebrand Dublin City Council property such as Wolfe Tone Park to Wolfe Tone Square etc. Equally, they are engaged with rebranding and remarking Dame St and Dame Lane as Dame Quarter and Dame District. It would appear that they are further engaged in trying to brand and rename Commercial areas along the lines of the Liverpool 1 district. This leads to confusion of place and erosion of historical identity. All such rebranding/renaming or market naming should only be done with the full consent of the full membership of Dublin City Council and where it is for commercial purposes, should only be a temporary naming event.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's board member will raise this issue with the board and executive of the Bid Company (Dublin Town).

Q.68 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the recent discovery of very rare and old timber houses on Thomas Street and what measures have been taken to protect these rare city dwellings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question relates to a grant of planning permission and subsequent extension of duration per Reg. Ref: 4775/08 for proposed demolition of buildings and construction of a mixed-use development at Nos. 61-62 Thomas Street, Dublin 8.

Condition 8 of the grant of planning permission provided for an archaeological condition, including the carrying out of an archaeological assessment (and impact assessment) of all proposed development for this site by a qualified archaeologist, including issues specified at (b) i to iii therein and the provision of at (c) of a written report containing the results of the archaeological assessment for determination of the archaeological resolution of the site.

In May of this year, an archaeological assessment report was received by the City Archaeologist/Planning Department on behalf of the applicant in part compliance with Condition 8 (b) i, ii and iii referred to above. The submission comprises a report entitled 'Archaeological Assessment Report, Phase 1' and is accompanied by a set of drawings (Appendix 4) entitled 'Survey of existing fabric'.

Following a review of the report submitted, the City Archaeologist recommended that additional information be requested, to include the following:

1. Further historical background, to include a lease history.
2. Further analysis of the historic fabric identified in order to clarify date, form and function.
3. Archaeological testing/trial trenching within no 62 and in the area to rear of the site within the footprint of the proposed development.
4. A statement of significance of the historic fabric taking into account any archaeological deposits identified during testing.
5. An amended impact statement and detailed mitigation strategy based on the results of the further structural analysis, fabric evaluation, historical research, archaeological testing, and statement of significance with recommendations for further survey/recording/samples according to archaeological best practice and with regard to best conservation practice.

All documents are available for inspection on the planning file.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the answer I received to question 120 at June's City Council meeting I relayed the answer to **(details supplied)** and she claims the kitchen units were installed in 2002 making them 14 years old and not ten and that given her medical condition could the council reconsider its refusal to repaint the interior.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer reports that the kitchen units are not in need of replacement.

The Area Maintenance Officer will arrange to investigate the issue of the interior painting.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR PADDY SMYTH

What is the total revenue generated from fines from the tow-truck used by the Traffic Department for parking enforcement in 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Income in 2015 from enforcement of illegal parking and subsequent payment for declamp was €4.11m.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive arrange with our Housing Rent Section and our Housing Maintenance Section to agree upon a rent credit/rebate to our tenant? **(Details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive arrange with our Housing Maintenance Section to complete promised work in our tenant's house. **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive report on solutions that may be offered to our tenant **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that a comprehensive traffic Parking review take place between Grange Cross and the Gala Ballyfermot Road. The present situation of all day parking without the imposition of any car parking charges is killing Commercial life of this stretch of shops with many traders parking their cars all day without any turn-over of car-parking . I would ask we bring back the traffic wardens, bring in the first 15 min parking free and consider placing a proper yellow box restricting car

parking outside the lane-entrance between the old Gala Cinema & Borza Fish & Chip shop as the shop owner cannot gain access to his home with people parking in front of this access lane-way.

I would welcome a full review of traffic management here as it can sometimes appear to be organised chaos with cars, vans etc pulling in, reversing onto one of Dublin's busiest suburban Roads. How serious accidents haven't happened here yet is a miracle.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pay and Display Parking is in place at the location referred to and operates Monday-Saturday, 07.00-19.00 hours at a charge of 60c per hour. Parking is therefore subject to the usual restrictions that apply to Pay and Display Parking, e.g., 3 hour time limit. The Council is aware that the Traffic Warden, operating in the area under the auspices of An Garda Síochána, has recently retired. The Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, has been instructed to monitor this location and to take enforcement action as required.

