

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2018**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have footpath repaired outside **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The defect outside **(details supplied)** has been logged and will be repaired when a crew is available.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can get back to me in relation to the following constituent **(details supplied)**. My previous Council Question (Question 82 to the January 2016 meeting) stated that his windows would be re-inspected within 24 months. It is now 28 months later and **(details supplied)** is waiting close to 7 years for new windows. It is unacceptable that **(details supplied)** has high energy bills in winter from heat escaping from his windows. I would appreciate if new windows could be installed this summer, so that there is no unnecessary heat loss and his heating bills are reduced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of the windows and doors at this property will take place before the end of July 2018. The City Council will also investigate to see if this property is suitable for inclusion in the energy retrofitting programme.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Housing Maintenance case of **(details supplied)** can be examined. Charlie reported the following issues to me:

- That there is dampness in the front bedroom on the ceiling
- That there is dampness inside the press of the front box room
- That there is dampness alongside the air-vent in the kitchen

I would appreciate if these issues can be examined and a reply issued to me.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will have this matter investigated before the end of July and will take appropriate action.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to please supply this Councillor with a full list of all Part V's agreed or delivered in the Dublin Local Authority in 2017 including details of the size of the project (sq metres and number of units) as well as the costs of each of these Part V agreements.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The delivered and agreed Part V projects in 2017 is as follows:

Address	Size	No. of Units	Size	Status	Acquisition Cost
Shelbourne Plaza, Charlotte	1 Bed Apt.	6	49-52 sqm	Acquired	€24,500,000

Quay, Dublin 4	2 Bed Apt.	43	58-76 sqm		
	3 Bed Apt.	4	88sqm		
Royal Canal Park – Phase 3, Dublin 15	1 Bed Apt.	4	48sqm	Acquired	€4,998,220
	2 Bed Apt.	12	79-87sqm		
	3 Bed Apt.	3	99sqm		
	3 Bed house	1	108sqm		
Northbank, Castleforbes, Dublin 1	1 Bed Apt.	7	55sqm	Acquired	4,960,981
	2 Bed Apt.	15	68sqm		
	3 Bed Apt.	4	95sqm		
Terenure Gate, Tereneure, Dublin 6w	2 Bed Apt.	3	913-917sqm	Agreed	€1,144,945
	3 Bed House	2	1384sqm		
Arbour Hill, Dublin 7	2 Bed Apt.	2	86-88sqm	Agreed	€545,617
Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6	1 Bed Apt.	1	74sqm	Agreed	€113,475
Marianella, Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6	1 Bed Apt.	17	54-86sqm	Agreed	€4,748,943
	2 Bed Apt.	2	111-136sqm		
<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>126</b>			<b>41,012,181</b>

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine this property for dampness and have the necessary remedial work carried out **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following inspections the local Area Maintenance depot has made arrangements to have the guttering cleaned and repaired at this property and to have walls re-plastered.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing road calming measures on Curlew Road, Drimnagh at the section of road at the Mother Macalee Centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above request will be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the laneway at the Star Bingo into Pearse Park be cleared of rubbish, there is a build up of rubbish and household waste in this laneway and it needs to be urgently addressed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned up on the 15th June 2018.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Calderwood Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 can safety notices be put in place for children playing. Any traffic calming measure would be greatly appreciated by the residents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a Children Crossing sign in place on Calderwood Road at the junction with Sion Hill Road, going northwards. The section of Calderwood Road, from the junction with Griffith Avenue to the junction of Sion Hill Road, is traffic calmed with speed ramps. The current criteria for the provision of Children Crossing signage state that Children Crossing signs should not be recommended for traffic-calmed roads. The Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed, therefore, that a further Children Crossing sign would not be recommended at this location.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive can an overall clean up of All Saints Park and The Rectory Park Raheny be carried out. Local residents have been trying to clean both but a large amount of bottles and cans etc have been left there at weekends. Both small parks are used on a daily by the local school children. Also a number of ropes have been tied to high tree branches and need to be removed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While these parks are litter picked as part of routine operations an additional clean up in the areas outlined will be organised over the next 4 to 6 weeks as schedules allow.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the major potholes in the DCC owned car park adjacent to Clonskeagh House Pub filled in and repaired as a matter of urgency as several people have been seen falling near them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The car park will be inspected to determine the extent of the defective surface and appropriate action will be arranged.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will seek a full report from the Planning Enforcement section on what action can be taken and will be taken in relation to an unfinished development - that in addition seems to be going at least one floor higher than permitted and with an equally unapproved outdoor space at high roof level. **(details supplied 1)** The development has also seen an old granite wall being demolished, pillars at the entrance to lane leading towards the rear of **(details supplied 2)** being demolished and access and egress to the home at **(details supplied 2)** being blocked.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following an investigation and associated inspections by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area an Enforcement Notice was served on the 4th of May 2018 requiring the removal of second floor level dormer room extension from the flat roof over second floor level at **(details supplied 1)** and the re-instatement of the access

onto Strand Road from the private laneway directly to the south of the same location. The notice is to be complied with by 10th of August 2018. The Planning Enforcement Section will carry out a further inspection at that time and consider as to whether further enforcement action is required.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail any correspondence he has had with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in the months of May and June 2018

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I have had no correspondence with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in the months of May and June 2018.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the area known as "the Pocket Park" located between the Railway Line and the Road at Ailesbury Gardens to be cleaned up, the grass cut and the low lying branches that allow rubbish be dumped and hidden, pruned and if possible to request the Litter warden to examine the rubbish dumped there to see if a prosecution might be possible.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This area has been inspected in recent days and it was noted that grassed areas have been cut. However, there was some 'incidental' litter on the site but no evidence of dumping. We will arrange for the area to be visited on a two weekly schedule as per the maintenance programme for this site. Branches from the vegetation will be pruned in the autumn after the bird nesting season.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to delay the implementation of double yellow lines at **(details supplied)** to allow further consultation with local businesses & residents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It has been agreed to defer implementation of the double yellow lines on **(details supplied)** until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, on the basis that all business and residential vehicles will be removed from the laneway on that date to provide for the installation of the recommended double yellow lines.

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section have advised that it is often the case that parking controls introduced by Dublin City Council will prevent residents from parking on the road in which they reside. In recognition of this the Council may issue a Resident Parking Permit for use on an adjoining road to those residents directly affected. Applications for permits in these circumstances are considered on a case by case basis by the Parking Policy and Enforcement Section who will take account of the parking controls introduced and parking capacity on the adjoining roads. There is no provision under the Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws for the issue of residential parking permits to businesses.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive can the Parks Department please be requested to prune a large tree on the footpath outside **(details supplied)**. The residents have previously contacted DCC about same a number of years previous to no avail. The branches are hanging into gardens and are dangerous.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree has been inspected and was found to be in good condition with no works required. Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016-2020 identifies pruning as weakening trees and opening potential sites for infection by disease and decay causing organisms and requires pruning work on trees to be carried out only when absolutely necessary. Furthermore Section 3.7.5 'Public Trees Overhanging Private Property' of this policy states 'The Council will not prune trees that overhang neighbouring properties unless the trees are dangerous or are causing an actionable nuisance'.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)** can he be considered for suitable accommodation as soon as possible?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the list for social housing support with an Overall Medical Priority in Band 1 with the following position: 38th for one bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Donaghmede, Kilbarrack, Raheny, Clontarf). All applicants are advised to contact our office if there is a change in any change of circumstances.

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. As an applicant cannot be awarded two priorities both homeless and medical priority the applicant **(details supplied)** was placed on the Medical Priority list as their position on the list is higher than if they were placed on the homeless list.

