

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of households on the Council Housing waiting list that requires wheelchair liveable accommodation and the number of these that are currently in homeless accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 67 households on the Council Housing Waiting List that require wheelchair liveable accommodation of which 11 are currently in Homeless Accommodation.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of households allocated wheelchair liveable Council Housing from the waiting list in 2017 and to date in 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A total of 41 households were allocated wheelchair liveable accommodation by Dublin City Council in 2017 and to date in 2018.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if a man who is in his early forty's with multiple health issues could be considered a vulnerable person? This man has lived with his parents in his family home for the past 30 years. His mother passed away at least ten years ago and his father has just unexpectedly passed away. The family home is a DCC house and the family rent was based on this mans limited income and his father's pension since he started working around eight years ago. This man's name is not on the lease but is on the rent book. This man wishes to keep living in the family home as he has a good support network there. The house is in credit with the rent and always has been. What is the process to get this person ratified as the tenant? **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Rent Assessment Section was not informed that the tenant had passed away. The rent has now been re-assessed accordingly. The tenant's son must call to the Housing Allocations Section with his late father's death certificate to apply to Succeed to the Tenancy. He is being contacted directly by this office in relation to the matter.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he and some of his Managerial Staff would like to take a walk around the streets surrounding Dublin City Councils Civic Offices and its environs to take a personal look at the area to see if he is happy with the current state of the roads, footpaths, streetlights, poles etc. I raised this issue on a broader scale at a previous Council meeting on Service Provision but having walked and cycled around the area since then it seems that the problems are getting worse.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Should the councillor wish to highlight specific problems that he has identified in relation to the condition of the footpaths and carriageways in the streets surrounding the Civic Offices and its environs, then Road Maintenance Services will arrange to have these issues inspected and repaired as necessary.

On a recent night inspection (17/09/18) of lighting in this area, there were no reports of any lights out of order. If there is a specific issue with regards to the lighting, please forward details of the pole number(s) and street name(s), and Public Lighting Services will examine these. If a group walk around is arranged, Public Lighting personnel will be available to attend.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for planters and extra trees to be placed on Barry Road, Barry Avenue and Plunkett Green to enhance the area as has been done very successfully along shops at Dunnes Stores on Lower Cardiffsbridge Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Domain Team have been working in conjunction with the businesses at Barry Avenue regarding area enhancement. Hanging baskets were supplied to all the shops with the facility to hang them. Planters were placed outside the Abbey Tavern with agreement from the Public House to maintain. There is also a landscaping project planned for the front of the shops also where there has been incidence of burning of domestic rubbish. This will take place in the weeks after Halloween. Further Public Bins have been arranged for the location also.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a decorative cast iron sign to be placed at entrance to Mellows Crescent to indicate location of Mellows Crescent and Mellows Court.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Domain Team will normally link in with a Local Environmental Group when arranging signage as above. If the group would like to make contact with the Public Domain Team and we can advise them on the enhancement of their area.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a significant increase in funding for Roads Maintenance in the upcoming budget. The current budget is miniscule in comparison to what is needed for an upgrade of many roads and footpaths.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's 2019 Revenue Budget inclusive of the roads works programme is determined by the City Councillors during the annual budgetary process with a final decision made at the Statutory Budget Meeting. This year's meeting is scheduled for Monday 19th November 2018.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this Councillor with an update on an application made for a bathroom at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The application has been received and processed and works are expected to commence here in the next 2 weeks.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the substantive issues - listed 1-3 below raised in the email submitted with this Question which in itself is a response to the response to Question Number 38 of the September 3rd 2018 meeting of the City Council.

1. The statement that it is legal to park for up to 20 minutes on double yellow lines if “actively loading and unloading” (what does that latter mean and how/when is it every verified?):
2. Is it policy that vehicles will not be clamped if parked on double yellow lines, for up to 20 minutes, but to clamp vehicles parked in parking bays, with a time expired ticket or no valid ticket? I have checked for any mention of this in legislation but only found the opposite in the Road Traffic Act 1961-2018, section 36 2(a) relating to RRM 008 (double yellow lines)-1997 [S.I. Number 182/1997].
3. Perhaps the Chief Executive could direct us the relevant legislation revoking this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Due to typing error it was indicated in the response to the Councillor’s Q.38 to City Council on the 3rd September that it is permissible to load/unload on Double Yellow Lines for up to 20 minutes. The regulations make allowance for 30 minutes in the case of Double Yellow Lines.

1. Regulations do not make any reference to specific activities associated with loading/unloading and it is therefore interpreted in a general manner as any activity associated with loading/unloading. Activities of this nature must be verified by enforcement services by way of observation prior to commencing enforcement action.

2./3. Per Article 5(2)(e) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations in relation to non-application of certain prohibitions and restrictions, “a prohibition on the parking of a vehicle imposed by article 36(2)(a) [Double Yellow Lines] shall not apply to a vehicle parked while goods are being loaded in, or on to it or unloaded from it, for a period not exceeding thirty minutes”. It is not appropriate for Dublin City Council to consider any policy that would contravene regulations in this regard. It is the policy of Dublin City Council to apply a Grace Period of 10 minutes at all Pay and Display Parking locations before commencing enforcement action for expired pay and display tickets or non-display of a pay and display ticket

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O’MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)** the site has been derelict for more than ten years. The entire site is overgrown with scrub, including the once attractive avenue. The formerly impressive entrance is used for dumping, as is the frontage on **(details supplied)**, which no longer has an adequate fence. Please note that prior to its sale in 2004 **(details supplied)** was the foremost dwelling on this premier residential road and was marked on all Ordinance Survey maps of Dublin.

(details supplied) was sold in June 2004 to Urban Redevelopment Developer **(details supplied 2)** who applied for planning permission to build apartments there. The house was gutted by a fire in 2007. **(details supplied 2)** then applied for planning permission to demolish the house. Since that time it has been in an ever worsening state of dereliction. (See reports in Irish Times 17/8/2006, 10/8/2007, 20/11/2008, Evening Herald 13/1/2009 and other newspaper reports) This site is a hazard and needs to be dealt with ASAP

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report to this Councillor on the number of social houses built by the council in each year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and the first half of 2018, and to provide the address of all these directly built City Council houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a list of social units built by the City Council from 2014 to date.

Year	Address	No. of social units
2014	Peadar Kearney House	56
2014	Thornton Heights	75
2015	Bluebell, Inchicore	19
2016	Maxwell Road, Rathmines	9
2016	Baile No Laochra, Ballymun	22
2017	St. Helenas, Finglas	39
2017	Mourne Road / Knocknarea Road	29
2017	Cherry Orchard	24
2017	Belcamp	38
2017	Buttercup	19
2018	Buttercup	16

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the practice of using the pavements of Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road as parking for coach buses on the occasion of concerts and other major events at Croke Park.

1. What health and safety assessment, if any, has been done in relation to using the pavements of Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road as parking for coach buses on the occasion of concerts and other major events at Croke Park?
2. What consideration, if any, has been given to the physically disabled, the blind, the elderly, and parents with buggies and children, amongst others, and their safe use of the pavements

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council do not give approval for coach / buses to use the pavement on Alfie Byrne Road or East Wall Road. We do give Temporary Approval for Set Down Only and Pick Up Only. No Standing Time Allowed on the Eastern side of Alfie Byrne Road, Dublin 3, North of John McCormack Bridge and by or adjacent to Public Lamp Standard No. 6, with the following conditions: Under a Section 98, it is the Gardai that take control of Alfie Byrne Road / East Wall Road during events. We have sent this request for information to the Gardai and have not yet received a response. As soon as a response is received from the Gardai it will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Cara Hall, All Saints Drive, Raheny Dublin 5:

1. What name is the lease?
2. How many names are on the lease?
3. Who owns the plot of land behind the hall?
4. If the names of the lease holders cannot be given, why?
5. And what interest and responsibility do DCC have in the hall and land?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Under the Indenture of Lease dated the 4th October 1984 for a term of 99 years from 29th April 1982, the site at All Saints Drive, Raheny, Dublin 5 was demised by Dublin City Council to St Anne's Community and Residents Association (CARA) Limited.
2. The lease is in the sole name of the limited company.
3. The land behind the hall is public open space in the ownership of Dublin City Council.
4. The name of the lessee is the company name only; St Anne's Community and Residents Association (CARA) Limited.

