

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 5th NOVEMBER 2018

Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to restore bollards at end of Herberton Park Rialto at entrance to Dolphin House. Bollards had been removed to facilitate building works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fold Ireland had 2 large motorway barriers placed to close off the through access, (picture attached).

Q.2 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to provide a report detailing (a) how each of the proposed Bus Corridors/Spines positively fits with or adversely impacts on Dublin City Council's development plans and (b) to what degree was Dublin City Council involved in the redesign and/or ongoing consultation process. The report should include, but not be limited to the following areas:

- Infrastructural changes required for the suggested Bus Corridors and potential impact on DCC road maintenance and road works plans for 2019/2020 (e.g. Poddle River on Lr. Kimmage Road; Upgrade of Bridges; Traffic engineering initiatives; Pedestrian crossings; planned road and footpath repairs, etc.)
- Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (e.g. development of urban villages and community development objectives).
- Cycling Strategy for the City (including safe and direct/indirect cycle routes and opportunity for segregated cycle ways; strategy for junctions; cycle traffic lights, etc.).
- Transport links between urban villages, amenities, hospitals, schools, etc.
- Implications for the various age and mixed ability demographic in different areas, given the potential for longer walks to bus stops, possible reduction in pedestrian crossings on main Spines/Bus Corridors. How does this fit with DCC's 'Age Friendly City' strategy?
- Potential impact on City Centre bus congestion and College Green Plaza plans and how these will be mitigated.
- Environmental impact (intensity of buses on particular routes; DCC requirement for electric buses; noise and air pollution; tree removal; etc.)
- Impact for residential parking and access on one-way bus corridors where there are insufficient parking options on adjacent roads.
- How do the proposals fit with the City's 'Last Mile' planned initiative for commercial deliveries and pick-ups?
- Has the City evaluated the economic and social benefits to the City of the proposed re-design Vs the current bus network?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposals from the NTA are not yet of sufficient detail to allow a report to be compiled as requested. Furthermore, the NTA will be required as part of their application to An Bord Pleanála to show the type of information requested.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans if any have DCC got in place for the depot at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently evaluating development options for public housing on this site.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans Dublin City Council have got for the future of the **(details supplied)**. Will housing units be developed, what size units has funding being approved by the DOE. When is work going to start and will it be done in a phase development and what is the cost.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Stage 1 application for the redevelopment of **(details supplied)** has recently been submitted to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government and is currently being reviewed by them. The proposal currently being considered provides for the demolition of the existing complex and the construction of 92 new apartments; it is envisaged that the redevelopment would be carried out over 4 separate phases of demolition and construction. The breakdown of the proposed 92 units is as follows:

1 bed apt	26
2 bed apt	42
3 bed apt	16
Duplex	8

Construction costs for a development of this scale would typically cost in the region of €35 - €40m; however, at this point in time it is not possible to determine more precise costs or a timetable for a phased development.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if pest control would address the rodent issue at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew have treated the common areas in **(details supplied)** with rat bait for the past few months. The process for dealing with rats is to lay bait boxes in shores and safe areas where there is no access by children. These areas are checked approximately 2 weeks later to determine if the bait has been taken which indicates a presence of vermin. In such cases further bait is laid, rechecked and re-laid until such time as the issue is resolved.

We received a report of rats in **(details supplied)** early Monday 1st Oct. A full inspection of the complex was carried out by the Supervisor of our Mobile Crew on the same morning. As this complex was being monitored, he was able to ascertain that there were no noticeable signs of infestation in the complex and no bait had been interfered with. Prior to this, the last notification received of rats in **(details supplied)** was the 31st Aug. Monitoring of the common areas in this flat complex will continue and any necessary actions taken to deal with the presence of rats if identified.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if any progress being made by the OPW and when is the work expected to be complete at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see attached letter received from the Office of Public Works in connection with (details supplied).

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on whether or not the procurement of independent legal opinion as requested by a resolution of Dublin City Council (November 2017) was carried out in accordance with Circular 05/2013 which instructs that its incumbent on the local authority to ensure all legal services are procured in accordance with this circular.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The fee involved for the legal advice in this instance was well below the threshold which necessitates the use of the public procurement process. The Árdmhéara and the Chair of the Protocol Committee were given the names of three suitably qualified Senior Counsel. They recommended one of those to the Protocol Committee and their recommendation was accepted by the Committee and agreed by the City Council when it approved the breviat of the Protocol Committee meeting. I am satisfied that the provisions of Circular 05/2013 were not breached in this instance.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise the number of DCC housing units as at June 30th for each year as of June 30th 2011-2018 and to also set out the number of Approved Housing Bodies housing units in Dublin City as of June 30th for each of the years 2011-2018

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Year	Dwellings constructed by DCC
2011	91
2012	0
2013	0
2014	131
2015	19
2016	31
2017	167
To 22/10/18	32

Year	Part V acquisitions
2011	0
2012	1
2013	16
2014	36
2015	0
2016	25
2017	56
To 22/10/18	35

Year	AHB (including	Delivery Leased
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	units)
2011	66
2012	100
2013	96
2014	353
2015	279
2016	208
2017	367
To 22/10/18	197

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on measures being taken to increase the number of berths on the Canals in the administrative area of Dublin City to cater for greatly increased demand and to support tourism initiatives in this area and to make a statement as to whether he is satisfied with current arrangements in this regard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The responsibility for the Canals rests with Waterways Ireland. The question has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland for comment and a report will issue to the Councillor on receipt of a reply.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the street lighting on **(details supplied)**. At night the street lights are blocked out by large trees, especially coming from **(details supplied)** direction, the area has a lot of senior citizens and they are very concerned with the dark roads at night.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a possible issue with trees blocking some of the lights here on **(details supplied)**, and we will ask the Parks Department to examine these trees and prune them as required. All lights on **(details supplied)** are currently operating normally.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive following the arson attack on the playground in Willie Pearse Park Crumlin and the cost of replacing the equipment damaged, can I request that DCC place a CCTV at or near the playground, or have DCC a policy of not placing CCTV in children's playgrounds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

CCTV is not generally installed in our parks or in playgrounds as it is not always deemed a deterrent to anti-social behaviour. Previous installations of cameras in parkland has failed to prevent criminal damage. Under these circumstances it is not planned to place CCTV in the park. The best security is vigilance by the local community and our own staff, in association with co-operation by the local Gardai.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install a number of bike stands on St Albans Road, Dublin 8. The houses here are narrow and it is difficulty to take in bikes. Replacing a single car parking space with multiple bike stands would greatly assist residents in the area who want to use sustainable forms of transport.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

St Albans Road will be assessed with the view to identifying a suitable location for cycle parking as part of the next batch of on-street cycle parking.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** the tenant has constant problems with a leak in the bathroom causing damage to the ceiling, DCC have called several times but the problem continues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ceiling at this property needs to be partially removed to allow access to the pipework and arrangements are in place to have a thorough investigative examination carried out at this property and to resolve the leak issue. This will be carried out in the next 5/7 working days.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if **(details supplied)**, are a matter for the City Council, as outlined by the TFI below. Both TFI and the City Council state that maintenance of the trees is not their responsibility.

"I have made enquiries into the matter and can confirm that the trees to which you refer do not fall within the boundary of the Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contractor (MMaRC), nor are they under the responsibility of Egis Road and Tunnel Operation, which is the operator for the Dublin Tunnel. Accordingly, maintenance of these trees is a matter for Dublin City Council, as the road authority for the area."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Roadside planting is a fundamental part of the design and implementation of each motorway scheme. The tree planting at the above location was provided as part of the road scheme to screen the road from the adjoining residences, to provide a level of noise abatement for the adjoining residences and to filter cross winds. There is no access to this roadside planting other than across the verge at the side of the M1 maintained by contract on behalf of TII.

Working on or beside high-speed roads and motorways is dangerous and specialist work requiring an enhanced level of training around signing, lighting and guarding and specialist equipment such as lorry mounted crash cushions which are not available to the City Council.

Roadside planting is maintained as part of the motorways in other parts of the city such as the M50 and throughout the country. Contact will be made with TFI to review the current impasse with a view to resolve the issue of maintenance

Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for the total amount Dublin City Council paid to private contractors for work previously carried out by direct labour in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to be broken down into the different sections of DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A direct reply will be issued to the Councillor in relation to the attached once clarification is given on the number of sections and work involved. I will contact the Councillor directly regarding this.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate the Taking in Charge process for Hazelcroft Green, Finglas South. Can the Chief Executive say why this wasn't done while houses were being built as part of the DCC Finglas South Master plan many years ago?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor as soon as possible.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what water quality tests have been carried out to identify lead levels on the water supply in the Dublin City Council area? Can the Chief Executive say whether Dublin City Council properties are having lead pipes replaced as they come back into DCC housing stock? Can details of grants available for lead pipe replacement be supplied and if figures for take up of scheme can be provided?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Central Laboratory routinely tests for lead levels in Audit samples taken in the 6 Drinking Water Supply Zones in Dublin City Council, for compliance with the Drinking Water Regulations 2014 and 2017. Irish Water is notified when lead concentrations are detected above the compliance level of 10 ug/l (as Pb.). The Central Laboratory also tests for lead levels in drinking water complaint samples referred to Dublin City Council's Waterworks Division by Irish Water. Irish Water run the National Lead in Drinking Water Monitoring Programme. To make an application under the Lead Pipe Replacement Scheme applicants must first apply to Irish Water. For information about this scheme applicants should visit, www.water.ie/lead or call Irish Water on 1850 278 278. A total of 27 applications have been processed under this scheme. Irish Water carry out numerous tests on water supply in the DCC area. When they get readings with high levels of lead in the supply, they notify DCC by letter.

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance also has a separate programme for reducing lead levels in the water supply. After discussions with Irish Water we carry out trial works on various properties. We have currently targeted 250 properties in the Cabra Area that will have their lead pipes inserted with plastic pipes, thus reducing the lead levels in the supply. All houses that come back into the Dublin City Council stock do have the lead pipes replaced with plastic.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what measures have been taken by DCC to prevent motorbikes/quads from using Dublin City Council parks as racetracks? Have Dublin City Council liaised with An Garda Síochána to formulate a strategy to deal with same and if so can details be supplied.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Joint Policing Parks Subcommittee was established in August 2017 to address such issues going forward. Membership of the subcommittee comprises representatives of An Garda Síochána (AGS): (Assistant Commissioner Pat Leahy & Inspector David Butler), Dublin City Council (Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent and Mark Jones, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) and Councillor Daithi DeRoiste, Chairperson of the Dublin City JPC. The issue of Quad Motorbikes/scramblers/Quadbikes has featured prominently in the discussions of the Group whose objective is to consider the best approach for tackling this and other anti-social issues to enhance the feeling of safety within Dublin City Council's parks.

Dublin City Council, in conjunction with the other Dublin authorities, An Garda Síochána and the Department of Justice and Equality, is also considering the options to deal with the danger caused by the use of Quad bikes / scramblers within park grounds as the existing legislation has limited power to enforce such issues, permitting An Garda Síochána to take action only if they are being driven erratically on public roads/footpaths. Members of the force are advised not to pursue quad bikes due to risk of accident / injury to users and bystanders. The possibility of designating certain spaces for their use is also being explored; however, insurance and health/safety issues remain. The next meeting of the Joint Policing Parks Subcommittee is scheduled for November 6th (before the meeting of the Dublin City JPC) and members will be kept informed on progress achieved.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will contact Greyhound Waste Collection providers to clarify the situation regarding the bag collection labels as outlined in the email supplied with this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All queries regarding customer service issues with Greyhound must be addressed directly to Greyhound by the customer as the City Council has no role to play in the provision of their service. Dublin City Council does not intend to act as an intermediary between dissatisfied individual Greyhound customers and the company itself. The key relationship here is between the customer and their service provider.

With regard to the specific details of this question no details of who the customer is (account details, name and address, where the bag was presented for collection and subsequently not collected etc) have been supplied and therefore even if we wished to make inquiries from Greyhound on behalf of one of their customers we would not be in a position to supply the essential details. NB: Greyhound is prohibited from discussing the details of any individual account holders with any third parties under GDPR regulations.

We can say that Greyhound are still collecting labelled bags, therefore the non-collection of this customer's labelled bag could have been for a variety of reasons. The best option in this instance is for the customer to ring Greyhound back or wait until the Greyhound Supervisor rings them as promised so that they can explain exactly what happened and where the uncollected bags are and subsequently establish why they were not collected.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive what changes would be required to allow Dublin Pride Parade go along O'Connell Street in 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Outdoor Event Licence is required under Part 16 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for this event annually. As part of this process there is a requirement to have a formal pre application consultation with Dublin City Council and the other prescribed bodies, namely An Garda Síochána and the HSE in advance of the lodgement of the application. There is a requirement on the applicant to draft and lodge a formal risk assessment for discussion at the pre app meeting. To date no such pre application meeting has been requested by the organisers of the event. DCC have not yet received any formal notification of the event organisers plans for 2019.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an urgent inspection at **(details supplied)**. The toilet at the house is in urgent need of repair/replacing as it is causing a leak down into the kitchen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY

A new toilet pan was fitted in this property during the week and arrangements are in place to have the ceiling painted by mid-November.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the security bar/gate at the **(details supplied)** replaced/repaired. Photo attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The barrier will be examined to ascertain if repairs can be affected. If a replacement is required there is not insignificant lead-in time to have the elements manufactured.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have housing maintenance deal with the toilet and kitchen sink at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently there are no outstanding repairs requests registered on our system for this address. Staff from our Newtown Housing Maintenance Depot called to the property but were unable to gain access. When the tenant renews contact with them, they will reschedule a new appointment date and carry out an inspection to ascertain what works are required.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give a reason why this promised work has not been carried out (see response to my question in July last attached).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are in hand to carry out road reinstatements to Buttercup Park. This work did not form part of the construction project and was tendered separately. The tender process took longer than we anticipated but it has recently been completed. Arising from this a contractor will now be appointed and should be in place to commence the road reinstatement works in November.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive for a traffic fluency report on **(details supplied)** as a result of the new pedestrian crossing installed on **(details supplied)**. I have received serious complains about the backlog on **(details supplied)** as a result and to provide a timeline for the installation of a similar pedestrian crossing on the **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A new pedestrian crossing was installed and the other pedestrian crossing upgraded at **(details supplied)** roundabout. This was installed to help with pedestrian safety. It has been put on our traffic management system (SCATS). SCATS is an adaptive traffic management system responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds per junction. This time is divided out depending on demand. We have set up the pedestrians to run at the same time if

demanded. We will continue to monitor the junction and make changes where we can to help improve traffic flow. (2) The Transportation Operations Executive Engineer has confirmed that a pedestrian crossing is in place and operational at the **(details supplied 2)**.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to explain with regard to the response to Q31 of the October DCC meeting (attached) how the **(details supplied)** project cannot be held up while waiting for one aspect of one project to finish before commencing work on another? Surely learning can be transferred by good communications from one project team to another??