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.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the list for social housing support with a Traveller Priority in Band 1 with the following positions:

- 13th for two bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Donaghmede)
- 10th for two bedroom accommodation in Area E (Finglas, Cabra, Ashtown, Whitehall)
- 1st for two bedroom accommodation in Area H (Ballybough, Dorset St, East Wall, North Strand, Sherrif St, Summerhill)

All applicants are advised to contact our office if there is a change in any change of circumstances. 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. With regard to Area H the Area office are aware of the applicant and will be in contact when a suitable vacancy arises. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to install the Pot Belly Bins along the Quays from City Quay Church to the Ferryman pub and along Lombard Street in order to keep the area clean.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Consideration will be given to these locations in any future installation of solar compactor bins. The locations are not included in the current installation plan that is being completed.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to say when the apartments on York Street are going to be painted internally and externally as they have not been painted in the 10 years since they were built?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council operates a planned painting programme for all our Flat complexes. The head of our Painting Division confirms that York Street apartments are scheduled for painting in 2019.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive can he say when the big tree stump left from the removal of the tree on Rosary Terrace in Irishtown will be removed?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This was a large tree which was vandalised prior to the tree being felled. This species of tree has an extensive root system and as such the tree stump needs to be left to allow the roots to decay and therefore prevent additional damage to the surrounding surfaces when being removed. The tree stump is considered to be in a safe condition and does not form a hazard to pedestrians or passing traffic.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate why **(details supplied)** who got a new radiator in her hall over a month ago but the radiator doesn't work and the Council hasn't been out to fix it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has now been resolved. A plumber called to this property and bled the radiator and it is now heating properly.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have this housing maintenance issue dealt with. **(details supplied)** The back boundary wall is in a very dangerous condition. This wall was erected in the seventies when the estate was built. Can it be repaired/rebuilt as soon as possible. Photo attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following an inspection, this wall was found to be in good order and not in need of repairs. However it should be noted that the maintenance/upkeep of boundary walls is the responsibility of the tenant.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the breakdown of the property tax expenditure for the Drimnagh area and what percentage of property tax is used towards street

cleaning, (manual and van), weed control, pavement and road repairs, street lighting and replacement of lighting poles in the Drimnagh area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

LPT is one source of income that finances the operational budget and capital programme of Dublin City Council. Other sources of income are Commercial Rates, Government Grants and Goods & Services.

The total LPT income for DCC in 2018 is €51.86m, after a transfer to the Equalisation Fund (€15.95m) and 15% reduction applied by our Councillors (€11.96m). Of this amount the Department of Housing, Community & Local Government direct €17.99m to the funding of Capital Projects and €10.78m towards the funding of Revenue items.

The City Council is then left with discretionary funding of €3.98m. This amount is not location or sub-service specific. Table 1 below, outlines the allocation of LPT revenue & capital funding in 2018.

**Table 1** – LPT Budget Y2018

	Budget 2018
	€M
Dublin City LPT - 100%	79,789,579
Equalisation Fund - 20%	15,957,916
LPT Retained Locally - 80%	63,831,663
15% Reduction (Passed by council resolution)	11,968,437
<b>LPT Funding</b>	<b>51,863,226</b>
<b><i>Distribution of LPT Funding</i></b>	
LGF/GPG (already in funding base)	2,667,330
Pension Related Decution (PRD)	16,428,262
Capital Self Funding	17,997,555
Revenue Self Funding	10,780,600
Discretionary Funding	3,989,479
	<b>51,863,226</b>

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to see if the ESB pole at **(details supplied)** can be relocated as it is causing access issues for the resident.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The pole outside **(details supplied)** is as noted in the question, an ESB Networks pole. This pole belongs to them and its relocation is a matter for ESB Networks. Dublin City council is not allowed to relocate infrastructure belonging to another organisation.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in detail the planning permissions in place for the re-development of Crumlin Shopping Centre. Planning was initially granted in 2010, it is unclear if this permission has been amended in any way since 2010.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following are the most recent planning application dealing with the redevelopment of the Crumlin Shopping Centre:

Reg.3078/09X1: Extension of Duration granted up until 17th March 2020, for development at the Crumlin Shopping Centre (total site area 3.3 hectares). The development will consist of the demolition and redevelopment of a substantial part of the existing Crumlin Shopping Centre (existing gross floor area (GFA) 10,805sqm total GFA proposed 17,193sqm) and the upgrading and resurfacing of the existing car park, etc (short description provided only)

Reg: 3078/09: Planning permission was granted on appeal from An Bord Pleanála Ref.PL29S.235004 for development at the Crumlin Shopping Centre (total site area 3.3 hectares). The development will consist of the demolition and redevelopment of a substantial part of the existing Crumlin Shopping Centre (existing gross floor area (GFA) 10,805sqm total GFA proposed 17,193sqm) and the upgrading and resurfacing of the existing car park, etc (short description provided only)

Condition 2 revised the proposal as follows:

- a) The revised elevation submitted as Further Information to the library/office elevation shall be more subtly modulated to ensure a greater balance in the overall elevational composition of the south elevation, the design, detailing and selection of the materials including glazing system shall reflect the civic importance of this element of the overall development and enhance the street frontage with a finely articulated glazed façade and entrance portico.
- b) The projected glazed Mall Entrance on the Western elevation shall be amended to include architectural detailing to address the entrance.
- c) The Gabion wall detail shall be omitted and a material/finish more appropriate to the urban building shall be used.

Development shall not commence until revised plans, drawings and particulars showing the above amendments have been submitted to, and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, and such works shall be fully implemented prior to the occupation of the buildings:-

Reason: In the interests of orderly development and visual amenity.

**Compliance Submissions**

A number of compliance submissions were sent into Dublin City Council.

The applicant sent in details in relation to Conditions 11 & 14 on the 22nd January 2018. The applicant sent in details in relation to Condition 2, 3, 9 & 13 on the 23rd of January 2018

**Response from DCC**

Condition 11 was referred to waste management. Further information was requested on the 09/06/18. Condition 2 & 3 were in compliance and a letter was sent to the applicants confirming same on the 22/03/18. Further information was requested on Condition 9 by Parks on the 19/06/18. Condition 13 was sent over to public lighting but no reply to date.



**Q.26 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the car park at St Anne's Park Raheny, can bay markings be put on the surface of the car park at the tennis courts. Also appropriate signage to the outside.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These works are to be carried out as part of the next phase of the development at that location the upgrade to the tennis pavilion.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive given the increase in cars doing rat runs on **(details supplied)** could the Traffic Dept examine as to put in preventive measures to stop the large number of cars using the small area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a site visit of St. James's Avenue, it was observed that during morning peak times (Mon-Fri), a high proportion of vehicles turning right from Clonliffe Road to St. James's Avenue were exiting onto Ballybough Road. Therefore, a Right Turn Ban (EXCEPT CYCLISTS) has been recommended at the junction of Clonliffe Road / St. James's Avenue during the morning peak.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to instruct waste service providers to clean the road or path if there is a spill of rubbish when they are emptying bins.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Each of the waste collection companies will be contacted to remind them of their obligations in respect of the creation of litter during their collection activities and warned of the potential for enforcement action to be taken where they do not remove any litter created by their activities. Where incidents are witnessed the details of the collector and collection vehicle, location of incident and if possible a photograph may be forwarded to the litter management office at [lmo@dublincity.ie](mailto:lmo@dublincity.ie) for action to be taken under the relevant litter legislation.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC have any plans to de-tenant **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Department is currently reviewing regeneration opportunities for **(details supplied)**. The initial plans are at a preliminary stage and once sufficiently developed they will be presented to the local members.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC have any plans to develop housing units on DCC depots in the city and if so could he outline what type of housing units and in what areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report on the proposed consolidation of the City Council's operational depot network including proposed future use of sites was considered by the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on Friday, 1 June 2018. It was agreed that a detailed report on this matter would be presented to the July City Council meeting.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a cultural connection and protocol between Dublin City Council's Cultural and Library services and the Irish College in Paris - Centre Culturel Irlandais. There is great opportunity here for Dublin City Council, the Capital of the Republic to grow its cultural presence in Paris through the college which was a former seminary. This could include artist exchanges and residencies. Also various visual art exhibitions through the Hugh Lane and Library loans from our great collection of books and archive. There is equal opportunity for the College itself, to loan some of their outstanding volumes. There are long standing connections between Paris and Dublin, Ireland and France and many artists now residing in Dublin are looking to DCC as a lead player in Arts provision, arts supports and arts promotion not just within the city but also abroad.

The Centre Culturel Irlandais is situated in the most central area of Paris and is surrounded by some of the world's greatest cultural institutes. This college and its cultural ethos fits perfectly into Dublin City Council's progressive cultural strategy and vision.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Collaborations have already occurred between the City Arts Office and the Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris where exhibitions have shown in both The Lab gallery and the Centre. DCC is restricted to provide funding to events and activities in the Administrative Area and normally Irish Artists bringing work overseas are funded by Culture Ireland. The City Arts office will investigate whether Bursaries for Dublin based Artists would be possible for residencies at the Centre.

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature collaborated with the CCI during two One City One Book Festivals, when they organised events themed around our chosen books that featured in our programme. In April 2015 Mia Gallagher and Bronagh Gallagher did an event based on *The Barrytown Trilogy* and in April 2016 *Fallen* author Lia Mills travelled to Paris to do an event at the CCI with visual artist Gail Ritchie to tie-in with our One City One Book events. The City of Literature Office will explore the potential for future collaboration.

