

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update and repair the drainage systems in the courts in **(details supplied)**. There are frequent problems with sewage and flooding due to longstanding drainage issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is an ongoing issue and we are working with contractors to resolve this problem. Work had slowed down for the summer holidays but will resume once the schools have returned after the summer break.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to review disc parking proposal at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Normally the Environment and Transportation Department would insist on a petition from residents (25% of households on the road) in order to consider a proposal for Pay and Display and Permit parking and this is what was advised previously in response to local Councillors in response to previous Questions on the matter. The petition provides some reassurance that there are at least a number of residents in favour of a request for introduction of a scheme and that a ballot may be warranted. It has always been a concern of the Environment and Transportation Department that the proposal for introduction of a scheme on **(details supplied)**, as with other roads surrounding St. James's Hospital, was initiated via the Area Manager and Motion agreed by the South Central Area Committee in December 2017 rather than as a result of a request directly from residents.

Ballots were sent to all residents on the Register of Electors. Of the 77 ballot papers sent out to residents 32 were returned. There were just five dwellings that were not sent notification of the proposal and ballot papers as a result of there being no resident on the Register of Electors. Discounting spoiled ballots and those not on the Register of Electors and that failed to provide proof of residence the result was 16 in favour of introduction of the scheme and 8 against.

While the number of ballots returned was low it is the only method for the Council to reliably verify the views of residents and ensure that the wishes of the residents in relation to proposals is known. It is not uncommon for some that sign the residents petition in favour of a scheme to then vote against it when they return their ballot paper. Presumably there is some pressure to sign the request when another resident/neighbour is present and asking for support.

It should be noted that since the ballot the Environment and Transportation Department has had representations by residents both in favour and against the proposal with some residents in favour expressing concern that the Council might decide to not proceed with the proposal on the basis of the objections now being received despite the majority of ballots returned indicating a majority in favour, albeit on the basis of a low number of ballots returned. Were the Environment and Transportation Department to ignore the result of the ballot it would likely be open to the accusation that it had ignored the result in favour of another group of residents and even were it to conduct another ballot could be accused of continuing to conduct ballots until a desired result or outcome was achieved.

While residents have yet to be notified of the start date for the scheme it appears that the contractor attempted to mark out the scheme and withdrew when confronted by some of the residents. It will be a couple of weeks yet before residents are notified and one month after that for the start date of the scheme. Given that the ballot was carried out at the request of the Area Manager and agreement of the South Central Area Committee and there is now a result in favour of the proposal it will require the Area Manager or Area Committee to indicate that it is agreed that the scheme now not proceed.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if there are any plans for the shop unit at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Department currently have no record of a planning application for a development at **(details supplied)**.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular form a list of voids completed in 2017 and 2018 to include:

- (a) renovations works required,
- (b) works carried out
- (c) total costs of work carried out in each void
- (d) length of time taken to complete
- (e) contracting company

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a summary of the properties that have been refurbished in 2017 and to date in 2018:

Refurbished in 2017

Property	Number
House	265
Apartment	330
Senior Citizens	281
Total	876

Refurbished to Date in 2018

Property	Number
House	218
Apartment	220
Senior Citizens	257
Total	695

Refurbishment works carried out on voids typically include:

- Attic and cavity insulation,
- Window replacement
- Kitchen and bathroom upgrade
- Rewiring, joinery, heating upgrade, painting and external works to bring property up to current letting standards

The cost of the refurbishments in 2017 was €18,495,781. In 2018 to date €13,407,323.49 has been expended so far.

All contractors are appointed from a Framework which was established following competitive public tender in 2016.

A new Framework is currently being finalised. The following contractors were appointed to the previous Framework in 2016:

- Noonan
- Des Adams
- Richard Drumgoole
- Owenbee
- Westside
- D&S Higgins
- Ken Building
- Raheen

The Councillor will be contacted directly in relation to individual addresses, individual vacancy rates and works required.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City Council will make a submission to the EU free Wi-Fi hotspot initiative, WiFi4EU.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will apply for the for the WiFi4EU initiative. The call will open in mid-September - <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/policies/wifi4eu-free-wi-fi-europeans>.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a tabular list of sports clubs in the DCC area which are liable for rates, the square footage of the various aspects of the clubs and the amount of rates payable per year for each of the clubs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Valuation Act 2001, the entire premises occupied by a sports club registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904 was liable for commercial rates. The Valuation (Amendment) Act 2015 introduced a new provision to the Valuation Act 2001 which gives rise to partial exemption.

The partial exemption applies to Clubs where buildings or part of buildings are occupied and are used exclusively for "community sport" on a not-for-profit basis. The club must be registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act 1904. The term "community sport" is defined in legislation and is set out in Schedule 4, paragraph 4B of the 2001 Act.

We have 167 sports clubs listed in the valuation base. There is a charge of €4,632,738 p/a in respect of these ratings. The Rates Office does not have details regarding the square footage of the various clubs. The list of the above clubs will be made available to you.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in bands the length of time people have been living in emergency accommodation and to split between families and single people. > 1 year, 1 - 2 years, 2 -3 years, 4-5 years, 5 - 6 years, > 6 years. The Chief Executive in his response should set out plans to move long stay people into housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tables below detail the length of time people have been living in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region (PASS data is collated on a regional basis). On the night of the 31st of July 2018, 3869 adults were accommodated, of which 53% were adults without dependent children (singles) and 47% were adults with children (families).

Table 1: Number of individual adults accessing emergency accommodation on a single night: 31st of July 2018

	Number of adults	Percentage of adults
Adults without dependent children (Singles)	2054	53%
Adults with dependent children (families)	1815	47%
Total	3869	100%

Table 2: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for ADULTS WITHOUT CHILD DEPENDENTS (SINGLES) accommodated on a single night: 31st of July 2018

Duration in emergency accommodation	Number of adults	Percentage of adults
Less than 1 year	1167	57%
1-2 years	386	19%
2-3 years	227	11%
3-4 years	141	7%
4-5 years	66	3%
5-6 years	29	1%
6+ years	38	2%
Total	2054	100%

Table 3: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for ADULTS WITH CHILD DEPENDENTS (FAMILIES) accommodated on a single night: 31st of July 2018

Duration in emergency accommodation	Number of adults	Percentage of adults
Less than 1 year	1188	65%
1-2 years	464	25%
2-3 years	137	8%
3-4 years	26	2%

4-5 years	0	0%
5-6 years	0	0%
6+ years	0	0%
Total	1815	100%

Families accessing Emergency Accommodation

As detailed in Table 3, there are no families in Emergency Accommodation for more than four years and a small number (26) in accommodation between 3-4 years. Research conducted by the DRHE shows that the average number of months in emergency accommodation is notably shorter for families who moved to HAP tenancies than for those who moved to LA and AHB tenancies respectively. The lack of adequate social housing supply can be a determining factor on the duration of time accessing Emergency Accommodation if a family is waiting on a social housing tenancy and particularly so if the applicant is seeking an area/s where vacancies are rare and demand is very high.

Singles accessing Emergency Accommodation

The tables above show that those accessing emergency accommodation in excess of 4 years are singles with no dependents. These people may be more complex cases, involving mental health and addiction issues. Pathways to residential addiction services are at times unavailable and the same applies to Step Down Drug Free facilities post Detox etc. The DRHE are working with Tusla and the HSE with regard to this particular group of high support need people, specific care packages are required for particularly vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in areas such as Homeless Hospital Discharge, mental health and substance abuse. An exit from emergency accommodation for single adults to any tenure can be challenging due to the lack of available one-bedroom accommodation. The DRHE are actively working through our housing acquisitions and with Approved Housing Bodies to increase our stock of one-bedroom accommodation.

The DRHE and funded NGO's provide a range of supports to people experiencing homelessness and support for those in tenancies to prevent reoccurrence of homelessness including:

- Visiting Tenancy Sustainment
- Housing Association of Integrated Living (HAIL) for persons with mental health issues
- Support to Live Independently (SLI) which provides general support for a period of six months
- Long-term supported accommodation is provided when there is more acute need
- Housing First Intensive Case Management
- Access to Key Worker
- Link to Supports

Exits to Tenancies

In 2017, 933 households, singles and families, exited emergency accommodation to tenancies. From January 2018 to July 2018, 613 households, singles and families, exited emergency accommodation to tenancies.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the old gully trip hazard but this should be a water meter as seen in attached photo. May need to forward to Irish Water? **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Reply from Irish Water

"Thank you for your email on behalf of Cllr Andrew Keegan regarding a trip hazard on the footpath (**details supplied**). I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of this matter. I have forwarded the details to the Local Water Department for investigation/review and response. Once we receive any update, a member of our team will be in contact Cllr Andrew Keegan Directly. Your Irish Water reference number is (**details supplied**), which you can keep for your own records"

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repair to (**details supplied**). This roof has been damaged for over 2 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have the roof assessed at this address early in September. The results of this assessment will determine the course of action to be taken.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate the section of pathway at (**details supplied**). This section of pathway was removed to install a water meter and has not yet been reinstated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This section of pathway has been added to a works list and will be assigned to a crew when they are available.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive why the ground floor units at (**details supplied**) have been blocked up for some time. Did DCC intend to turn small units into larger units and this has now not taken place? Will the Chief Executive now revert to putting these units back into housing stock and state the timescale for this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are currently considering the long term refurbishment of this complex which includes the amalgamation of existing units into larger units. Amalgamation plans are at hand and we currently await the go-ahead to proceed with an overall energy retrofit study of this complex. To best facilitate amalgamation works it is necessary that vacant units are kept beside each other and whilst it is not desirable to have vacant units, in some cases it is inevitable. Once approval has been received and a contractor appointed for energy retrofitting upgrades, amalgamation works can begin. It is envisaged that this will take place in 2019. There are currently 10 vacant units in (**details supplied**).

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the reinstatement of the road at (**details supplied**) will take place. The cobble stones are sinking and in a poor state and may be dangerous. When will works in the area commence?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In this area, historic cobbles are subject to high volumes of HGV and fork lift traffic that they were never designed for. Major construction works will be required here and this will cause significant disruption to local businesses and residents. This needs to be considered in the context of the future use of this area. There are no plans to carry out works here this year but we will examine the feasibility of doing so next year

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to when the new development of 56 units will be complete at **(details supplied)** and for a breakdown of these unit sizes/types.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A total of 56 units are being constructed in Phase 1 of the **(details supplied)** regeneration project and the contract is scheduled for completion early 2020.