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Bundling similar projects and staggering their delivery over time has allowed individual members of project teams to build up certain levels of expertise, especially in terms of procurement criteria. This is increasingly the case where large, multi-faceted, complex projects such as the Housing Land initiative projects are involved. While it is true that certain levels of learning can be transferred by good communications from one project team to another, the depth of such learning could never match the experiential levels achieved by the team members being actually involved in carrying out the necessary tasks. The optimum method of ensuring that the **(details supplied)** site is developed to achieve the goal of creating a sustainable community is for a fully resourced project team to have access to the necessary technical expertise (architects, engineers, financial, etc) and for that team to be fully conversant in the chosen procurement procedure.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the ownership of the area marked by the black rectangle on the attached map that comprises of road, footpath, path into **(details supplied)** and green area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services would not hold details of the ownership of the area of land to the front of **(details supplied)**. We can however confirm that the dishing at the entrance to the **(details supplied)** between the footpath and the road (highlighted in the attached sketch) and the main footpath along **(details supplied)** are "in charge" by Road Maintenance Services. The larger grass area to the rear of the footpath, it is assumed is maintained by the Parks Section. This area was previously within the area of Dublin County Council prior the boundary changes in 1986. The road and footpath was transferred to Dublin Corporation / Dublin City Council Roads Dept. and the Green Area was taken into maintenance by Parks and Landscapes Service. It is currently maintained under the Landscape Maintenance Contracts.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive as currently it is taking up to 2 years to process a residents Parking scheme and likewise to even extend the hours of the scheme.

Would the Chief Executive please set out the actual steps in

- a) implementing the scheme and the time line on each step
- b) The extension of time and days on an existing scheme, setting out the time on each step please

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The typical stages for a request seeking introduction of a Residential Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme or alteration to an existing scheme are as follows;

- Valid request submitted by residents, i.e. evidence that the request is supported by approximately 25% of the households concerned,
- Inspection to confirm that occupancy levels broadly reflect those indicated by residents in the request,
- Report, recommendation or proposal of the Council's Traffic Advisory Group,
- Inclusion of the proposal in the Traffic Advisory Group Minutes issued to the relevant Area Committee,
- Preparation of drawings/layout of proposed scheme where necessary,
- Referral for ballot of residents on proposals,
- Ballot result considered by the Traffic Advisory Group,
- Result included in Traffic Advisory Group Minutes issued to relevant Area Committee,
- Statutory notification and consultation with An Garda Síochana,
- Completion of Manager's Order
- Notification issued to residents of date for introduction or alteration to existing operational hours of the scheme,
- Completion of road markings and installation or changes to signage and commencement.

The minimum timeframe for introduction of a new Residential Pay and Display and Permit Parking Scheme or alteration to an existing scheme is in the region of 10 months but may be longer. The timeframe for each stage involved is approximately 4-6 weeks but is greatly impacted by the timing and completion of each stage and referral to a subsequent stage, e.g. ballot completed and result referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for consideration at the next soonest Traffic Advisory Group Meeting. Recently a number of proposed schemes have proven problematic and have required additional consultation or revision and consideration and have therefore resulted in an extended timeline.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will carry out a full reinstatement of the road at **(details supplied)** following the construction of social housing at this location? Was a contractor supposed to carry out this work? Can Dublin City Council now intervene to ensure that this road is fully repaired as soon as possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are in hand to carry out road reinstatements to **(detail supplied)**. This work did not form part of the construction project and has been tendered separately. The tender process is nearing completion and we would anticipate that a contractor will be appointed shortly and should be in place to commence the road reinstatement works in November.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for a public open space at **(details supplied)** to be cleaned up now and maintained on a regular basis? Needles were found recently on this green and so it can't be used. Fires are also lit on it regularly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The open spaces in this estate are maintained by contract, this request will be brought to the attention of the contract manager to include the area in regular maintenance.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the DCC strategy to keep the footpath area along the R139 free from illegal dumping and excessive littering.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The litter warden will patrol along this stretch of road. Waste Management Services monitor this location on a regular basis and remove dumped rubbish and litter when necessary to do so. Staff have to carry out this work carefully as this is a very busy road traffic wise.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive when the full fire cert will be in place for Longboat quay, who issues it and why is there a delay?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade currently have two Fire Safety Certificate applications before us for Longboat Quay:

- FA 18/1391 – Material Alterations to a Penthouse at Longboat Quay (North Block)
- FA 18/1475 – Material Alterations to the Basement and upper Floors (North Block)

In general, once the fire authority is satisfied that the proposed works, pertaining to a standard Fire Safety Certificate application, (if constructed as indicated on the drawings, and as outlined in the Compliance Report), will be in Compliance with Part B of the Building Regulations, the fire authority will issue the grant of Fire Safety Certificate. As part of the Fire Safety Certificate process, the fire authority can request the submission of additional information, where items require further clarification, prior to the granting of the application.

Dublin Fire Brigade requested additional information on both of the above Fire Safety Certificate applications on 15/10/2018 and are currently waiting for submissions from the fire consultant, to address the items which require clarification. There is no delay in the process, and on receipt of submissions from the fire consultant, in respect of both applications, the fire authority will review, and if all items have been addressed satisfactory, the Fire Safety Certificate applications will be granted.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to clear the leaves on Willow Park Crescent and clean the gullies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The green areas at location has been inspected by Parks Service. The leaves on the green spaces are not considered to present a major problem and will be allowed to self-compost into the ground. Waste Management and Main Drainage will be contacted in relation to the roads and gullies.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the demolition of the Ballymun Shopping Centre to insert a clause into the Tender Document where at least 30% of the work force must be from the Local area and to work in conjunction with the Ballymun Job Centre to ensure employment is adequately advertised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The award of public procurement contracts is governed by EU Public Procurement Directive. Revised Directive 2014/24/EU was transposed into Irish Law in May 2016. The core principles of EU Procurement are transparency, equal treatment, open competition and sound procedural management. The Directive contains strict rules around the principles of treating all economic operators equally, without discrimination by acting in a transparent and proportionate manner. In that context it is not possible to insert a clause into Tender Document to stipulate that at least 30% of the work force must be from the Local area.

Dublin City Council does intend to increase the inclusion of social/employment clauses/criteria in tender documents where appropriate. However, such clauses cannot be localised. As the demolition contract is specialist and is likely to be of relatively short duration no such clause or will be inserted in the tender documents.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of outstanding monies from Government departments and to detail the project and how long it has been outstanding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The details in the attached spreadsheet provide information on government debtors of Dublin City Council as at 30/06/2018. Debtors include projects/services for which expenditure has been incurred and a formal claim made and projects/services for which expenditure has been incurred and the value is accrued. It is not feasible to provide information on the timeframe of claims.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a speed survey and look at traffic calming measures at St Kevin's in Ballygall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

From inspection, it is noted that there is existing traffic calming on Ballygall Road East outside St. Kevin's college. There are a number of ramps, adequately placed for optimum traffic calming, additional ramps would lead to increased acceleration and braking in between ramps which increases driver speed and reduces driver caution. In addition to this there are several "School Ahead" signs on approach to the school, and "Slow" road markings on either approach to the school which further increases traffic calming. No additional traffic calming is recommended at this moment in the location.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to our new permeability policy and our 20/25-year campaign to close off laneways and extinguish rights of way since legislation to allow same was enacted, to say;

1. if he can estimate the number of lanes/pedestrian accesses that were closed off in the last 20/25 years

2. if he can outline the origin of the new permeability policy and say if officials from Roads Dept. and Area Offices, who were/are familiar with right of way extinguishments, were consulted on the formulation of the new policy.
3. if it was approved by elected Members as a specific policy, in the Development Plan or other such document
4. what the main objectives of the permeability policy are and if there is a danger we will undo much of the good work done on extinguishments over the past 20/25 years
5. if there are strict guidelines for the use & design of the permeability policy so as to avoid creating anti-social behaviour/hanging about areas, creating community tensions & generally disturbing peace & quiet of adjacent neighbours
6. if he will drop this policy or make a clear order that it is to be used sparingly or otherwise we will be seen to have ignored the lessons of the past by designing anti- social behaviour blackspots in the name of some lofty principle
7. why the planners are being so pro-active on this policy, why pedestrian ways are being repeatedly conditioned into permissions at further information stage, when affected residents have no right to make a submission on such further information proposals
8. if a copy of sketch/design for pedestrian/cycle access conditioned into planning application at **(details supplied)** can be provided and statement made on this matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North Central Area Office has Extinguished 89 Public Rights of Way since 2003. Prior to 2003 the Roads & Traffic Department were responsible for processing applications.

The City Development Plan at Paragraph 16.2.2 (Design Standards for Large Scale Development) requires the City Council to seek the provision of 'high quality new streets, squares and open spaces, where appropriate, linked to the surrounding street pattern, to maximise accessibility'. Furthermore, the Plan goes on to state that existing and likely future patterns of traffic and pedestrian movement including pedestrian desire lines should also be taken into account. In this respect, it is considered that the creation of a network of interconnected streets and spaces is fundamental to the creation of sustainable neighbourhoods. This will require in some instances the linking of new residential communities to more established communities and the provision/improvement of pedestrian access routes to ensure access to local amenities, services and facilities including shops, schools, medical services and public transport. However, it is acknowledged that the delivery of such linkages and connections must be carefully planned to ensure that they do not attract anti-social behaviour or create hanging about areas, which could lead to community tensions and ultimately to a disturbance of adjacent neighbours. Therefore, it is an objective in assessing relevant planning applications to ensure that proposals for new linkages and connections not only promote walkability and complement local 'desire lines' but contribute positively to an area.

The location of a pedestrian access between the proposed development and the **(details supplied)** Estate was shown on the landscape masterplan submitted as additional information under plan ref. 4105/15. A copy of the landscape masterplan is attached. The proposed pedestrian and cycle access between the development and **(details supplied)** was raised as an issue in a number of appeal submissions to An Bord Pleanála. The ABP Inspectors report states that: "I consider it appropriate that the p.a. did seek such an access that facilitates permeability. Such permeability

is in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and is supported in principle by national and local planning guidelines and policies. There is strong permeability proposed across the site facilitating sustainable modes of transport with pedestrian and cyclist access via **(details supplied)** to the west, Griffith Avenue to the north and Grace Park Road to the east and south. These routes will not just benefit the future residents of the proposed scheme but will also benefit the existing community in the wider area” (ABP Ref. PL 29N.246430).

An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the proposed development subject to condition no.14 that: “The internal road network serving the proposed development, the layout and detailed design of the two vehicular entrances off Grace Park Road and of the pedestrian/cyclist accesses serving the proposed development (including boundary setbacks, turning bays, junctions, parking areas, footpaths, cycle lanes, kerbs, basement car park ramp design, signage and materials to be used), shall comply with the detailed standards of the planning authority for such works. Reason: In the interest of amenity and of traffic and pedestrian safety”. In this context, there is no requirement for the applicant to submit detailed drawings for the proposed pedestrian / cycle access.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

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

- a) Confirm that the public right of way was extinguished
- b) Say when the public right of way was extinguished
- c) Say if at this stage, residents have the power to erect a gate to close off the laneway as only one gate was erected when the right of way was extinguished;
- d) What other procedure, if any, are residents required to complete in order to close off access to the laneway
- e) Say if Dublin City Council can assist residents in any way in the above regard in terms of cost and/or erection of a gate

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

(a)The public right of way was extinguished but residents did not install the second gate.

(b) The laneway was extinguished in 1994 pre our Area Office set up/operations.

(c) Residents have the power to erect a gate but there are specific requirements from Eircom which we have appraised resident of.

(d) residents will have to undertake to provide Eir with a key code to ensure they can enter when the need to service plant existing in the lane (Eir have confirmed that they have substantial plant in the lane).We have been in correspondence and phone contact with a representative resident and have advised re all requirements and forwarded a copy list outlining requirements in connection with EPROW and closure applying from 2002 to the present time.

(e) We are not in a position to assist residents with the cost of erecting gates.