Dublin City Council allow for a "Grace Period" of 10 minutes prior to taking enforcement action at Pay and Display parking locations. This allows sufficient time for motorists to make an appropriate payment for parking or return and move their vehicle.

The criteria for providing yellow boxes are as follows:

- Blocking of the junction should occur regularly, on a daily basis, and at least during peak periods.
- Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility.

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 22nd July, 2014, did not recommend the extension of the yellow box at this location as traffic volumes on the laneway in question does not satisfy the above criteria.

The Area Traffic Engineer at June 2016 has confirmed that the above recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Group is unchanged.

Instances of illegal parking at the entrance to the laneway should be reported to the local Gardaí.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC please look at the state of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that in view of the need to develop modern facilities for cleansing, engineering etc that DCC seriously consider the transfer of those and no core City Centre services out to DCC owner lands in Cherry Orchard thus bringing

must needed economic activity to Cherry Orchard & thus releasing valuable lands for Community, Sporting & residential needs in the City. I would welcome a full report on the possibilities this action would provide our City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Management have carried out a comprehensive review of the Council's existing operational depot network with a view to improving the working conditions of staff while also achieving major positive reorganisation with resulting operational efficiencies and savings. An analysis of all current depots was carried out to examine the locations, current zonings, condition, number of staff, number of fleet, hours of operation, type of operations etc.

It is considered that, given the nature of operations, a single consolidated depot would not suffice for Dublin City and that Northside operations should be consolidated in Ballymun and this would include City wide services e.g. Public Lighting and Traffic.

Marrowbone Lane is considered the most suitable location for the Southside consolidated depot with a presence also in the city centre for operational reasons. The rationale for this is that:

- 1) Road Maintenance Services requires a centrally located depot on the South side of the city for the following reasons:
 - Speedy access to both SE and SC areas in order to provide services
 - Winter Maintenance operations operate during between 3am and 8am. The salting routes need to be completed before 7am in order to avoid the morning rush hour – a centrally located south side depot is required in order to carry out these works within this time frame.
 - There is a salt storage facility in Marrowbone Lane depot for 600 tonnes which needs to remain in place.
 - Half of the Road Maintenance Services south side crews are flagging crews who are responsible for the maintenance of DCC's historic paving. Much of the city's historic paving is located on the south side and so in order to maintain the efficiency of the operation it is necessary to have access to a centrally located south city depot.
- 2) Housing Maintenance requires a depot in the city centre as there is a concentration of housing stock in the Central, Southeast and South Central areas.
- 3) Waste Management, due to the nature of the duties e.g. street cleaning, also needs a city centre location.
- 4) DCC generally requires an operational base in the city centre to ensure a response to emergency situations e.g. flooding.

Site Selection was influenced by the following:

- The site is strategically important in the provision of critical operations which support and maintain the City's infrastructure
- Long established and in active use as a depot
- Well located and accessible to City Centre, South Central and South East areas for day-to-day operations and emergency response
- Sufficient size and capacity for consolidation of operations
- Potential to achieve LAP objectives in redevelopment
- The lands involved are owned by the Council.

The proposed redevelopment of the Marrowbone Lane Depot will deliver a well designed consolidated depot on a significantly smaller site (45% of the current depot footprint). This will enable the Council to release land to meet specific objectives in the Liberties Local Area Plan including the development of some recreational and sporting facilities adjacent to the existing St. Catherine's Community/Sports Centre, increased permeability with two new routes, improved public realm and housing.

Dublin City Council has had an operational presence in Marrowbone Lane for over 40 years and it has proven to be a strategically well located depot to deliver services to the South side of the City and city centre as well as deal with emergency situations.

The proposal will enable the Council to develop a consolidated depot which will provide shared stores, staff and welfare facilities, parking, workshops, fleet management and office accommodation. This project will deliver improved facilities and working conditions for staff, operational efficiencies and the opportunity to enhance operations through greater use of technology. The consolidation of operations into a greatly reduced number of locations will facilitate the release of Council owned lands for more appropriate uses.