The breakdown of the 56 units is as follows:

3 bed house	10
2 bed house	12
2 bed Duplex	14
3 bed apartment	6
2 bed apartment	7
3 bed apartment	7

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a progress report on the implementation of all motions passed by the Elected members from June 2014 - April 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report attached.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask that the Council consider introducing a CCTV system in the Whitehall/Santry and Beaumont area, such schemes are in place in Ballymun and Finglas. The lack of CCTV in the Whitehall/Santry and Beaumont area impact the local Gardai in how they can do their job, the local Sergeant has stated that in areas where CCTV is present they have a higher detection rate and such evidences can be used in court. I would strongly ask that the Council consider the benefits of such a system.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

CCTV systems are subject to strict data protection provisions, which have recently been significantly reinforced. Section 38 of the Data Protection Act 2018 states that 'The processing of personal data shall be lawful to the extent that such processing is necessary and proportionate for a) the performance of a function of a controller conferred by or under an enactment or by the Constitution, or (b) the administration by or on behalf of a controller of any non-statutory scheme, programme or funds where the legal basis for such administration is a function of a controller conferred by or under an enactment or by the Constitution'

Therefore, if the intended primary use of a CCTV system is for policing purposes the implementation of such a scheme would fall to An Garda Síochána, which has an established process for prioritising the implementation of such schemes.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive:

- Which drains are the most important in relieving the volume of floodwater off the Sandymount and Merrion land area back to sea/river outflow?
- Out of the long list of Drains and Gullies which of them receive the highest priority maintenance to ensure that they are "not blocked"? i.e. Is there a prioritisation schedule?
- Do you have the flood risk hot spots mapped?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Mainly combined piped network system which goes to Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant so in Irish Water's area of responsibility. The majority of the gullies drain to the combined network, however some on Strand Road drain to the sea.
- b) Some would be checked more often than others, such as St Johns Road in Sandymount, due to historical flooding issues.
- c) These are mainly shown on OPW tidal, and pluvial flood maps, extracts attached. These are available on the new OPW web-site floodinfo.ie. Projects are being developed to protect the tidal areas most at risk. Flood Defences on the Dodder now protect the fluvial risk in this area up to the 200 year flood event plus 300mm freeboard plus an allowance for global warming. The Drainage Division know from experience which areas to attend to first during a flood. The preparation and response to a tidal flood is often different to that of a pluvial flood.

With regard to gully cleaning in response to a)-c) above, the normal gully cleaning frequency Citywide is once per 12-18 months. However, the gullies along the Sandymount & Merrion coastal area are scheduled to be cleaned 3 to 4 times per year. In addition to this, there are particular gullies that are cleaned even more frequently than that. Furthermore, if tidal flooding is predicted then the gully cleaning crews are mobilised to the coastal areas of the City in advance to carry out gully cleaning works.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at arranging a public consultation process/feasibility study into doing upgrade works on **(details supplied)** to create a modern park with facilities and attractions to suit all ages and physical abilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service is always more than happy to consult with local residents as to what facilities they would like to see developed in their local park. The Parks Service will liaise with the local area office with a view to making contact with the local resident's associations. It must be considered that this is a local park that is within the catchment of the Flagship Parks at Fr Collins Park and St. Anne's Park.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to contact residents at **(details supplied)** and request them to cut the hedges which is causing problems for pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area inspector has investigated this matter and reports back that he has issued a notice to cut back this hedge at this premises.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what facilities are available to camper vans in the DCC area and if he proposes to provide more in the future?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Section is unaware of any public facilities for this type of vehicle in the city.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the bollards outside Manhattan Peanuts Ltd. on St. Margarets Road to be inspected and repairs carried out where needed and for all bollards to be painted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that this request will be added to Road Maintenance Services work list and it will be scheduled for repairs (i.e. 1. the erection of one bollard where the bollard is missing and 2. the painting of all bollards) in accordance with the work order priority.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repair to footpath/dip at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I visited this location earlier today and logged this defect to our works list for repair.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for dog poo bins in **(details supplied)** similar to the barrels that are used in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cleansing regime in the park is working well at the moment. The addition of bins inside the park has been problematic in the past, with the dumping of household rubbish and also fires being lit. We have asked waste Management to consider installing and maintaining general waste bins outside the park at entrances which would accommodate dog waste.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify how the grant of permission for the development **(details supplied)** along with the correspondence with this question can possibly be compliant with the Development Plan given its breach in terms of being three storeys as opposed to the Mews requirement of 2 storey, an unapproved cladding, overlooking of privacy and several other areas dealt with more substantially in the correspondence and how the Chief Executive will deal with any such breach and why the citizen involved has received no response to her correspondence of August 21st 2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The large window at first floor level which the complainant references in her submission has been adequately shown on the approved drawings. The height of the structure is indicated to measure 9.12m above ground floor level, the inspection by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area revealed the height of the structure to measure approximately 9.185m above ground floor level which is an increase of approximately 65mm (less than 3 inches) which is considered a very minor breach in this instance. The complainant also references deviations from the appearance of the front elevation. The inspection revealed the cladding to extend down to the top of the first floor level windows this deviation from the approved plans is also considered a minor breach as the cladding extends down to the top of the windows and is in line with the bottom of the neighbouring eaves detail which could be considered to be a more natural location for the break in the materials to occur. The development otherwise was carried out in accordance with the permission granted insofar as the Planning Enforcement Section could ascertain. All permissions granted have regard to the Dublin City Development Plan in place at the time as well as the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. As with all permissions any party may make an observation on an application and appeal a decision to An Bord Pleanala if they are not satisfied with the decision of Dublin City Council. There were no third party observations received in respect of the planning application granted for this development and therefore no appeal to An Bord Pleanala. The Planning Enforcement File is closed on this matter and the complainant was notified as would normally be the case at that time.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the costs incurred by the City Council for each void turned around in Dublin City in 2015 and 2016 and to include information regarding what type of labour was involved with each one, i.e. direct City Council labour or contractors; furthermore, information to be provided to this Councillor regarding the following voids (**details supplied**) which will include information regarding the length of time each void has been laying vacant, the turnaround time and cost for each one, and whether the work was/is being carried out by direct Dublin City Council labour or via contractors:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2015, 668 void properties were refurbished by contractors at a cost of €16,828,703.42. A further 240 units were refurbished by direct labour.

In 2016, 655 void properties were refurbished by contractors at a cost of €14,712,174.64. A further 240 units by direct labour.

Please see table below for breakdown.

APTS - NO OF BEDS	NO OF UNITS	AVERAGE
0	64	€18,130.04
1	109	€17,590.89
2	129	€23,046.13
3	10	€26,441.16
4		
HOUSES - NO OF BEDS		
1	5	€22,231.52
2	98	€31,125.52
3	134	€32,746.86
4	15	€33,198.43
5	1	€57,951.24
Average Cost		€22,461.34
TOTAL NO OF UNITS	655	

As for the properties listed, only 138 & 154 Primrose Grove are currently voids and are both being refurbished by contractors. It is expected that they will be completed and ready to let by mid-September. Both of these properties are being refurbished under an emergency voids programme which began in June 2018.

154 Primrose Grove was purchased on 19/07/2017 and was used as a temporary letting unit until May 2018.

211 Buttercup Terrace is no longer a Council property since 31/10/2013

36 Buttercup Park has been continually let since 1986.

72 Buttercup Park is no longer a Council property since 1974

261 Buttercup Park is not a Council property.

67 Snowdrop Walk has been continually let since 1996

Houses between 83 and 88 Snowdrop Walk are no longer council properties with the exception of 87 Snowdrop Walk which has been let since July 2008.

To date we have currently refurbished 695 properties in 2018.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a comprehensive report on the proposed new structures and strategic plans for St. Monica's Youth Centre, Edenmore, with details on the envisioned process of fundamental change in the governance of this youth centre, the roles to be played by Dublin City Council, the Northside Partnership and the City of Dublin ETB in ensuring that a properly reconstituted board of the youth centre is democratically elected, a new constitution adopted, an annual general meeting scheduled and the proposed changes involved in the strategic plan for the centre implemented. The report should also include details of the projected takings from the weekly bingo operation and how the board plans to best use this money to ensure that the youth centre becomes a real asset for the community, with longer opening hours and a much broader and diverse range of activities, classes and courses on offer for the youth of the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report outlining the details of a governance improvement plan for St. Monica's Youth Resource Centre will issue presently to all North Central councillors. This report is currently being prepared and hopefully will address the issues raised in the question. The document will be emailed in advance of the City Council meeting in September.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive respond to the recent additions to **(details supplied 1)** and its surrounding areas, can a statue of **(details supplied 2)** be installed. **(Details supplied 2)** embodies the spirit of **(details supplied 1)** and is a great example of how a person can make it through tough times and be successful.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Policy for Commemorative Naming of Infrastructure and the Provision of Monuments, Memorials and Plaques it states:- 15.6 "Proposals to commemorate living persons will not be considered. Nominees will have to have died at least 20 years previously or have passed the centenary of their birth whichever is earlier"

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the reply received in question 80 in May 2016, the wooden boards that were placed on the damaged wall have fallen off and this is causing a hazard to the resident of the road and surrounding areas. Can a permanent solution be found to this asap?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With reference to the property known as: 21-29 Richmond Ave, Clontarf, D3 – Protected Structure from: DCC Dangerous Buildings Section, 29 August 2018. Under remit of the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964 (as amended) an unstable section of wall to the rear/side of the site concerned was removed in August 2016, by Dublin City Council's Dangerous Buildings Section, with the breach being duly hoarded & secured. The hoarding remains intact - see photo below taken 28/08/2018. DCC Dangerous Buildings continue to periodically monitor this site. The building & curtilage are included in the Council's Record of Protected Structures; the matter of its reinstatement is for the owner. Reinstatement / remedial works are not within the remit of DCC Dangerous Buildings.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to contact **(details supplied 1)** and ascertain when the planning application for the extension to **(details supplied 2)** will be submitted to facilitate the boxing club.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I have been informed by the developer that work has begun on the preparation of the planning application and that they have had initial feedback from the area planner and intend to lodge as soon as possible.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the low lying branches of all Council trees in **(details supplied)** pruned as I have received several complaints from residents, as a health and safety issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees in these estates will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be attended to as soon as local schedules allow.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to advise me how many people on the priority list with disabilities have been housed in the last 6 months and how many houses have been allocated in Area B.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were 69 applicants housed by Dublin City Council between January and June 2018 who were registered on the priority list with a disability.