Residents as part of the process of closure undertake to pay costs of closure however we remain ready to assist with additional information if required.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the seriously hazardous situation that pertains at the pedestrian crossing at Malahide Road close to its junction with Marino Mart/Fairview Park which requires the use of three sets of pedestrian lights – crossing from Fairview Park to the Malahide Road, and then attempting to cross the Malahide Road to Marino Mart – with a stop on the median in the middle; regularly

there is a long wait of vehicles turning right from the Clontarf Road north up the Malahide Road, where traffic moves very slowly, demonstrating the regular hazardous situation that pertains for pedestrians, particularly tiny pedestrians, at this location and say:

- (a) what measures he can introduce at this location to ensure pedestrian safety and
- (b) what and when measures can be introduced to ensure that traffic turning right from Clontarf Rd. up Malahide Rd (towards Donnycarney) do not continue to drive through at green man light time

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ITS Section will conduct a full review of the operation of this junction with particular emphasis on pedestrian safety. A report on outcome of this review will be issued in due course.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to road as per **(details supplied)** where road marking has been altered (from broken white line to continuous single white line in the middle of the road) following road works and say

- a) if he can arrange to have road marking reverted to the original broken white line (the original of which remains visible) which prevailed prior to road works some years back, as residents at details attached have had their vehicles clamped on 2 occasions this year for parking in the same spot in which they have parked for over 40 years
- b) if he will support residents' application for appealing the cost of clamping charges as a result of above

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Following inspection, it is recommended that 12 metres of the continuous white line, at the above location, approaching the junction of Kincora Road and **(details supplied)**, be removed in order to facilitate residential parking needs.
- b) Residents concerned should be advised to contact Parking Enforcement Section directly who will assist with their appeals which will be given sympathetic consideration.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a traffic management plan to be carried out for Mount Argus Road. Residents have noticed that due to the proximity of Mount Jerome along with the high number of residents using their vehicles the entrance to Mount Argus Road can become impassable with the added problem of residents' cars being blocked in their drives due to illegal parking. A traffic management plan would serve to reduce congestion and ensure that residents have unencumbered access to their driveways. This along with signage about illegal parking in the area would help to ease residents' concerns.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for a traffic management plan has been referred to the Sustainable Transportation Unit for review and a report will issue directly to the Councillor when available. With regard to "cars being blocked in their drives due to illegal parking" - Infringements such as these, should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, Tel no. 01 6022500 or the Gardaí as they occur as under the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) g; "A vehicle shall not be parked in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or

an exit for vehicles to or from a premises". There is adequate traffic signage and lining already in place at the junction of Mount Argus Road and Kimmage Road Lower. Dublin City Council does not place signage about illegal parking in the area, as such signage is not in the Traffic Signs Manual.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to the laying of double yellow lines at the intersection of Priory and Clareville Roads? This was initially agreed to before we were informed that DYL are not laid at road corners as per new policy. However, in the TAG Report February 2018, DYL were placed around a bend in Rutland Grove: "The road width is 10.2m at Clogher Road. Dublin City Council requires 6.5m in order to allow double side parking. On the other hand, following site visit on the Friday 12-01-17. It was noted that DYL are necessary to implement at the bend as the vehicles parking on both side of the road were causing visibility problems. STAT as follows: • From the lamp standard number 23 located at the east side of the carriageway at Clogher Road install 28m of DYL extending southwards, continues others 35m eastward on the north side of Rutland Grove. • Install DYL from the lamp standard number 1 located at the south side of ` Clogher Road on the west side of the carriageway. Install DYL 23.43m extending northwards. • From the LP number 1 install 3m DYL extending southwards on the west side of the carriageway. From this point extending eastwards install 28m DYL." The intersection of Priory and Clareville Rd is very close to the Harold's Cross Primary School and the lack of DYLs continues to pose a serious risk to children and adults travelling to and from school.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The junction of Clareville Road and Priory Road has been examined in accordance with the current policy and does not meet the warrant for the provision of double yellow lines at the junction. The Area Traffic Engineer has reported it is not proposed to recommend double yellow lines at the requested location. The double yellow lines referenced by the Councillor on Clogher Road are placed on a bend on the road and not at a junction. Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked....(c) within 5 metres of a road junction". Instances of illegal parking should be reported to An Garda Síochána or Dublin Street Parking Services (the parking enforcement contractor employed by Dublin City Council) at Tel: 6022500.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any landlords (individuals or companies) in receipt of HAP payments for more than 10 properties in the DCC area, and of any blocks of apartments in which more than 50% of units are let by the same landlord via HAP.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.44 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the City Council's policy in relation to entering into discussions or agreements with developers who wish to build housing with the intention of leasing it to those on City Council housing waiting lists via HAP payments, and the City Council's policy in relation to "pre-approving" developers/landlords for HAP, prior to the homes in question being built.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Government strategy and policy on Long Term Leasing options, Dublin City Council can lease residential property from owners/developers for periods of up to 25 years. It is a matter then for the Local Authority to allocate these homes to households on the Housing Waiting Lists under the normal terms of the Scheme of Letting Priorities. It is also open to a Local Authority to give an undertaking to a private owner/developer that it would lease the property after it is constructed (obviously in line with Planning Permission etc.) Dublin City Council has not yet given such undertakings but we would welcome such opportunities. We are constantly seeking properties for the HAP scheme but it is a matter for Private Owners to offer their properties to DCC for HAP Tenancies or to seek out HAP Applicants themselves. We do not pre-book for HAP before the property is constructed.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the turning left onto Parnell Street and Parnell Square West for cyclists, and if he can put in place better road markings and layout to facilitate cyclists at this important and busy junction. A cyclist was advised by a DCC official that the appropriate way to deal with the junction was for the cyclist to dismount. This is a new road layout, in which surely cyclists should have been fully accommodated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will investigate the issue raised in the above question and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR EILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for details of

- a) the figures of those turned away from homeless services, and
- b) what safeguards are in place to ensure that decisions around who is and is not homeless are made in a transparent and consistent manner

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In Dublin City Council, the Central Placement Service, Parkgate Hall is generally the first point of contact for people at risk of or becoming homeless. People that present to this service are not turned away, but are offered advice, assessment and access to emergency accommodation if required therefore there are no figures to answer part a) of this question. Referrals can also be made to the Homeless Prevention Team, who work with people to prevent them entering homelessness.

Clients presenting as homeless for the first time require a full assessment to be completed. This assessment includes obtaining biographical details, family composition, social housing application, experience of homelessness, income details and placement and support needs. This is a thorough process, ensuring all relevant information is recorded and the eligibility criteria to access homeless services in Dublin City Council is fulfilled.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the residents in George Reynolds to request the following items if possible:

- The grass area at the sloped wall badly needs to be cut down more so at the second block.
- Residents have spotted Rats and Foxes coming in and out of the grass, and residents are very nervous and can't open windows for the fear of rats getting into their homes.

- They are looking for 2 weather proof notice board 1 off each to be put in the common areas of the flats if that is possible also here is an older lady called **(details supplied)** who is very small in height and she is having bad difficulties in putting her rubbish into the big silver bins, she is very independent and does not like asking neighbours for help, she won't leave the bags at the side of the bins because of the rats in the area. So the residents want to know can a small type bin with lid be put into bin stores for her use please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is expected that the sloped area will be trimmed back in the coming weeks also the drains within the complex will be treated and monitored for rodents. The estate manager for the scheme will discuss the notice board request with the councillor and the residents. Dublin City Council is not in a position to provide smaller individual bins as it has been our experience that these are prone to damage and abuse. DCC provides a five-day caretaking service in George Reynolds House and our caretakers are more than happy to assist any of the residents in waste disposal matters.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the cleaning of Kerlogue Road, Dublin 4, at least once a month. Due to its location as a cul de sac, the cleaning of Kerlogue Road appears to be being overlooked at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The road cleaning schedule of Kerlogue Road is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisor in the area. Upon inspection, if this cul de sac is considered to be in an unacceptable condition, it 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. Every effort will be made to keep Kerlogue Road as clean as possible.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive since the most recent storm on 18-19 September some large branches which fell have remained on the footpaths within a 3km radius of the RDS. Furthermore, leaves have accumulated and rotted. Moreover, debris which fell following the stormy weather in March has never been cleared from the section of Ailesbury Road between Sydney Parade Dart station to the Merrion Road. To ask the Chief Executive:

- a) To rectify these matters immediately; and
- b) To provide the full cleaning schedule for every road within the Pembroke South-Dock ward.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) We had the storm debris removed from this area on the 19th October 2018.
- b) The main arterial routes and shop fronts in the Pembroke area are cleaned on a daily basis. The residential areas there are inspected on a weekly basis and are cleaned when deemed necessary to do so. As cleaning is based on inspection there is no specific schedule for every road in this area. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of the Pembroke area to see if some improvements can be made.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my question 41 from October's City Council meeting and my question 72 from the South East Area Committee meeting I still have

not received an adequate response to my question and am now compelled to raise the matter yet again. Accordingly, to ask the Chief Executive has the Council independently verified that the tarmac recently put by its contractors around the base of young trees on Newgrove Avenue is not excessive in depth & grade and that it is genuinely permeable?’

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services and Park Services have reviewed the bituminous surrounds to the trees on Newgrove Avenue. As the trees are young and will require surface water to allow their root system to develop it has been agreed that the bituminous material will be removed and replaced with top soil. In a few years when the root system is established an infill material, agreed with Park Services, can be reintroduced if required.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the South East Area Committee meeting in September 2017 when I asked the attached question and response. Illegal parking of bicycles on Kevin Street remains a persistent problem. For instance, a constituent recently identified bikes parked illegally to both sides of a pole on a four-foot-wide stretch of Toasted Café. This is extremely dangerous to pedestrians and indeed there is a public liability exposure if a person falls or trips. Clearly the No Parking/Clearway notification is very important. To ask the Chief Executive whether the message of the notification can be communicated in a way that does not require a pole which results in unlawful parking of bicycles and obstruction of a narrow and busy footpath to vulnerable road users?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The No Parking Sign with supplementary plate Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 16.00, located outside of Toasted Café requires a pole for the placement of the No Parking Sign as is best practice for notification to motorists about the traffic measures in the area. The Traffic Signs Manual, Chapter 1, states that “the Sign Location General Principles as follows: “Section 1.3.1 In order to perform the function for which it is intended, a sign must be capable of transmitting its message clearly and in good time. Drivers must be able to read and understand a sign in sufficient time for them to react safely to its message. It is also essential to ensure that signs are visible from these distances and are not obscured by intervening obstructions. Signs supported by a single post should be used where possible; the post may be offset from the centre of the sign”. There is no other way to communicate the measure above without the use of the pole.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MICHEAL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive the current number of ‘voids’ of Dublin City Council housing units, the same number for 2014, and the average ‘turnaround’ time for voids in 2018 compared to 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There are currently 520 void units in the city at present as indicated on the chart below:

Status	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
For Framework	31	17	32	63	22	165
With	38	37	40	77	45	237

Framework						
To Be Snagged	4	2	5	11	13	35
Ready to let	0	5	6	35	18	64
Direct Labour	0	12	5	2	0	19
Total	73	73	88	188	98	520

The average turnaround time in 2018 from when a property becomes void until it is let is 23 weeks. In 2014 it was 34 weeks. There are no comparative figures available for 2014 but 596 units were turned around by contractors in 2014. To date in 2018, we have turned around 468 units and are on target to exceed the 2014 figures significantly.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will take steps to ease access to City Council facilities for children living in the several versions of Homeless accommodation as requested in the letter from the ISPC submitted along with this Question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pricing structure already on offer at Dublin City Council leisure facilities is based on exceptionally low rates with discounts already available to children. There are also a range of reductions in place for community groups, schools and voluntary organisations. It is not proposed to bring forward another reduced pricing scheme or free scheme at this time.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to request that the phone box close to St. James Luas stop be removed. There is an old Eircom phone box close to the James' Luas stop and it is being used on a daily basis for drug use. This is an area frequented regularly by Luas/bus commuters, including school children, and tourists walking from Kilmainham Gaol to Guinness. The phone box in question is shown here on MAPS - https://www.google.com/maps/@53.3421718,-6.2948411,3a,75y,328.83h,92.64t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1suejj9f5a6NH52N62_3WgcQ!2e0!7i16384!8i8192

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This public payphone has been referred to EIR for removal by An Garda Síochána on 26th September 2018, in accordance with the removal criteria set out in Section 4.1 of Provision of Public Payphones Universal Service: Scope and Designation (ComReg 14/69) July 2014.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install a public bin along the shops at Ravensdale Park/Captain's Road which is being used as a dumping ground and assign a public domain officer to monitor the area until Christmas to ensure that the public area is being maintained.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer has met with some of the residents with regard to this and has requested a survey of the area from Waste Management. There would appear to be a dearth of bins in the area and Waste Management will have an Inspector examine the above mentioned location with a view to installing a bin there when the new stock comes in.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install a zebra crossing outside the Hyreasal Complex on South Circular Road as due to the hospital construction works and associated traffic it is very dangerous for children and elderly residents to cross here to get to the bus stop. The next nearest set of traffic lights at either end of this section of SCR but there is high footfall along here due to the proximity of the bus stop.

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.57 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many notifications have been received to date by this Council under the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018 and could the Chief Executive make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Ten notifications have been received to date by Dublin City Council under the Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2018, with provision for 22 units in total. In accordance with the Regulations, the Planning Authority is required to maintain a record of such notifications, including details of the location of the structure, the proposed number of residential units, unit sizes and number of bedrooms in each unit. A system is currently being set up to record these notifications on Apas. It is the role of the developer to ensure that the development consisting of the change of use and related works are exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission and comply with the conditions and limitations set down in Article 2 of S.I. No. 30 of 2018.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the details of all applications made by Dublin City Council to the Government's Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, and to list each application and provide me with a summary of each proposal, and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Eleven applications have been submitted for a number of projects by the closing date on Friday 28th September 2018. The URDF is a competitive bid-based exchequer grant programme that will operate on a multi-annual basis. The criteria for the bids are that they must be;

- Public sector, and ideally local authority led, but may also include community and/or private sector partners;
- Matched by at least 25% direct (public and/or private) funding from other sources;
- Valued at a minimum of €10m, for the delivery and/or further development of innovative and transformational urban regeneration proposals;
- A catalyst for development that would not otherwise occur; and
- Likely to leverage significant further public and private sector investment.