The Hugh Lane Gallery has collaborated with the Centre Culturel Irlandais on exhibitions in both the Centre and the Gallery. The Gallery has also liaised with the Centre on its lecture programme over the years. The Centre Culturel Irlandais has an extensive and diverse annual programme with many partnerships and the Hugh Lane is open to future collaborations subject to funding.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full guideline and protocol on the special management needs that are needed in dealing with many of our elderly citizens who are residents in our senior citizens complexes. Many of our senior citizens are vulnerable and frail and need our utmost care and consideration when they are being transferred, moved about or disturbed during major maintenance and refurbishments of senior citizens flat complexes. It is important to ensure that best practice and proper training are at the forefront of this particular estate management. With many of our senior citizen flat complexes undergoing rejuvenation it is time to reevaluate how we manage this important issue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council maintains an active presence in all our complexes and particularly in our Senior Citizen units. Our staff are trained and experienced in serving the public, especially those in most need, and are actively encouraged to participate in training programmes as provided. Our staff willingly engages with the communities in which they serve and have gone beyond the call of duty in many instances to alleviate the concerns and issues of the residents. They report on their findings on a regular basis to their line managers thus ensuring that situations that may occur can be dealt with in a timely manner prior to them escalating out of control.

Every consideration is given to our tenants, especially the most vulnerable, when embarking planned improvement works to our housing stock. Dublin City Council are currently rolling out a 'Better Energy Community Scheme' in many of our senior citizen complexes where it is proposed to upgrade the existing heating systems in these units.

The benefits of the BEC scheme for our tenants include enhanced thermal comfort and improved living conditions along with health benefits, energy savings and cost reductions.

All parties with a vested interest in seeing this Scheme being successfully rolled out are given prior notification as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected to be completed so that our tenants can be notified and be made aware well in advance of any disruptions that may occur to their daily routine. Our staff are on the ground to supervise that works are being carried out to specifications and offer updates if required. If works exceed expected time frames we can assist tenants in relocating them on a temporary basis within the area (where possible) until all works have been completed and they can return to their home.

Where a temporary relocation is necessary, every effort is made to accommodate the tenant to make the transition. A professional removal company is engaged to assist the tenant to make the transition both to the new property and again to return to their own. We also assist in the transferring of the accounts with the various service providers.

To date we have completed upgrading works under the Better Energy Community Scheme in the following areas:

- Beggars Bush
- Mellowes Court
- Robinson Court
- Clareville Court
- Griffith Crescent
- Albert College

with upgrades in the following complexes due to be completed by August 2018

- Laurence O'Toole Court
- Fr Kitt Court
- Rathmines Court
- St Lukes Court

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with the general breakdown of the overtime budget spend as regards to what grades of employees within DCC receive the

overtime payments. Also, what individuals within DCC are the top earners regarding overtime payments over the past year?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Overtime expenditure in 2017 was €15,537,125. Table 1 below, provides an analysis of overtime expenditure by staff category

**Table 1** – Analysis of Overtime Expenditure by Classification

Classification	Actual 2017
Wages - General Operatives	6,041,705
Wages - Firefighters	3,987,260
Salaries	3,629,438
Wages - Craft	1,878,722
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,537,125</b>

Table 2, lists a total of 18 staff that had overtime earnings in excess of €30k in 2017.

**Table 2** – Listing of staff with overtime earnings in excess of €30k

Grade	Overtime	Department
SUB OFFICER FB	44,109.26	Fire Brigade
INSPECTOR	42,645.47	Env+Trans_SLA
INSPECTOR	42,256.70	Env+Trans_SLA
SUB OFFICER FB	41,202.25	Fire Brigade
PROJECT EST OFFICER	40,724.76	Housing
SUB OFFICER FB	37,960.48	Fire Brigade
INSPECTOR	37,005.90	Env+Trans_SLA
SUB OFFICER FB	35,624.55	Fire Brigade
ADMIN OFFICER	34,465.06	Env+Trans_SLA
FIREFIGHTER	34,116.70	Fire Brigade
FIREFIGHTER	33,415.89	Fire Brigade
FIREFIGHTER	33,372.30	Fire Brigade
PROJECT EST OFFICER	32,982.18	Housing
SUB OFFICER FB	31,933.83	Fire Brigade
STAFF OFFICER	30,851.30	Env+Trans_SLA
STATION OFFICER FB	30,425.54	Fire Brigade
FIREFIGHTER	30,291.41	Fire Brigade
FOREMAN	30,158.25	Housing

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive as a matter of urgency, to address the issue of the negative impact of oversized walking tours within the Dublin city centre area. Many of these tours are so big that they are spreading onto the roadways and blocking up footpaths entirely stopping elderly, people with buggies, wheelchairs and indeed any pedestrians from passing by. Those in charge of these walking tours are refusing point blank to facilitate ordinary pedestrians. There is an air of arrogance and indifference to the citizens of the city. Many people have complained to me of the

erosion of the public space as a result of these commercialized free walking tours. It is now time that DCC initiated some sort of by-law or permit and also certificate of approval as you have in London, Barcelona and Paris that ensure effective management of these tours and safety in the public domain.

The issue for Dublin City Centre is fast becoming a very dangerous health and safety issue. Many families no longer want to frequent the city centre as a result of this congestion on our footpaths.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment and Transportation will seek legal advice on whether it is possible to regulate walking tours and a report will issue to the Councillor when this is received.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the use of our playing pitches across the City to ensure all pitches are being fully used?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council lets grass pitches on a calendar basis with the application forms being sent to all current users automatically. New requests are considered on an individual basis throughout the year. Clubs are allocated pitches depending on the number of teams they declare they have registered with their respective leagues and the availability of pitches available within that park /open space. As with all pitches, demand is dependent on the number of clubs/teams in the area and every effort is made facilitate all. If the Councillor has a specific area of concern, he is welcome to contact the undersigned.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive that all DCC facilities have working defibrillators and that all batteries are in working order?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 96 defibrillators installed across DCC departments. Additional defibrillators are installed in DFB stations and vehicles. A manager who requests an installation of a defibrillator in a section appoints a staff member from the section to be responsible for regular checks of the unit (including batteries operation) and also ensures at least one staff member in the section is qualified to use the defibrillator . Corporate Health and Safety Office carries out an annual installation check on all defibrillators across DCC to ensure procedures are correctly being implemented.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the damaged road surface on Nephin Road?

**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(i.e. potholes) when there is a crew available in this area and subject to other Road Maintenance Services' priorities.

In addition, Road Maintenance cannot carry out major resurfacing works at Nephin Road in the current year due to budgetary limitations, however this road will be considered for inclusion in 2019 works programme subject to available budget and other priorities.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what implications the recently announced LEA boundary report will have on area committee structures in the next council?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Management is currently examining this report and will in due course report to councillors on its implications for Dublin City Council Area Committee and Area Offices.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why it taking so long for Cluid to allocate the void units at Herberton, which have been void for an unacceptable length of time. Interviews were eventually conducted 4 weeks ago but no one has been notified of the outcome of those interviews. Why have these units been void for so long? How many units are void there at the moment and when will they be allocated.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We currently have nominations forward for three vacant units with Cluid Housing, not all interviews have been conducted and the nominees that have been interviewed are currently awaiting Estate Management Clearance, this is the normal process for any nominations to any of our Voluntary Bodies. If any of the nominations have any queries they can contact Housing Allocations for further information.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive that a full inspection be carried out on this dwelling **(details supplied)** and that this family be considered for essential maintenance transfer. The tenant has reported;

1. Sever dampness,
2. Silver fish,
3. Mould (strong odour),
4. A replacement door arrived which was 31 and not 32 and was informed that DCC do not have 32 doors so the 31 was hung but causes a strong drought,
5. Crack in the window since she moved in 24 years ago.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following an investigation there was no evidence of dampness but there are signs of condensation in the property. The tenant has been advised of proper ventilation procedures which will alleviate the condensation. A new hall door has been ordered and is due to be installed before the end of July 2018 and a glazier will call to the property to inspect and make good the window.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long to carry out the maintenance at the following address **(details supplied)**. DCC moved the gas meter behind her washing machine and this is causing problems ever since. Quite a few officials have called out to access this but nothing has been done. The shower was already there when she took up residency but the council have refused to carry out repairs as they are stating she installed the shower.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All necessary works have been carried out at this property.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is confident that the lengthy delays in processing Traffic Advisory Group Requests will be reduced by the end of 2018, and to make a statement in the matter. In his reply could the Manager comment on the turnover of staff in the Transport and Environment Section and state whether job applicants to Dublin City Council can receive incremental credit for their experience in the private sector or in other branches of the public service.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An average of 109 new TAG requests were received in each of the first 3 months of this year. Data in preparation for the Quarter 2 Progress Report on the Annual Service Delivery Plan shows that 54% of TAG requests received in January and February 2018 were determined within the 4 month target period. Progress on achieving the target is under ongoing review and will be reported on quarterly to Council.