42 applicants were housed from Dublin City Council's Housing List.
27 applicants were housed from Dublin City Council's Transfer List.

Total Priority Cases Housed in Jan-Jun 2018			
Disability	Housing	Transfer	Grand Total
Intellectual	4	2	6
Mental Health	6	2	8
Physical	30	20	50
Sensory	2	3	5
Grand Total	42	27	69

There were 9 applicants housed in Area B by Dublin City Council between January and June 2018 who were registered on the priority list with a disability.

5 applicants were housed from Dublin City Council's Housing List.
4 applicants were housed from Dublin City Council's Transfer List.

Total Priority Cases Housed in Area B Jan-Jun 2018			
Disability	Housing	Transfer	Grand Total
Intellectual		1	1
Mental Health	2		2
Physical	3	3	6
Sensory			
Grand Total	5	4	9

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive how much undeveloped council owned land is in the Dublin 2 area, the Dublin 4 area, the Dublin 6 area and Dublin 8 area and of this what percentage has been included on the new vacant sites register. How much will this cost the council in fines?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Active Land Management unit established the Vacant Sites Register under the 'Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015' on 1st of January, 2017. There are currently 93 sites on the Vacant Sites Register, which is available on the Dublin City Council website.

Appropriate sites are identified, inspected and assessed in line with the criteria, as set out in the 'Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015'. 11 Vacant sites have been identified as being owned by Dublin City Council and suitable in the opinion of this Council, for entry on the Vacant Sites Register in the Dublin 2, 4, 6 and 8 functional areas.

To date, 5 of the possible 11 City Council owned sites in the Dublin 2, 4, 6 and 8 areas are entered on the Vacant Sites Register, (45% of the total). The other 6 sites are being processed and are at various stages of the procedure, as required under the act.

Details of the 5 sites are given below;

Grand Canal Place, Long's Place, Bond Street, Dublin 8
33-36 Dolphin's Barn Street, South Circular Road, Dublin 8
Former Boys Brigade Football Pitches, Dublin 8
Site at corner of Marshal Lane and Bridgefoot Street, Dublin 8
St. Michael's Estate, between Goldenbridge Cemetery and rear of 25-39 Connolly Avenue, Inchicore, Dublin 8

A breakdown of the estimated levies applicable to these 5 sites is outlined below:
 2 sites stood entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 1st January 2018. Levy applicable in 2019 for the year 2018 will be €408,000
 3 sites were published on the Vacant Sites Register on 17th May 2018 and therefore the vacant sites levy will not apply until 2020 for sites on the Register at January, 2019. A valuation for 1 of these sites is currently being determined. The remaining 2 sites valuation would result in a levy of €843,000 in total for the year 2019, payable in arrears in 2020.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to outline when **(details supplied)** who is 72 and suffers with chronic arthritis and heart problems and on walking stick will have the replacement windows which were granted months ago but still waiting. Also the lady is looking for the bath to be removed and a shower to be put in its place, as she can't access the bath with her conditions. Also how would this lady go about getting a disability bathroom downstairs and can the gutters be cleaned front and back please as they are overloaded with dirt and leaves.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Windows have been fabricated and are scheduled to be installed next week and arrangements have been made to have the gutters will be repaired/cleaned before the end of September. An application to have the bath removed and a shower installed has been received, assessed and surveyed. It is suitable to have a shower

installed and the application has been approved. Arrangements will now be made to engage a contractor and to have same installed. Please advise the tenant that they can apply for a bathroom extension on disability grounds. Such applications must be accompanied by an Occupational Therapists report. Application documents can be found on:

http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content//Documents/Application_Forms/Housing/DISABLE%20PERSON%20APPLICATION.pdf

or advise if one needs to be forwarded to the tenant.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install fire escapes at all DCC flat complexes. It's very worrying to think there is no other access in the event of a fire breaking out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The general fire safety design principal is to protect the primary means of escape, ie the internal stairway. The stairs is protected with the provision of fire resisting enclosure and fire door sets. Normally there is not a requirement to provide additional fire escapes from dwellings.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to supply the latest figures from development levies and planning applications from the Docklands SDZ. Also the last site for sale may sell for 120 million if so how much will DCC raise from that sale

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date €26,139,700 has been received in development levies for the Docklands SDZ. 170 planning applications have been received for development within the SDZ area. This figure would include a number of modifications or amendments to a previously approved development.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much money will be invested into the Communities beside the Docklands as of yet I haven't seen any. If there are plans for any community gain could I get a report on those?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Based on the current volume of development granted and planned for the North Lotts area within the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ, it is anticipated that, on full completion of the developments, the community levies received are likely to fall within a range of €3.57 and €3.82 million euros. As not every development is granted and a number are yet to move on site and may be subject to revised permissions, it is not possible to be more accurate at this stage.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service will make contact with the resident's association in early September.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the amounts of money paid to Hewlett Packard for the computer software and data storage facilities the company has provided Dublin City Council over the last five years and to provide an update on the tendering process for these services as the current contract expires in September 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

HP has not provided any computer software over the last five years.

The cost of data hosting facilities excluding VAT is

2018	€90,000
2017	€102,000
2016	€72,000
2015	€120,000
2014	€72,000

The use of external data hosting facilities will not be required into the future as the use of a government data centre and a Microsoft cloud based hosting solution means this service is no longer required for public facing hosting and disaster recovery. Services will be migrated during 2019.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can give a considered response to the email submitted with this question relating to the application of the clamping policy. The sentiments of the emails are ones I can concur it as the clamping policy often appears a mystery to me.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Traffic Control policy priority is the movement of traffic throughout the city and it therefore concentrates on high volume arterial routes to and from the city. Enforcement areas can generally be broken down into different types of locations, e.g. City Centre, Suburban Villages, Arterial Routes and Residential Pay and Display Areas and these categories of location may have different enforcement priorities at different times of the day. This priority on high volume routes is also mirrored to some extent by parking enforcement services at certain times, e.g. morning and evening rush hours. However, enforcement is not exclusively carried out along these routes and Dublin Street Parking Services do also monitor other locations at these times and throughout the day.

Enforcement records in the residential area referred to in the mail attachment indicate that a range of offences are enforced throughout the day of which Pay and Display offences account for 44% of the total offences enforced. Pay and Display offences typically account for in the region of 55%-60% of all parking enforcement actions across the city and this is monitored by Dublin City Council on an ongoing basis. It is not unusual for some residential roads to be subject to enforcement early in the day as these then typically act as a deterrent to any motorists parking throughout the remainder of the day. This approach is useful on residential roads in the vicinity of suburban village areas. Additional enforcement can then be scheduled if it becomes apparent that there is an ongoing problem with illegal parking on these roads.

Dublin City Council does not have any policy with regard to differentiation of different vehicle types for enforcement purposes and all vehicles are liable to enforcement if parked illegally. There is however additional difficulty associated with enforcement of commercial locations. It is common for motorists to park for very short periods of time when visiting local shops and for vans to be parked temporarily when making deliveries (it is legal for vehicles to be parked on double yellow lines for up to 20 minutes if actively loading or unloading). In such cases drivers typically return to the vehicle before enforcement action can be completed. This is further compounded on major arterial routes where crews must balance the requirement for enforcement of parking controls with the possibility that a major ongoing obstruction may be caused

by enforcement if a vehicle is clamped and remains in place for any length of time. In these instances, the Council operates a policy of relocation where resources permit. All instances of illegal parking should be reported directly to either Dublin Street Parking Services, tel. 602 2500, info@dpsps.ie or Parking Enforcement Section of Dublin City Council, tel. 222 2261, parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie so that timely enforcement can be arranged.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to remove an overgrown tree at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew called to the tenant at **(details supplied)** and discussed the options for pruning back the tree at this location. This work is due to be carried out within the next week.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider amending the bus corridor signage around College Green to clarify that cyclists are entitled to use College Green at all times, in an attempt to improve the safety of cyclists in the College Green area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will explore this, however, rather than spend monies right now, we will await decisions on the oral hearing as this may affect the precise signage required. It therefore is premature to risk wasting monies at this time.

It must also be stated that existing signage and bike lanes, etc do make it clear that cyclists are welcome through College Green.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that resources ensure that the 5 a side pitch in Markievicz House is reopened as a matter of urgency as it has been closed all summer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is expected that the necessary repairs will be completed in the coming weeks and the pitch will be opened following completion of the works.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the trees and bushes in the green area in Beechill Villas cut back hard as they are giving cover to increasing anti social behaviour?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Works have commenced on the pruning of the trees and bushes at this complex as requested and the removal of all debris by the housing maintenance caretaking crew.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent on Commercial Hotels and B&Bs for homeless emergency accommodation in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total amount spent on Private Emergency Accommodation, including Commercial Hotels and B&B's in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 is detailed in the table below.

Private Emergency Accommodation - Including Hotels/B&Bs	
2014	€13,727,346.73
2015	€24,521,965.36
2016	€47,883,919.70
2017	€59,342,833.00
2018 to June	€29,324,221.00

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive & the four Dublin local authorities currently provide emergency accommodation for 4,050 adults, which includes circa 1,350 families across the Dublin Region. (July 2018 figures)

Q.44 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent on building council homes in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is the amount actually paid on construction projects from 2014-2018. It should be noted that payments on construction projects are spread over a number of years with the final account being paid 12 months after completion of project.