Applications for funding are for proposals that will be either 'ready to go' in 2019 (Category A) or will require 'further development' (Category B) and may be approved in principle for work to be undertaken that will enable Category A status in future calls. All proposals for funding will be assessed by an evaluation group, who will report to a management committee that will make recommendations to the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

€2 billion has been allocated in the National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 with €100 million available in 2019 and an overall allocation of €500m from the Fund until 2022. All of the Dublin City Council applications were under Category B which is designed for proposals requiring further development before commencement and which may be approved in principle, thereby enabling proposal development to progress in 2019.

The applications made by Dublin City Council are as follows:

1. Parnell Square Cultural Quarter

The Parnell Square Cultural Quarter (PSCQ) project will deliver an 11,000 sq. metre development of new and existing buildings and public realm on the north side of Parnell Square on the site of the former Colaiste Mhuire. These new facilities will provide open public spaces for learning, culture and social communication. Visitors to the Cultural Quarter will enjoy a choice of opportunities, events and services on offer. The centre piece of the project will be a new City Library for Dublin, fronting a new public plaza on the northern side of Parnell Square. There will be a range of cultural facilities, including a music hub and library, a design space, an innovation hub and business library, a 200 seat conference centre, an education centre, café and exhibition areas all connected by new high quality public plaza.

2. Redevelopment of Dalymount Park Stadium and Environs

Dalymount Park Stadium is in a state of disrepair and Dublin City Council intends to redevelop the stadium, raising capacity to 6,000 and increasing usage of the grounds by Bohemian Football Club, Shelbourne Football Club and the community. Shelbourne FC's current home ground is located at Tolka Park and their usage of the new stadium will unlock Tolka Park for much needed residential and commercial development in Dublin City. It is therefore proposed to deliver a unique shared sports and community hub that will include a library and will contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of Phibsborough and the surrounding communities.

3. Framework for the Regeneration of Inchicore/Kilmainham

It is proposed to regenerate the Inchicore/Kilmainham area by developing St. Michael's Estate and environs. The proposal is a study to develop a mixed use neighbourhood with a wide choice of housing, in excess of 470 new homes, shops offices, recreational and community facilities.

4. Creative Community Campuses – Artists Workspaces

For the development of Creative Community Campuses on two of Dublin City Council owned sites in Dublin 8, 41/42 Bridgefoot Street & 23A Rueben Street. This is a new initiative by DCC that will address the documented critical deficit in Artists Workspaces by developing these Workspaces alongside private apartments with two buildings on each site.

5. Naas Road Infrastructure Study/Masterplan

The proposal is to bring forward the re-development of a Key-Site in the Naas Road Lands LAP area, by addressing infrastructural impediments and thereby kick-start the implementation of the remainder of the LAP area.

6. Analysis of industrial Lands at Park West/Cherry Orchard

The proposal is to carry out a detailed analysis of the primarily industrial lands at Park West/Cherry Orchard to scope their development potential for high density residential and employment uses taking account of Project Ireland 2040 and the

National Planning Framework which priorities compact growth in the City. To engage consultants to examine the redevelopment potential of industrial lands at Inchicore and Park West, Dublin 12, and Dublin 22 respectively.

7. Rutland Street School Development and Refurbishment Project

The Rutland Street School Redevelopment and Refurbishment Project will involve the full renovation of an existing 1912 brick school building and site as a new community hub for the north-east inner city. In this project, the building will be redeveloped as a community development project. Ultimately, the building and site will contain not only provision for community groups, but also, a wide range of other uses.

8. Santry River Restoration Project

The Santry River Restoration Project is intended to demonstrate, initially through the use of pilot projects, how compact regeneration and development can be facilitated whilst simultaneously complying with the environmental objectives of Water Framework Directive (WFD) and other legislation, in addition to contributing to national environmental, climate change and sustainability objectives. The project is intended to be an exemplar for how to develop a climate resilient city in a way that provides the maximum scope for regeneration and development.

9. White Water Rafting Course at George's Dock

Dublin City Council intends developing of a white water rafting course, (including a swift water rescue training facility with an urban street) and a kayaking/water polo pool at George's Dock. It is envisaged that the white water rafting course will be located around the edge of Georges' Dock with the swift water training facility and the pool located in the centre of the dock. The pool in the centre will be used for flat-water kayak training, canoe polo and water polo. The Council will require the use of a system of moveable obstacles to create a large variety of white water features to meet the requirements of all white-water activities.

10. Moore Street/Upper O'Connell Street Regeneration Project

The proposal is for the regeneration of the 2.2 HA (6 acre) area located between Moore Street, O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Parnell Street, in Dublin's North Inner City. This historically important area, with its association with the 1916 rising, the original 18th Century Sackville Street, and Moore Street traders, has nevertheless become neglected and run-down for at least a generation.

The current proposal is for a mixed use development that includes retail, commercial, a hotel, and residential uses, centred on 14-17 Moore Street, (a designated National Monument) in collaboration with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. In addition, the proposal provides for a new east –west pedestrian street linking Upper O'Connell Street to Moore Street and the revitalisation of buildings along the West side of O'Connell Street Upper (An Architectural Conservation Area). The restoration of the cobbled Moore Lane, the implementation of a Memorial trail to reflect the events of 1916 are also being considered.

11. Project Cloncroke

'Project Cloncroke' is a multi-million-euro initiative that adds a large capacity, multi-functional facility to the Cusack Stand at Croke Park Stadium as the first phase of a wide ranging, ambitious urban regeneration project that, by 2023, will see a dramatic transformation of the urban landscape around the stadium.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many cleansing staff were assigned to the north inner city in each of the last five years for which figures are available, and given the recent disappointing showing in the Irish Business Against Litter Survey could he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Resources:

The table below outlines the number of staff currently assigned to the North Inner City Area.

1. 2014	2. 22 operational Staff
3. 2015	4. 22 operational Staff
5. 2016	6. 22 operational Staff
7. 2017	8. 22 operational Staff
9. 2018	10. 26 operational Staff

There are additional plans underway to provide 2 further staff members to this area to provide for cleaning services provided directly under the supervision and management of the Central Area Public Domain team.

The provision of resources to the North Inner City is significant and cleaning services are provided on a 7-day basis through the provision of street sweeping, bin emptying, manual and mechanical litter removal, dumping removal, litter warden patrols and responsive actions to complaints received.

IBAL

The Waste Management Department and Central Area Public Domain unit have consistently responded to the results of the IBAL surveys in each year by targeting improvements to the sites identified in the report as having only achieved grade C or D status. In each year the City Council meets with IBAL to inform them of the actions taken and to outline the improvements that have been achieved in each area and of other additional environmental projects and initiatives that are underway or being progressed. Some examples of significant projects that have been undertaken in locations identified by IBAL reports include Charleville Mall, St Marys Terrace and Aldborough Place. This has been acknowledged by IBAL but is not reflected in the overall result or the coverage of the survey report.

Waste Management operations management for the area have identified areas for improvement based on the analysis of the issues highlighted in the detailed survey results and have increased the allocation of the available resources to specific areas and these actions are being implemented. Certain other improvements are being made such as in the frequency of cleaning and maintaining recycling facilities in the context of the programme of consistently trying to improve the delivery of cleaning services. There are items contained within the report in each year that relate to areas that are not within the remit of Dublin City Council to manage and maintain and despite considerable efforts over many years by the City Council the issue of illegal dumping is again highlighted as prevalent. These are areas where the responsibility lies with private owners, institutions and the individual and it must be stated clearly that while there remains a deficit in personal responsibility to the issues of litter,

illegal dumping, management and maintenance of private building and spaces the challenge will remain significant to address the overall results of the report.

Dublin City Council is fully aware of its role in addressing these issues and will continue to endeavour to provide a high standard of directly delivered cleaning services, provide recycling amenities, engage with communities, promote awareness of litter and environmental issues and carry out enforcement wherever possible.

Finally, the report does not acknowledge the community efforts taken in the north inner city by active environmental and residents groups supported by Dublin City Council such as those that carry out community litter picking, maintain community garden spaces, volunteer to maintain the Royal Canal and enter the City Neighbourhoods awards each year to demonstrate the pride and community effort that is in evidence in the area.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many horse licenses were issued in each of the last five years for which figures are available and how many are currently valid. Furthermore, can he give details of:

- a) inspections carried out by City Council staff to determine whether horses were properly licensed;
- b) inspections of premises to determine suitability under the Control of Horses By Laws 2014
- c) steps to ensure that children under the age of 16 are not in charge of a horse on a public road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

2013	10
2014	9
2015	17
2016	15
2017	11

- a) Inspections are carried out at the Smithfield Horse Fair twice yearly.
- b) Every time an application is made for a licence the application form is sent to the veterinary inspector to do a check on the premises. Veterinary inspections are also carried out twice yearly at the Smithfield Horse Fair.
- c) Proof of identification/age must be submitted with all applications.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the scheduled improvements/clean up to the chute collection areas in the Cromcastle flats in Kilmore Dublin 15. These works are still required despite recent developments in the last few months regarding the structural situation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance are proposing to install the bins on a newly laid plinth at the gable wall of each block. Prior to this installation it would be in the best interests of all stakeholders to meet and discuss the pros and cons of this proposal. This meeting can be arranged through the Area Office.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for any progress on finding a solution/proposal to alleviate the chronic parking problems in the Kilmore area experienced by residents on a daily basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking restrictions have been provided where appropriate on residential roads in Kilmore adjacent to Beaumont hospital while at the same time being mindful not to inconvenience local residents with further restrictions.

Parking restrictions and other measures are generally not provided in situations that are already covered under the Road Traffic Act, however enforcement has been carried out by the Gardaí and Dublin Street Parking Services in the locality. Dublin City Council cannot provide for 'Residents only Parking' on a particular road as there is no legal basis to restrict parking on a public road to the residents of that road. A measure to address the situation in the Cul De Sac on Kilbarron Road has been recently provided.

In order to prevent parking on the concrete island and to regularise on street parking, parking bays have been marked out on the ground comprising of 20 car spaces and a one-way system has been installed. This measure together with the existing double yellow lines at either side of the entrance to the cul de sac has relieved the parking situation on this section of Kilbarron Road. D.C.C. will continue to deal with parking issues as they arise on a case by case basis in the appropriate manner.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed refurbishment of the public library in Coolock Dublin 17.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per recent update: Update: Staff have begun preparations for the closure of the library and the opening of the temporary library in the Northside Shopping Centre. Tenders for the main construction project have issued with a deadline of 1st November. Works to fit-out the temporary unit are underway and due to be completed by 26th October. We are currently estimating the closure of the library and opening of the temporary unit in Northside Shopping Centre at mid-November, with final site clearance completed to allow the successful contractor to begin work in early December. Further updates will issue via our website and social media over the next 2 weeks.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the quantity of voids in the North Central Area and the vacancy percentage rate for the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 111 void properties in the North Central Area.

- 13 Apartments
- 28 Houses
- 70 Senior Citizens

Of these units, 63 are being refurbished – 31 by contractors and 32 by direct labour. 14 have been refurbished and are on offer and the remaining 34 are require Task Orders to be issued and to be assigned to contractors.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the purchasing and acquisition process around the Old Mill at Kilmainham. This report to include the cost of the building. What studies and property evaluations took place prior to purchase? What arrangements were made with the sitting tenant on the property? Who is

protecting the property at present? What is to become of this property? What is the overall budget that is envisaged for the amount of works and the reconstitution of this Mill? Also, what Department will head up this project? Who was this Mill acquired from?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The acquisition of the subject property is ongoing and not yet concluded. A full report will be provided to the Councillor in due course as soon the acquisition completes.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the cost to Dublin City Council for the College Green Plaza stand-alone project. Also the costs that were incurred by DCC for the traffic rearrangement and plan that was underpinning this pedestrianised plaza. This report also to include the costs incurred by DCC at the oral hearing into the College Green Plaza at An Bord Pleanála. Also, can the Chief Executive issue a statement as to what is the future for this plaza plan? And what is the future for the traffic plan that was drawn up to allow the LUAS cross at these points without other traffic interruptions. Can the Chief Executive respond to the findings of An Bord Pleanála that resulted in the turning down of this proposal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Expenditure incurred in respect of:

(a) Proposed Civic Plaza at College Green.

1	2016	€ 57,738.13
2	2017	744,545.78
3	2018	684,727.15
	Total:	1,487,011.06

(b) That part of expenditure at (a) above directly attributable to the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and the Oral Hearing is in the order of €370,000.00.

On 18 May 2017 Dublin City Council made an application for approval to An Board Pleanála, under Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for the development of a new Civic Plaza, ancillary traffic management measures and minor works at College Green, Dublin, in accordance with the plans and particulars, including an environment impact assessment report.

This proposal was in accordance with the City Councils long held objective to develop a world class Civic Plaza in College Green, a location steeped in historical and architectural importance for the city and the nation.

The development of the proposed Civic Plaza at College Green, is facilitated greatly, by the urgent need to reconfigure College Green to take account of the increased numbers of pedestrians and cyclists in this area and the new requirement to cater for 55-metre long Luas Cross City trams. In addition, the proposal would have contributed significantly in addressing the issues of competing transport demands for road space at this location, by simplifying complex traffic signalling arrangements, removing conflicting movements and streamlining all bus and taxi movements along the north south axis.