In relation to staffing, while the current employment market is particularly vibrant, Dublin City Council continue to recruit high quality applicants at all levels into the organisation. There is no facility, at present, to grant incremental credit for experience in the private sector.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he could undertake to provide annual statistics for the operations of the Planning Enforcement Section with details of the following:

- amount of complaints received,
- number of premises these refer to,
- Warning Notices issued and complied with,
- Enforcement Notices issued and complied with,
- legal proceedings issued and complied with,
- court actions taken, and
- costs awarded.

In the absence of this could he provide figures for each of these for 2017

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The relevant information for 2018 to date and 2017 is being collated and will be sent to the Councillor directly next week.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he could request the County Sheriff to provide a new polling station in Pelletstown as the area has increased in population in recent years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The selection and administration of Polling Stations in the Dublin area is the responsibility of the City Sherriff or the County Sheriff as appropriate. Dublin City Council has no role in it but nevertheless in this instance, we will pass on the request from the Councillor for the consideration of the County Sheriff..

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the numbers availing of the Long Term Leasing Initiative and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently Dublin City Council has 93 long term leases with property owners for the purposes of providing social housing support. A further 26 leases are in progress. A number of proposers who have the potential to supply a significant number of properties have recently declared an interest in the scheme. Discussions are ongoing with these providers. An Enhanced Long Term Social Housing Leasing Scheme was launched earlier this year and is managed and administered by The Housing Agency. The scheme is targeted at new build or new to market properties delivered at scale. It is intended to compliment the long term leasing arrangements. It is anticipated that further calls for proposals will be advertised in the next few weeks.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide list of all hotel planning applications within Dublin 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 in the last 4 years. Can he please list when each planning application was submitted, when planning permission was granted, how many of these permissions are now completed, how many are in progress and the status of each application.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Hotels fall within the planning class of commercial development so it is not possible to definitively provide the information requested. However a list of applications has been compiled following a search of the planning system for the phrase ('Hotel') within the proposal. This list will be forwarded directly to the councillor. Any specific applications that the councillor is interested in can be searched directly on the public planning online system using the planning reference number.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide list of all student accommodation planning applications within Dublin 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 in the last 4 years. Can he please list when each planning application was submitted, when planning permission was granted, how many of these permissions are now completed, how many are in progress and the status of each application.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Student accommodation falls within the planning class of commercial development so it is not possible to definitively provide the information requested. However a list of applications has been compiled following a search of the planning system for the phrase ('Student') within the proposal. This list will be forwarded directly to the councillor. Any specific applications that the councillor is interested in can be searched directly on the public planning online system using the planning reference number.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will please take the necessary measures within DCC to ensure that the Sean Moore Park to Merrion Gates section of the Sutton 2 Sandycove Cycle Route is delivered. The NTA have stated that they are happy to proceed with this section of the route if they have Dublin City Council support. Can the Chief Executive please provide a status report on this?



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment & Transportation Department will be engaging with the NTA to review the prioritisation of various projects including the East Coast Trail, the Liffey Cycle Route taking into account proposals contained in the recently published BusConnect Programme. Following the discussions, the Environment & Transportation will be preparing a transportation infrastructure programme for the 2019 to 2022 Capital Programme.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive, why the number of public bins in the City was reduced by 2,000 since 2008, what happened to those 2,000 bins, and can the manager outline what mechanism is used by Dublin City Council to decide where public bins are located in the City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The reduction in the number of litter bins since the publication of the 2008 litter management plan is in the region of 400 units. An estimated figure of 5,000 bins was published in that plan which was subsequently revised down to approximately 3,500 following a bin replacement programme across the city that replaced existing bins with the newer type A and B style bins. The 400 units that have been removed over the 10 year period would have been removed from service for a variety of reasons including damage, lack of use, inappropriate location such as in a residential housing estate and the use of the bins for illegal dumping of household waste.

There are currently 3,100 public litter bins in the city. The current policy is to maintain that supply. All litter bins have been recently mapped and tagged with unique identifier numbers allowing the Waste Management Department to better manage its stock of bins. Mapping of bins has provided us with a comprehensive system for managing the installation, removal and relocation of bins including the ability to definitively assess areas of need based on existing installations and surrounding litter generators. Requests for the installation of bins from the public, elected members or operational management are assessed on the basis outlined above.

Dog Fouling Bins have been provided across the city at locations identified in cooperation with the Area departments that are in close proximity to park entrances, open green spaces and areas of high footfall dog walking. The mapping of these units is almost complete.

Solar compactor bins have been introduced into areas where there is high seasonal or peak demand or where the additional capacity and smart capacity of the bins is better suited to cater for the needs of the area. These locations have been identified in conjunction with local operational management and the Area departments. The introduction of these bins has provided a working stock of A and B type bins that are now available to carry out new installations and replacement of existing stock as required.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of installing pedestrian barriers at exit points from apartments and lane way on Dominick Street Upper. The reason for the question, as I was visiting friends there we came out on to footpath the same time as a bunch of kids as the tram was passing. It looked a bit hairy as the tram was moving on route as we exited building.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a site visit, a pedestrian barrier is not recommended as it would not conform to the DMURS Urban Roads & Streets design manual for the following reason(s):

Guardrails may be counterproductive as they may:

- Create a collision hazard for cyclists.
- Increase vehicle speeds & aggressive behaviour.
- Create a false sense of safety for both drivers and pedestrians (rails will only stop vehicles travelling at low speeds).
- Block intervisibility between drivers and children.
- Result in pedestrians being trapped on the outside of the guardrail.
- Reduce the width of footpaths.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a new boiler to be installed in the home of **(details supplied)** given the repeated problems this tenant has been experiencing?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

One of our technical Inspectors called in April to inspect the boiler but were not allowed access as the tenant advised that the boiler had been repaired and was working. Our records also indicate that there are no ongoing issues with the boiler. While there are currently no maintenance issues with the boiler, it is due to be replaced. Our Heating Division will make contact with the tenant and will arrange to have a replacement boiler installed.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of the gutters in **(details supplied)** as a matter of urgency?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements have been made to have gutters cleaned before the end of July 2018.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the damaged bathroom tiles in the home of **(details supplied)** are repaired following the recent installation of a new toilet?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Tiling works at this property has now been completed.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise the replacement of windows at the front of the home of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can the council carry out the necessary repair work, **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is not in a position to carry out repairs to this fence. As stated in our Tenants Handbook, City Council tenants are responsible for the repairs and maintenance of fences, gates and boundary walls.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to quantify how much land, in acres, is under the ownership of public bodies and state agencies in Dublin City, identify where this land is and according to the Dublin City Development Plan how many homes could be built on this land?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council does not have records of the ownership of land by public bodies and state agencies in the City Council area. However it is evident that there are significant area of land under the ownership and control of public bodies and state agencies, and that much is necessary for operational reasons.