2014	€ 22,989,627
2015	€ 9,677,013
2016	€ 25,722,428
2017	€ 52,974,860
2018	€ 27,871,938 to date

Q.45 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a timeline when the **(details supplied)** vacant housing sites will be put on the market.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC has recently sent a funding submission to the DHPLG under the Affordable Housing / Serviced Sites Initiative. Subject to approval for funding from the Department and the finalisation of details of the new Affordable Housing scheme the delivery method and the associated timelines for development of the sites in question will be determined.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive when demolition works will start on the **(details supplied)** and what are the immediate plans for the site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Part 8 planning process for the demolition of **(details supplied)** is currently underway. The Part 8 application was formally submitted with the Planning Registry Section on the 4th of July 2018 and from that date the Council has 20 weeks to make a decision on the application. Assuming that the Part 8 is granted by the City Council, it is hoped that a demolition contractor can be procured and ready to start demolition works by late November 2018.

It is proposed that immediately following the demolition of the building the existing car park to the South East of the site will remain as a car park and the remainder of the site will be grassed and surrounded with a low slip form kerb or wall with access gates for grass cutting.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to property at location as per **(details supplied)** and say

1. if he can give a background to the erection of the timber fronting to same
2. if the reason the wall required removal/replacement by timer structure was due to a fire in the property
3. who the owner of the property is
4. what enforcement action is available to City Council to have the wall re-instated
5. if the City Council can carry out enforcement against the owner to have the wall reinstated and if so, can the Council initiate said enforcement immediately
6. and can he also comment on concerns of local residents that the owner of the site might use the opportunity of the removal of the boundary wall as a means to obtain planning permission to have an entrance at from location as per details attached to any further development on this site and if he can make a general statement on the overall matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement Section will carry out an inspection on site and respond to the issues raised by the Councillor directly.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to roundabout as per **(details supplied)** the lanes in which, are poorly identified when entering, making it difficult for motorists to know which lane he or she should be in, regularly causing collisions or near misses, and say,

1. if the lanes can be more clearly sign-posted,
2. if yellow-boxes can be extended on the roundabout to aid traffic flow
3. if a sign could be erected on the centre-island directing motorists towards each exit/road.

as every single day, motorists take the right-turn lane for exit 3, and instead turn off at exit 2

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.49 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the location as per **(details supplied)** and say:

1. How many collisions/fatal collisions have occurred at same over the last 10 to 15 years

2. If it is current practice for Dublin City Council to carry safety/collision audits after serious collisions and if so, if same is intended to be carried out at location as per **(details supplied)**
3. If he will consider the installation of a crash barrier or other measures to protect cyclists, pedestrians and motorists
4. and if he will make general comment on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- 1) Other than the recent accident, there have been no other fatal accidents at this location.
- 2) D.C.C. do carry out safety audits in conjunction with the Gardaí following serious accidents. It is intended that that a safety audit will be conducted in this case.
- 3) The installation of a safety barrier is not being considered as the details/cause of the accident are still under investigation by the Gardaí.
- 4) D.C.C. have no comment as this incident is under investigation by the Gardaí.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to property at location as per **(details supplied)** and say what enforcement he can carry out to ensure owner complies with planning conditions laid down for a permission granted for a house extension as residents complain about non-compliance with conditions around drainage/sewerage specifications.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be carried out by the planning enforcement officer for the area and if any concerns are found following this inspection the matter will be referred to Irish Water for their investigation.

Q.51 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the costs incurred by DCC in relation to the construction and, separately, the ongoing maintenance of the Spencer Dock Pumping Station and to confirm that, as the pumping station is the ownership of Dublin City Council any proposed transfer/disposal of this asset to Irish Water will be subject to the usual approval of members required for disposal of DCC assets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Spencer Dock Pumping Station was constructed, as part of the planning conditions imposed by the DDDA, by the Spencer Dock Development Company. It cost approximately €13m funded as follows

- 33% funded by the Developer €4.6m
- 66% funded by DCC / DEHLG
- DCC (incl. Development Levies) €5.4m
- DEHLG (WSIP Grant 2010) €3.25M

The final commissioning of the Pumping Station was delayed due to the Developer going into liquidation and was completed by Irish Water after they took over responsibility for wastewater services in 2014. All subsequent operating and maintenance costs have been paid by Irish Water. The pumping station title held by DCC is by an agreement for lease with the landowner, CIE, and, in common with all water and wastewater services assets, DCC's interest in this asset is in the process of being transferred to Irish Water under specific provisions set out in Section 14(1) of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 (No. 50 of 2013). All such transfers take place by Order of the Minister and are not subject to the approval of either the elected members or of the Management of the Local Authority.

Q.52 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the cycle-way which had an agreed/contracted tender price of €4.3m ended up having a final cost of €9m and to explain how this cycle-way finally cost over twice the contracted tender price.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

During the course of the contract the contractor submitted a total of 245 No. claims. The Employer's Representative determined that the 140 No. were "Compensation & Delay Events" under the contract which were in respect of "Change Orders" issued by the Employer's Representative. The contractor disputed 186 No. of the Employer's determinations and referred these disputes for conciliation, which is what the contract provides for. The conciliation process was carried out and a recommendation was issued by the appointed Conciliator. The "Conciliator's Recommendation" was ultimately accepted by both parties in full and final settlement of all matters relating to the contract.

Q.53 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the established framework for the provision of Legal services from solicitors, and to confirm when this framework will expire and finally confirm that, on expiration, DCC will use the framework set up by the Office of Government Procurement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Law Department framework is in operation for the delivery legal services from solicitors firms since July 2015. The Framework was due to expire in July 2018. The option to extend was not invoked so we will be using the OGP framework from now on. The Law Department is entitled to use the existing OGP Framework for the provision of legal services and may do so should the need arise.

Q.54 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that, when the current Parking Enforcement contract with Dublin Street Parking Services (branding name of Tazbell Services Group) expires in November, the criteria on which the new tenders will be evaluated and awarded will include some provision for flexibility in the decision to clamp and/or release fee level for cars which are clearly parked in legal spaces (parking bays) but, where through no fault of the driver e.g. emergency, unscheduled delay etc., the time limit has expired by the currently allowed 10 minutes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current contract for enforcement of on-street parking will expire in October 2018. An essential element of the existing enforcement service and any future service is a system of appeal of a clamp. A two stage appeal system is available to all motorists. Initial appeal is made directly to the enforcement service provider and should the motorist be dissatisfied with the outcome appeal may then be made to an independent appeals service provided by the National Transport Authority.

Dublin City Council requires all circumstances of an appeal to be taken into account by the service provider when considering that appeal and many appeals result in a refund on compassionate grounds or as gestures of goodwill due to the circumstances. The basis for appeals and outcome is reviewed on an on-going basis by Dublin City Council with the service provider to ensure consistent and fair assessment.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if the area under and around the Rialto Bridge could be cleaned up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services clean the road and footpaths on Rialto Bridge itself on a regular basis. The Area Office arranged for the area under the bridge at Rialto to be cleaned in late July and will continue to monitor the location.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the old Tayto site in Coolock, Dublin 17, can a CPO be put on it and the land be used for social housing. This site has been idle for the past ten years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans at present to pursue a C.P.O. on this land.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, can he request a review of the illegal parking on this road. In light of the new housing estates, parking issues have developed and the issues are compounded at match days in Croke Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Illegal parking on Grace Park Road will be examined by a traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendations in due course.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the commercial rates and commercial water charges or other charges payable by purpose-built student accommodation, both when used as student accommodation and when used as short-let tourist accommodation including instances where the units do not have planning for non-student usage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The rateability of property is carried out by the Valuation Office and is governed by statute, in particular by reference to Schedules 3 and 4 of the Valuation Act, 2001 as amended. Domestic property is generally not rateable, and is liable instead for Local Property Tax (LPT). However, properties which may appear domestic in nature, can fall outside the definition provided in the Valuation Act and can be deemed to be rateable. This can depend on the nature of the accommodation, the tenure of the occupants and any services which may be provided on the site. The Valuation Office examines each case on its own merits and decisions regarding rateability are considered in light of the particular circumstances and by reference to the provisions of the Act. Water Charges are a matter for Irish Water. It is not appropriate for DCC to comment on these matters.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an estimate as to the demand for student accommodation outside of 'term time' by both graduate students and those with part-time jobs who need to stay in Dublin during the summer, and how this influences decisions to grant planning applications to change use away from student accommodation in these periods.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Authority does not have information on the demand for purpose built student accommodation from post graduate students or students working in part-time jobs during the summer months.

The Government (DHPCLG Circular PL 8/2016 APH 2/2016) has directed local authorities to recognise the need to establish a steady rental income for student accommodation complexes throughout the year in order to ensure the deliverability of development projects from a financing point of view and recognise that student accommodation complexes can play an important role in providing affordable accommodation for tourists and visitors in major urban areas during peak summer demand periods. Planning Authorities have been requested by the Department to ensure that student accommodation is (1) not used for residential accommodation of a permanent nature; (2) safeguarded for use by students and other persons related to the HEI during the academic year; and (3) capable of being used for legitimate occupation by other persons/groups during holidays periods, when not required for student accommodation purposes.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the estimated construction cost (i.e. excluding non-construction costs but including car-parking costs) for building apartments, which the City Council uses to guide its financial planning, based on quotations it has received for various schemes over the past three years, and schemes which have been completed/begun. This may be given in an anonymised / averaged manner in order to avoid disclosing commercially sensitive information, or in the form of examples of recent quotations received. Could the Chief Executive please break this information down according height of apartment blocks and build location (inner city or suburb etc.), as appropriate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council prepares its cost estimates for construction on the basis of data derived from recently completed tenders and also from schemes at pre tender stage and for which Bills of Quantities have been prepared. Whilst there are commonalities between every construction scheme there are also several factors that will differentiate one scheme from another and such factors can significantly affect the overall costing for each particular scheme. Factors that apply are those such as location (city centre sites / Brownfield sites / Greenfield sites); infrastructural requirements (roads / sewers, drainage etc), site contamination and costs for disposal of contaminated materials, community and or commercial development requirements to support the development, car parking spaces (where necessary or required). Specific details of costing for these varying factors are continually updated and are used on an ongoing basis in pre tender calculations and accordingly such data is commercially sensitive and not available for dissemination. However, in general, our typical current construction cost of residential developments average between €3,000 to €3,500 per sq. metre excluding Vat with adjustments made depending on the specifics and requirements of each scheme. Provision of car parking spaces vary significantly with surface spaces costing around €3,000 to €5,000 per space whilst underground spaces can cost between €25,000 to €40,000 per space.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report as to how the City Council's costings, as per question 60, compare with the costs estimated by the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, broken down according to the categories provided by the Institute on

pp.32-33 of the report "The Real Costs of New Apartment Delivery"
https://www.scsi.ie/documents/get_lob?id=1338&field=file