The re-location of the facility to Cherry Orchard is not considered to be an optimum solution to achieve depot consolidation and such lands are not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.82 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.83 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.84 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.85 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE
Can the Chief Executive install a zebra crossing at Castlemarket at the junction with South William Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
Dublin City Council does not recommend Zebra crossings as they may provide a false sense of safety for pedestrians. In Ireland, a pedestrian does not have the

right-of-way until they have already stepped onto a Zebra crossing. For this reason Dublin City Council's preferred option is for crossings where the onus is unambiguously on the driver to stop.

The location is listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Can the Chief Executive remove the on-street car parking on South William Street? This will allow wider pavements at the southern end of the street. This was planned by the traffic department a few years back.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the public realm improvements proposed under the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan, it is generally intended that on street parking for private vehicles be removed, including on South William Street.

Under the Plan, improvement works have already been completed at Grafton Street itself and at Johnson's Court and part of Wicklow Street. Part 8 planning approval is in place and detailed design works are well advanced for public realm improvements in the Chatham Street, Harry Street area. Design proposals for improvements at Clarendon Street / Clarendon Row are due to be submitted for Part 8 planning approval shortly. While it is difficult to indicate a timeframe for the development of the detailed proposals for public realm improvements at South William Street, I can confirm that the designs will provide for removal of car parking with an improved pedestrian environment to include widened footpaths.

For further information, the Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan is available on the website or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting Frank Lambe, Deputy Area Manager, South East Area.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive which of our Dublin City tenants has been contacted with a view to purchasing the properties they are currently renting from Dublin City Council and to request a copy of same letter. Have all tenants been contacted as a matter of course or, if not, which groups and what criteria was used to determine whether or not they would be written to.

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 for this scheme. 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 of this year.

The information booklet along with a covering letter was sent to 11,696 tenants in May of this year, this list was compiled having removed the above properties that are excluded from the scheme. I enclose a copy of letter which was sent to our tenants in this regard.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the protocols used when allocating tenants under the Housing First Pilot Scheme, to include a list of statutory services, community mental health services or supports accessed by our Housing First team, and an outline of the protocols for provision of continuum of care once housed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive will respond back directly to the Councillor by 8th July 2016.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask Chief Executive, if an inspection has not been conducted in the last four weeks, to conduct an inspection of the roofs and water tanks in all of the blocks at the Basin Street complex in Dublin 8 and to provide this Councillor with a copy of any recent and of the engineers report arising from this inspection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Four water tanks and associated pipe work have been replaced in the attic space of Block 1 subsequent to the leaks experienced at the beginning of June. The tank over-flow outlets on both gable ends have also been cleared and are functioning correctly.

- Works were carried out on Block 4 on 9th & 10th June to re-seal the concrete basins that contain the water tanks in the attic space on foot of a leak complaint from tenants at no.'s 140 & 145. The tank over flow outlets at both gable ends have also been cleared and are functioning correctly.
- Works are commencing this week to install a pre-formed aluminium flashing detail to the north elevations of Blocks 1 & 3 on foot of localised dampness penetration from the tip of the concrete cantilevered element of the gull-wing roof.
- We have not received any complaints from Blocks 2 & 3 regarding water tanks / leaks in the attic space.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask Chief Executive whether Family Income Supplement payments are factored in to rent calculations for our tenants and if so, at what rate for each of the five previous years to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Family Income Supplement is assessable for rent purposes. The amounts vary depending on employment income and are calculated by the Department of Social Protection and Family Affairs.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

Can the Chief Executive please address the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

Can the Chief Executive please address the following (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

Can the Chief Executive please deal with the following (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the 2009 High Court ruling by Justice Liam McKechnie in relation to the variation of the Regional Waste Management Plan can the Chief Executive:

- Confirm if the decision is still being appealed
- If not, outline when the decision to withdraw the appeal was taken and by whom
- Clarify if Elected Members were consulted on the appeal decision.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive decided in 2014 not to proceed with the appeal to the Supreme Court in relation to Justice McKechnie's ruling on the proposed variation to the Regional Waste Management Plan. As the making of, or a variation to, a Regional Waste Management Plan and all matters relating thereto are executive functions, only the Chief Executives of the Dublin Local Authorities were consulted on the matter.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the heating system at the Cromcastle Court flats remain on during the summer months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It has been the case for many years now that the heating system has been turned off during the summer months although hot water continues to be supplied on a 24 hour basis.