An Oral Hearing was conducted over 15 days in March/April 2018 and following consideration of the Inspectors report, An Bord Pleanála, on Wednesday 17 October 2018, issued its refusal to grant consent to the application as follows:

'Reasons and Considerations:

It is considered that the principle of the proposed development is acceptable and that it would produce a quality public realm that would significantly enhance the amenity and attractiveness of this city centre location, would significantly improve the visual amenities of the area and would improve appreciation of the architectural and cultural heritage of this important site. However, it is considered that: -

- (i) Notwithstanding the use of the regional traffic model, the Board cannot be satisfied that the traffic analysis carried out, and the associated information provided, particularly at local level, was sufficient to accurately quantify traffic impacts of the proposed development and the magnitude of those impacts,
- (ii) The consequent uncertainty but likely significantly negative impacts for bus transport, in light of the scale of re-routing of buses proposed, the critical importance of bus transport to the city, and its future role in facilitating modal shift from public car usage, in line with national policy,
- (iii) The identified and unresolved capacity issues on the Quays in their capacity to accommodate the scale of bus re-routing proposed, and
- (iv) The failure to demonstrate that the existing footpaths on both sides of the Quays have the capacity to accommodate the increased numbers of pedestrians that would be re-directed onto the Quays as a result of bus re-routing,

The proposed development would give rise to significant adverse impacts on pedestrians and on bus transport within the city centre and would, therefore, be contrary to proper planning and sustainable development of the area.'

The Inspectors report and the decision of the Board are currently under consideration with regard to the future of the proposal, options that might be available and next steps. The principal options available to the City Council are as follows:

1. To seek a Judicial Review in relation to the decision of An Bord Pleanála. An application in this regard must be lodged within 8 weeks of the decision to refuse.
2. To lodge a new application to An Bord Pleanála for the Plaza and traffic management measures having regard to the An Bord Pleanála decision.
3. To abandon the Plaza proposal at this time and proceed to make the necessary alterations to traffic management arrangements in this area to address the competing transport demands that must be addressed using the Councils own powers as a roads authority.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give an indication as to when the City Council intends to hold a plebiscite regarding the title of Lord Mayor. This was a motion that was put before the City Council some time back and it was agreed that this motion would form a plebiscite as to whether it was appropriate to continue with the title Lord Mayor given its appropriateness in contemporary Irish society.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Excerpt from Minutes of DCC Meeting 3rd July 2017:

Motion referred by the Protocol Committee- "In keeping with best practice and mindful of the connotations of the word 'Lord' in 'Lord Mayor' that this Council agrees to decommission the title 'Lord Mayor' and replace it with much more civic and inclusive title of 'Civic Mayor'. This would be in keeping with a much more democratic description and title. The days of Lords go back to a time when Ireland was under foreign rule and in many respects, it is an alien, colonialist term. Dublin, the Capital of the Irish Republic, should assert itself and strike a new title and description for the elected chairperson and Civic Mayor of Dublin City and Council. Perhaps a plebiscite and a ballot among City Councillors could be considered here"

The Lord Mayor informed the Members that an amendment and an addendum to this motion had been submitted.

The amended motion, submitted by Councillors Lacey, Bourke, Jackson, Montague, Ni Dhalaiigh, Freehill, O Muiri, Ring, Byrne, McAuliffe and Carr, would read as follows - *"In keeping with the traditional understanding of the term "Lord Mayor of Dublin" by Dubliners and supporting the wish to involve the people of Dublin in having their voice heard on the issue of a possible title change, as provided for in the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014, agrees to request the City Council's Public Participation Network to place the matter on their agenda and consult with their member organisations and to report back to the Council through the Local Community Development Committee and Protocol Committee"*

The addendum submitted by Councillors O'Brien, Dunne and Ryan, was as follows *'The Council furthermore resolves to invite the public to suggest a new motto for the City to replace Obedientia Civium Urbis Felicitas (The Obedience of the citizens produces a happy city) which like 'Lord Mayor' .is a vestige of feudal times and not worthy of City with a proud history of working class struggle'*

An amendment to this addendum was then put forward by Councillor A. Montague and seconded by Councillor D Lacey – *to remove the words after (... happy city)*. The amended motion was agreed as were the addendum and the amendment to the addendum.

Therefore, the final agreed motion was as follows -

"In keeping with the traditional understanding of the term "Lord Mayor of Dublin" by Dubliners and supporting the wish to involve the people of Dublin in having their voice heard on the issue of a possible title change, as provided for in the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014, agrees to request the City Council's Public Participation Network to place the matter on their agenda and consult with their member organisations and to report back to the Council through the Local Community Development Committee and Protocol Committee. The Council furthermore resolves to invite the public to suggest a new motto for the City to replace Obedientia Civium Urbis Felicitas (The Obedience of the citizens produces a happy city)"

The motion (above) as agreed by the City Council on the 3rd July 2017 does not provide for the holding of a plebiscite, therefore there are currently no plans to initiate one. The Council agreed to request the City Council's Public Participation Network to place the matter on their agenda and consult with their member organisations and to report back to the Council through the Local Community Development Committee and Protocol Committee. The Secretariat of the PPN met on 11th September 2017 and indicated they would be delighted to consult with PPN members on the amended motion. However, they felt that the wording of the motion was unclear. They

requested that Dublin City Council compile a short questionnaire based on the motion which could be sent to the 633 groups currently registered with the PPN.

The Protocol Committee at its meeting on 28th September 2017 agreed not to move forward with the survey as the Minister had indicated that there were proposals in the pipeline in relation to a Directly Elected Mayor for Dublin. They wished to consider these proposals before proceeding.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full list of all those who have been engaged in pre planning consultations with DCC's planning department in the past year. Also, would the Chief Executive consider publishing such a list on a regular basis to the Planning and Economic SPC?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The records of pre-application consultations held under Section 247 of the Planning Act are confidential until such time as the relevant planning application has been lodged and validated. On validation of the application, the record of the consultation is placed on the planning file and becomes a public record. In respect of applications for strategic housing developments, a similar process applies. The planning authority is obliged to keep records of all section 247 consultation meetings and submit these to An Bord Pleanála when a Pre-Application request is made for a SHD under section 5(1) of the Act of 2016. These records together with the records of An Bord Pleanála will be issued to the Planning Authority and prospective applicant and made available by An Bord Pleanála to the public when the planning application documents are received.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what the planning zoning status for **(details supplied)** and to indicate what pre-planning consultations with regards the potential redevelopment of these lands have the Planning Department had with the existing owners of the lands or its recent purchasers and if the Chief Executive will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lands at **(details supplied)** are zoned Z12 – To ensure that existing environmental amenities are protected in the predominantly residential future of these lands.

When lands zoned Z12 are to be redeveloped, a minimum of 20% of the site must be retained as accessible public open space. Any proposals for redevelopment must be informed by the preparation and submission of a masterplan setting out a clear vision for the future for the development of the entire land holding. Clonliffe College is on the current Record of Protected Structures (Dublin City Development Plan 2011-2017). The reference number is 1901 and the description reads 'The main College Building (1863); Holy Cross Church'; the South Link Building; the Ambulatory; the Assembly Hall'.

There are no current planning applications relating to the lands. The last planning permission Ref 2361/16 allowed for the demolition of a disused single storey bungalow located in the grounds. The lands were also the subject of a Section 5 Exempted Development declaration when An Bord Pleanála found that the use of the college grounds as a commercial car park related to events at Croke Park Stadium at **(details supplied)**, Dublin was development and was not exempted development.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the numbers of residential units, not including student bed spaces have been granted planning permission for under **(details supplied)** how many commencement notices have been served with the Planning Department in respect of residential developments within **(details supplied)**. The amount of development levies accruing to Dublin City Council from all planning permissions granted under the terms of **(details supplied)** and in particular from those residential developments where permission has been granted; how much public housing has been secured as a result of these permissions; what consideration has been given to the undertaking a review of the effectiveness of **(details supplied)** and will the Chief Executive commit to reviewing **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This information is being compiled and a response will be issued directly to the Councillor within 3 weeks.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask Chief Executive to provide an overview of the plans the Housing Department are developing with regards the improving the quality of housing in **(details supplied)** what consideration has been given to demolishing the entire complex and constructing new housing which involves a higher density development with more homes being built; and when does he expect a Stage 1 Capital Appraisal funding application to be lodged with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government; and if the Chief Executive will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A stage 1 application for the redevelopment of the **(details supplied)** was submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government on 18th October. The current proposed option is for the demolition of the existing complex and the construction of 116 new apartments in their place together with communal and community facilities.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to direct the Traffic Advisory Group of Dublin City Council to examine a request from residents of **(details supplied)** that double yellow lines be installed at **(details supplied 2)** in order to improve road safety at this junction; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Double Yellow Lines are in place on **(details supplied)** extending past the bus stop. A Single Yellow Line continues from the end of the Double Yellow Lines up to property No 53, **(details supplied)**. There are also Double Yellow Lines on the north side of Montpelier Gardens at the junction with Infirmary Road.

The extension and/or installation of additional Double Yellow Lines is not recommended for the following reason(s):

- The speed at which drivers travel is principally influenced by the characteristics of the street environment. The carriageway in question is quite wide and visually "open."
- On-street parking acts as a means of narrowing the carriageway enhancing the sense of place. This serves to manage drivers' speed in a manner that does not rely on extensive regulatory controls and physically intrusive measures for enforcement. Such environments are referred to as being self-regulating.

In short, if parking was removed it would serve to encourage speeding, and as such, the removal of parking in this area is not recommended.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have the front garden gate of a house at **(details supplied)** reinstated properly following works next door to facilitate wheelchair access?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter will be attended to this week.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will replace the windows in a house at **(details supplied)** given that they are very draughty.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will make arrangements to have the windows inspected in the next 5/10 working days. The result of this inspection will determine the course of action, if any, required.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether he has plans to provide more information about how the Local Property Tax monies is spent by DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The budgeted LPT for Dublin City Council for 2018 is €51.8m. Dublin City Council has been directed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to expend LPT funds as follows:

• Pension Related Deduction (PRD)	€16,428,262
• Housing Purposes in the Revenue Budget (CLSS loan payments)	€5,000,000
• Housing Purposes in the Capital Programme (DPGs, Capital Assistance, Homeless)	€17,997,555
• Roads Purposes in the Revenue Budget (Roads maintenance services)	€5,780,600
• ** Historic LGF Grant (already in base)	€2,667,330
• ** Discretionary LPT Funding	€3,989,479
Total LPT Allocation	<u>€51,863,226</u>

*** Both funding sources fund Dublin City Council's operational service provision.*

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the amount of supervision that is taken by DCC over any footpath repairs, road work repairs that are carried out by contractors on behalf of DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following tender competition contractors are appointed by Road Maintenance Services to carry out carriageway and footpath resurfacing and reconstruction works in accordance with the works requirements and detailed specification included in the contract documents. Large-scale carriageway resurfacing works that are carried out at night and at the weekend are supervised by an on-site Engineer from Road

Maintenance Services. Footpath repairs and carriageway works progressed during normal working hours are routinely inspected by Engineers from Road Maintenance Services Engineers whilst the contractor is on site. Furthermore, a final inspection is carried out following the completion of works. The primary purpose of these inspections is to ensure that the works have been carried out in accordance with our works requirements. Any works not meeting our standards are communicated to the contractor for the purpose of the being made good. There is not a continuous engineering presence during the course of these works as it would not be considered an efficient use of our resources.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many Council houses owned by DCC are empty and void in the North Central Area as of today and this time last year and what procedures are in place to turnaround empty houses in a timely manner.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 65 void properties void in the North Central Area as of this time. 34 of these units are being refurbished by contractors and the remaining units by direct labour. In 2017 there were 44 void properties in the North Central Area at the same time period. We have implemented a Void Management System over the last two years which has seen a 15% improvement in output.

A new framework will be introduced by year end which will see an increase in the number of contractors being used in each of the areas in the city. The new framework is based on, among other things, price and service level agreement(SLA), which will allow for better management of the void refurbishment process. Systems are in place to ensure new voids will be inspected immediately and a detailed Task Order will be produced for each new void property.

Performance management will be conducted on all contractors and we will continue to maintain good communication links with both our Allocations Section and our Housing Managers once a void property has been refurbished and becomes available for letting. We maintain an excellent financial oversight and monitoring of all funds from central government. Although this remains a challenging service we continue to improve into 2019.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether DCC have any plan to upgrade the furniture and fittings in Raheny Library and whether any plan exists for its possible refurbishment?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Public Libraries has invested considerably in the improvement of the facilities at Raheny Library over the last number of years. Works include the refurbishment of the roof, repainting the interior and the remodelling of the entrance as well as fire safety improvements. As well as the opening of a new entrance/exit to the rear of the library to allow for direct access to the landscaped garden. This year we have carried out a boiler upgrade and switched to gas from oil fired heating. We plan to replace the shelving in the library in 2019.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the rail be repaired around Marino Green at the junction of Fairview Ave Upper. The fence was damaged months back following a car accident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Replacement railings are currently being sourced and will be installed as soon as they can be manufactured and delivered as local schedules allow.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can a Dublin Bike Station Terminal be installed in the Clontarf location the bottom of Vernon Ave and also one in the Fairview location, this will be most beneficial with the new cycle track.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently in the process of completing a mini expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme. This expansion is facilitated by a €1.2 million sustainable transport grant from the National Transport Authority (NTA). The funding provided allows for the construction of 15 stations, the majority of which serve the Grangegorman area with additional capacity provided in other areas of the city.