Dublin City Council is the fee simple owner of the site but under terms of the 99-year lease responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the building rests with the lessee

Q.14 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect St James's Walk beside Rialto Street with a view to putting in some traffic calming measures as it is being used as a speed rat run.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to the existing Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer in due course.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to take action on a skip bag along St James's Walk which has been there since the May bank holiday.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer has inspected the site and the Rapid Response Crew will arrange for the Skip Bag to be re-positioned to enable the crew to remove it early next week.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a copy of all correspondence between DCC and Martin Keane and/or people acting on his behalf since the planning permission ran out in August 2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Correspondence (not covered by legal privilege) attached, as requested.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the property in Dolphins Barn which was disposed of on the condition that it was developed within 6 months, and if the Chief Executive could make a statement on when he expects the property to be taken back into DCC control.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I wish to clarify that this disposal of land was not conditional on completion of the development within six months. The approved terms and conditions provided that the purchaser would lodge a planning application within four months of exchange of contracts and that the entire development would be completed within eighteen months of the date on which final planning permission was granted.

Final Planning Permission was granted on 30th May 2016 and development should have commenced by 1st October 2016. Dialogue and correspondence with the developer in relation to his failure to commence work was unsuccessful and the Law Agent was instructed in December 2017 to commence the process for the termination of the Agreement for Lease and Building Licence Agreement. The developer's solicitors were notified of the Council's intentions and on receipt of their response it was considered necessary to seek Senior Council opinion on the Council's options to bring this matter to conclusion. The Senior Council opinion was obtained and is currently being examined in conjunction with the Law Agent.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for 30km signs for the Wadelai estate including Clonmel Road, St Pappin's Road, Hillcrest Park and Glasnevin Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The streets indicated are included in Phase 3 of the DCC Speed Limit Review that is under consideration by Dublin City Council's Councillors. The area in question is bounded by Ballymun Road, Glasnevin Avenue, Ballygall Road and Griffith Avenue.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if monitoring of speed on **(details supplied)** and surrounding area has taken place as was suggested by the response to my question in February to the NWAC. What is the outcome of this speed monitoring and has the Council considered any solutions to put in place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A speed survey was conducted on **(details supplied)**. Children Crossing signs have recently been recommended, and this item is currently with the Traffic Officer for implementation. In addition to this and in light of the above request, "SLOW" road marking will be installed on the roadway to further traffic calm the area.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the proposed boiler upgrade at **(details supplied)**. The insulation was finished some time ago and the boiler upgrade was supposed to be done at the same time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A new boiler was installed at this property on 27.7.17 and following an inspection it was found to be in good working order.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how often the bin should be emptied at **(details supplied)**. Resident's there felt it is left overflowing on a regular basis and needs to be emptied more regularly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned litter bin emptied on a daily basis, Monday to Friday. We will monitor the usage of the bin and have it emptied more regularly if required.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive because of the ongoing anti-social behaviour in the lanes and the consistent dumping can he have gates erected at the entrance to the lanes between **(details supplied 1)** and also at the other end of the lane between **(details supplied 2)** and also close off the lane **(details supplied 3)** and explain what is the

process so residents can work with the Council to get the gates installed and who looks after these matters?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Housing office will have a look at the areas referred to and get in touch directly with the Councillor.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the road name plate restored to 37 Bremen Road as the last one was stolen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made for this nameplate to be replaced.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the crab apple tree removed from **(details supplied)** and replaced by a small slow growing tree as the crab apples are being thrown at people and property by kids.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site visit will be arranged with a view to establishing the responsibility for the management of the trees at this location.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many properties Dublin City Council own and how many tenants have taken up the tenant purchase scheme since in its recent resurrection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I refer to the above Council Question and wish to state that Dublin City Council owns 25,146 properties. There were 89 properties purchased by tenants since the new Scheme was introduced in 2016.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what needs to be done to start the disposal of a small piece of land directly outside the **(details supplied)** which is currently redundant and is a huge source of anti-social behaviour in the area. The School want to take it over and increase their recreation area. Please see photo attached for area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The School Board of Management should write to the Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department outlining its proposal for the extension of its recreational area and to request that consideration be given to the disposal of the City Council owned plot of ground for that purpose.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can CPO the **(details supplied)** which has fallen into dereliction and is a huge blight on Finglas Village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site **(details supplied)** has been inspected for entry onto the Vacant Sites Register, under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015. A Notice of Proposed Entry to the Vacant Sites Register will be served on the owner(s) of this property in due course.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to close the lane at **(details supplied)** as there has been a number of attempted break ins as people were jumping over the wall. It is not a public right of way and is blocked at one end.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager is examining the location and will revert to the Councillor shortly.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of the car park at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned car park cleaned on the 20th September 2018. We will monitor the future cleanliness of this car park to ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the section of the building at **(details supplied)** is a protected building and with its upgrading of can we arrange for the painting of the wall of this building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The old barn section of the **(details supplied)** is not a protected structure. However, it is of 'Local' significance and is situated within the Crumlin Village (St. Agnes Church & Environs) Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), as adopted by Dublin City Council on the 3rd November 2014. The aim of the ACA designation "is to preserve and enhance the character of the area or group. The form and arrangement of buildings, structures and landscape features within an ACA are important in how they contribute to the character of the area or group". The Crumlin Village ACA identifies that "Painted finishes are a characteristic feature for some structures in the ACA. Repainting of facades, shopfronts, door cases and other features can alter the character of the ACA and should be undertaken in consultation with the Conservation Section of Dublin City Council". The Conservation Section is of the opinion that repainting of the **(details supplied)** building in a similar colour to the existing one would be exempted development (and therefore would not require planning permission). However, the ACA advises that "modern chemical based paints can have a detrimental effect on historic buildings by trapping moisture in the fabric causing dampness and decay. For this reason, external paints used in historic buildings must be breathable". Therefore, the Conservation Section should be contacted before undertaking any repainting works, by email to conservation@dublincity.ie or by phone at 01-2223090. Further details of the Crumlin Village (St. Agnes Church & Environs) Architectural Conservation Area are available at the following link:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/Planning/DublinCityDevelopmentPlan/Documents/ADOPTED-Var23-CrumlinACAFinalDoc.pdf>

Q.31 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to list the number and role of the DCC staff allocated to the O'Devaney Gardens Land Initiative project team and to explain why the same project is being used for all 3 Land Initiative projects - this is causing inexcusable delays while work on one projects waits to be finished to allow another to begin ie project team on O'Devaney Gardens must wait for ITPD to be issued for the Oscar Traynor Project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The development of three Land Initiative projects, O'Devaney Gardens, Oscar Traynor and St. Michael's Estate were approved by the Elected Members of the City Council in January and while all three are complex and the Public Procurement process is obviously onerous, we are satisfied that good progress has been made. The three projects are crucial for the City in the context of the housing crisis and the need for Regeneration at the locations involved. It was always indicated that the projects would proceed in the order of (1) O'Devaney Gardens (2) Oscar Traynor Road and (3) St. Michael's Estate with a single Steering Group (chaired by Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive). The St. Michael's project has now taken on a different direction and a separate Project Manager has been appointed for that scheme. Below the Steering Group, there is a strong and permanent Project Team consisting of Architects, Valuers, Quantity Surveyors, Planners, Legal as well as representatives from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and the National Treasury Management Agency (N.T.M.A.). This team is also supported by external consultants advising on Legal and Procurement issues. It is sensible that the Project Team drives both projects because the process is similar and learning from the O'Devaney project which is now at a crucial stage will be transferred to the Oscar Traynor project which should speed up the time-scales there. If any additional resources are required then they will be assigned accordingly. Both proposals are complex but we are satisfied with progress being made and the Oscar Traynor project is not being delayed because of work being done on the O'Devaney project. A comprehensive report on the Oscar Traynor Project will be circulated to all Councillors on the North West and Central Area Committees next week.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the shower at **(details supplied)** repaired as the temperature thermostat in the shower is broken and there is no hot water in the shower now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repairs have been completed at this address.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to September Council question 15 regarding CCTV needed in the Whitehall/Santry and Beaumont Area are they saying it is not a priority or that they are not willing to consider it? CCTV for policing comes under that act so therefore the legal reason is void as the local gardai have said there is a need and made a direct request of the community reps to support such CCTV.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Requests for CCTV should in the first instance be channelled through the Local Joint Policing Committee. No official notification has been received from An Garda Siochána regarding the need for CCTV in the Whitehall/ Beaumont / Santry area. It is my understanding that in order for the Gardaí to issue such notification they would have to carry out a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design process to establish whether there is a need for CCTV. Should this need be established, as the primary function of the system would be for policing, the City Council considers that it would be a matter for the Gardaí to install and manage the system.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the entire financial cost of 14 Henrietta Street. This cost to include the present administration staff of the building and the entire budget for the running of this Museum/building and a breakdown of salary scales. Further, a full list of all Board members of the Cultural Company and the process that was used to appoint them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cost of 14 Henrietta Street in total is €5.2M including the purchase of the building, stabilisation works, weather proofing, conservation works and museum development works, of which €3.2M was funded by Dublin City Council. Running costs 2018 of present administration staff of the building and the entire budget for the running of this Museum/building (part of year €175,000). Salary Scales range between €100 and €185 per day (based on 7 hrs), and contracts range from contracts for service to employment contracts.