It is also the case that monitoring indicates that the majority of units currently have temperatures that register in excess of 20 degrees. However in view of the concerns expressed we are arranging to provide supplementary heat to the units for the remaining months of the summer.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to report to this councillor as to the City Council's plans for the Council residents residing in the apartments at Burnell Square, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17. The property is leased from NAMA; several council tenants have five year leases and are concerned as to what will happen after their leases expire.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no leased units from NAMA at Burnell Square. However, Dublin City Council owns 14 unsold affordable units at Burnell Court, Northern Cross, off Malahide Road, Dublin 7 which are assigned to Cluid Voluntary Housing Association to manage. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government introduced measures to deal with these units and leasing arrangements for the delivery of social housing. Under the arrangements the units were assigned to a Voluntary Housing Body for a period of 5 years from 4th January 2010 and a further 5 year extension was granted until 2020 when a decision will be made by the Department as to the future of these units.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Could the Chief Executive inform me what council resources are being provided for homeless services and at what is the annual cost? Is there a higher cost during the winter period?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In November 2015, the City Council adopted the 2016 annual budget which provided for €94.5m expenditure for the provision of homeless services across the Dublin Region. This amount included an estimated €4m of expenditure not eligible for Dept of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) funding.

In March 2016 the anticipated expenditure for 2016 was reviewed. The DHPLG was notified that the total revised anticipated homeless expenditure, under Section 10 funding arrangements, for 2016 was €102,500,741. This reflects the continuing demand for emergency hotel accommodation needed for newly presenting homeless families. As referred to above, there is an additional estimated €4m of expenditure not eligible for DHPLG funding which brings the total revised anticipated expenditure for 2016 to €106.5m. Each winter additional homeless emergency beds are sourced as part of a Cold Weather Initiative (CWI) to offer to Rough Sleepers on the street and this forms part of the budget estimates as per the aforementioned.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR PAND HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the reply I requested to question 81 of the June DCC meeting could be conveyed to me below.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As conveyed to the Council meeting on 13th June 2016, the question spans a two year period and a considerable number of Planning Officials. As such a reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

In regards to Question 59 at the June DCC meeting I would like to ask for a budget breakdown of 3 tiered planters in the North Central and North West areas, i.e. how much does North West and North Central provide and how much does parks provide. Additionally, who provides the 3 tiered planters in the Central and South East area as I have seen numerous planters there and how are those costs met. Additionally, do they require permission from planning or the parks department to provide these planters?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 3 tiered planters that I am aware of in the South East city centre area are provided and maintained by DublinTown.

The 3 tiered planters in the City Centre (Central and South East areas) are provided by Dublin Town at their own costs.

Resources were available from the North West Area which has facilitated their use in areas of Finglas and Ballymun. Three tier planters are regularly sited in village locations in the North Central area by Parks and Landscape Services in cooperation with North Central Area Office and Business associations. The total cost for supply and maintenance of these units in these two areas for 2016 is approximately €18,900.00 funded from a combination of North Central Area, North West Area and Parks and Landscape Services .In the case of Parks and landscape service Funds are drawn from the Civic Decoration Budget Estimate, and are not separately accounted for. Parks and Landscape Service has not provided three tiered planters in the Central, South East or South Central areas in 2016

There is no requirement to obtain planning permission for these planters as they are placed on public areas. Other than the planters that Parks and the Areas provide, DCC will work with Residents Associations and businesses to provide further planters if requested.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive in regards to the current draft of the City Development Plan whether all motions passed have been included in the current draft and if no, which motions have been omitted and why considering this is a reserved function of elected members.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All motions agreed by the City Council which constitute material amendments to the draft plan are included in the amended draft which is now on four week public display until 19th July, apart from those motions which are deemed Out of Order. While the making of a Development Plan is a reserved function of the elected Members the Chief Executive has a responsibility to advise Members as necessary to ensure the integrity of the development plan. As you may recall I advised the Special Council meeting that I could not include in the development plan any motion or amended motion that would be at variance with national plans/legislation/policies and therefore deemed to be out of order. This does not mean that the executive are deciding of our own volition to remove certain motions but rather that to include them would be illegal ie not within the power of the Chief Executive. In this respect I would like to draw your attention to Section 130 Local Government Act 2001-2014 which states: It is the duty of every Chief Executive to carry into effect all lawful directions of the elected council of a local authority. Accordingly the Chief Executive is only obliged to carry into effect all lawful directions of the elected members.