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme beyond the 2018 Grangegorman expansion will likely be dependent on the identification of additional sustainable funding for capital and operational costs and pending a strategic review of the impact of stationless bike hire (Beeperbike) on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of further station extension beyond the current expansion.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive regarding a commitment was given at a previous Environment SPC that new water fountains will be installed at St Anne's Park along with other key locations on the promenade. This drive is to help reduce the usage of single use plastic water bottles. Can a time frame be given for this in the Raheny and the Clontarf area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The installation of such facilities is very much dependent on the availability of a suitable potable water supply. The provision of such a fountain in St. Anne's will be listed for consideration for possible inclusion in next year's works programme as a trial. However, it will be necessary to carry out significant investigations and liaise with Irish Water with regard to the promenade to ascertain if it is feasible to install public drinking fountains at certain locations.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the traffic department review the parking at the Clontarf Promenade. Complaints have been given that camper vans and some cars are parking on the grass verges to prevent using the pay and display car park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New bollards are scheduled for installation at this location in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm if **(details supplied)** is owned by the Council and if so what the plans are for it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not own this property.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the tree at **(details supplied)** inspected and pruned back? Beside this address is a small triangle piece of ground belonging to DCC. When the complex was built they planted a tree which has grown in height and width. It's the biggest in the complex. Residents have rung up on several occasions to have it trimmed back as it hits you as you leave the gate and blocks the code on the wall. Can the Chief Executive arrange to have this tree inspected and pruned back?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree was pruned by Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew on 25th October 2018.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to tell me of any plans to install a public water self-serve facility (similar to the one recently installed by Fingal County Council in Howth Village) in any location within the Clontarf Electoral Area? At present there are no publicly available self-serve water bottle refill facilities available in the Clontarf local electoral area (incorporating Raheny, Killester, Drumcondra, Fairview, Marino, Beaumont, Donnycarney, Clontarf), except for one which is located near the dog park in St. Anne's and is not advertised as a water refill location to the general public. Can the Chief Executive also give me an estimate of how much one of these stations costs to purchase/install/maintain in any given location?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service considers that these water bottle filling stations have the potential to contribute greatly to the reduction of plastic waste in the city and particularly in parks with significant participation in active recreation which can generate a considerable quantity of plastic bottle waste each weekend. The technology is quite new to the country and has not been fully tested in the field. The cost of both the stations and installation can vary enormously as there are a number of models with different features such as additional drinking fountains, bowls for dogs, Bluetooth, WiFi, lighting and data collection to provide information as to how many plastic bottles have been saved through the use of the station over a weekend or at an event. Similarly, installation costs will very much depend on a potable water supply being readily available and access to a drain to prevent the immediate area becoming saturated. Portable models are also available that could service larger sporting events. The Parks Service intends investigating the matter further and will meet with the supplier with the intention of installing a number on a trial basis within Parks where there is an existing active recreation usage and an easily accessible water supply.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive can he give me a breakdown of any formal complaints received about anti-social behaviour in **(details supplied)**? Can the Chief Executive also provide a contact within Tuath who are running the estate that it is possible for residents to contact if they have complaints? Attempts by residents to contact Tuath have not been successful and there must be a number or contact that DCC use to make contact with them that residents should also be provided with.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been made aware that youths have been loitering on two small parcels of land on the Beaumont Road at the entrance to the **(details supplied)**. In relation to this, complaints have also been received from the residents of the **(details supplied)**.

Tuath Housing Association has confirmed that they have met with the **(details supplied)** Residents Group who have also advised that they too have experienced anti-social behaviour. Tuath have also been liaising with the Gardai who have advised that this issue is not **(details supplied)** specific but is an issue in the wider area and who have confirmed that they will endeavour to increase the number of patrols in the area. The **(details supplied)** Residents Group have requested that the local community Gardai attend the next residents meeting to see how they can contribute to combatting these issues. Tuath will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with the **(details supplied)** Residents Group and Gardai.

Tuath's Tenant Engagement Co-ordinator, Mick Mooney is the point of contact for any complainant and can be contacted at M.Mooney@tuathhousing.ie.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the overgrown grass on the footpath in **(details supplied)** cut back and the footpath restored to its original width.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a considerable length of footpath within this green area for the majority of which the path is serviceable and meets minimum required widths. The removal of the small area of overgrowth at the edges of this path would not be considered high priority work and would generate an enormous quantity of green waste to dispose of. The Parks Service will inspect this path and identify any areas where the path width has been significantly narrowed. These areas will be cleared back to allow 2 buggies or prams to pass. This work will be carried out incrementally over the winter months as local schedules allow.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Q.68 to the October Council Meeting can the Chief Executive expand on the answers provided? Is the GDPR currently impacting on the roll out of CCTV in the Dublin City Council administrative area? When will the current review of the use of CCTV by DCC be completed? When will the audit of CCTV across the local authority areas be completed by Data Protection Commission?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is required to comply with the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 when rolling out CCTV, e.g. completing a Data Privacy Impact Assessment. There is a significant amount of CCTV in use by Dublin City Council, across different function areas. The project is ongoing and currently the timeframe has not yet been decided. Dublin City Council's obligation under the new legislation will require ongoing review of the CCTV in operation. Dublin City Council does not know when the DPC will complete the audit, the DPC has visited the offices of Kildare County Council and Limerick City and County Council. Dublin City Council has not been informed of a date for the DPC's on site part of the audit.

The Waste Management Department are satisfied that GDPR is not impacting on the roll out of CCTV for the purposes of enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act. Data Privacy Impact Assessments have been introduced for installations and updated signage has been designed and is available for all installations. The review of the use of third party CCTV for enforcement purposes has been conducted and we are satisfied that in the circumstances of the investigation of offences we may make use of the provisions of the Data Protection Act to progress investigations where third party CCTV is involved.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Q.69 to the October Council Meeting can the Chief Executive list the public submissions made to the draft of the current Litter Management Plan during the consultation phase? Are the submissions publically available?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A list of the submissions received during the statutory and non - statutory phases of public consultation to the then Draft Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2018 has been provided to the Councillor. The submissions are available from the Waste Management Department and the department will examine how these submissions should be made publicly available and take the necessary steps to publish the submissions.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Q.70 to the October Council Meeting can the he provide an explanation for the difference in the number of fines issued in South Central compared to the other four areas?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The difference in the number of litter fines re dog fouling issued in the South Central Area was as a result of a pilot programme in the South Inner City using a partnership between Authorised Persons in Dublin City Council and An Gardaí which proved successful but had to be discontinued due to financial constraints. The pilot programme included a number of Authorised Persons in the company of the Gardaí, patrolling public parks and green spaces in the evenings on an overtime basis in order to issue litter fines to persons in charge of dog who did not clean up after their dogs.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there is a process for renaming a LUAS station?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above question was referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for comment and a report will issue to the Councillor directly when received.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the work done in relation to City Development Plan Objective QHO4 - To undertake a review of private rented sector models serving various population cohorts to inform future planning policy and standards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Development Plan Objective QH04 has been somewhat superseded by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government's Guidelines for Planning Authorities: Sustainable Urban Housing; Design Standards for new housing, published in March 2018.

The DHPLG Guidelines identifies 2 main private sector rental models; Build to Rent Housing, and Student Accommodation developments.

Build to Rent apartment schemes are larger schemes which typically include several hundred units, and are a prominent feature of housing provision in many countries.

The ownership and management of BTR schemes is typically carried out by a single company that invests in the project for 15 years plus. This means that individual units within the scheme are not sold off separately. Also the provision of specific amenities for the residents is a characteristic element, in order to promote a sense of belonging with the neighbours.

A key aspect of the BTR model is the potential to accelerate the delivery of housing at a significantly greater scale than at present. The standards, ownership and management structure of BTR are set out in the DHPLG Guidelines. To date, most schemes constitute Strategic Housing Developments (SHD's) and go to An Bord Pleanála for decision.

Shared Accommodation schemes, also known as 'Shared Accommodation' or 'co-living' is another model, and comprises professionally managed rental accommodation, where individual rooms are rented in an overall development which includes shared communal facilities. The model is similar to purpose built student accommodation, comprising clusters of up to 8 bedrooms, with shared kitchen/living facilities. The Guidelines clarify that shared accommodation schemes are intended for a particular employment needs, with city centres being the appropriate location for such developments.

Interest in this type of accommodation to date has been limited.

Other models include:

- Private cost-rental, whereby the affordable element is provided by reduced site values. The City Council intends to trial this model in Ballymun.
- Older persons, in assisted living settings. This model of housing will become increasingly necessary in the future as the number of older persons in the population increases significantly.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a table of the number of dog fouling fines issues in each of the years since 2014 and the total number of the fines that were paid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fines issued

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2014	1	0	0	2	1	4
2015	0	0	0	26	0	26
2016	1	14	4	50	9	78
2017	2	0	0	22	0	23
2018	4	0	0	0	0	4

Fines Paid

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2014	1	0	0	0	0	1
2015	0	0	0	17	0	17
2016	0	7	3	29	6	45
2017	1	0	0	18	0	19
2018	1	0	0	0	0	1

Q.94 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to address the ongoing safety issues for residents crossing the Ashtown roundabout in all direction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ashtown roundabout is located on the Navan Road at the boundary of Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council. The south western arm of the roundabout which leads to the Phoenix Park currently contains a controlled pedestrian crossing. Uncontrolled crossing points with associated drop kerbs and pedestrian refuges currently exist on the northern and eastern arms of the roundabout.

A controlled pedestrian crossing is in place approximately 178m to the west of the western arm of the roundabout and there are no further pedestrian crossing facilities closer to the roundabout on this arm.

According to the 2005-2014 data provided by the Road Safety Authority (RSA), there has been 1 pedestrian incident on the roundabout, between 2005 and 2014, and the severity of the incident was ranked as minor. Notwithstanding this, the pedestrian facilities are not adequate and the TAG team have recommended that a full investigation be carried out by the Sustainable Transport Unit of DCC with a view to upgrading the facilities for vulnerable road users at this location.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to having enough staff in place to ensure Ventry Park Centre and Crèche remains open on a full time basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, a number of staff are on sick leave, impacting on the level of service and opening hours of Ventry Community Centre. When the staff return to work, normal opening hours will recommence. The Crèche (Buttons Childcare, is not a DCC service) is not impacted at all and to my knowledge continues to provide a full service.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what sports capital grants did DCC apply for in this round of funding, and how are previous applications progressing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**PARKS ADMIN - SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS – PROGRESS REPORT 01/11/18**

Name of Project	Description	Year	Sports Capital Grant Awarded 2017
2017 Programme			
Herbert Park MUGA	Floodlights	2017	€ 28,139
Belcamp Park/Dean Swift Astro Pitch	Resurfacing of Astro Pitch	2017	€ 89,000
			€ 117,139

Name of Project	Description	Year	Sports Capital Grant Applied for 2018
2018 Programme			
Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, D4	Resurfacing of Bowling Green	2018	€ 48,385
Herzog Park, Rathgar Tennis Club, D6	Replacement of Floodlighting	2018	€ 60,182
Liffey Valley Park, Donore Harriers Athletic Club, Chapelizod, D20	Replacement of Floodlighting	2018	€ 18,194
Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin, D12	New Hurling Wall	2018	€ 117,436
			€ 244,197

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Facility	Description	Project Cost
Cherry Orchard Rec Centre	Equipment	€ 6,790.00
Irishtown Stadium	Equipment	€ 25,061.70
Ballyfermot Sports & Fitness	Sports Equipment	€ 58,494.50
Finglas Sports & Fitness	Refurb: Gym Area & Spinning Room	€ 135,000.00
Ballymun Sports & Fitness	Refurb of Training area & Equipment	€ 139,788.00
Clontarf All Weather Pitches	Resurfacing of Soccer/GAA Pitch	€ 300,335.62
Dublin Municipal Rowing Centre	Acquisition of 2 boats	€ 25,100.00
Tolka Park	Upgrading of Floodlights	€ 84,841.25
Cabra Parkside community Sports Centre	Development of MUGA	€ 43,018.77

Q.97 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive are there plans to continue to recruit apprentices in different departments in the coming years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council recruited 21 apprentices during 2018. As the Apprenticeship Programme is four years in duration requiring considerable support, it would not be feasible to replicate these numbers on a yearly basis. We will, however, examine the potential to recruit apprentices in other disciplines within the Council.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the length of time that families have been experiencing homeless by 6 month intervals that is up to 6 months, 7-12 months, 13-18 months 19-24 months and 25 months +.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were total 684 families identified as accommodated in Hotels on the night of October 14th 2018. Summary table below indicates length of time in emergency accommodation.

Length of time in Emergency Accommodation	Number of Families - Commercial Hotels
6 months or less	178
6-12 months	208
12-18 months	181
18-24 months	55
24 months +	62
Total	684

Q.99 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the 236 households that have been reclassified out of the homeless numbers with particular focus on the progress being made on securing tenancies in those properties for the relevant households.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent figures from September show that 210 households in the Dublin Region are now categorised as accommodated in 'own front door' apartments. These are not typical emergency accommodation but fully furnished own door units that allow families to live independently. While these families are accessing homeless support services, they are not currently at risk of homelessness. The DRHE is currently working with the property managers / owners to negotiate longer-term leasing arrangements where possible.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to install as a matter of urgency, a traffic filter arrow placed on the road leading in from the Drumcondra Road, to Millmount Avenue. Since recent road closures this location has witnessed several accidents and near misses, I am requesting that management seek to address this issue as a priority.