Board members of Dublin City Council Culture Company:

Tim Carey, Principal Officer, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government; Ray Yeates, Dublin City Arts Officer;

Cllr Vincent Jackson, Dublin City Council;

Cllr Greg Kelly, Dublin City Council; Siobhán Bourke, Founder & Director of Irish Theatre Institute;

Rhona O'Brien, General Counsel and Company Secretary of Aрызta plc;

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive, Planning and Property Development & CRES (Culture, Recreation & Economic Services).

Appointed by:

Richard Shakespeare: as Board Chair, appointed by Chief Executive DCC

Cllr Vincent Jackson: By Culture SPC (as chair of the SPC)

Cllr Greg Kelly: By vote of Culture SPC

Siobhán Bourke

Rhona O'Brien

Tim Carey

Ray Yeates

Process used to appoint board members:

2 Board members nominated by the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC (Cllr Vincent Jackson and Cllr Greg Kelly)

2 Council officials appointed by Chief Executive Dublin City Council (Ray Yeates, Richard Shakespeare as Board Chair)

3 external Board members appointed by Chief Executive Dublin City Council representing Arts (Siobhán Bourke), Heritage (Tim Carey) and Legal/Financial (Rhona O'Brien) skills base.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report containing a full breakdown of the number of cycle stands on footpaths in Dublin and the number of cycle stands on roadways in Dublin that have been installed by Dublin City Council and a map of where these locations are. Also, a full breakdown of the cost of this infrastructure and also the rationale for deciding locations for footpath cycle stands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent survey of existing on-street cycle parking stands was conducted in 2015. At that time, the survey was limited to cycle parking stands within the area bounded by the Royal and Grand Canals. A total of 2,313 stands were identified by the survey.

The survey in 2015 did not record whether cycle parking was installed on the footpath or on the carriageway. However, prior to 2015, the vast majority of cycle parking was installed on the footpath. Since 2015, due to fact that it has been increasingly difficult to find suitable locations on footpaths, cycle parking has increasingly been installed in the carriageway in city centre locations. This is consistent with the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021. The table below summarises the cycle parking installations since 2015:

Batch Number	Date of Installation	Number of Stands located on Footpaths	Number of Stands Located on Carriageway	Value of Installation Contract (Ex Vat)
3	Q2 -2016	30	56	€30,124
4	Q1- 2017	93	81	€59,892.32
5	Q1-2018	84	93	€72,883.10
6	Q2-2018	7	253	To be agreed
7	Q2/3 -2018	10	266	€95,125.26
8	On-going	76	126	On going
Totals		300	875	

A map showing the current cycle parking is available online at:
https://data.smartdublin.ie/dataset/dcc_public_cycle_parking_stands

The decision to install cycle parking on the footpath or carriageway is assessed on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the available footpath width, the volume of pedestrians using the footpath and the availability of suitable road space.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full forensic audit of car parking enforcement and clamping company Tazbell as a matter of urgency. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Protected disclosures were made by two employees of DSPS - the City Council's parking enforcement contractor - to the City Council early in 2017. The disclosures raised serious concerns regarding the performance of DSPS. They also raised serious concerns regarding the performance of the City Council in overseeing the parking enforcement contract with DSPS.

Initially the Council appointed Mr Michael J McCarthy, former Assistant Garda Commissioner to investigate these allegations. Mr McCarthy produced a draft report, which was submitted to both DSPS and to the City Council in June 2017. Following representations from DSPS, the Council agreed to withdraw Mr McCarthy's report and to terminate his investigation. This was done in light of legal advice received that the investigations on which Mr McCarthy's report was based breached the principles of natural justice. The Council also agreed to expunge the report from Dublin City Council's records.

Following the demise of Mr McCarthy's report, the issues raised in the protected disclosures were pursued directly by the Chief Executive with both DSPS and with management in the Environment & Transportation Department, who oversee the parking enforcement contract. These issues can be summarised as follows:

- Concern about the alleged clamping of vehicles where there were no or inadequate road markings and where, as a consequence, a parking offence may not have been committed.
- Concern about the operation of an 'incentive' scheme related to taking breaks on-street which was targeted at clamping crews and based on achieving a specified level of clamps and de-clamps. In addition to service quality concerns this gave rise to a related concern as to whether or not the evening clamping KPI was being met, given the practice of DSPS staff to 'clock out' early due to the operation of the 'incentive' scheme.
- Concern that there was an undue reliance by DSPS and the City Council on the appeals mechanism as a substitute for on-going quality control.
- Concern that an inconsistent approach to parking enforcement was being pursued with a failure to enforce parking restrictions at certain city centre locations and against certain categories of vehicles (e.g. commercial vehicles) to a sufficient extent.
- Concern at the alleged failure of DSPS to respond adequately to reports of poor and unacceptable performance submitted by its own staff members.
- Concern at the alleged deployment of supervisory staff on operational roles with the result that there was inadequate on-street supervision of DSPS staff.
- Concern at the alleged failure to achieve the relocations KPI and to respond adequately to complaints of illegal parking in bus lanes, clearways, cycle lanes etc.
- Concern that the parking enforcement contract was not being adequately monitored by the City Council.
- Concern that insufficient 'Grace Time' was being given before enforcement action was taken, in breach of City Council clamping procedures, and the recording of vehicles as being de-clamped before they were actually de-clamped to avoid the delayed de-clamp penalty - both of which it was alleged were facilitated by the practice of manually recording times on occasions. (As the Chief Executive was advised that the introduction of the second Husky device early in 2017 had eliminated manual recoding of times and the possibility of non-compliance with 'Grace Time' requirements and the incorrect recording of de-clamp delay times he decided not to pursue this allegation further.)

The Chief Executive concluded his investigation on 8 September 2018. He wrote to the Chair of the Transportation SPC and advised him on the conclusions he had reached.

In general, the Chief Executive was satisfied that parking enforcement service in the City Council area operates to a reasonable standard. However, he concluded there was a valid basis for the various concerns that were raised. He noted that DSPS have, with considerable justification, robustly denied any wrongdoing on their part or any failure to comply with their obligations to the City Council under the parking enforcement contract. He further concluded that primary responsibility for any problems with the parking enforcement service must be attributed to the City Council's monitoring of the parking enforcement contract over the past 3 years or so. This in turn reflected a number of factors as follows:

1. the failure to fill the vacant position of Parking Enforcement Officer,

2. inadequate on-street monitoring of the service by the City Council and
3. inadequate KPIs in the current parking enforcement contract.

In addition to actions being taken by DSPS the following actions have/are being taken by the City Council to address the problems that have been identified:

A major programme of road marking renewals has been implemented to address inadequate/missing road markings.

In all cases where required road markings were not in place and enforcement action was taken the de-clamp fees paid have been refunded.

Arrangements are being made to improve the on-going monitoring of the parking enforcement contract. The vacant position of Parking Enforcement Officer, who will have overall responsibility for monitoring the performance of the parking enforcement contract, is being filled and a new Inspector position is being created to ensure greater on-street monitoring of the parking enforcement contract and a better response to complaints.

The new parking enforcement contract which is currently out to tender will emphasise the importance of service quality and the achievement of broad traffic/parking management objectives. It will contain a range of new KPIs.

The Head of Finance is arranging for a review to be carried out of the City Council's supervision of the DSPS contract over the past three years.