For example, the Z15 zoning relates to institutional uses such as schools and educational institutions, hospitals, prisons etc. There are currently 760 hectares (1,878 acres) of land zoned Z15 under the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. In relation to the Vacant Sites Register, there are currently 28 sites which have been identified as being potentially suitable for entry on the Register and belonging to a public body or state agency. These are spread across the administrative area and are a total of 10.9 hectares (27 acres) in area. Using a density range of 60-120 dwellings per hectare, this could notionally deliver in the range of 654-1,308 dwellings. Returns provided under the Rebuilding Ireland website indicate 2 non local authority sites within the City Council area with housing potential; Marlborough Road and Connolly station, both owned by CIE. These sites have the potential to provide approximately 150 units.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is DCC's definition of 'affordable to buy' 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom apartments?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is currently developing proposals for submission to the Department to access funding under the Serviced Sites initiative and has identified some potential sites for delivery of affordable housing schemes. When the proposal has been finalised, indicative unit costs will be determined. The City Council is awaiting guidelines and regulations to issue from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to Affordable Housing Schemes.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned upgrade of Ballyfermot Road and surrounding environs and when will work progress on the plan?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proposals to upgrade the public realm and the attendant commercial/residential area from the Church to the Civic Centre are currently being re-evaluated in the light of the proposed initiative on the Bus Corridor from the NTA. Area Management remain committed however to improve what is effectively the village centre of Ballyfermot and will explore what works can be carried out on a phased and incremental basis without prejudice to the final decisions on the NTA plans.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Fire Chief can respond to me in relation to the fire safety of 80/82 Naas Road, Dublin 12? I reported this to the Chief Fire Officer and would like a full report regarding the fire safety standards of this illegal development built with a flagrant disregard to the planning process.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These premises were inspected by an officer from the Fire Prevention section on Saturday 9th June 2018. No. 82 has recently been renovated and accommodates 5 tenants in 5 bedrooms with a shared kitchen and living room. Work appears to be of a high standard and there is a fire detection and alarm system installed in the house. The owner has agreed to provide additional fire safety measures including a self-closer to the kitchen door, a fire blanket in the kitchen and fire extinguishers in escape routes. No. 80 is currently undergoing renovation. Note that this type of premises may be considered to be exempt from the Fire Services Act 1981 and 2003.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Chief Fire Officer if he could comment on the scheme to provide free Carbon Monoxide Alarms for residents over 55 in the South Dublin County Council area? Would such a scheme be helpful in the DCC area? If so, what would the costings be and could this be considered for the next budget estimates?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This scheme was introduced in 2018 by South Dublin County Council to provide and install carbon monoxide alarms to residents providing they meet certain criteria. I believe there is merit in Dublin City Council examining such a scheme in further detail and to provide funding for a pilot scheme in the 2019 budget estimates. Pending further investigation, it is difficult to be precise on a budget figure but I would suggest that a figure of the order of 25,000 euro be set aside for the pilot scheme.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for our Housing Maintenance Section to arrange for a structural survey our older persons units at **(details supplied)** This small cluster of housing units has no caretaker and as a result tends not to be as well or regularly maintained as other complexes. Residents have immediate issues that need urgent attention. The units need the windows and outdoor areas painted. That report that windows are rotting due to lack of paint. There are extractor vents that steam is rotting the wood. That the grass cutting contractor is not collecting the grass after its cut in the gardens resulting in the grass cutting blowing onto the cobble lock stone. That these units should be fully upgraded to include insulation etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of our ongoing Maintenance Programme, DCC Housing Maintenance will arrange for a Condition Survey to be carried out on all of the units and will then act on these reports.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive ask our Roads and Traffic Section to improve road safety for young children playing on **(details supplied)**? Parents on this road complain that there is a lot of speeding traffic on the road causing a danger to young children. They are requesting the installation of Children at Play signage or speed ramps.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for Children Crossing signage or speed ramps at the above location has been listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Roads and Traffic Section to repaint the Double Yellow lines in the keyhole on **(details supplied)**. The existing lines are difficult to see as a result of recent work carried out on replacing the footpaths at the location.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location will be inspected and the DYL's will be repainted within 30 working days of Council Meeting of July 2nd.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the recent Swimming Pool Report and in particular the sections referring to Crumlin Swimming Pool and ask if the Board of the Swan Leisure Centre could use its management and expertise to see if better use of the Crumlin Pool could be achieved.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will write to the Chairperson of the Board of Dublin City Sports and Leisure CLG, the company managing Swan Leisure, and request that he brings this matter to the attention of the Board.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a permanent caretaker for the Upper Dominic Street Apartments as requested by the residents. No one currently cleans or maintains communal stairs and hallways. There are issues of cement dust because of construction and rats. Who is in charge of cleaning it?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance Caretaking Service clean the courtyard area of this complex, sweep and weed where required and bring refuse bins out for collection twice a week. If additional power washing is required this is carried out by our Caretaking Service. This service deals with external areas only. The responsibility for cleaning internal stairways and hallways lies with the tenants. Caretakers are not allocated to one complex only, they service a number of complexes in the area.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a meeting between Residents of Blackhall Street, Queen Street and Paul Street and Dublin City Council to discuss options for residents parking, currently a free for all, especially as there's a lot of construction site vehicles looking for parking, causing agro and violence due to disagreements, anti-social behaviour and disabled residents unable to get parking.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parking is permitted on the roadway on the provision that all vehicles are parked under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) including but not limited to:

(c) Within 5 metres of a road junction;

(g) In any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises

(i) On a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

In relation to non-residents parking on the above streets, Dublin City Council can proceed with the preparation of Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes and subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a scheme. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from the residents of the road.

A request for a Parking Scheme will then be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

The road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.

A proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.

The road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

In relation to Disabled Parking on the above streets, drivers (or car passengers) with a disability can apply for a Disabled Person's Parking Bay at the following email address: [traffic@dublincity.ie](mailto:traffic@dublincity.ie)

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR ALLISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the rationale for the current 'spraying' method for weeds as opposed to having them removed by staff by hand from a) an effectiveness perspective b) a visual public realm perspective i.e. the 2 months of yellowing weeds perspective and c) a staffing perspective. The questions arise from regular annual complaints about the unkemptness of our verges and footpaths and of how those spraying the weeds fly around not taking care to ensure all weeds are caught.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is conscious of the widely held desire amongst the public to maintain a 'tidy' appearance in estates and neighbourhoods, which traditionally has meant the widespread application of herbicides. However, Dublin City Council is also conscious of the need to reduce, replace, and where possible eliminate the use of herbicides and particularly glyphosate due to the potential risk to the environment and human health as highlighted by the World Health Organisation. While weed growth is a matter of aesthetic perception, the natural vegetation which constitutes weeds does not pose a hazard to the public and it therefore does not warrant the degree of herbicide application that occurred heretofore, and which we now know has impacts on our environment.

The removal of all weeds by hand over a 1131km length of public roadway and footpaths by Dublin City Council staff would not be economically viable. Any alternative control methods for the treatment of weeds has to be efficient, effective, practical and economical in the way of treating weeds. While alternative control

methods (e.g. vinegar application, hot water, foam stream, flame weeding, etc) are currently being trialled in Dublin it is not clear at this time that they will completely displace the use of a chemical herbicide.

However, physical removal of weeds is, and always has been, an important means of weed control and it is Dublin City Council policy to facilitate residents/community groups through tidy towns and similar community initiatives to control incidental weed growth in their local area by using alternative methods to herbicide application. The judging and evaluation of the Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts Awards is increasingly informed by the need to reduce and minimise the use of herbicides, to protect bees and other insects, and to promote pollinator friendly areas.

Dublin City Council increasingly supports such efforts primarily by arranging for the collection of bagged material for disposal as green or normal waste. This is facilitated by the local Public Domain Officer.

Public Domain supplies many local community groups in the South Central Area with gardening tools, gloves and bags to facilitate community clean-ups and environmental initiatives. Over 40 groups in the area participate in Team Dublin Clean Up and City Neighbourhoods competition. The competing groups in the City Neighbourhoods are awarded 15% of total 150 marks for Biodiversity/landscaping providing spaces that promote pollinator corridors. Wild flower/weeds are vital to the ecosystem many of which attract bees and butterflies natures' pollinators. Selective Manual weed removal is preferred in these situations.

The Transformation of local communal and public areas by local community members ensures the continued sustainability of environmental projects and provides much needed natural habitats for flora and fauna particularly in commercial/ high density housing areas.

The Public Domain Officer oversees the weed spraying programme which is rolled out annually from May-September. Any public area in the charge of Dublin City Council is treated. Complaint or Queries in relation to this service can be emailed to [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

The weed spraying is carried out every year in the 5 areas. The contractor is tasked with covering each area and this is done within a certain timeframe weather permitting. The weeds are sprayed and they turn yellow as a consequence of dying off. When they have died off, most residents then remove the weeds from outside their homes and the road is then free of weeds. There is no other alternative to the yellowing of the weeds. Dublin City Council would not be able to remove every weed by hand, as this task is huge and would be very time and labour intensive.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR ALLISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail whether in the taking in charge process of an estate residents are allow to retain their individual parking space.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

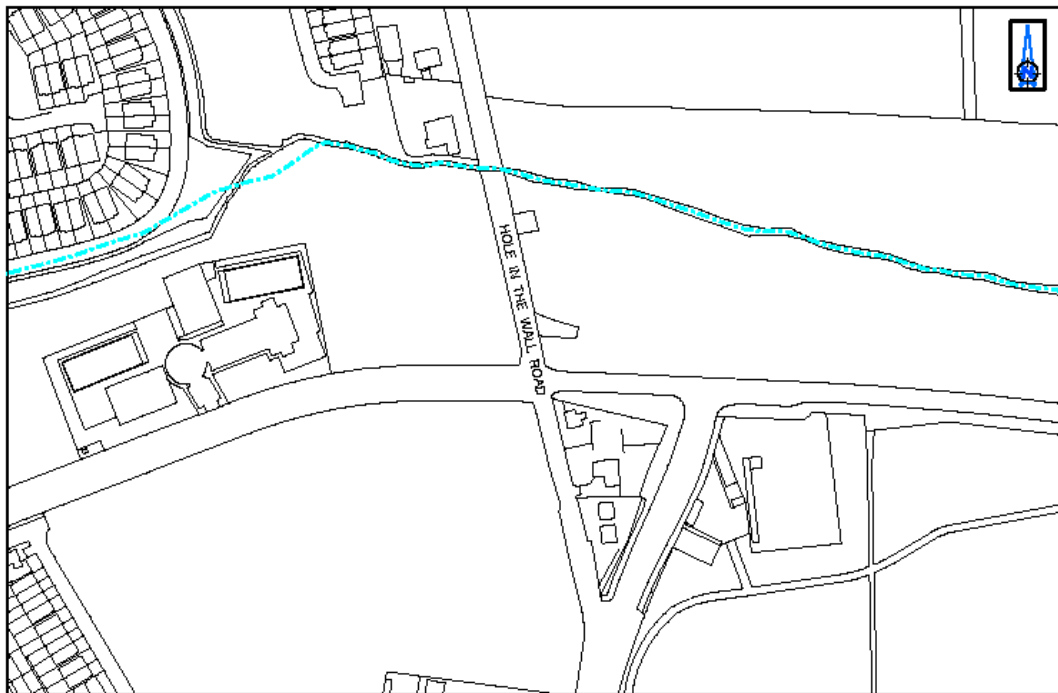
As part of the general taking in charge procedure of a development the roads become public roads and therefore there would be no car parking reserved for residents. However if an individual parking space was assigned to a purchaser on their property deeds a case could be made that they are entitled to retain this space.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR ALLISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to identify the DCC boundary between itself and Fingal County Council along the Hole in the Wall Rd in terms of house numbers i.e. between which 2 house numbers does the boundary line fall.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The river Mayne forms the administrative boundary between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council at the Hole in the Wall Road. Therefore, Hole in the Wall Road properties to the south of the river Mayne are in Dublin City Council. The blue line on the map below shows the county boundary.