Where a motion in relation to the development plan fails to comply with government policy then it cannot be included in the plan. In this regard I refer you to Section 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

It is essential that the integrity of the development plan be maintained. To do so requires adherence to the above matters. Failure to do so puts the plan at serious risk of Judicial Review. As we know from past experience, judicial review in these cases is very costly for the Council and must be avoided at all costs.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this family will be housed.
(Details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information
(Details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a comprehensive report on the history of the City Council's engagement with the Lawrence Lands site on Coolock Lane, also known as the Oscar Traynor Road site. Report to include the amount paid by the city council to acquire the land and the current monetary value of the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council produced a site development brief for the 'Oscar Traynor Road' lands in the mid 2000's seeking offers for the purchase and development of the site in accordance with the terms of the brief. The brief envisaged the development of these lands consisting of a dense housing 'loop' at the north-west of the site with a strong residential wall to the M1 and Coolock Lane, a large public park, together with other residential, retail, commercial, leisure and community facilities.

A subsequent planning application under plan ref. 6013/07 was submitted as a competition winning bid. This application was lodged in December 2007 for a large-scale, mixed use development including: 715 residential units, a neighbourhood centre, community facilities, and a substantial high quality public park. The proposed buildings ranged in height from 1 to 8 storeys. However, the onset of the economic crisis in property resulted in this application not being concluded. A Further Information request was not responded to within the statutory period and the planning application was deemed to be withdrawn.

More recently, having regard to the housing crisis and the desire to use these lands to improve housing supply in the city, the Housing Land Initiative Feasibility Study was approved by the Joint Planning and Housing Strategic Policy Committee and the City Council to advance the delivery of housing on the Oscar Traynor Road lands.

In this context, a brief is being prepared seeking expressions of interest in the development of the Oscar Traynor Road lands and the outcome of that process will be brought to elected Members for their approval.

The Oscar Traynor Road lands were acquired by Dublin City Council in 1979 for the sum of £263,984/€335,190. Due to commercially sensitive nature of the information, it is not possible to comment on the current market value of the lands

Q.115 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to case as per **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can agree to provide a replacement tree/s at location as per **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of which services have switched from council provision to private/outsourced provision since 2005, and the council staff reduction associated with this change

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total number of City Council employees at 31st May 2016 was 5,589 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking account of worksharing arrangements) was 5,277.90.

This workforce number of 5,589 represents a reduction of 23.9 per cent since December 2008. The greatest reduction in resources has taken place in management grades where numbers have reduced by 34 per cent and in the professional technical grades (e.g. engineer, planner, architect grades) where numbers have reduced by 29 per cent. Numbers in operational grades have reduced by 25 per cent and in fire-fighter operational grades by 11.7 per cent.

Throughout recent years, and on a continuing basis, managers and staff have undertaken restructuring, reassignment and prioritisation of work to continue service delivery to citizens and customers despite reduced workforce numbers.

In 2015, the City Council exited the direct provision of Homeless Hostels. This change of service provision to an external provider was necessary due to Dublin City Council being required to carry out a much more enhanced and expanded role in the

context of the commissioning, co-ordination, regulation and funding of Homeless Services in the overall Dublin Region. The employees who had worked in the homeless hostel service were reassigned to other roles within Dublin City Council.

In January 2012, the City Council ceased its delivery of the waste collection service by direct labour. The affected staff were reassigned to other roles within the Council.

Other services which were formerly provided by the Council which have been transferred from local authorities to provision by a national agency are (a) driver licences and (b) higher education grants. The staff working in these areas were reassigned to other duties.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the estimated council expenditure on hiring consultants since 2000 in relation to the following regeneration schemes; Constitution Hill flats, O'Devaney Gardens, Croke Villas, Dorset Street Flats, Dominick Street Flats, St. Michael's Estate, Ballymun.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested by this Councillor is extensive and cannot be provided at this time as it would require considerable staff resources being dedicated to the response.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.