On the basis of the investigations he has undertaken the Chief Executive does not consider that it is either necessary or appropriate to initiate 'a full forensic audit' as requested by the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a meeting between BID company / We are Dublin Town and members of the business community who are involved in the No to BID Campaign. 710 companies and individuals voted NO to the BID renewal. **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive will contact the BID company and members of the business community associated with the 'No to the Bid Company Renewal' campaign to see if the requested meeting can be arranged.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this applicant will be offered suitable accommodation for himself and his family **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicants **(details supplied)** are currently on Band 2 of the transfer waiting list for three-bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 284 Band 2 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Clontarf, Kilbarrack).
- 81 Band 2 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area D (Ballymun, Poppintree)
- 338 Band 2 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area E (Finglas, Cabra, Whitehall)

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

Q.39 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information on when work will commence on further housing on **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of Part V compliance for PP 3563/09, Respond Housing Association acquired 16 units at **(details supplied)** in the first phase of this development. These units are currently occupied. Construction of the remaining 65 units has not commenced and there is no signed agreement in place at present in relation to the acquisition of these units for social housing purposes.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my question 105 from July 2018 when I asked to ensure that the benches are installed immediately and without further delay as eleven weeks has passed since the reply to this question which is well in excess of the time frame indicated in the response and yet benches have not been installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I confirm Park Services commitment to install these benches as soon as practicable over the coming weeks.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my September 2018 question 72 from the South East Area Committee to confirm:

- a) That on Newgrove Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin 4, non-permeable/non-open textured tarmacadam has NOT been used around the trees? Residents of Newgrove Avenue have been alarmed that relatively young trees are now surrounded by what bears an astonishing resemblance to conventional tarmac; and
- b) To identify precisely the name of the material which has been used around the trees on Newgrove Avenue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The material used was a 10mm open graded asphalt concrete surface course.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my September 2017 question 68 and my January 2018 question 33 from the South East Area Committee to ensure that the necessary repairs are carried out at this location immediately. The two attached photographs, taken on 8 September 2018, show the deplorable and highly dangerous condition of this footpath, which is used with immense frequency, particularly by senior citizens who use these traffic lights to cross Merrion Road in order to access St Vincent's University Hospital. With respect, the response to this issue (i.e. none tangible) has been disgraceful. It is an extremely dangerous strip of footpath at an extraordinarily busy junction used by some of the most vulnerable pedestrians in the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This defect will be repaired when a crew is available. Defects are prioritised in our Asset Management System according to their severity and their location.

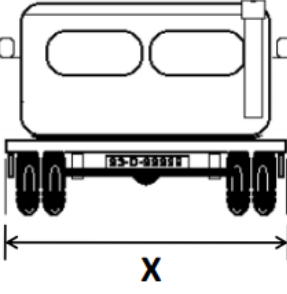
Q.43 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my June 2018 question 35 from the Council Meeting as posed asked "What is the allowable width of a carriageway for large construction trucks?" "Allowable" should be understood in this context to mean "minimum". A local business owner advises that the width of Cope Street outside the door of his business is 3.425m. In circumstances where the minimum width of a cycle lane is 1.5m, what is the minimum width of a carriageway for large construction trucks entering and leaving this area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cope Street it is a one-way road with the East side of the carriageway having a width of 4.7m and the West side of a width of 3.5m. The road is mixed/share street where cyclists can cycle in front or behind vehicles as there is not a mandatory or advisory cycle track in place. All road users, including emergency vehicles and cyclist alike, are expected to proceed with due care consideration for other road users in all cases, irrespective of who has right of way.

Please see the following table with the specification of *Maximum Weights and Dimensions of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles and Trailers, Including Manoeuvrability Criteria (page 11) from the Road Safety Guidelines.*

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

The table above came from the S.I. No. 5/2003 - Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003. Please see as follow:

26. (2) Subject to this regulation, the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 2.50 metres.

(3) Until 31 December 2006, the overall width of a refrigerated vehicle, first registered on or before 31 December 1997, may exceed 2.50 metres but shall not exceed 2.60 metres.

(4) The overall width of a large public service vehicle may exceed 2.50 metres but shall not exceed 2.55 metres.

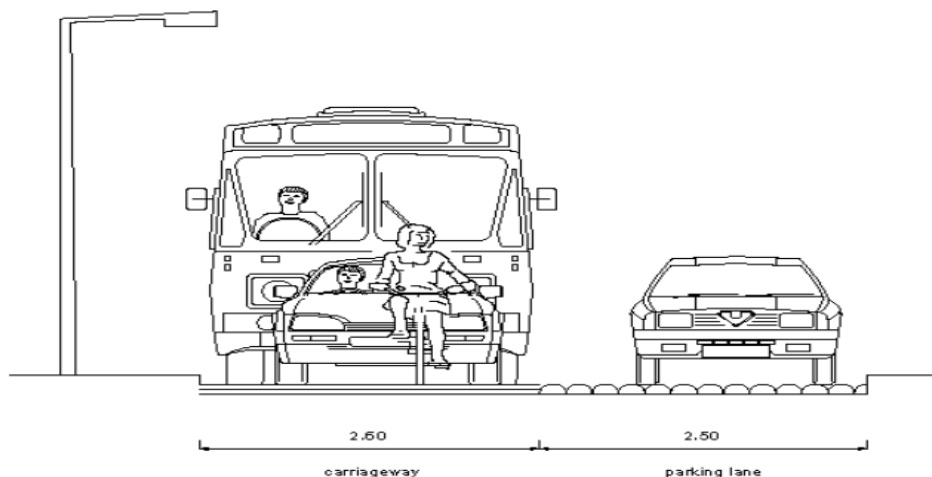
(5) The overall width of a goods vehicle or goods trailer with a design gross vehicle weight in excess of 3.5 tonnes may exceed 2.50 metres but shall not exceed 2.55 metres.

(6) The overall width of a conditioned vehicle may exceed 2.50 metres but shall not exceed 2.60 metres.

(7) The overall width of a large tractor may exceed 2.50 metres but shall not exceed 2.75 metres.

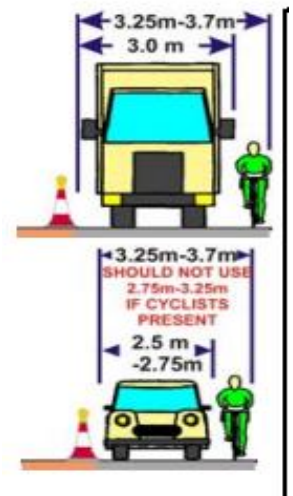
27. The overall width of a vehicle together with its load, other than loose agricultural produce neither baled nor crated, shall not in any case exceed 2.9 metres and, for the purpose of calculating this dimension, Regulation 23 applies as if the load formed part of the vehicle.

From the Manual Provision of Cycling Facilities | National Manual for Urban Areas page 61 note the following dimension for on a one way traffic and narrow cross-section with traffic speed not more than 30 km/h and lane width of 2.6m, vehicles stay behind the cyclist. (the width of the carriageway is 2.6m)



Traffic Management Layout Parameter Design Sheet establishes the guidance for the control and management of traffic at Roadworks Second Edition 2010. For a single lane/ shuttle the minimum width required is 2.5m to maximum 3.7m.

STEP 1: SELECT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TYPE	Road Closure	When: 1) Adequate Safety Zone + Lane Width cannot be achieved, or 2) Alternative Safe Method of Work cannot be implemented, or 3) Semi Static Operation for Minor Roads not applicable, or 4) Convoy Working cannot be implemented	
		24/7 detour	Where RESIDUAL risks on Road Works Section are greater than on the Detour even when active works are not taking place
		Working hours detour	Where RESIDUAL risks on Road Works Section are greater than on the Detour when works are active AND where the RESIDUAL risks on Road Works Section are less than on the Detour when works are not active
	Two-Way	Abs Min. Minimum Maximum	5.0m (Cars and light vehicles only) 6.0m Combined lane width should not exceed 7.4m
	Lane/ Shuttle	Abs Min. Minimum Maximum Cyclists	2.5m 3.0m 3.7m DO NOT USE lane width between 2.75m and 3.25m
	Marshall	Shuttle with mainly light vehicles and alternatives not suitable	
	Convoy	Select Where: 1) Adequate Safety Zone + Lane Width cannot be achieved 2) Alternative Safe Method of Work cannot be implemented 3) Semi Static Operations for Minor Roads not applicable	
	Semi-Static Management	> On Minor Roads use for Surface Dressing > For moving single vehicle operations	
	Roadworks Speedlimit	Refer to Section 4.3	
	Cautionary Speed Plate	See Section 4.3	
	All Stop	short duration (<10 min typically) and 300 veh/hr or less	



Q.44 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the sewage problem at **(details supplied)**. This is a health hazard with raw sewage coming out onto the roadway and needs to be addressed urgently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Drainage crews inspected this location and found the public sewer to be unobstructed and free flowing. The outfall on the private drain was also found to be clear and no evidence of overflowing found. The issue would appear to have been resolved by other parties.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive for information concerning the arrangements that were made with GAA clubs using the astro-turf pitches at Clontarf. It was originally intended that there would be two soccer pitches there and I am wondering if the arrangement with the GAA clubs are time specific or if the council is planning on expanding to meet the needs of the soccer clubs that are vying for space at the astro-turf pitch into the future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements with the GAA remain the same. The county board supplies Clontarf Sports Pitches with a weekly schedule of their pitch bookings (which can vary). Outside of those times the pitch is available for booking by anyone who so wishes to do so.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive that during his apology to Magdalene Survivors in 2013, Taoiseach Enda Kenny stated that an “appropriate memorial would be ‘financed by the government separately from the funds that are being set aside for the direct assistance for the women”, and it was suggested by the subsequent commission of Justice John Quirke that this memorial should be placed at the former Magdalene Laundry on Sean McDermott St that is currently in the possession of DCC.