**Q.70 COUNCILLOR ALLISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current responsibilities of DCC staff to Irish Water as per our SLA.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Service Level Agreement (SLA) of December 2013 is between Dublin City Council and Irish Water. Each year an Annual Service Plan (ASP) is agreed between Dublin City Council and Irish Water in which performance targets and resources and budgets are set out for that year.

All DCC staff within the area of water and wastewater services remain DCC employees and their roles and responsibilities are, in common with all DCC employees, assigned by DCC management.

While the SLA and ASP does impact on many aspects of how water and wastewater services are delivered, the individual DCC staff members who work in this area continue to work under the direction of and continue to report to their DCC assigned line manager in line with all existing DCC policies and procedures.



**Q.71 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide detail to this councillor as to the purpose of in-apartment inspections due to be carried out at Cromcastle Court inspections by F. Brady & Son Ltd on behalf of Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the Standards for Rented Houses 2017, which were implemented in July 2017, Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance are carrying out conditional surveys on all of our units.

This survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and enables DCC to see what upgrade works are needed on our units. The survey looks at a number of items, Primarily;

- Smoke Alarms
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms
- Heat Detectors
- Structural Condition
- Ventilation
- Windows
- Sanitary Facilities
- Heating Facilities
- Lighting

Once the results of the survey are returned to this Department we will implement a Programme of Works to carry out on the units as required.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council is satisfied with the standard of dwelling units provided by Ciarns/Parkside developers given the correspondence the council has on file from Jeremy Gardiner Associates (26th August 2016) detailing six fire safety concerns located in Belmayne.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Building Control Regulations 1997 to 2015 are highly robust regulatory procedures provided to support and demonstrate a building's compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations.

Registered construction professionals are required to certify the design of new buildings as compliant with the requirements of the Building Regulations, construction work is inspected on a planned and regular basis throughout the construction stage and the completed work is certified as compliant with the requirements of the Building Regulations. The Building Control Register, with details of all notified construction projects, is available to view online at <https://www.localgov.ie/bcms>.

I am satisfied that the development at Parkside on the Malahide Road by Cairn Homes is proceeding in full compliance with Building Control requirements.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if an emergency meeting of the Edenmore Safety Forum can be convened in early July to deal with issues that have been brought to this councillor's attention in terms of the upkeep of the public domain and Edenmore Park as well as a spike in anti-social behaviour problems.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

On reviewing the situation at Edenmore and examining the sets of issues which have been brought to our attention from a number of sources including NCA Staff, convening an on-site meeting/s with key parties is seen as the most effective way of addressing the problems. Many of these relate to boundary treatments /incursions on same, severe green area damage within Park curtilage and remainder issues relating to damage to the Public Domain, all of which need practical solutions/investment and the co-operation of relevant Departments.

Separately, the issues in relation to anti-social behaviour have reportedly escalated into a category of offences which require specific advice from the Gardai and given the nature of such offences, the public forum of the Safer Fora would not be the most suitable in terms of advancing progress in dealing with such reported offences.

Assembling key parties on both sets of reported issues will be arranged to take place immediately following the second week of July 2018.

We intend to set the date for same very shortly and will advise all parties as soon as availability of all personnel required has been confirmed.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he or anybody in Dublin City Council has been made aware of draft proposals from Dublin Bus and/or the NTA to rationalise suburban bus routes that operate within estates in poorer socio-economic areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have not been made aware of any such proposals.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on requests for traffic calming at **(details supplied)**. Noting items 66 (listed on 04/01/2016) and 173 (listed on 10/10/2017) of the TAG report (15/05/2018) it must be acknowledged that the current speed ramps at this location are not effective and cars are speeding relentlessly on this road. Has the speed been monitored as yet?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above requests from January 2016 and October 2017 are listed on the Traffic Advisory agenda for examination and report. The Area Engineer has reported that it is expected to conduct a speed survey at this location in September 2018 following the re-opening of schools. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a stop sign at the junction of **(details supplied)** and for double yellow lines at the junction also to prevent parking which is causing a dangerous situation there. It is acknowledged that the parking problem is an enforcement issue with the Gardai but with no markings on this road at all and because it is a residential street motorists need to be reminded that the restriction of parking on corners and at junctions still applies.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These requests have been listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the reinstatement of the path across from **(details supplied)**. The resident there has recently had surgery and is worried about using this path to get around because it is in a bad state.

**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.78 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider acquiring funding for a path repair scheme in Dublin North West, specifically for paths which have been damaged by trees, where the tree will need to be removed and replaced with a smaller more appropriate tree. This would need to be arranged in conjunction with both the roads/paths department and the parks department. Paths in parts of Ballymun, Finglas and Glasnevin are affected by tree roots and they are very dangerous for pedestrians.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In regard to the acquisition of funding for path repair schemes, Road Maintenance Services informs that an annual budget is allocated to major road works (i.e. footpath and carriageway works) and a separate budget is allocated to direct labour, who carries out repairs both in the footpath and carriageway at specific addresses.

The 2018 annual works programme, which also includes the direct labour budget allocation, was presented to Councillors at a special meeting early in the year.

A copy of this programme may be obtained from the Area Office. Please revert with specific addresses or road names in order to enable a suitable inspection and prioritisation of works.

Generally, if a Road Maintenance Inspector considers upon inspection that the tree roots will cause an obstruction to the footpath works, then same will liaise with the Parks Inspector and the latter will determine whether the tree requires to be removed. Please refer the matter to Parks as well together with the following proposal which Road Maintenance Services deems pertinent to the Councillor's request:

Road Maintenance Services proposes that Parks should consider to commence a tree survey programme, with a view to identify the trees which present bulging roots and proceed to 1) replace the respective trees and 2) advise the Road Maintenance Services Area Inspector of the footpath reinstatement locations.

It should be noted that the budging tree roots are causing extensive damage to footpaths and in many parts they even make the footpaths unsuitable for pedestrian or disabled use.

Parks will liaise with the roads department in relation to our tree replacement programme. The issue of funding is for the Roads department to answer.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive can the broken white lines on **(details supplied)** be repainted? This is at the entrance to a School and they are in a bad way.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location will be inspected and the road markings will be renewed within 30 working days of Council Meeting of July 2nd.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if ivy on a house **(details supplied)** can be removed given that it is causing structural damage, including damage to the roof, and is blocking day light? The female tenant of this house is not in a position to do it herself.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The responsibility for maintaining the external of a dwelling and garden lies with the tenant, however contact will be made with this tenant to inspect the ivy and advise on the best solution for dealing with the issue. Housing Maintenance will inspect the roof in relation to any damage caused.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for bottle banks to be put in place in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** given that private bottle banks were recently removed from this area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The bottle banks at Northside Shopping Centre were located on private land belonging to the shopping centre. This land has now been sold and is being redeveloped. Waste Management will write to the management of the new store at this site to seek permission to reinstate the bottle banks.