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.101 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive that management might consider installing a wheelchair bay outside of the home of **(details supplied)**. A resident at this address is an amputee who is being impacted considerably by the extent of cars parking outside of his home while attending Glasnevin cemetery.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council's criteria for the provision of disabled parking bays outside private residences require that the applicant have no off-street parking. It is noted that there is off-street parking, i.e. a driveway, at the above address. As such, it is not possible to consider a request for a disabled parking bay at this location. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to the local Gardai or to Dublin Street Parking Services at 602 2500 for enforcement.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on my question 46 from the October City Council meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have got no indication from Government Departments of finance being made available for a memorial at the former Magdalene Laundry on Sean McDermott Street.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to significantly improve the lighting around Glasnevin Cemetery and the Finglas Road. It is simply too dark and many elderly residents have expressed reservations about walking along these paths, or queuing for a bus during the darker months. This should be addressed as a matter of urgency as it is leading to isolation amongst older people within the community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general, the lighting on the Finglas Road meets the required standard of lighting for a road of this type. However, some of the lights on the Finglas Road at the cemetery are due to be relamped. We will arrange for these lights to be relamped as soon as possible.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have bins installed for the disposal of dog waste at Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not recommended to install dog fouling bins on Beechwood Avenue. There are numerous bins in the Ranelagh area where dog waste may be disposed of. Beechwood Avenue is not within the criteria specified for consideration of installation of dog fouling specific bins or bins generally as the area is completely residential. The Waste Management Division prioritises the installation of bins on main thoroughfares, arterial routes to the city and in proximity to significant litter generators. Dog fouling specific bins are recommended adjacent to areas of green space or close to parks where there is a high footfall of dog walking activity.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding a post box located on the south side of Dartmouth Square, Ranelagh opposite number 69 has been closed for approximately 5 years. Local residents are requesting that the service be brought back into use. Could the Chief Executive forward this request to An Post?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question has been forwarded to An Post on the 25th October 2018, as requested by the Councillor.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to assess the possibility of increased safety measures in the on-road cycle lane on Canal Road, Dublin 6, close to Portobello Bridge. Despite the cycle lane on the Canal side of the road having an unbroken white line, cars routinely veer into the cycle lane to pass cars that are attempting a right turn into Mountpleasant Ave Lower. This frequently leads to cyclists taking evasive measures/having to brake to a stop to avoid being knocked off. Could a line of flexible bollards or some other apparatus be installed along the white line to deter motorists from performing dangerous undertaking manoeuvres on this section of road? Please see attached photo of the cycle lane in question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Transportation Authority (NTA) will be providing funding for the resurfacing of the route from Parnell Road to Mespil Road in 2019. As part of the scheme, a consultant will be appointed to come up with options of providing protection to cyclist at all junctions. This will entail re-designing the Rathmines Road / Canal Road junction to cater for all traffic movements and ensuring that the cars do not encroach on the cycle lane. At the moment, a topographical survey will be carried out in November 2018.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with the parks department regarding having trees planted on Cameron Street and its environs. This street will be a significant new route connecting St Teresa's with Cork Street etc. In the meantime, some planters on the wider footpath would be great and would also prevent cars and vans parking on and damaging the granite pavement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is presently no space on the path outside the terraced houses on Cameron Street to plant trees. Specially designed build-outs into the carriageway would need to be installed to accommodate new tree planting areas. Parks and Landscape Services will co-operate with The Roads Department in relation to any plan to include tree planting in the design for the new route into St. Teresa's Gardens at this location. The Area office decides on the location's suitability for planters and it will be looked at as part of the Cork Street Environmental Improvement Plan.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what is being done to address the growing frustration and anger with tenants in our flat complexes who feel discriminated against by the Council. Voids are being completely refurbished for new tenants who get new doors, windows, boilers and painted but existing tenants cannot even get new doors or windows repaired/replaced. A tenant in Oliver Bond has lived there for 50 years and has been trying to get her door (50 plus years old) replaced but was refused while the flat next door has just had new doors and windows installed for the new tenant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In cases where we have empty units we take the opportunity to upgrade the unit completely. This may include addressing space, building regulation and accessibility issues but always energy issues. We have 60 complexes that are 50 years or older containing about 3500 units and whilst all of these older complexes were built to the standards of their day, they will always benefit from substantial upgrading works. Hence we will always endeavour to carry out these works whilst being cognisant of the need to turn around properties as quickly as possible given the homeless and general waiting list.

To carry out this type of work on occupied units would not be feasible from both a monetary value (costs would be considerably higher and work would take longer) and practicality point of view (a unit is occupied and carrying out work would be difficult). Please forward the address of the property in question and we will arrange to have the front door assessed.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider acquiring the four-bedroom house at **(details supplied)** which the owner **(details supplied)** intends selling and where the current tenant is a housing applicant **(details supplied)** who has four children and occupies a high position on the allocations list for a four-bedroom house

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the case where an owner is selling a property currently occupied by a Dublin City Council housing applicant, the onus is on the tenant to find alternative accommodation except where the tenancy is under the Rental Accommodation Scheme. The City Council can consider on a case by case basis and, subject to the existing tenant meeting certain criteria, the acquisition of a property with a tenant in-situ.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive following my question in January of this year can an update be provided to this Councillor about the possibility of Dublin City Council acquiring **(details supplied)** under the buy and renew scheme as the house remains vacant and there is an ongoing problem of vermin (mice) visible on the inside window sill.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has identified and recorded **(details supplied)** on its vacant property register. We have undertaken a title research on the property and has issued correspondence to the owner outlining the need to return the property to use in a timely manner and also giving them details of the City Council's initiatives to assist owners to get their property back into use. The City Council is awaiting a response from the owner.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if besides Dublin City Council's commitment to replace the windows in the council owned units in Forestwood Avenue, Santry Lane can the interior doors and front doors which are all too small for their frames also be replaced because like the windows they are preventing the units from holding heat.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The local Housing Maintenance Depot have made arrangements to have a draught seal fitted to the external door. This will be done in the next 5/10 working days. A new flush door will be fitted in 2019 at this property. The interior doors are fire doors and do not require draught seals.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** desire to avail of the Living City Initiative can be accommodated, see attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 'Living City Initiative' (LCI) tax incentive scheme was introduced by the Minister of Finance in May 2015 and it applies to designated 'Special Regeneration Areas' (SRA's) in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford and Kilkenny. The scheme was revised and extended to landlords in January, 2017 to encourage an increase in the take-up of the scheme in respect of rented residential property. The scheme aims to specifically assist and encourage people to live in the historic inner city areas of the city and to refurbish and restore residential and/or commercial buildings. The scheme applies to designated 'Special Regeneration Areas' (SRA's) of the city and only properties located within the 'SRA' qualify for tax relief under the scheme.

As the property mentioned, is not located within the Special Regeneration Area, it would not qualify for relief under the current 'Living City Initiative' scheme, which is due to end on 4th of May 2020.

The Active Land Management unit of Dublin City Council intends to review the current 'LCI' scheme and make recommendations to the Department of Finance. A recommendation to expand the Special Regeneration Areas will be considered, as part of this overall review process.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the operating costs of City Hall & indicate the amount of income from various events held in City Hall function`s, Civil Marriages etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find details below based on 2017 figures. The expenditure is essential utilities and maintenance/repairs and does not include staffing costs.

Expenditure 2017	
Rates	51,944.03
Gas & Electricity	37,211.80
Security	133,238.39
Maintenance/Repairs/Construction	16,156.06

Income for Events held in 2017	
Weddings/Events/Café Rental	136,434.40

€41,624 was also received during 2017 which relates to deposits received for Weddings / Events being held in 2018.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the re-surfacing of Ballyfermot Road as a priority in 2019 & can he give an update of the proposals for a village upgrade to the Ballyfermot Village area we had meetings last year with traders, residents etc. in relation to proposals to re-develop the public realm however we have heard nothing to date on the proposals to proceed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present the South Central Area office is still considering an upgrade scheme to this section of road which is titled "Draft Design Proposals for the Ballyfermot Road Public Realm Improvement Plan by Urban Agency". In the meantime, Road Maintenance has decided to push ahead and resurface sections of the Ballyfermot Road in early 2019. Road maintenance will also continue to log and carry out temporary repairs until the permanent resurfacing repairs can be provided through the tender process.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure that proper arrangements are made for the viewing of CCTV images along the path of the grand canal within the administrative areas of the City. Despite extensive CCTV serious anti-social behaviour is allowed happen along these areas all the time without any action from An Garda Síochána etc, I am aware the CCTV is monitored from Grange Castle however no-one ever hears anything about the service after this. I know this system is not operated by DCC but our communities are affected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I recently met with the manager of the facility. The cameras are under 24-hour surveillance in the site office in Grange Castle. The site office is in constant contact with the Gardaí regarding any incidents that may occur. The site office also has the ability to speak out of speakers on the cameras to inform anyone around conducting in anti-social behaviour that Gardaí have been notified and are on the way. The manager has also given me a commitment to supply a report on the activity of the cameras within the DCC area bi-weekly at a minimum, pending on the level of activity.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council look at lifting the footpath outside of no **(details supplied)** with the view to have it repaired before someone falls over the concrete section.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance has inspected the footpath outside **(details supplied)**. The footpath is lifting due to the root system of a nearby tree. This defect has been added to our works list for repair.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the Clontarf seafront can he please deal with the following:

- a) Organise for the illegal dumping highlighted/located in the attached photos to be removed.

- b) In relation to the recent welcome works to further separate the cycle lane from the parking area in the DCC car park across from St Anthony's Clontarf Road can the Chief Executive confirm that (a) specify standards apply to lane resurfacing of this nature and (b) confirm if recent works @ this location are due for inspection as I have received some complaints about the quality of newly laid surface.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The dumped materials are located on the inter-tidal zone of the bay which is not the responsibility of or maintained by the Parks Service. However, the Parks Service will investigate the dumping and make arrangements to have it removed on this occasion.
- b) The specification used for the resurfacing of the cycle track is as per the DCC Road Maintenance standard for a Polymer modified Stone Mastic asphalt (PMSMA) (TII SRW Clause 942). The contractor laid the surface based on the specification above and it meets our requirements.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for the rusted H (fire hydrant) sign on the gate pillar outside (**details supplied**) to be upgraded as it is in bad condition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the City Manager which was sent to all Councillors, water queries should be forwarded directly to Irish Water. The following are the contact details for Irish Water.

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

There is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors:

localrepsupportdesk@water.ie

Q.119 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Mount Prospect Park can he please organise for the following:

- a) Pruning of trees on the road as required as they have not been pruned in some time.
- b) Cleaning of the in-charge laneway running parallel to the Park on the eastern side.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The trees were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition no works were deemed necessary or recommended.
- b) Arrangements have been made to have the above mentioned laneway cleaned in the near future.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure that the tree outside (**details supplied**) is scheduled for pruning as branches are hanging very low and a danger to passers-by.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees along the road were inspected and crown raising was deemed necessary on a small number of the trees. This work will be carried out during the dormant season as local schedules allow.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long to address the maintenance issues at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The last repair request logged for this apartment was in April 2018 for dampness which has been resolved by the new roofing programme in the **(details supplied)** complex. If there are any repairs required please advise the resident to make contact with us and we will endeavour to make good.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report outlining the latest status of the review of local authority flat complexes currently under way.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As you are aware Housing Maintenance are currently carrying out Conditional Surveys on all our properties. The purpose of this survey is that in July 2017 the "Standards for Rented Houses" changed. A lot more responsibility was placed on the landlord with regards to the condition of their property. These surveys take about 30 minutes to complete and look at all aspects of the property but in general the main points that are covered would be, windows, doors, ventilation and alarms and separation. Since May of this year we have carried out over 12,500 surveys across all of our units.

Housing Capital Works Apartment Regeneration Programme 2019 – 2040

The Housing and Community Services Department is committed to redeveloping its apartment complexes on a phased basis over the next twenty years. With regards to developing a Housing Capital Works Apartment Regeneration Programme 2019 – 2040, the Planning and Development Department and Housing and Community Services Department are collaborating to audit the development potential of the lands underpinning all of the council's apartment schemes. This information will be presented and discussed in a series of workshops with the elected members. Invitations to these meetings will issue shortly. Having regards to inter alia the condition of the complexes, the requests for maintenance, and the development potential, the members will engage with the executive in agreeing five administrative area plans. The five area administrative area plans will be aggregated to form the Council's Housing Capital Apartment Works Regeneration Programme 2019 – 2040. In summary, the Housing Capital Works Regeneration Programme 2019 – 2040 is a twenty year sequenced works priority list which will have regard for the potential for additional public housing on council lands.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an up to date list of all council owned accommodation units in the city which are currently unoccupied including the length of time the unit has been vacant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below a summary of the amount of properties currently owned by DCC and are being refurbished under the void programme.

Status	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
For Framework	31	17	32	63	22	165
With Framework	38	37	40	77	45	237
To Be Snagged	4	2	5	11	13	35
Direct Labour	0	12	5	2	0	19
Ready To Let	0	5	6	35	18	64
Total	73	73	88	188	98	520

To date in 2018 we have refurbished the following amount of properties throughout the city:

Houses	260
Apartments	273
Senior Citizens	288
TOTAL	821

Below table indicates the time properties have been vacant. A list of all vacant properties will be sent directly to Cllr McVeigh during the week.

Period Vacant	No of Properties.
0<3months	219
>3months <6months	120
>9months	181
Total	520

We are currently implementing a new framework that will greatly improve not only the waiting times of all properties but also the entire void programme.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether we have any information pertaining to the number of local authority tenant households living in overcrowded units.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has 221 applications for adaptations on grounds of overcrowding on hand. Funding had been on hold for this scheme in the past but Dublin City Council has secured funding to provide additional accommodation for four applicants on this waiting list. These are currently at design end stage and work on these will commence towards the end of this year.