In that regard- could the Chief Executive contact the department of the Taoiseach to ask how much monies were set aside for this memorial and how Dublin City Council might avail of it to construct the garden, museum or commemoration centre that were an accepted recommendation of the State through the Quirke Report to be built on the Sean McDermott St site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

We will contact the relevant Government Departments in relation to this issue.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if it is the intention to issue a separate set of regulations for the waste collectors in the context of the new DCC Waste By-laws to replace the requirements set out in Section 7 subsections a to g on page 13 of the existing regulations that seem to be omitted from the new by-laws and to further clarify when the adoption of these by laws is due to come before the Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The requirements of section 7 of the current waste bye laws are dealt with through the waste permitting system and therefore it was not considered to be appropriate for this to be included in the bye laws for the following reason. Bye-laws of this nature are constrained by the principle that bye-laws should not somehow alter the scope or reach of other legislation. Therefore, it is inappropriate for them to impinge upon the waste collection permit system and the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2007. In addition, Section 35 of the Waste Management Act is clear about its scope and purpose, setting out the allowable content of bye-laws made under its powers. It allows for bye-laws on waste presentation to be made which affect waste prior to its collection. Accordingly, Section 35 does not allow a bye-law to affect how waste is managed after it has been collected. Accordingly, particular action from waste collectors operating in its functional area, this requirement needs to be referred to the National Waste Collection Permit Office and any such requirement needs to be articulated through the waste collection permit system. The Waste Management Department have been in contact with the National Waste Collection Permits Office to ensure that issues relating to the regulation of collection times particularly in the Central Commercial District are reflected in the conditions of the relevant waste permits. Breaches of the waste permitting system may be investigated and appropriate action taken by the Waste Enforcement Unit within Dublin City Council under the provisions of the Waste Management Act and associated regulations. The new Dublin City Council Waste Bye Laws have recently completed the statutory public consultation period and it is planned to bring the bye laws to the November meeting of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee and if accepted accordingly to the City Council at the next available opportunity thereafter.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive will the impact of the newly introduced traffic signals/ crossing points at the roundabout on the R139 and Hole in the wall road, Dublin 13, be monitored? Since these lights were introduced into service there has been major daily traffic jams at critical times morning and evenings with a large amount of

complaints by motorists and local residents already being received by local representatives regarding the negative impact since the lights were introduced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new traffic signals at the roundabout on the R139 and the Hole in the Wall were installed to improve the pedestrian facilities in the area to allow for a safe crossing location for local residence. These signals operate under our Traffic Management System (SCATS). SCATS is an adaptive traffic system responding to real time traffic. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds. As part of this new installation pedestrian detection units were added which cancel the demand for the pedestrian crossing if the person walks away from the control area thus reducing the delays to road users. We will continue to monitor the intersection to make sure it is working efficiently and see if there are any changes that we could make.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the double yellow lines on the Cul De sac on Harmonstown Road leading to the Dart Station extended. Residents have previously reported to the Council and Garda the dangers of cars parked here all day with drivers using the Dart, these cars cause a restricted view leading out of the Cul de Sac on to the main road creating a danger to motorists and pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request has been added to the existing Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the tree outside **(details supplied)** inspected with a view to its removal. The Tenant of **(details supplied)** says the tree is dead, it's roots are protruding and cause a trip hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be inspected & if the tree is dead it will be removed during the winter maintenance programme.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the tree outside **(details supplied)** inspected. The roots of this tree are causing a major trip hazard with several incidents involving children and older people being reported.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2019. All available tree management resources are currently assessing trees damaged by the recent extreme weather and compiling a schedule of necessary tree works to make same safe. This may result in certain planned non-essential tree works being somewhat delayed or postponed.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive if insulation can be installed at **(details supplied)**. The house is very cold during the winter and the energy bills are difficult for the tenant to manage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) has been scheduled for insulation works under our energy efficiency fabric upgrade programme subject to a site survey.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to have the insulation at **(details supplied)** done. The resident is in a corner house & it with the colder weather coming in it is fairly cold.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This property was upgraded under the voids programme in 2015 which included insulation works resulting in this property having a C1 Building Energy Rating. Consequently, it will not be incorporated in the current fabric upgrade programme.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive to have the parking around the corners of **(details supplied)** examined. There is a lot of dangerous & illegal parking going on at the corners blocking the view of motorists which is going to cause an accident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor has been instructed to monitor the area and to take enforcement where necessary.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Financial Contribution Scheme. How many applications are currently recorded in the last 4 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- 62 applicants have applied for the Financial Contribution Scheme since January 2014.
- 35 applicants were housed under the Financial Contribution Scheme since January 2014.

The Financial Contribution Scheme was introduced by Dublin City Council some years ago in recognition of the fact that there are older persons who find their existing dwellings too large for their needs and who wish to be considered for housing in Older Persons' accommodation. The Scheme changed in 2017. Now admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme will be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property, and is dependent on having available vacancies in older persons' accommodation. Properties will be subject to inspection when the candidate is made an offer.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify this **(details supplied)** length of time on the housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** applied on the list for social housing support in 2004. The application was cancelled in the Housing Needs Assessment 2005 when the revision letter was returned by An Post. The application for social housing support was then reinstated within the grace period in 2005 for reopening applications. The City Council carried out a Housing Needs Assessment in 2008 and the applicant was removed from the list when they failed to reply to the Housing Needs Assessment 2008. The applicant **(details supplied)** then applied for social housing support in March 2009. Their date of application for social housing support is 13th March 2009.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Parks Section to examine the tree on the footpath adjacent to **(details supplied)**. Branches from this tree are overhanging in to the garden of the resident, blocking light and completely overshadowing the front of the house.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree at this location has been inspected in recent days and pruning work has been added to our schedule of tree maintenance work. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken after leaf fall over the coming weeks.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to inspect our elderly tenants home **(details supplied)** with a view to installing a central heating system, replacing the old windows and carrying out insulation and other works that might be required in order to bring the house up to BER standards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Only three repair requests have been received from the residents in this property in the many years that they have been residing here. Following an initial inspection, double glazed windows and doors have been ordered for this house. We are also making arrangements to have the electrical wiring inspected, a heating system fitted and to have the house surveyed to see if it is suitable to have insulation installed.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Housing Maintenance Section to inspect the pathways and concrete surrounds in both the front and back gardens of our tenants' home **(details supplied)**. The tenants report that the cracked and crumbled paths and surrounds constitute a trip hazard especially with winter darkness approaching. Many of the cracks and defects has occurred as a result of the completion of work on the wrap round exterior insulation to the house and the replacement of a shore in the backyard. Some of the other cracks are from long term wear and tear.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpaths at this property will be inspected within the next 10 working days and we will arrange for any necessary works to be carried out.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Road Maintenance Section to prioritise the completion of the footpath repair and replacement programme in Rutland Grove, Dublin 12. These footpaths have now for some time been logged in the Asset Management System. Can we now bring forward this work in order to eliminate trip hazards and to ensure for the safety of those using wheelchairs and buggies?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rutland Grove will be considered for inclusion in our 2019 footpath renewal programme.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a playground in the Ashington area and if not can it be considered?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no plans to install a playground at this location at this time.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has received any recent reports from dog owners or vets of pet dogs taking ill after being in St Anne's Park possibly by poisoning?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A single report was received but the Parks Service has been unable to confirm what the source of the alleged poisoning might be. No bait has been laid in St. Anne's for rodents in 2018 and when such poison is used profession contractors using tamper proof bait boxes are used.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how soon the void in **(details supplied)** will be refurbished and if **(details supplied)** who I gather is high on the allocations list and desirous of living in the Darndale Belcamp area might be considered or if the unit might be offered to interested parties as a choice based letting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to anti-social issues, this property has only recently been surrendered and returned to housing stock. It requires considerable remedial works to bring it up to letting standard and it is expected that these will be completed in the next 4/6 weeks. In accordance to the Housing Allocations Scheme, all eligible applicants will be considered for this property. The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on Band 1 of the housing waiting list with a Welfare Priority for two bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 6 Band 1 for two-bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Clontarf, Kilbarrack).
- 5 Band 1 for two-bedroom accommodation in Area E (Finglas, Cabra, Whitehall)