Alternative bottle banks are located at the following locations:

- Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre
- Oscar Traynor Coaching & Development Centre

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if a new kitchen and bathroom can be provided in a house **(details supplied)** given that the existing facilities are very old.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of both the kitchen and bathroom at this property revealed that both are in good functioning order. Whilst the units and fittings may not be ascetically pleasing, they are not in need of replacement.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive the residents at **(details supplied)**, have requested the possibility for provision of a pedestrian opening or gate at the Cul de sac to allow much easier access to the Oscar Traynor road for the bus stop at this location.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As shown on the attached drawing of the proposed scheme for Bunratty Road (180611 Bunratty Rd Part 8 Site Layout Plan.pdf), it is the design intention to allow pedestrian access through all of the existing cul de sacs off Bunratty road onto the Oscar Traynor road. This drawing was circulated to all councillors prior to the Local Area Committee meeting on 18th June, though due to the scale of the drawings as printed at A4, it may not be immediately apparent that pedestrian access has been

allowed for. It should be noted that there is no proposal to allow vehicular access through the scheme onto the Oscar Traynor Road as part of this development.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive the residents at **(details supplied)** have requested boulders or bollards be installed around the perimeter of the green space here to prevent scramblers and quad bikes from accessing it, the small wall is not a deterrent for this scourge and recently an old woman was knocked down by them while crossing the green, photo attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The ongoing issue of scrambler bikes and quads on public open space is of great concern to the Council but it is next to impossible to exclude these machines while still allowing access to parents with buggies or prams, wheelchair users or mobility scooters. Boulders unfortunately will not prevent scramblers entering the open space. The high kerb around the green is designed to prevent cars mounting the path and entering the green.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive is the current insulation upgrade project on the Cromcastle flats complex Kilmore Dublin 5, on programme and will works on the remaining blocks run consecutively from one block to the next?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Insulation works in the flat complex in Cromcastle is ahead of work schedule with Block 2 nearing completion and the scaffolding due to be removed from it during the week. Insulation has been fitted to Block 3 and it is now ready for rendering. Insulation works on Block 4 is due to commence within the next two weeks.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of new affordable housing builds/schemes planned for people on the existing waiting lists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is currently developing proposals for submission to the Department to access funding under the Services Sites initiative and has identified a number potential sites for delivery of affordable housing schemes. When these proposals have been finalised, indicative unit costs and numbers will be determined. The City Council is awaiting guidelines and regulations to issue from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to Affordable Housing schemes.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the tree outside **(details supplied)** could be inspected with a view to cutting it back in order to stop it knocking off and damaging the windows at this dwelling.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer has visited the site and the offending tree is within the Templeogue/Synge St GAA Club boundary and as such is the responsibility of the club. The City Council has no authority to trim any trees/shrubbery on private property. Public Domain will arrange a meeting with the club secretary to discuss cutting back the overhanging foliage.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

To ask the Chief Executive, if work can be done to improve the accessibility of the footpath at the corner of Broombridge/Bannow Rds (at the LUAS station). There is a raised drain here that takes up a large section of the footpath, it is difficult for those with prams & wheelchairs to move along this section of the footpath.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Drainage Division will investigate the feasibility of lowering this manhole chamber so it is flush with the footpath.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

To ask the Chief Executive, if there can be public domain improvements at the LUAS Broombridge stop around the junction of Bannow/Broombridge Roads.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans to implement public domain improvements at the Luas stop at the junctions mentioned above. If the Councillor would like to make specific suggestions then we can consider in the context of 2019 Parks Improvements if appropriate. TII have confirmed that there are no further works planned by them or their agents in the public realm at Broombridge. There are approximately 3 weeks work left around the new foot bridge and platforms within their site.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

To ask the Chief Executive to continue to monitor the parking at Broombridge/Bannow Rd at the LUAS/Rail station to combat the dangerous & illegal parking. And to have double yellow lines place at the rest of the corners here as this is an ongoing issue & it is likely to cause an accident.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 28th March 2017 reported that under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked.....(c) within 5 metres of a road junction".

It is not recommended to introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the Regulations, such as placing double yellow lines across entrances and at corners, as this would lead to a proliferation of same. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend double yellow lines at the above location. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500), or to the local Gardaí, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Regulations.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**

To ask the Chief Executive, if there are any measures that can be taken to make it safer for pedestrians crossing the canal over Broombridge.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will investigate this and report back with potential recommendations.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the improving of signage for Drumcondra Rd and Mobhi road cycle lanes for the benefit of cyclist and Pedestrians? Please see typical junctions (see attachments) Warning signs for motorists of cyclists are needed on the Drumcondra Cycle path.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There was a significant revamp in relation to signage on these Cycle Tracks in and around Easter 2018. General signage RUS058 was replaced with site specific RUS058CL / RUS058CR as required. The purpose of this was to properly identify which side of the Footpath, Cyclists or Pedestrians were to proceed. It is not proposed to install additional signage.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR DIERDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to road/lane surface at location as per **(details supplied)** and say if he can have large pot-holes in same repaired as they are a hazard for motorists

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair will be scheduled when a crew is next available in the area, hopefully within 2-4 weeks.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to borders at placed at location as per details A attached and say

1. Why these borders were installed in the first instance and if the outcome of their installation has achieved the desired result
2. If he is aware resident feels that the structures seem to be having an unintended result in that motorists are now parking inside the installed borders
3. If he is aware that they are a trip hazard for pedestrians, both young and old
4. If he is aware that some residents favour their removal as reported to me by a resident
5. If he can carry out an examination of the situation at location as per details supplied and say if he would consider the raising of the path at the edge of verge at (A) **(details supplied)** similar to that which was done at (B) **(details supplied)**, to prevent cars from driving up onto same as opposed to the continued installation/positioning of the borders

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issues raised will be investigated by the North Central Area Engineer and a report will be issued to the Councillor in the coming weeks.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an up-date on plans for the takeover by Dublin City Council of Dalymount Park and if he will;-

- a) report on progress over the last two years
- b) say if the Department of Sport has as of yet, committed funds towards the project
- c) say if he has a timescale for the temporary transfer of Bohemians FC to Tolka Park and the later transfer of both teams back to Dalymount Park
- d) say if Dublin City Council's plans for the eventual use of Tolka Park have been developed and if details same can now be announced
- e) say if the Roads and Traffic Department's plan for the widening of Gracepark Rd, approaching Tolka Park and the new road through Tolka Park have been accepted into Dublin City Council's planning aims and if he will make a statement on the overall matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) Following a public procurement process Dublin City Council engaged Wrenbridge Sport Ltd in January 2018 to complete a detailed appraisal of the Dalymount Park Redevelopment Project. The appraisal will be completed shortly and will give the Council a clear understanding of the best option for the redevelopment of Dalymount Park. This document will form the basis of any funding applications going forward. Both Dalymount Park & Tolka Park continue to operate and host matches for Bohemian FC and Shelbourne FC respectively. The two stadiums continue to be managed by the clubs in partnership with Dublin City Council. A steering group has been in operation in November 2016 with representatives from both clubs, FAI, and Dublin City Council local area office. This steering group gives these stakeholders an opportunity to voice their views on the redevelopment plans and raise issues in relation to the current stadiums.
- b) A new large scale sport infrastructure projects fund was announced in the national budget in October 2017. Further details of how this scheme will work are still to be announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism, & Sport. Dublin City Council intends to apply for funding for the redevelopment of Dalymount Park through this scheme.
- c) Bohemian FC current plan is to temporally relocate to Tolka Park during the redevelopment of Dalymount Park. Once the new stadium is complete both Bohemian FC & Shelbourne FC will relocate to Dalymount Park as co-tenants. The actual timescale for this is currently hard to define as the commencement date for construction will be affected by a number of variables including funding requirements.
- d) Shelbourne FC will continue to use Tolka Park as their home football ground for the immediate future. The plan during the redevelopment of Dalymount Park will be that Shelbourne FC and Bohemians FC will share Tolka Park which will be for approximately two years. Details of the future use of Tolka Park have not been decided upon.
- e) Regarding the road widening on Gracepark Road, as sites have come up for development setbacks have been required to facilitate future road widening. Road objectives in the vicinity of Tolka Park include the Richmond Road Improvement Scheme which is listed as an objective in the current City Development Plan 2016-2022.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, if, in relation to the housing construction currently ongoing in Hampton Convent, Gracepark Road, he can now give a timescale for the road widening of Gracepark Road approaching Griffith Avenue which was a condition in the planning approval for this development and if he can say when the construction work is due to commence, how long the project will take and when the newly completed road is due to fully open.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The developer's design team have been engaging in ongoing consultation with the Environment and Transportation Department in Dublin City Council regarding the provision of the right hand turning lane, associated works and costs associated with same in compliance with Condition no. 25 of Register Reference 4105/15 which outlines the following:

25. The developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution as a special contribution under section 48(2) (c) of the Planning and Development Act



2000, as amended, in respect of the provision, by the local authority, of a right-turning lane at the junction of Grace Park Road and Griffith Avenue, including all ancillary traffic management facilities, footpaths, traffic and pedestrian signals and public lighting. The amount of the contribution shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of such agreement, the matter shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination. The contribution shall be paid prior to commencement of development or in such phased payments as the planning authority may facilitate and shall be updated at the time of payment in accordance with changes in the Wholesale Price Index – Building and Construction (Capital Goods), published by the Central Statistics Office.