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's cost estimates for construction of units of accommodation vary to those provided by the Institute of Chartered Surveyors; the reason for this is primarily due to the fact that the City Council's building specifications generally differ from those of the private construction companies. The most significant and common differences in specifications can be some or any of the following:

- Minimum sizes will often be greater in DCC developments
- Circulation cores are generally more extensive and circulation quantum are usually higher
- Social housing apartments are generally of dual aspect
- DCC developments quite often include community facilities
- DCC will provide for the highest quality energy efficiency materials in its constructions

Allied to the above, other factors that cause divergence in costs are

- Almost all DCC developments take place on brownfield sites and many of these are in city centre locations which results in more complex site development issues and higher costs
- Most large scale public developments occur over many years in distinct and separate phases and contracts due to issues such as funding restraints and accommodation requirements for tenants being displaced during regeneration projects
- Public procurement places a significant time and resource requirement on public bodies that is generally not replicated in private industry.
- Contamination difficulties (knotweed, contaminated soil etc) are often encountered on our developments

In summary the cost to Dublin City Council for construction of apartments is approx. €3,000 to €3,500 per sq. metre excluding Vat and basements and the cost of construction of houses is approx €2,500 to €3,000 ex vat per sq. metre. Car parking costs would also be additional to these costs.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many planning permissions for housing were extended for five years on the basis for S.42A(1)(ii) of the Planning & Development Act (considerations of a commercial, economic or technical nature beyond the control of the applicant which substantially militated against the commencement of development) in each of 2016, 2017 and 2018 and how many housing units were impacted and could this information be provided in tabular form broken down across each local area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Record of Extension of Duration of Permission issued in 2016, 2017 & 2018 (to date):

2016	Area	No of Units:	No of Planning Applications
	North West	404	2
	South East	11	7
	North Central	30	7
	South Central	0	0
	Central	17	3

2017	Area	No of Units:	No of Planning Applications
	North West	1	1
	South East	6	4
	North Central	148	2
	South Central	0	0
	Central	4	1

2018	Area	No of Units:	No of Planning Applications
	North West	538	2
	South East	37	7
	North Central	6	2
	South Central	96	4
	Central	11	2

Q.63 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to how an order of protected structure that was initiated around the buildings of the New Ireland Insurance Company at Dawson Street was fast-tracked through the process. This would appear to be unprecedented given the fact that this process is lengthy and cumbersome. Indeed, many have been surprised by the manner in which this initiation came about. I would question its legal status and standing. There is either a process that we all stick by or there is another process that is available to certain Councillors. This report to include all correspondence on this matter between those that initiated the process and Dublin City Council officials including conservation officers. I would also call on the Chief Executive to make a statement around this matter given the fact that this building or these set of buildings weren't in any particular immediate danger and indeed DCC's Planning Department were very much aware of their significant history. If it is the case that we can fast-track order of protective structures let that be so. But I've been in contact with many of the organisation and bodies whose remit it is to protect the built heritage of our City and even they were surprised by the manner in which this particular initiative was initiated. One does not want to give the impression that DCC's Planning Department and Conservation Dept. run a two tier system or indeed execute orders of protective structure out of prejudice and vindictiveness. I did raise this matter when it came before the SEA committee so I am on record regarding my concerns.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It was brought to the attention of the City Council in Spring of this year that the Bank of Ireland was proposing to dispose of the New Ireland Assurance Buildings on Dawson Street, a cluster of three distinct buildings. It also came to the Council's attention that a feasibility study had been commissioned by the Bank of Ireland which suggested that there was "substantial scope" to redevelop and extend the New Ireland building. Furthermore, and of serious concern, an artist's impression accompanying the feasibility study suggested that there was potential to demolish the buildings and replace them with a new structure(s).

The publicity surrounding the sale of the buildings resulted in a number of written submissions being made to the City Council highlighting the importance of these buildings as fine exemplars of 20th century architecture as well as flagging their historical significance in the development of the state. Submissions were received

from renowned architects, McCullough Mulvin; also from Cllr. Cuffe, and from Alexander Kearney on behalf of the Executive Committee of DoCoMoMo Ireland.

In light of the serious threat to the buildings raised by the feasibility study and the concerns raised in the formal written submissions, it was decided to carry out an internal inspection of these buildings. The purpose of the site inspection was to assess the significance of the buildings based on the 8 categories of special interest set out in the Architectural Heritage Guidelines for Planning Authorities. On the basis of the inspection / assessment, it was determined that the three buildings taken individually and as a cluster of buildings are of special interest under several of the categories including architectural and historical interest. Therefore, in light of their importance, it was decided to initiate the process to place these structures on the RPS.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the works that are being carried out in the premises of the Merchants Quay Project, Merchants Quay. There are grave concerns locally and indeed throughout the city that the work that is being carried out in these premises is to facilitate a controversial heroin injection centre. It is vitally important that DCC issue a statement regarding these concerns. All too often, these facilities are simply dumped into neighbourhoods and communities without any involved, engagement or indeed information to the local communities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area and meeting with the Manager of the Merchants Quay Project has revealed that no works are being carried out to facilitate a heroin injection centre. All parties are aware that any such facility or associated works would need a full planning application.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the closure of the walkway at Central Bank Plaza, Dame Street. This walkway has been an established right of way trespass for a well over 70 years. It was recently closed as part of the works that are ongoing at the former Central Bank and its surrounding plaza. Many members of the public were surprised and indeed local businesses in the area and residents that there was no formal application as per the law given that this is a public right of way. And although it may be on private land the law supersedes the private developer. This report to include a very clear understanding of the public's legal right of way here and a very clear understanding as to why there wasn't a formal public notice as per the statute initiated. Certainly one would not want to set a precedence here that would undermine the public's legal right of way. This is an important location and an important pedestrian zone and to be quite honest it is rather outrageous that this walkway was simply closed off without any full regard to the public, local community and local businesses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning Permission was granted for the redevelopment of the Central Bank and associated Plaza under 3620/17 (ABP PL. 29S. 300063), 3154/17, 3033/17, 2978/17 all of which is in private ownership. Following receipt of a complaint relating to the temporary closing off of the walkway referred to in the Councillors question a Warning Letter was issued to the owners of the site under Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A response to the Warning Letter was received from Brady Shipman Martin Planning Advisors on behalf of the owners stating the walkway comprises part of the development site and was included in the designated area on the planning application. The area is private property to

which the public are given access by agreement. As the planning permission granted comprises of inter alia the construction of buildings either side of the walkway for reasons of the safe development of the site it is required that the walkway is not available to the public during the course of a 12-month period. Public access will resume once it is safe to do so.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the process for bylaws to be introduced in the DCC Administration area for the use of drones. At present there doesn't seem to be any legislation to deal with the increasing use of drones in the City centre and in DCC's administrative area. Some people in our housing estates have contacted me about the use of these drones in and around their private homes. Many local authorities in other jurisdictions have initiated bylaws to prohibit the use of these drones in the cities administrative area and indeed residential areas. Many of these drones have cameras on them and are an invasion of privacy. Also, people fear that they are being spied upon in order to assist burglaries and other such crimes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Irish Aviation Authority is the statutory body with responsibility for the regulation of drones. It is therefore not appropriate for the City Council to introduce Bye-Laws in this regard as we are precluded from making byelaws to control some activity if it covered by primary legislation.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why no action has been taken against the owners of the huge site at Players Wills/Bailey Gibson's SCR which has lay idle now for over 20 years. This site has the potential to accommodate 700 homes urgently needed to address the housing crisis. If development does not start here soon can the Council consider purchasing the site with a view to fast track development there?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

N.A.M.A are the owners of these properties / lands. We are currently having discussions with them in relation to the potential re-development of this land which is adjacent to Dublin City Council owned land at St. Teresa's Gardens.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if a yellow box can be placed on the **(details supplied)**. This box should be on the road at the traffic lights. The need for this will be due to the opening of a new shop in the Gala in the next few months and the use of the car park at the rear. When the Gala was a bingo hall there was a number of accidents at these traffic lights so a box will help with both safety and traffic control.

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.69 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to install speed ramps and Children at Play signs at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is included in a 30 km/h speed limit zone which came into effect in May, 2017. As part of the 30 km/h zone, 30 km/h speed limit signs are located at all entry points to the zone, indicating the commencement of the reduced speed limit. Incorporated into the signage are "Home Zone" and "Slow Zone" signs warning

motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. The request for traffic calming measures will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive what the pricing structure is for the new all weather pitch in **(details supplied)** for local clubs and then clubs from outside the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pricing structure for the new all-weather pitch, being installed at the **(details supplied)** is currently being worked on. When finalised will be made available to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of costs incurred by DCC for the visit of The Pope to Dublin, and whether these costs are being covered through the DCC budget or funding from elsewhere.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Various minor works were identified during the planning of the event which were in areas for which Dublin City Council is responsible. These works have been completed or are scheduled to be completed before the event.

Any additional expenditure that is incurred that is over and above planned works will be borne by the Council. It will only be possible to put an exact figure on this when a full debrief is done in respect of the events. It is not anticipated that the costs concerned will be significant and will be mainly in the area of waste management.

We are unable to put a figure on additional costs associated with the Pope's Visit at this time. It is likely to be sometime in October before the full detail is known and processed.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if Road Maintenance Services and the Drainage Department can let me know the owner of the manhole cover at **(details supplied)** and if a permanent repair of the manhole has since been carried out?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services received a callout to this location where a subsided manhole was discovered. This was made safe by installing asphalt at the manhole lid to remove the trip hazard.

This was referred to the drainage department to determine the ownership of this manhole lid. It has been established that this is a private outfall manhole. A notice will be issued to the owner of 3 **(details supplied)**, instructing them to complete a repair of the sunken manhole.