The applicant's interest in the area is noted for any vacancies that arise in the near future.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the answer I received to Question 78 at the September 2018 North Central Area Committee meeting is it not the case that rent payments may be considered in lieu of savings and therefore the application from the couple in question was admissible and on the basis that the couple have indicated to this Councillor that they will make a fresh application setting out their case if they can receive a written response to that application rather than a verbal one?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As stated in previous reply, rent payments are taken into account when considering ability to make future repayments. However, they cannot be used to replace savings. Also, the amount of rent this couple are paying per month would not be sufficient to show ability to make repayments on a loan of the amount stated in original question. As previously stated 3% of deposit must be shown in the form of regular savings. As this couple had not shown any savings whatsoever their application was not accepted. A written response stating same can be sent to the couple if required.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service met with the local club regarding the proposal to construct a full sized soccer all weather pitch at this location. At this meeting, the club was advised

that there were a number of steps in the process, not least of which is the requirement to have Planning Permission in place before Sports Capital Funding can be sought. The club were further advised that Dublin City Council is reluctant to invest in such facilities for single clubs and it would be preferable if there were a number of community partners involved in the application and the future management of the facility. To that end, the club were tasked to meet and have discussions with other local football clubs and local schools regarding the formation of a management committee for the proposed all-weather pitch. The club were also advised to begin consultations with the local community to ascertain the level of support there would be locally for such a facility prior to proceeding to Part 8 planning permission. To that end, the club held a local information evening, however they were unable to garner the level of support from the community required to justify bringing the proposal to Part 8.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive further to the reply to Question Number 23 at the City Council meeting of the 3rd September 2018 to ask the Chief Executive could he actually answer the question asked and more specifically if the Chief Executive would:

a) Explain how planning permission was granted for this development in the first instance and to quote the exact section of the Development Plan and planning legislation that allows a window to be placed in the apex of a roof putting the development at odds with all surrounding two story properties in a protected area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted on the 16th June 2016 for an extension to the rear at first floor, raising roof height, new attic conversion and new roof lights, alterations to elevations and extended front porch to an existing two storey semi-detached dwelling at **(details supplied)**. The planning application was lodged on the 18th March 2016. The site was inspected on the 13th April 2016. The site notice was in place on date of inspection. No third party observations were received in relation to the proposed development. The proposed development (an extension to an existing gable fronted semi-detached dwelling) was assessed with reference to the relevant sections of the previous Dublin City Development Plan viz. those relating to extensions and alterations to dwellings and development within Conservation areas and Architectural Conservation Areas. The main criteria for extensions to existing dwellings, which would include extensions to modern mews dwelling houses, is that any proposal would not cause adverse impact on the scale and character of the existing dwelling and that it would not have an unacceptable effect on the amenities of adjoining dwellings in terms of privacy and access to daylight and sunlight. Furthermore the proposed extension would be required to complement the existing building with respect to design and finishes. In recommending that planning permission be granted for the development, it was the opinion of the Planning Department that the proposed development was unlikely to result in negative impacts in terms of undue overlooking and overshadowing to neighbouring properties and further, was unlikely to negatively impact on the streetscape, environmental and residential amenity of the area and was therefore considered acceptable.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain how the legislation used by Local Authorities relating to Anti-Social Behaviour differs from the legislation used by Approved Housing Bodies?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.68 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the effect of GDPR on the use of CCTV by Dublin City Council particularly in relation to waste management? Are DCC currently reviewing the use of CCTV?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The effect of GDPR on the use of CCTV by the Waste Management Department has been to introduce a process of carrying out Data Protection Impact Assessments for all installations and the use of updated and improved signage being installed at locations where CCTV is being used to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation. Dublin City Council is currently reviewing the use of CCTV as part of the Data Protection Commission's audit of CCTV across all local authorities.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Litter Management Plan is due for review? Can he also provide a link to the public submissions to the current LMP?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018 is currently being reviewed with the intention of providing a draft replacement plan to for the period 2019 – 2021 for consideration to the City Council. The draft plan will be presented to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee for their assessment prior to being presented to the City Council for approval. As is statutorily required the approval of any draft plan will provide for a period of consultation during which public submissions may be made. Following this an assessment will be made of all submissions received and an updated plan will be brought first to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee before being brought to the City Council for adoption. The public consultation period for the current litter management plan was undertaken prior to the plan being adopted.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to answer the following questions in relation to dog foul?

- a) How many Dog Wardens are employed by Dublin City Council, by area?
- b) How many fines for dog foul were issued per area, in the last 3 years?
- c) How many of these fines were paid in the last 3 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Aston kennels is contracted to Dublin City Council for the provision of a Dog Warden Service. Three Dog Wardens work across all the five areas on the week days and two on Saturday and Sunday. Dog fouling is not part of their remit. It is dealt with by the Litter Wardens.

- b) Fines issued

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2015	0	0	0	26	0	26
2016	1	14	4	50	9	78
2017	2	0	0	22	0	22

c) Fines paid

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2015	0	0	0	17	0	17
2016	0	7	3	29	6	45
2017	1	0	0	18	0	19

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much money was allocated to homeless services in Budget 2018, how much was to go on Emergency Accommodation and how much is actually expected to be spent on Emergency Accommodation this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Homeless Services Budget 2018:	€142,390,234
Emergency Accommodation Budget 2018:	€114,989,147
Revised Emergency Accommodation Spend 2018:	€119,338,680

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to draft an area plan for the industrial lands, the lands in ownership of statutory bodies & lands in ownership of public bodies in the Inchicore and Bluebell area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is an existing Local Area Plan that covers the Bluebell industrial lands. The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 identifies the Naas Road Lands Local Area Plan (LAP) 2013 (now extended to 2023) as one of 6 adopted LAPs for the City. This LAP includes industrial lands associated with the Bluebell area. The Council are currently examining avenues to expedite the implementation of this LAP given the recent lift to the economy since 2013. This industrial area of Bluebell is also within the named Strategic Regeneration Development Area, SDRA 5 Naas Road, set out under section 15.1.15 of the Development Plan 2016 – 2022 which broadly mirrors the LAP.

The Inchicore area that includes a swathe of industrial lands, located south of the railway line and north of the Grand Canal, incorporates the CIE works. A requirement of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 is to carry out a review of the use of industrial estates in the city set out in objective CEE04 (ii), in chapter 6, City Economy and Enterprise which states:

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

This study is currently being carried out. There are over 80 no. Z6 parcel of lands identified for the purposes of this study, varying greatly in size. Once this initial study is completed, a second phase/part to this work will be required by objective CEE 04 (i) which states:

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

It should be noted that the Government has recently established a Land Development Agency, the primary purpose of which is to bring forward housing development on lands in the ownership of state bodies.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many new applications for homeless priority have been to Parkgate Hall since DCC adopted new Scheme of Lettings?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Scheme of Lettings was adopted on the 14th May 2018. The changes in the scheme relating to homeless priority came into effect on the 21st May 2018. Since the adoption of the Scheme, twenty new applications have been awarded Homeless Priority inclusive of Care Leavers, Older Persons or Housing First Cases.

Applications with homelessness as a recorded basis of need, submitted to Dublin City Council are recorded on a monthly basis. This figure is inclusive of homeless households with an existing application or making a new application.

The figures are as follows:

May: 126

June: 104

July: 131

August: 97

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure extra security measures are taken, including extra Gardaí, to protect Brickfield Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park and Landscape Services have written to local Garda Superintendent Michael Cryan to make him aware of the anti-social behaviour in Brickfields Park at the moment and to request an increase in patrols in the area. The next South Central Parks Health and Safety Sub Committee Meeting will convene next week. This meeting is attended by members of the community Gardai, local resident representatives, and DCC staff. The recent issues at Brickfield Park will be highlighted at this meeting.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will commence negotiations with Fingal County Council to transfer a property (**details supplied**) to Dublin City Council in order to accommodate local community groups including (**details supplied**) who currently operate out of this building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council and the North Central Office in particular are developing and delivering upgraded community and sporting facilities in North Dublin. These facilities have been identified as part of a process of engagement with the local public representatives and include the provision of the following:

- 2 community units in Belmayne/Clongriffin the 'HUB' and the 'Junction'
- New planned Neighbourhood Centre in Greendale
- New boxing facility in the Glin Sports Centre
- New boxing facility in the proposed Greendale project
- New all-weather municipal pitch at Trinity Sports and Leisure
- New all-weather municipal pitch in Kilbarrack
- Provision of new sporting facilities in St. Anne's
- Provision of new sporting facilities in Rockfield Park
- Maypark MUGA upgrade

All these facilities are and will be 'fit for purpose' multi-use spaces ideal for many groups to use. This maximises the community use with control very much in the hands of the Council and moves away from the granting of long leases to a single entity which over time has led to difficulties.