A compliance submission has been received by Dublin City Council in respect of condition no. 25 which outlines that further meetings will be scheduled to finalise the design of the right hand turning lane and determine associated costs. Ongoing consultation is required in terms of compliance with this condition.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive can he provide the number of applicants who applied for the new Dublin City Council apprenticeships scheme, broken down by trade?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Seven hundred and eighty-two (782) applicants completed the application process for the apprenticeship scheme advertised by Dublin City Council earlier this year. The table below gives a breakdown of the number of completed applications by craft.

No. of Applicants for Junior Apprentice Scheme by Craft (2018)

<b>Craft</b>	<b>Completed Tests</b>
<b>Electrician</b>	405
<b>Bricklayer</b>	47
<b>Carpenter</b>	195
<b>Plumbing</b>	135

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail number of people who have been housed under the Housing First program over the past three years? Can he confirm the numbers who have retained the tenancy allocated during this period?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Since 2015, 193 persons have participated in the Housing First Scheme. The scheme has continued to have a high housing retention rate of 87%, up to May 2018. This compares very favourably with international norms.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of horses sized by Dublin City Council over the past three years, by area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**2015**

57 horses seized in South Central Area  
51 horses seized in North Central Area  
32 horses seized in North West Area  
5 horses seized in Central Area

**2016**

91 horses seized in South Central Area  
70 horses seized in North Central Area  
18 horses seized in North West Area  
11 horses seized in Central Area

**2017**

68 horses seized in South Central Area  
17 horses seized in North Central Area  
32 horses seized in North West Area  
5 horses seized in Central Area

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive the following - As part of the Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016 to 2020 it was agreed to “produce guidance on species of public trees suitable for urban planting (Objective 3.1)” and “provide best practice examples for Urban Tree Planting to ensure adequate soil volumes to support healthy tree growth and to minimise conflicts with the built environment (Objective 3.5)”. Given the difficulties ensuring sufficient root space in urban areas and the ongoing damage to walls and footpaths caused by previously planted species, do we currently have guidance on suitable species for various sized areas and is the lack of sufficient root space impacting on the roll out of public trees?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The planting of trees in the urban environment is challenging and requires particular care in planting and subsequent maintenance due to the various conditions and constraints found there. There is both written guidance and direct professional experience guiding Parks & Landscape Services in their ongoing work of greening the city.

The constraints both above and below ground may in reality limit the ability to plant trees, however this needs to be assessed on a case by case basis. Fortunately opportunities to plant new public trees and improve our city tree canopy coverage continue to arise and help to achieve Objective 3 of the Strategy, and pursuant to that objective Parks Service succeeded in planting 1349 Trees in 2016 , and 1671 trees in 2017.

Please note; While Action 3.5 referred to in the question was part of the draft Tree Strategy. It was subsequently incorporated into Actions 3.1 – 3.4 in the final City Council approved version.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please install a pedestrian crossing on the Howth Road at the exit point from Foxfield (Foxfield Road – across from the Circle K garage)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is an existing request on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for a pedestrian crossing at the above location. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please install a pedestrian crossing on the Howth Road at the exit point from Maywood/Avondale.

**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.103 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive in regards to the public pavement outside **(details supplied)**, it is in very poor condition as a result of overgrown tree roots. There have been at least 3 efforts to repair it but without success on account of the underlying problem of the roots. Can the Chief Executive organise for the tree to be replaced with a more suitable specimen and then for the footpath to be repaired?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection at this location. A repair will be scheduled when a crew is next available in the area. We will liaise with the parks department who will decide whether it is possible to trim the roots or replace the tree. The tree maintenance budget for the area has already been committed for 2018; the locus will be inspected and if appropriate will be included in the tree works schedule for early 2019.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive please (a) alter the traffic light sequence at the junction of Botanic Avenue and Mobhi Road to give traffic coming from Botanic Avenue additional green time and (b) introduce a filter light at this junction for those turning right onto Mobhi Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 30th January, 2018, reported that Dublin City Council makes every effort to ensure that all road users are accommodated within the phasing and sequencing of traffic signals and management of traffic movements. The ITS Section (Intelligent Transport Systems) evaluated the junction at Botanic Avenue and St Mobhi Road and cannot, at this time, recommend the installation of a right turn filter from Botanic Avenue to St Mobhi Road. In order to provide a right turn filter as requested, signal timing would need to be removed from other approaches which would increase overall congestion and, most importantly, delay the many bus routes that operate via this junction.

The ITS Section, however, will continue to monitor traffic movements at the junction and, if necessary, consider what changes may be beneficial. This junction operates under the SCATS Traffic Management System, which is an adaptive traffic system responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds per junction. This time is divided out depending on demand. The Section looked at the predefined plans and gave more time to Botanic

Avenue to help alleviate traffic delays. The ITS Section will continue to monitor the junction and see what other changes can be made.

The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a right turn filter light at the above junction.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the wooden benches which have been burned by vandals along the path leading to the Irishtown Nature Reserve. The path in question is de facto the outer perimeter of Sean Moore Park on the Sandymount Strand side (as opposed to the Sean Moore Road side). The paths are essential for all who enjoy the Nature Reserve, in particular senior citizens.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Replacement benches for this location have been purchased and are currently being prepared for installation. It is anticipated that they will be installed over the coming 4 to 6 weeks.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to implement traffic calming measures in Lad Lane as requested by the South Georgian Core Residents' Association in the attached correspondence.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Lad Lane is included in a 30km/h zone which came into effect in March, 2017. In view of this, the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that it is not proposed to consider the installation of speed ramps on Lad Lane. The enforcement of the 30 km/h speed limit is a matter for the Gardaí.

There is a Pay and Display and Permit Parking scheme, located on the east side of Lad Lane, which helps to reduce traffic speed in the area.

The Traffic Advisory Group is in discussion with a planning permission submission to introduce a build-out on both sides of Lad Lane Upper where it joins with Cumberland Road. This will help reduce traffic speeds on Lad Lane Upper.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive to have fixed, the hole at the entrance to Claremont Estate, Glasnevin, outside of Number 4 Claremont. It was damaged during the snow storms, and has been a source of considerable frustration to residents ever since.

**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.108 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive to have fixed, the pavement between numbers 51 and 61 Claremont Crescent. This damaged footpath has been a trip hazard for residents for quite some time.

**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.109 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive to have fixed the pavement between numbers 153 and 157 Claremont Court. The pavement is lifting and is a trip hazard at this point.

**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.110 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the large section of footpath at the corner of Court at Nos. 14-16 Claremont Court, that was dug up in the past few weeks, be properly repaired by the City Council. A really poor temporary resurfacing was placed there- which is entirely unsuitable to the purpose intended.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The details have been forwarded to the local water department for investigation and response. Once we receive any update, a member of our team will be in contact with Councillor Gannon.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive please ensure all roads in the Drimnagh Area, Ballyfermot Area are sprayed for weeds or they are removed Residents in Drimnagh are up in arms with the state of the verges; paths etc it appears that no maintenance is currently taking place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Weed-spraying this year commenced on 28th May and is scheduled by area. A contractor on behalf of Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Section carries out this function, which is supervised by the Public Domain Officer. The scheduled start date for the area's 1st weed spray is 16th July 2018. As the weather has been very good of late, the contractor may improve on the scheduled date. All areas in the charge of the City Council will be treated.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive please ensure that double yellow lines are put on the inward & outward sides of the Road at Sarsfield Road between Ballyfermot & Inchicore from the Railway Bridge towards Dan Ryan Truck Rentals I have requested from residents & Dublin Bus to see the lines put down as a matter of urgency at Dublin Bus say drivers are experiencing long delays with cars now parking further up Sarsfield Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been listed for examination and report by the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council ensure as part of the Re-Development of 14 to 19 Main Street Chapelizod Dublin 20 that one or two commercial units are situated here to promote services in the Village the area currently only has one shop for the whole area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There does not appear to be any current planning permission or planning application on these lands. However, the zoning objective for the lands is Z1 which seeks to protect, provide and improve residential amenities. A shop (local) is permitted in a Z1 zone, hence any future applicant can be encouraged to provide a shop or related use to enhance existing and future residential amenities.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council consider the erection of a temporary camera in the vicinity of the Old Cemetery Gate Lodge at Golden Bridge / Vincent Street Inchicore Dublin 8 in order to deter Anti-Social Behaviour / burning of waste / copper in the Area on the old St Michaels Estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are positively disposed towards installing C.C.T.V. at this location. However, following the introduction of new G.D.P.R. in late May the City Council are seeking legal advice on compliance with the new requirements. As soon as we receive this advice we will report back to the Councillor.