Irish Water Drainage SLA confirmed to Dublin City Council Infrastructure Management Unit that this is a private drainage manhole and not the responsibility of Irish Water. Road Maintenance Services carried out a temporary repair to ensure the safety of the public road network.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if a loose manhole cover at **(details supplied)** can be tightened and secured given that the constant noise from traffic hitting it is causing sleeplessness for nearby residents?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Infrastructure Management Unit contacted BT Ireland in relation to the defective cover and frame. Dublin City Council has requested that the repair be carried out as soon as possible in the interest of public safety of the road network at this location.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if the branches of trees at **(details supplied)** can be cut back given that they are blocking the view of motorists of the traffic lights.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The offending vegetation is growing on private property its maintenance is a matter for the property owner. The matter will be forwarded to the roads department to make contact with the property owner.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he is satisfied with the work of the contractor in cutting the grass on the public open spaces on both sides of **(details supplied)**. Can a constant litter problem at this location be dealt with on an ongoing basis? Can the grass at this location be reinstated following the lighting of bonfires? Can very tall weeds on the edges of these public open spaces be sprayed now and on a regular basis? Does the Chief Executive agree that a major facility like this should be well maintained?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The grass cutting, litter and weed control on the green areas each at each of the entrances to the DART Station are carried out by contract. The contractor is meeting the terms of the contract in this regard. It is a source of ongoing frustration that littering remains an ongoing problem here and passengers seem unwilling to dispose of their litter responsibly. The areas damaged by fire will be inspected in the autumn.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a list of events run by private organisations in Dublin City Council parks in 2017 and the first 8 months of 2018 that required the fencing off of all or part of the parks in question and a payment of an admission fee by the public for entry. Please include the duration of these events, the extent of how much of the parks were fenced off, how much was paid to Dublin City Council and what services were provided by the Council to the organisers

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total income to Dublin City Council Parks Services for 'commercial' events in public parks for the period in question is in the order of €50,000. The list of events is as follows:

Name of Event in 2017	Area of Park	Date	Time
Happenings pop up cinema sponsored by 7UP 'Back to the Future'	Merrion Sq 30%	18 th May	15.00-0000
Happenings 'Pawsitivity'	Herbert Park 25%	13 th /14 th Aug	12.00-18.00

Happenings pop up cinema 'Phantom of the Opera'	Merrion Sq 30%	1 st July	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema sponsored by 7UP 'Dirty Dancing'	Merrion Sq 30%	4 th Aug	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema sponsored by 7UP 'La La Land'	Merrion Sq 30%	11 th Aug	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema 'Wizard of Oz'	Merrion Sq 30%	24 th Aug.	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema 'Groundhog Day'	Merrion Sq 30%	2 nd Sept	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema (sponsored by local Tidy Towns)	Sandymount Green 100%	8 th Sept	15.00-0000
Happenings pop up cinema 'Young Offenders'	Merrion Sq 30%	14 th Sept	15.00-0000
The Big Grill	Herbert Park 30%	17 th /20 th Aug	9.00-22.00
Wellfest	Herbert Park 30%	6 th -7 th May	9.00-22.00

Name of Event in 2018	Area of Park	Date	Time
Happenings/ 7Up 'Greatest Showman'	Merrion Sq. 30%	29 th June	16.30-00.00
Happenings/ 7Up 'Ladybird'	Merrion Sq. 30%	27 th July	16.30-00.00
Happenings/ 7Up 'Dirty Dancing'	Merrion Sq. 30%	31 st Aug	16.30-00.00
The Big Grill	Herbert Park 30%	13 th /20 th Aug.	12.30-20.00

Q.77 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will undertake to ensure there is adequate lighting along the walkway of Royal Canal at Phibsborough and Drumcondra as constituents have pointed out that Fingal has installed lighting along the canal in its jurisdiction. This Councillor has been in contact with Waterways Ireland and they say lighting along the pathways is a matter for Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently lighting installed along the length of the Royal Canal from Cross Guns Bridge (Westmoreland Bridge) on the Phibsborough Road down to Clarke's Bridge at Summerhill Parade. This lighting scheme has been installed here since 2004. The existing lights here are currently being looked at for changing to LED.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if a tenancy warning has been issued to a Council tenant in Redmond Court, Kilbarrack who has been the subject of numerous complaints of anti social behaviour to Dublin City Council and the Gardaí with supporting evidence and if the warning has not been issued if it can be.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an ongoing investigation into complaints at the address in question. We are seeking legal advice from Senior Counsel prior to proceeding with any legal action.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many four bedroom units that will ultimately be allocated to Dublin City Council housing applicants have been granted planning permission and/or under construction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are not building any 4 bed units in the various housing schemes currently pending or under construction. However, Oaklee Housing Association will deliver 11 x 4 bed social housing units in Stormanstown, Ballymun, Dublin 11, which will be ready for occupation in 2018. The Housing Department also acquire 4 bed properties through their Housing Acquisition Programme and has acquired 9 x 4 bed units in 2018.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following road repairs carried out **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Service will complete an inspection of these locations and schedule any potholes for repair when a crew is next available in the area.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this applicant will be allocated a transfer. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** has applied on the transfer waiting list. The application is postponed pending photo id (passports/driving licences) to be submitted. On submission of the photo id the applicant will be sent their position on the transfer waiting list.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this housing maintenance will be carried out **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Grab rails have been fitted in the bathroom and an extra handrail will be fitted in this property early in September.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have the window repaired. This will be done in early September.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state how many housing units have been approved and delivered in the Dublin Docklands Strategic Development Zone. In his reply can he give the value, location and the number of lands, sites and homes transferred by agreement to the Local Authority under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the City Council has approved thirty-two units within the Dublin Docklands Strategic Development Zone. Six units are to be delivered in Q4 2018 at a value of €1,906,800.00. They are located at the Ivory Building, Sir John Rogerson Quay, Dublin 2. Twenty-six units have been approved and delivered at Castleforbes Square, Dublin 1 at a value of

€4,960,981.00. Three additional units are being provided as off-site Part V provision for 8 Hanover Quay, Dublin 2. These units are all located within the South East Electoral Area to the value of €1,040,000. There are an additional nine approved planning permissions within the Dublin Docklands Strategic Development Zone and the City Council is currently in negotiations to agree Part V compliance. Approximately one hundred Part V units will to be provided under these permissions.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state what percentage of rough sleepers in Dublin are on our Housing Waiting list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The latest official Rough Sleeper Count carried out by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) identified a minimum of 110 persons sleeping rough across the Dublin region on the night of 27th March 2018 and into the morning of 28th March 2018. Rough sleepers are a transient population that often have intermittent contact with homeless services making the task of enumerating them accurately a difficult one.

To ascertain what percentage of rough sleepers in the Dublin region are on our Housing Waiting list would entail a record by record search. The 110 persons identified in the Spring Count may not be fully representative of all people sleeping rough in the Dublin Region.

Of the 110 individual rough sleepers identified, 51 individuals had a Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) record. A person who has a PASS record has at one point or other accessed emergency accommodation; been in contact with the Housing First team or collected a sleeping bag.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to agree that the repeated clamping of vehicles parked close to street corners is akin to shooting fish in a barrel, and would he consider placing double yellow lines close to those street corners where vehicles have been clamped on say, over fifty occasions in the previous calendar year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no road markings or signage associated with this parking prohibition and to do as the Councillor suggests could in some circumstances lead to confusion in relation what is or is not permitted at junctions.

All motorists are required to be aware of parking regulations. There are just 4 locations where vehicles have been clamped in excess of 50 times for this offence in the year August 2017 to July 2018 and in the period January to June 2018 this offence is approximately 3% of all offences. This suggests that the vast majority of motorists are fully aware of this prohibition on parking within 5 metres of a junction.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is aware that a significant pothole at the junction of South Great Georges Street and Stephen Street is repaired approximately every three months. In his reply could the Chief Executive explain in some detail the procedure undertaken for the filling of the pothole in question and indicate whether it might be technically possible to provide for a long-term solution that does not necessitate ongoing repairs and maintenance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services is aware of this pothole and arrangements are being made to carry out a permanent repair at this location.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for the parking around **(details supplied)** to be investigated as there is constant dangerous & illegal parking ongoing here. Residents have contacted Garda on occasions but understandably this isn't top priority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Street Parking Services have been instructed to continue to monitor this location **(details supplied)** and to take enforcement action wherever possible.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to monitor building works that are ongoing on **(details supplied)** as I have been constantly receiving complaints for residents regarding this site since work began & nothing is being done regarding their concerns.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is ongoing monitoring of the works concerned by the Planning Enforcement Section. This monitoring will continue in the coming months. Any further or specific complaints relating to this development should be sent to:
planningenforcement@dublincity.ie

Q.90 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to have the dumping of household waste at **(details supplied)** investigated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Unit are aware of the ongoing issue with illegal dumping at this location. The Litter Warden has investigated the dumped material on numerous occasions and no evidence was found. The local Waste Management Inspector is also aware of the issues raised and includes the location in routine clean ups.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive can he advise me if the speed cameras at the Fairview footbridge actually work/are in operation? From the wires hanging from them I'd guess they've been out of action for a long time. If so, for how long and why are they out of use? If they are not being used, then why keep them there?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is being investigated and reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my question 21 to North Central Area Committee July 2018 refers to residents on Griffith Avenue who are unhappy with the wooden barriers that have been installed there without consultation with residents. They would like the Chief Executive to comment on whether the solution found to illegal parking in the Docklands via a raised footpath (photo attached) could be used at this location instead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The concrete plinth as used in the Docklands and in Ballymun to prevent parking on the footpath is not suitable for use on grass verges as a concrete base is required for their installation.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive can ensure a sign is installed at this location (**details supplied**) at the earliest possible opportunity?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A sign has been ordered.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive can he advise me what company was involved in the installation of the playground in St. Anne's Park? Residents and park users would like to see an adult exercise area installed within the park (but not near the children's play area) where monkey bars can be used by those exercising within the park. The total area for something of this nature would be in the region of 20sqm and the company who did the playground would seem to have the capacity to do this sort of installation too. Malahide Castle is an example of a public park where this type of installation exists and is well used by park goers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no proposals to create an area of adult exercise equipment within St. Anne's Park. There are already a number of adult exercise equipment pieces laid out along the perimeter path towards Watermill Road and All Saints Road. A further 3 exercise stations are to be installed to extend this fitness trail in September.