DCC has been working closely with **(details supplied)** in terms of developing a business plan but I am unaware of the details of the agreement between Fingal County Council (FCC) and **(details supplied)** in relation to **(details supplied)** so I cannot comment on any schedule of repairs required to the building. Normally any repairs to a building would be a matter for the tenant and the landlord (FCC in this case). This building would fall well short of the requirements of a modern multi-use space that DCC would require from a modern neighbourhood centre and it would appear that fairly significant ongoing repairs and refurbishment is required. It is also physically unsuitable in terms of its existing layout which means the uses of the building would be very limited for such an investment.

The North Central Area Office has continuing plans to address community and sporting infrastructure deficits over the next few years as evidenced by the proposed Greendale Centre which is in the consultation stage. As part of this process the needs of the Donaghmede Area can be examined in more detail in the near future.

We will continue to work with **(details supplied)** as they carry out admirable work in the area and they will be eligible for any community grants that may assist their work but I believe it would be inadvisable to purchase this building.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to cut back overgrown palm trees encroaching on the cycle path at **(details supplied)** in order to improve the vision for cyclists and motorists who have to pull in and also cross it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These works have been included in the winter shrubbery maintenance programme.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the public open space at **(details supplied)** to be tidied up following the removal of trees at this location. Overgrowth has since gone wild and is encroaching the front garden of the adjacent house.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area has been included in the winter shrubbery maintenance programme.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if all those on the homeless list with a homeless priority, how many are single applicants, how many are 1 parent families and how many are 2 parent families? In addition, is the nationality of these applicants recorded, and if so can the Chief Executive give a breakdown of the nationalities involved?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The breakdown of households on the homeless list with a Homeless Priority is as follows:

Singles	1617
One Parent Family	379
Two Parent Family	256

The breakdown for these households currently is as follows:

Irish Citizens	78%
EU Citizens	11%
Non EU	11%

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on **(details supplied)** please to include weeds on footpaths / pavement, road sweeping, drain clearing, Laneway upkeep green area upkeep, condition of light poles, trees to be cut back, footpath reinstatement etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The road cleaning schedule of the above mentioned estate and laneways is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets or laneways are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Weeds are removed during the course of this cleaning schedule. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep this area as clean as possible.

Road Maintenance Services has no resurfacing or footpath renewal projects planned for **(details supplied)**. Road Maintenance Services will continue to program localised repairs, eg pothole repairs, as the need arises subject to resources.

We have examined the public lighting columns on **(details supplied)**, and they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances.

Other than routine maintenance, there are no planned works for these green areas between now and the end of 2018. There are no planned tree works scheduled in this area for 2018.

The Gullies in **(details supplied)** Area were inspected and cleaned on the 24/09/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the **(details supplied)** please to include weeds on footpaths / pavement, road sweeping, drain cleaning, Laneway upkeep trees to be cut back, footpath reinstatement, condition of light poles etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The road cleaning schedule of the above mentioned streets and public laneways in the area is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets or laneways are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Weeds are removed during the course of this cleaning schedule. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep this area as clean as possible.

Road Maintenance Services has no plans for resurfacing or footpath renewal projects at **(details supplied)**. Road Maintenance Services will continue to program localised repairs, eg pothole repairs, as the need arises subject to resources.

We will examine the poles on **(details supplied)**, and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances.

There are no planned tree works scheduled in this area for 2018.

The Gullies on **(details supplied)** were inspected and cleaned on the 21/09/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the **(details supplied)** please to include, green areas weeds on footpaths / pavement, road sweeping, trees to be cut back, condition of light poles, footpath reinstatement etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The road cleaning schedule of the above mentioned streets in the **(details supplied)** area is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Weeds are removed during the course of this cleaning schedule. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep this area as clean as possible.

Road Maintenance Services has no plans for resurfacing or footpath renewal projects at **(details supplied)** area.

Road Maintenance Services will continue to programme localised repairs, eg pothole repairs, as the need arises subject to resources.

The poles on **(details supplied)** are ESB Networks poles and the painting of these poles is a matter for ESB Networks and not Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services.

Some of the poles on **(details supplied)** are ESB Networks' poles and the painting of these poles is a matter for ESB Networks and not Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services.

Of the poles on **(details supplied)** that are DCC PL poles, we will examine these poles and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances.

We will examine the poles on **(details supplied)** and if the poles are suitable and painting is required, they will be included on a future painting programme subject to available finances.

Other than routine maintenance, there are no planned works for these green areas between now and the end of 2018. There are no planned tree works scheduled in this area for 2018.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the replacement of the children at play sign at the front of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The replacement of the 'children at play' sign at **(details supplied)** has been added to the Traffic Officer's programme of works and will be attended to when the work schedule permits.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been issued for dog fouling in 2017 and outline the size of the fine and indicate how many of the fines issued have been paid, and what steps has he taken to ensure that unpaid fines have been paid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2017 a total of twenty-two litter fines were issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts in relation to dog fouling. Nineteen of these litter fines were paid. One litter fine was cancelled on appeal, one litter fine was returned by An Post and one litter fine remains unpaid.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to make the charging regime clearer at on-street electric vehicle charging points so as to make it clearer to drivers whose vehicles are at risk of clamping in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

ESB have previously indicated that it was not possible for them to include additional information related to Pay and Display requirements on their EV charging stations. Dublin City Council (<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic/parking-dublin>) and ESB (<https://www.esb.ie/our-businesses/ecars/how-to-charge-your-ecar>) both advise on their websites that EV owners must pay for parking when charging if parked in a Pay and Display location.

Pay and Display locations throughout the city are clearly indicated with the appropriate signage so that it is evident to all motorists, EV owners and non-EV owners alike, that it is necessary to pay for parking during the days and times indicated.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to give the rateable valuation of the following buildings and state what amount of rates were due and were paid on these properties in 2017, and make a statement on the matter:

1. Ardif-Mahon (former printers), 2/3 Yarnhall Street, Dublin 1, D01 KA07
2. Warehouse building north of Emmet House Flats, at the junction of Bonham Street and Watling Street, Dublin 8
3. Warehouse buildings 10 & 11 Mary's Abbey, Dublin 7
4. Industrial buildings, Chapelizod Hill Road, D20 WE27, Dublin 20.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rate Number	Rated Address	Charge 2017	Payment	Comment
2630448000	Factory	€9,081.60	€4,994.88	Vacancy applied on

	2-3 Yarnhall Street, Dublin 1			balance due @45%
N/A	Warehouse Building North of Emmet House Flats at Junction of Bonham Street	N/A	N/A	Building in disrepair and has been removed from the Valuation List, i.e. a rateable valuation of 0.00
3410977000	Warehouse Cold Stores 24 25 Arran Street East Dublin 7	€16,847.40	€16,847.40	Rating includes 10/11 Marys Abbey
1110052000.	38b Chapelizod Hill Road Chapelizod	€0.00	€0.00	Buildings on the site but they are in disrepair and have been removed from the Valuation List, i.e. a rateable valuation of 0.00

Q.86 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive that he direct the Transportation Department to examine proposals contained in the Draft Greening Strategy for the North East Inner City with regards small scale street projects that could be actioned and implemented by this Council as part of a Traffic Management Plan for **(details supplied)**; which could measures introduced on **(details supplied 2)**; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group has been and will continue to liaise with the Parks Department to establish a working group with the aim to integrate new green infrastructure (e.g. trees, Sustainable Drainage Systems, etc.) into future traffic calming schemes (e.g. buildouts). It is anticipated that the working group will be established in the coming weeks.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what the situation is with regards to the procurement process for the selection of a contractor to begin construction work on **(details supplied)**; what the current timeline is for the start of works on site and when does the Chief Executive envisage homes to be ready for allocation by the Housing Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is not proceeding with the current tender and has recently written to all tenders informing them of this position. It is our intention to re-tender the project in the near future.