2 further clusters of adult exercise equipment is to be installed this autumn on the Contort promenade which as well as the usual resistance and flexibility pieces will also include chin up and dip bars.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the attached document regarding disposal of land, did the Council investigate the cost of building public housing on this site? If so are the findings available? If no investigation was done why not? If DCC were to build public housing here approx how many units could be delivered? We were told on numerous occasions that funding is not an issue so what were the other reasons for deciding to dispose rather than use the site to deliver much needed housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The land owned by Dublin City Council comprises a small site of c. 306 square metres which has limited development potential in its own right partly due to the presence of an underground sewer pipe. To combine it with the development of the adjoining larger site was considered to be a more practical use of the land.

However, the disposal of the Council owned site is currently being re-examined and the Chief Valuer is in negotiations with the developer with a view to incorporating a social housing element into the proposed development.

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

Q.96 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive at what stage are DCC going to call a halt to the ever increasing volume of student accommodation in the Liberties? The only development seems to be either student units or hotels no much needed family accommodation or affordable student units. These student developments are already advertised on booking.com and have been used as tourist accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As a result of Variation 3 to the Development Plan an application for student accommodation “will be requested to submit evidence to demonstrate that there is not an over-concentration of student accommodation within an area, including a map showing all such facilities within 1km of a proposal”. All applications for student accommodation are assessed having regard to this requirement together with the overall policies in the Development Plan.

The current Dublin City Development Plan includes policy: “to support the provision of high quality, professionally managed and purpose built third level student accommodation on campuses or in appropriate locations close to the main campus, in the inner city or adjacent to high-quality public transport corridors and cycle routes, in a manner which respects the residential amenity and character of the surrounding area, in order to support the knowledge economy. Proposals for student accommodation shall comply with the “Guidelines for Student Accommodation” contained in the development standards” (QH31). A key action of the Government’s “Rebuilding Ireland – the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness” is to support greater provision of student accommodation in order to address the obstacles to greater private rented sector delivery and to improve the supply of units at affordable rents.

In this regard the Government (DHPCLG Circular PL 8/2016 APH 2/2016) recognises that student accommodation complexes can play an important role in providing affordable accommodation for tourists and visitors in major urban areas during peak summer demand periods. Planning Authorities, including Dublin City Council, have been requested by the Department to ensure that student accommodation is (1) not used for residential accommodation of a permanent nature; (2) safeguarded for use by students and other persons related to the HEI during the academic year; and (3) capable of being used for legitimate occupation by other persons/groups during holidays periods, when not required for student accommodation purposes.

Including existing, under construction and permitted student accommodation schemes, there is the potential for 2,710 bed spaces in the Liberties. In the context of the Liberties area which has a population of 23,000, this ratio (less than 12%) is considered acceptable at present. Whilst there remains significant vacant development land in the Liberties for other uses such as standard residential (there are 70 sites (32 hectares) on the Vacant Sites Register), the situation is being kept under review. Accordingly, the City Council is currently commissioning a study on the social, economic and land use impacts of Purpose Built Student Accommodation in the city.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the issue of dumping and dog fouling at **(details supplied)** and arrange for suitable signage / prevention measures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Domain have not received any complaints regarding **(details supplied)**. The area has been inspected by the Public Domain Officer and no evidence of dumping or dog fouling was found. A Dog Show with dog ownership responsibility information and green dog walker packs was staged during the Crumlin /Walkinstown Family Fun Day on the 24th June on the nearby Walkinstown Green. The Litter Prevention Officer has ordered signage and has arranged for Litter Wardens to patrol and inspect the area once per week.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to develop a DCC or Dublin City free Wi-Fi service across all DCC facilities and throughout the City Centre?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council provides free public access Wi-Fi in all our libraries. We have free Wi-Fi through the Hugh Lane gallery. It is proposed to upgrade this during refurbishment works next year. Through our Smart City Programme we have reviewed current Wi-Fi provision with a view to supporting future Wi-Fi deployments where there are gaps in service. Currently there is free Wi-Fi available across most public transport across the city (buses, dart, train). There is also a high density of free Wi-Fi provided by private operators and businesses across the city centre. The increase in mobile data allowances and 'all you can eat' data packages has resulted in a reduction of public Wi-Fi usage in general. We are constantly reviewing Wi-Fi Provision and it is our intention to apply for the Wifi4EU scheme to support future deployments.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much money is taken in by DCC from sports club annually for pitch lettings in DCC parks?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The amount received for the year 2017 was € 29170.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what has been the reduction in road maintenance staff across the City in the past 5 years and if he intends to recruit more staff to this section?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of staff in Road Maintenance Services has reduced by 29 over the past five years, from 157 in December 2013 to 128 in August 2018. This includes general operatives, drivers, supervisory staff and depot based staff. Professional/ technical and clerical/ administrative staff are not included in these numbers.

Human Resources has recruited seven drivers/ general operatives to Road Maintenance Services in the current year, with plans to appoint a further two drivers/ general operatives in the coming weeks. Furthermore, it is intended to appoint four apprentice brick/ stonelayers in September 2018.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what role DCC has in preventing shrubs/trees from private houses or grounds blocking pedestrian pathways?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services can issue a notice to a property owner to cut back offending shrubs / trees under Section 13 (10) Roads Act, 1993. If the property owner fails to remedy the matter DCC can carry out the work and charge any costs to the property owner.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask to Chief Executive to explain his opposition and resistance to instructing Senior Counsel to give a legal opinion on Local Government Act 2001 Section 132 which includes;

(1) It is the duty of every manager to carry into effect all lawful directions of the elected council of a local authority or a joint body for which he or she is manager in relation to the exercise and performance of the reserved functions of the local authority or joint body.

There is nothing written in any part of Section 132 that suggests the Chief Executive is free to disregard the wording of a specific motion passed by Dublin City Council in respect of a reserved function and a Senior Counsel opinion on this continues to be resisted. While this information is required in relation to the Part 8 Fairview to City Centre Cycleway it is also required as stated in our submission for Councillors nationally in order to finally know whether or not we can request 'independent' legal opinion with regard to their reserved functions. The request for this information was very clearly identified in a submission made by Councillors in respect of the above mentioned Part 8 furthermore and additionally, is indicated in the agreed minutes of a protocol meeting and the submission request referred specifically to the wording of a motion passed by this Council and therefore should have been dealt with by Senior Council. The Chief Executive will remember that Councillors were denied the use of their own instructing solicitor but were given assurances by the Chief Executive that the Law Agent, as instructing solicitor would act on their behalf, yet our very simple and relevant questions remain unanswered by 'our' Senior Counsel despite several requests to our instructing solicitor and the Chief Executive. I believe the Chief Executive may be in breach of his responsibilities to this Council under the Local Government Act 2001 and on behalf of my constituents I want an explanation please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Elected Members requested a second legal opinion in the specific terms of Emergency Motion Number 5 which was before the Council on 6 November 2017 (see copy of Motion below). The matter of selecting Senior Counsel to provide the second legal opinion was discussed and agreed with the Protocol Committee. The second legal opinion was duly secured and provided in the terms of the Emergency Motion.

The Motion did not seek Counsel opinion on Section 132 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Extract from Minutes of 6th November 2017

Emergency Motion No 5 – The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take the following Emergency Motion submitted by Councillor D O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor N Ring

“That Independent Counsel opinion be obtained to confirm that the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme Part 8 process was conducted in full compliance with the relevant statutory requirements. This Independent Counsel will be chosen by Councillors. This opinion will also include the following in order to protect the integrity of the process:

what effect did DCC's non-compliance with its own non-statutory procedures have on the Part 8 Statutory process.

whether or not 'an issue that arose' (petition) after the statutory public submission cut-off of the 9th March resulted in the modifications (removal of traffic lane) that were made to the CEO's Part 8 report of the 28th August. (it should be noted that the DNC Area Committee where the modifications were to take place had at their meeting of the 17th July proposed to accept the managers initial report which did not include the removal of the traffic lane.

The opinion will also advise on the sections of the Local Government Act 2001 which give reserved powers to Councillors e.g. Section 136, 137, 138, 139 etc and how these powers can be used to best effect if necessary. This specific information will be a much needed and valuable independent resource for immediate and future reference for all Councillors”

The motion was put to a vote and carried. The Chief Executive agreed to send a report to the next meeting of the Protocol Committee to be held on the 30th November 2017.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to include the re-surfacing of St Declan's Road, Marino Dublin 3 in the next Dublin North Central Programme of Works please. The road surface along St Declan's Road is in an extremely very poor state of repair and very much warrants a full re-reinstatement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Road maintenance Service will complete an inspection of these locations and schedule any potholes for repair when a crew is next available in the area. St Declan’s Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Major Works Programme for resurfacing. Project selection is based on funding availability and carriageway condition relative to others in the North Central Area.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to include the re-surfacing of Brighton Ave, Clontarf, Dublin 3 in the next Dublin North Central Programme of Works please. The cul de sac is unusual in that the road carriageway is used by pedestrians daily as well as cars as it is very narrow and cars have to use the footpath otherwise there is no emergency service access etc. Residents living on the road with reduced mobility find the road surface very dangerous (walking aids not effective) to use for getting around due to the very broken up and uneven road surface. I believe a visual inspection and inclusion on the next works programme is very much warranted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Road maintenance Service will complete an inspection of this location and schedule any potholes for repair when a crew is next available in the area. Brighton Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Major Works Programme for resurfacing. Project selection is based on funding availability and carriageway condition relative to others in the North Central Area.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise pot-hole and surface repair of the public car parks along Clontarf Road please. There are large craters in the car park opposite Hollybrook Road which need urgent attention please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The car park is maintained by Roads Maintenance/Traffic - surface repair and reinstatement of the markings, etc. is paid for from parking revenue. Contact will be made with Roads and a request made to them to have the necessary work carried out.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to fix the footpath adjacent to 15 Shangan Green. It's badly broken up and there are at least two wheelchair users in this cul-de-sac that find it difficult to get across this section of footpath.

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 repairs in accordance with the work order priority.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council install a street sign at the entrance to the first cul-de-sac on Shangan Green: "Nos. 1-18 Shangan Green". Since the DCU in the Community building and the apartments were built, this little cul-de-sac has been cut off from the rest of Shangan Green, and Emergency Services in particular have problems finding the homes, when needed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will examine this location and will issue a reply in due course.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief executive to remove the dumped waste, write a letter to all residents on either side of the wall to say that dumping is not allowed, and fix the pillars of the wall at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Unit North West Area have called to the address in question with regard to the issue. The dumping is located in an area that is difficult to access but we will work with the resident and relevant departments to have the dumped material removed and the boundary issues resolved.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council treat the damp in **(details supplied)** and restore the damage done in the apartment by the damp and a recent burst pipe?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Maintenance section have arranged for a damp survey to be carried out at this property, the results of which will determine the course of action to be taken.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have speed ramps installed on the road of Adare Park, Bonny brook, Dublin 17. Local residents say they have been looking for these ramps on this road for over ten years, it is used as a through road by motorists because there's no ramps and the speed and frequency of these vehicles passing through pose a serious hazard to resident's pedestrians and children.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has advised that speed ramps on Adare Park will be considered for inclusion on a future works programme subject to the availability of funding.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive will the recent public lighting upgrade to L.E.D. fittings carried out in the Woodlawn and Aulden Grange estates in Santry Dublin 9 continue to include the Coolock lane section of Aulden Grange and Santry Court?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will examine the lighting here and any improvements considered necessary, will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in our LED replacement programme.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the perimeter railings to Streamville Park at Foxhill Court inspected/repared. The railings have been damaged and the openings are being used to access the park, there is a lot of anti-social behaviour in this section of the park since this damage to the railings, a lot of residents `wheelie bins have stolen using these openings and set on fire in the park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, these railings are damaged not infrequently and are repaired when such damage is identified and as resources allow. The advice from the Gardaí to home owners to prevent wheelie bins being stolen and set alight in public parks is to keep them out of sight behind a locked gate or to lock them to a fixed structure as would be done with a bicycle or any other item of value.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council be ensuring that the roads, green areas and perimeter walls that have been excavated and demolished by the civil contractors working on behalf of the ESB in Woodlawn and Aulden Grange, Dublin 9, will be re-instated and re-surfaced when the excavation works are complete?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Electricity Supply Board notified Dublin City Council Infrastructure Management Unit that additional works are necessary at this location and when completed the permanent reinstatement shall be carried out in accordance with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads", 2017. ESB networks have been granted a formal wayleave/road opening licence for the works which includes a requirement to reinstate once works have been completed.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report on the current position of the Harold's Cross Community Centre (Rosary Hall). Can this report detail the current status of ownership of the centre and any leasing arrangement's currently in place. What plans have DCC to support the centre? Can the report take notice of the current plight of the long established Harold's Cross Ladies Club for whom the hall is their only meeting place? I understand that they have been unable to use the upstairs rooms as they need repair and have no heating. When will these issues be resolved?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rosary Hall which is located in Rosary Park, Harold's Cross, is owned by the St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust. Some years ago, the local parish priest made contact with Dublin City Council and advised that the church was keen to divest of their interest in the property. Dublin City Council subsequently held exploratory discussions with representatives. of the church authorities who requested that we take over ownership of Rosary Park with the priority being to allow the property continue in use for community purposes. We advised the church authorities that we would be in favour of the transfer only, at a minimal cost, where it would serve to resolve some local difficulties and which would result in the stabilisation and continuation of a valuable local community facility. Discussions were also held with the Harold's Cross Youth Club (HCYC) and the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) with a view to both groups coming together and they are interested in leasing Rosary Park from the city council with the stipulation that the facilities are widely used by the local community.

Draft terms and conditions for the acquisition have been drawn up and are under review pending clarification on the non-commercial aspect and details of the current

activities in Rosary Hall. It is intended that discussions will then take place with the Harold's Cross Youth Club (HCYC) and the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in relation to agreeing terms and conditions of a new lease.

The property was inspected on behalf of the city council and there are some repairs and remedial works to be completed by the city council once the property is acquired and before the new lease for Rosary Park is agreed. I have spoken to both the Harold's Cross Youth Club (HCYC) and the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) and there is no issue with the Harold's Cross Ladies' Club using Rosary Hall and the heating is one of the issues that will be examined once the property is acquired.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report on the current status of the former St. Catherine's Gate apartment block on Parnell Road Dublin 12. Has the complex been purchased by an AHB and if so what is the allocation policy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tuath Housing Association has recently acquired a block of 23 residential units known as Harold's Court, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, for the purpose of providing social housing. The block consists of 4 x 1 beds and 19 x 2 beds and as the acquisition is partly funded by the DHPLG under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF), Dublin City Council will have 100% nominations rights to the units.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the plans for **(details supplied)** have the building functioning and if this does not happen will DCC acquire it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The premises at (details supplied) while owned by Dublin City Council were assigned to Novas Housing Association some years ago with the aim of developing it for Supported Homeless Accommodation. It is a very difficult and expensive project because the buildings are in need of total refurbishment. A specialist conservation consultant was engaged by Novas to carry out a pre-planning report which has been completed. The City Council's Archaeology, Conservation and Heritage Section, has confirmed that the units are not protected structures but Novas has been advised to retain as much of the historic fabric as possible which will be addressed at planning application stage. Approval in principle for a development of 8 units, subject to planning, has issued from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the Capital Assistance Funding Scheme.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of how many of those in emergency accommodation were moved out of their current accommodation to facilitate guests coming to stay for the recent Papal visit, was alternative accommodation sourced and at what cost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No service users in emergency accommodation were moved out of their current accommodation to facilitate guests coming to stay for the Papal visit. We worked closely with private accommodation providers and ensured that existing hotel and B&B family accommodation bookings were not adversely affected during the Papal visit.

We have been aware for some time, that securing emergency accommodation during the Papal visit could be challenging and that additional resources and planning would be required. Therefore, the DRHE, in conjunction with the four Dublin Local Authorities, coordinated and implemented contingency plans which operated for the duration of the Papal Visit.

This plan included:

- The DRHE assigned a project co-ordinator for the duration of the Papal Visit who oversaw the contingency plan.
- We sourced a number of additional, temporary units / rooms to cater for families presenting as homeless and in need of temporary emergency placement. These include several units suitable for large families.
- We increased staffing of the Freephone service 1800 707 707 which operated as usual on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August from 10am to 2am.
- Our Housing First Outreach Teams (operated by Focus Ireland & Peter McVerry Trust) were out on the streets of Dublin, engaging with people at risk of rough sleeping and working with them to access supports and shelter;

The full costs of the contingency plans have yet to be finalised.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a time frame for the development of Cornamona site in Ballyfermot?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This development is currently being tendered; completed tenders due back in October. Accordingly, subject to approval from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, we would expect to be in a position to award a contract for development late 2018. Construction should therefore be completed by the 3rd quarter of 2020.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of how much money is owed to DCC in development levies for years 2010 to 2018?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current debtors for development levies for years 2010 to 2018 is as follows:

2010	€105,372
2011	€181,749
2012	€60,478
2013	€573,930
2014	€713,689
2015	€313,468
2016	€1,544,506
2017	€6,964,603
2018	€14,255,813

There are currently 438 active accounts and 300 of those have phased agreements in place. Dublin City Council makes every effort to come to a mutually acceptable agreement for the payment of financial contributions. In exceptional cases where the applicant does not engage with us we refer the file to our legal team for the recovery of the outstanding amount as a simple contract debt in court. Compliance with financial conditions is only issued when the debt is fully discharged.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many lease or permit holders are in occupation in the Fruit, Vegetable and Flower market and to provide a table of lease-or permit holders and rents paid by those in occupation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 8 Wholesale Traders at the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market. The weekly rent payable by each is dependent on when they started trading and the area of space they occupy. The traders have week to week licences.

The rents are increased to stay in line with commercial rents in the city from time to time. Individual rates can be commercially sensitive but the total rental income is Annual rent due 121,963.92

Q.121 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a progress report on the following policy objective in the City Development Plan 2016 – 2022:

MTO50: To introduce traffic-free areas on sections on Drury Street, South William Street, Exchequer Court, Dame Court and Dame Lane while ensuring that access to car parks and deliveries is still provided for.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This objective is being considered by the Environment and Transportation Department but as yet it has not been progressed.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a list of all the grants and supports available for community groups or individuals seeking to improve their local environment. Can the list include the amounts available, the application processes, and dates and deadlines for each.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain Projects Grant Scheme for the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount Catchment Area.

This Community Grants Scheme which is run annually assesses and funds proposals from local community and voluntary organisations, environmental groups, arts and educational groups, sports clubs, individuals and businesses for the development of environmental, community, educational and recreational projects in the Irishtown, Ringsend and Sandymount catchment area.

The application dates and the amount of funding available for the 2018 Projects Grant Scheme will be announced this Autumn. Application forms and detailed information regarding the Projects Grant Scheme is available at www.dublincity.ie/cglc or by e-mailing cglc@dublincity.ie

The Community Grants Schemes 2019 (3) will open mid-September 2018 and the closing date is 26th October 2018.

Community Grants Scheme 2019 –

Key priority areas

- Community Development
- Social development
- Integration
- Local area issues

Informal Adult Education Grants Scheme 2019

- Key priority area
- Informal Adult Education

Tom Clarke Toll Bridge Grants Scheme 2019 – Confined to East Wall/North Wall/Irishtown/Ringsend Areas

- Key priority area
- Community Development
- Social development
- Integration
- Local area issues

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he could in future promote, encourage and provide for temporary bicycle parking at events in the city by way of terms in their event management license.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Transport planning, via the Cycling and Walking Promotion Officer, is currently developing a trial of bicycle parking stands at Vegfest, taking place on the 22nd to 23rd September 2018. A report and survey of users and non-users will follow. Transport planning will present the report to the Events Sections, and it is envisaged that the findings will inform the next steps in relation to the allocation of cycle parking at events in the City.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what resources are available in-house to enforce the control of horses' by-laws and can he indicate how members of the public can take action if they witness cruelty to carriage horses or carriages being driven by underage drivers, and can he make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Licensing Unit, Environment and Transportation Department manage the Contractors who enforce the Control of Horses bye-laws 2014 on behalf of Dublin City Council. There are five staff authorised for the purposes of the Dublin City Council Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye-Laws 2011 who only carry out enforcement action on licensed Horse and Carriage operators and licensed drivers. All other enforcement issues should be referred to the Gardai.