It is not possible to indicate a timeline for commencement of the construction of this development; it is likely to be three months to allow for a new tender process and award of contract before a developer can commence on site. A development of this scale is likely to take between 16 to 20 months. On that basis we would anticipate that the scheme will be completed around early 2020.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what steps this Council takes to provide pre-warning to residents living in **(details supplied)** for scheduled and planned events in the area; is the Chief Executive aware of the concerns that have been raised with regards the Rock n Roll Dublin Half Marathon organized last August which resulted in some householders being effectively imprisoned in car-parks or their own homes for prolonged periods of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the pre-planning for outdoor events, there is a requirement for event organisers to notify businesses and residents in the area in advance of the event. In relation to events taking place on Smithfield Square, event organisers are issued with guidelines for use of Smithfield, which also outlines this requirement and provides a list of business and residents groups in the area.

In relation to this year's Rock n Roll event, it started on private property in Grangegorman DIT Campus on Saturday 11th August and Sunday 12th August. The organisers were required to send a written notification to business and residents in the vicinity and along the route, with event details, including road closures, timings and a contact number for residents or businesses to contact if they had any issues or concerns in relation to the event. In this regard the event organisers took the following steps to notify residents and businesses in the area:

- Leaflet drop to residents and businesses - written notification completed by 17th July
- Public Notice in the Irish Independent on 3rd August advising of the road closures times
- Advance Notice Signs - two weeks prior to the event
- Electronic Message Signage at various locations along the route – one week prior to the event
- Road closure information submitted to AA Road Roadwatch for broadcast on RTE radio in advance and on the morning of the race.
- Road closure information submitted to Dublin City FM for broadcast

Event organisers work in close cooperation with An Garda Síochána to ensure that, subject to public safety issues, local access will be available to residents and businesses along the route. The "Rock & Roll" Half Marathon is now in its fourth year taking place in the City and has been a very successful and well received event, with no major issues having been reported in previous years. This year, however, the organisers were required to find an alternative route for the event as the Phoenix Park was unavailable due to the Papal visit. A debrief meeting for the Rock & Roll event is due to take place shortly where the issues will be raised with the organisers.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive when does he expect the footpaths on **(details supplied)** to be repaired as part of a wider contract being undertaken by the Roads Maintenance Department in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance propose to commence repairs to the tree pits on Monday 24th September 2018. There are circa 8 no. tree bases to be repaired.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure buskers are not playing music at excessively loud levels beside the Molly Malone Statue, and ensure that they do not play with unlicensed musicians, nor hold space for each other over an ongoing period of time in the day; leave trailing cables; and could he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are four Assistant Inspectors in the Licensing Unit. Part of their remit is the enforcement of the Street Performers Bye-Laws 2016. Under the bye-laws a performer is permitted to perform at the Molly Malone Statue for a period of two hours. The Assistant Inspectors work a seven-day shift between the hours of 10 am and 9.30 pm. This area is monitored daily for sound levels, inspection of permits and compliance of the bye-laws. Complaints can be sent to streetperformers@dublincity.ie The Assistant Inspectors have access to their emails at all times and respond to all complaints and queries.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any funding sought or received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment's 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Funding was sought and approved under the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment's 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) for 4 projects in Dublin City.

1. The purchase of surveillance equipment to assist the waste enforcement unit in carrying out targeting of illegal waste collections. Waste Enforcement €2,500
2. Greening Neighbourhoods/ pocket parks with resident engagement to reduce dumping – North West Area €30,000
3. Keep the liberties Litter Free – CCTV surveillance, community engagement and precinct improvements in the liberties area to reduce illegal dumping – South Central Area €8,000
4. Greening of IBAL Dumping Location – St Marys Terrace, D7 – Central Area €11,500

Total funding of €52,000 was approved. Final project reports for each project and associate claims for funding are currently being completed.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake to develop plans to upgrade the quality of the cycleway in both directions from East Wall Road to the EastLink bridge so that cyclists can use the route safely. It is currently a very hostile environment for cyclists due because of embedded conflict points with other road users.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transport Department will propose that the East Coast Trail, Alfie Bynre Road be included in the 2019 – 2021 Capital Programme for Dublin City Council. If approved, this will facilitate preliminary design and public consultation on the Scheme in 2019.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive please provide details of 2017 Glyphosate usage (in litres) by the following Departments within DCC:

1. Roads and Traffic
2. Parks Dept
3. Housing
4. Other

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance staff requisition weed killer from two stores within Dublin City Council (Housing & Waste Management).

Please see record of usage of weed killer through Housing Maintenance Central stores, Kylemore Park & Waste Management store, Collins Ave for 2017 & 2018.

Store	Year	Usage
HM1	2017	845
HM1	2018	395
WM1	2017	600
WM1	2018	397
Total		2237 Lts

The quantity of product containing glyphosate used by the Roads Maintenance Service in 2017 was 800 litres and 20kg in granular form. The overall length of roads treated is 1131km.

Glyphosphate is a broad spectrum systemic herbicide which in its undiluted form is a white crystalline salt. It is the active constituent three of the branded herbicides that Dublin City Council uses to control weeds in parks and road sides and around housing developments.

Dublin City Council has committed to reducing the use of all herbicides in the environment and replacing them, where possible, with more environmentally safe products. Trials are ongoing in the city using alternative methods in weed control using weed brush, foam-stream and a vinegar-based method. A small number of parks have already become chemical-free and it is planned to increase this number in the future. However there are challenges to overcome in this regard as many of the environmentally sustainable weed control technologies are less effective and more labour intensive than chemical treatment. As less biocides are used in the public domain, weeds will become more evident and the public perception that weeds are synonymous with litter and abandonment will need to be tackled.

In tandem with the reduction in the usage of herbicides in the environment, additional systems controls are being put in place to better track the ordering and storage of

chemicals which will allow very precise data on the total usage and year on year reductions in applications in the future.

Examining the purchases of herbicides by the Parks Service for 2015 indicate that there has been a 62% reduction in the use of herbicides in the last 3 years.

As Glyphosate is only effective on weeds that are actively growing, the product is only used during the growing season. Through 2017 up until May 2018, the volume of Chemicals containing Glyphosphate used though out the City Parks and open spaces was 548 litres. Tthe percentage of active ingredient varies with each product.

Products used were:

Nomix	195g Glyphospate/L;	quantity of active ingredient used:	83.50kg
Roundup	360g Glyphospate/L;	quantity of active ingredient used:	42.40 kg
Garlan	600g Glyphospate/L;	quantity of active ingredient used:	546 grams

With regard to control of Alien Invasive Species including Japanese Knotweed:

Round up	360g Glyphospate/L;	quantity of active ingredient used:	56.52 kg
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Glyphospnate is one of the very few chemicals available that can successfully treat Japanese Knotweed and is currently the only recommended control for this Alien Invasive Species.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise to get the hedging/shrubbery at Grosvenor Court cut back as raised in the attached **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area has been included in the autumn hedge maintenance programme and will be cut back as soon as local schedules allow.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to supply any information he may have in regard to the availability of recycling facilities for residents of apartment blocks; the recycling rates among these residents, and to indicate what action he intends taking to improve the levels of recycling in such dwellings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council provides a comprehensive waste collection service at its 195 Flat and Older Persons Complexes. An estimated 200 tonnes of waste per week is collected from the complexes. Based on an average occupancy rate of 2.5 – 3 persons this represents a population of approximately 27,000 – 30,000 residents.

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

Plans are being progressed to provide Green and Brown Bin installation and Collection systems at all City Council Flats and Older Persons complexes on a citywide basis. A pilot took place in St Michan's House, Central Area in 2017 for the introduction of green bins. This pilot involved and included the Resident's Association

for these flats, the area staff, the waste collection service provider and Housing Maintenance management and caretaking staff. This pilot has been successful. It is proposed to incrementally roll out the Green Recycling Bins to other complexes in conjunction with the Residents and Area Housing Offices.

Brown Bins have been located successfully in one Older Persons complex where access and kitchen facilities are suitable. They will now be piloted in a number of other locations commencing with the South East Area.

The options and most effective practice for rolling out the brown bins for organic waste is being examined as will the provision/availability of suitable storage bins (kitchen caddies) for individual households. Education and Awareness of the benefits is pivotal to the success of any recycling initiative.

In order to effectively rollout a programme of recycling refuse, the City Council recognises that linking in with community/Residents Associations and getting buy-in is a vital factor. Housing Maintenance along with a dedicated Public Domain Officer and Area staff are working towards achieving this goal. Currently City Council tenants pay €2 per week with their rent for waste collection.