Currently the number of tenants on Band 2 of the transfer waiting list is 2,044. These are tenants who have applied for a transfer and are in overcrowded situations. This does not include the households who have not applied for transfer. It should further be noted that not all cases within Band 2 are in overcrowding bedroom shortage situations, as some of the applications were given Band 2 status based on historical medical or welfare points. In addition, tenants on the transfer medical and transfer welfare priority lists may also be in overcrowded situations; however, as these applicants' transfer need has been determined a priority these applications are placed in Band 1 on the transfer priority list. It is not possible to determine how many of these households with a priority are overcrowded without examining each

individual application. While the Allocations section are aware that there are more tenants living in overcrowded situations than the above figure suggests it is not possible to accurately determine without regular inspection of all local authority tenancies to ascertain household composition, male & female breakdown /age /relationship status.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with copies of all correspondence between Martin Keane and /or his agent and the local authority that relate to the Iveagh Markets since January 2017 to date, and could the Chief Executive indicate where deliberations with Mr. Keane in relation to the markets currently stand.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Correspondence (not covered by legal privilege) attached, as requested. The Council has undertaken a dilapidation survey of the buildings with the consent of Mr. Keane. The report is currently being finalised.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council remove the tree from **(details supplied)**. The tree is out of scale to the house, and is damaging the garage of the house next door causing the wall to crack. See photo attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Maintenance of gardens including pruning of trees is the responsibility of the tenant. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility. The tenant of No.5 planted this tree after moving into this dwelling. Maintaining it including pruning is their responsibility. Housing Maintenance have inspected the tree and advised the tenant of their responsibility.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council replace the front door and windows for the resident at **(details supplied)**. The front door was supposed to be replaced when the insulation was installed, but her house was overlooked.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to have the windows and doors re-measured following recent fabric insulation works. This should be done in the next 2/3 weeks.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council provide access into the back garden for **(details supplied)** when the upgrade works are being carried out for Silloge Gardens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Investigations reveal that there currently exists provision for vehicle access to the rear of this property. Pedestrian access is also provided, via a gate entrance, to the rear garden of the same property. Dublin City Council are not obliged to provide vehicle access to the rear garden this property. The resident must make a request to Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance Section, if they wish to make alterations to the rear garden. If consent is given, the proposed works will be the residents responsibility, who will also bear the cost of same. Dublin City Council will not be responsible for the maintenance of any alterations made.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the Council help the residents to plant flowers at the back of **(details supplied)**, to reclaim this waste ground that is used for dumping?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Team in Ballymun have agreed to add this location to their plan for Community Planting in 2019.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the urgent removal of two trees outside **(details supplied)**. These trees have previously been inspected by Parks and were found to be unsteady at the roots and were to be removed (also due to their close proximity to the house). There has been another storm since and the householder is understandably anxious that action be taken please as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no record of these trees having been inspected and such a decision being made. The trees were inspected and found to be relatively young street trees, not particularly close to the property and in a satisfactory condition with no works deemed necessary or recommended.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report that the residents of **(details supplied)** are grateful to Parks and Roads for cutting the pavement tree roots (during footpath reinstatement) which were causing damage to their property. These roots caused damage to their driveway and possible water mains pipes. Can DCC reinstate / repair the damage to the driveway and also ascertain whether or not there has been pipe damage. Separately what is the position for householders whose property has been damaged by the root systems of roadside trees. Have householders any recourse to the local authority and do DCC know whether there was ever a legal ruling on this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It has been agreed to repair the cobble lock driveway where roots have negatively impacted the paving units. Roots cannot get into an intact pipe so no repairs will be carried out on this. Over the past 10 years, there may have been claims by householders whose property has been damaged by the root systems of roadside trees however; no statistics are available regarding the number of claims. Similarly, during this period, Dublin City Council is not aware of any legal ruling specific to damage caused to property by the root systems of roadside trees within its administrative area.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the erection of a 'stop sign' at the junction of Collins Park and Collins Park (yes same road) for traffic coming from Collins Ave please. This junction is a major hazard at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 25th April, 2017, reported that under the Road Traffic Regulations, traffic on a road ending at a T-junction must give way to traffic from either direction on the other road. A Stop/Yield sign is not necessary where normal rules of the road apply. Such signs are only provided on approaches to major junctions; otherwise this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout residential estates. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend the installation of a Stop sign at the above location.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update regarding the illegal demolition and construction of an unsuitable property at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement court case is listed for mention in the District Court on the 15th of January 2019. A date for hearing will be fixed at that time. In the meantime, the owner's application for retention permission which was refused by Dublin City Council is currently before An Bord Pleanala decision appealed by the owner.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive what action DCC have taken in relation to the disgusting attack on a fire engine in Drimnagh last week.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade condemn such attacks and will support An Garda Síochana in their investigation and any subsequent prosecution. Dublin Fire Brigade continue to engage with the community as part of a continuous programme of fire safety education and information. This includes visits by fire crews to schools and public presentations along with community fire station open days to help educate and inform the public on the role of the Fire Service and the impact of such activity.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would consider initiating a compulsory purchase order of 2 muse bungalows to the rear of **(details supplied)**. The owner has locked the gates leading up to them, the driveway has become overgrown with weeds as a result of being idle for so long and the bungalows are idle and uninhabited for quite a while.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has identified and recorded the 2 residential units behind **(details supplied)** as long term vacant residential units and has written to the owner of these properties with a view to returning them to use in the near future. It has also indicated that the City Council would be willing to acquire them under the Buy and Renew Scheme and return them to use. We are awaiting a reply from the owner. If the owner fails to return the properties to use, then the City Council may resort to using a CPO to acquire them.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive do any companies awarded construction contracts by DCC have debt in NAMA's portfolio?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

By 'construction contracts' it is assumed that this term refers to projects undertaken by DCC under the Public Works Contracts. Such contracts are governed by national and EU Procurement Rules. Procedures are outlined in the Capital Works Management Framework documentation.

When procuring contractors for projects up to €25 million value, DCC typically requires applicants to provide the minimum annual turnover of the company for the last three years together with a Bankers Letter from their principle bank. Both documents would be unlikely to identify any debt the company would have to NAMA or to others.

In addition, on projects above €25 million, DCC may also ask for either/or Balance Sheets or other financial or economic information. Such documentation would usually be requested for Public Private Partnership projects or Housing Land Imitative schemes. In such instances, the expertise of the NDFA is usually utilised by DCC to evaluate the documentation provided. NAMA debt or other legacy debt may or may not be apparent in this regard. It should be noted that, on all DCC contracts, a current valid Tax Clearance Certificate is required of the contractor before the contract is signed, and is checked for renewal on an annual basis.

The existence of NAMA debt or other debt would not necessarily preclude a contractor from DCC contracts under current procurement rules, provided that the servicing of such debt is undertaken in a way that does not impinge on the financial stability or performance of the candidate. Indeed, it is quite possible that a large number of contractors would be carrying a significant amount of legacy debt on their books at any given time.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive is the debt legacy of a company taken in to consideration when awarding contracts by DCC for works to be carried out on behalf of DCC, if so how much consideration is it given?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The award of public procurement contracts is governed by EU Public Procurement Directive. Revised Directive 2014/24/EU was transposed into Irish Law in May 2016. The core principles of EU Procurement are transparency, equal treatment, open competition and sound procedural management. The Directive contains strict rules around the principles of treating all economic operators equally, without discrimination by acting in a transparent and proportionate manner.

DCC procurement policy, in accordance with EU and Government procurement policies, requests the following information from economic operators;

1. Declaration of compliance with Article 57 of the Public Sector Directive 2014/24 EU (copy attached). Article 57 provides specific grounds for exclusion of economic operators including, for example;
 - Participation in a criminal organisation
 - Corruption or fraud
 - Terrorist offences
 - Money laundering or terrorist financing
 - Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings (Non-exhaustive list - see Article 57 for full list of exclusion grounds)
2. Declaration re: Statutory Obligations (copy attached)
3. Tax Clearance Certification (including use of proposed sub-contractors)
4. Economic and Financial Standing including; Turnover levels, Profitability, Bank Details and Insurance Details
5. Technical and Professional Ability including previous comparable projects
6. Other project specific mandatory requirements including; Architectural, Legal, Health & safety etc.

Alternatively, an economic operator may submit a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD). The ESPD shall consist of a formal statement by the economic operator that the relevant ground for exclusion does not apply and that the economic operator will be able, upon request and without delay, to provide supporting documentation. The ESPD confirms that the economic operator it is not in one of the situations referred to in Article 57 in which economic operators shall or may be excluded.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive would he agree that it is more effective if DCC allowed Council tenants, resident in multi occupancy apartment blocks, participate and represent themselves on OMCs rather than a DCC official represent them?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under court legislation of multi-unit development's, it is the owners only of the properties that are eligible to be on the Management Company. There is no restriction on residents and tenants forming a residents group or association to assist and inform the Management Company. The Legislation is contained in the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act 2011.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the shore in the back garden of **(details supplied)** as it continues to block up. The choke car is out every 2 weeks to release blockage. DCC staff identified in January that a new 'AJ' is required. Removal of the 'AJ' will give temporary relief but will allow rats in to the pipes. Can you ensure that a new 'AJ' is fitted as soon as possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are in place to have a CCTV survey carried out of the drains at this address in the next 2 weeks. This, hopefully, will identify the source of the problem and an agreed course of action will then be undertaken.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what can be done to assist this young mother of 2. **(details supplied)**. She is 24 years of age and has been living in a hotel for 2 years with her 4-year-old and 1-year-old. Sofa surfing previous to that. Her children have never had a home of their own. She herself has never had any security of tenure as she has been in the care system most of her life. She could not send her daughter to primary school junior infants as she was not sure where they would be living so the child has to wait until next year to go. She is parenting quite well considering what she has been through.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is on Band 1 of the Housing list for two-bedroom accommodation with the following positions

- 12 for Area P (Church St/North King St. Chancery)
- 12 for Area K (Crumlin/Walkinstown)
- 11 for Area L (James Street/Newmarket)

Under the adopted Scheme of Lettings allocations are made based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. I can confirm that the household is eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council. Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955. The applicant can contact the Homeless Allocations Section on 01 222 2205 at any time to discuss her application.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our traffic Lights Section to change the newly installed pedestrian traffic lights in Crumlin Village to provide for a filter arrow to allow a right hand turn for motorists and cyclists turning onto Windmill Road. Since the installation of these new lights traffic is constantly backed up at this junction due to the fact that vehicles turning down Windmill Road have to wait. and give way to oncoming traffic

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic signals at this junction were switched on and connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System on 27/09/18 and are subject to ongoing monitoring by the Intelligent Transportation Systems section. Please note that CCTV is due to be installed at this junction imminently which will facilitate traffic monitoring at this junction. Following this, a review of the operation of the traffic signals will be carried out and a follow up response issued once this review is completed.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent decision regarding College Green Plaza, if he will consider proceeding with the full pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street in the very near future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street is part of the Dublin City Centre Transport Study. Work is proceeding to examine how this project can be implemented.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he provide a list of the number of fines issued and paid for dog fouling in the South East Area in 2017 / 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

According to our records, no fines were issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts for dog fouling offences in the South East Area in 2017 or to date in 2018.

However, regular patrols took place between January and November 2018 in all of the Dublin City Council parks and green areas throughout the south east area and in some other areas from where complaints were received or it was noticed that there was a high level of dog dirt present. These patrols involved engagement with dog owners as regards their responsibilities when out walking their dogs in public places. Dog poo bags were handed out free of charge to many dog walkers. The patrols were carried out by south east area staff accompanied by dog wardens. On the spot license checks were carried out while on patrol. In addition, door to door dog license checks were carried out on certain streets.

As part of the TidyTowns / City Neighbourhoods initiative, the south east area staff also work with village groups in their efforts to maintain their areas to a high standard and this includes the absence of dog dirt. Dog poo bags are also given to these groups.

A number of dog shows took place in the area this year and they were extremely well attended and the responsibilities of dog walkers, including looking after the health of their animals were also stressed at these events. Overall, it is felt that there is a very high level of compliance by dog walkers within the south east area.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he provide a list of the number of fines issued to commercial food units who are not compliant with the Food Waste regulations in 2018, in particular cafes operating within Dublin City Parks, and what other action has been taken on to address non-compliance and how often are they audited.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Enforcement have carried out ninety-three Food Waste Audits so far in 2018. Of these audits, twenty-one non compliances were observed by investigating officers. As a result of these non-compliances four direction letters were issued, fifteen advisory letters were issued along with two Food Waste Notices under Regulation 12 of the Food Waste Regulations. No subsequent fines were issued. In addition, we also set a target of six audits on companies collecting commercial food waste, one has been completed to date and the remainder are underway as part of the Waste Collection Permit Holder's Annual Return validation process. Commercial food unit audits form part of the Waste Enforcement Units overall priorities and audits happen on a yearly basis as part of our RMCEI plan that set Waste Enforcement targets and objectives for any given year. Enforcement action will be taken by the Waste Enforcement Units if a legal notice has not been complied with or where a segregated food waste services is not made available to household and commercial food waste producers.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he provide an updated on the plans for the following:
1) The tea rooms in Merrion Square and 2) The Peace Park at Christchurch.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is expected that the construction of the Merrion Square tearooms will commence in Q2 2019. It is expected that the refurbishment of the Peace Garden will commence in Q1 / Q2 2019.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much it costs DCC to install the outdoor gym equipment in parks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The outdoor gyms which have been installed by Park Services have varied in cost depending on i) the number and type of units being installed, ii) the civil works being undertaken, iii) the type of safety surfacing being used iv) the area of site reinstatement works required. Taking these variables into account the overall cost can be from €10,000 to €15,000 where 4 to 6 gym units are being installed and upwards of €35,000 to €40,000 for 10 to 12 gym units.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all supports available to families who exit homeless accommodation into DCC housing or Approved Housing Body Housing, and how long these supports last. Are there any mental health supports offered? And who covers the cost of the supports on offer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently four services that offer supports to individuals and households that have exited emergency accommodation to tenancy. These are Support to Live Independently (SLI), Visiting Tenancy Sustainment Service (VTSS), Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL) Mental Health Visiting Service and Housing

First supports. These services are offered by Focus Ireland, PMVT, Dublin Simon and HAIL.

The Support to Live Independently (SLI) Service

The SLI scheme provides visiting support to households who have moved out of emergency accommodation into long-term independent accommodation. Support is provided through case management and households transition into their homes and maintain their tenancies. The support focuses on the needs of the service user, as identified through the Support Plan. Households exiting homelessness to social housing supports are encouraged to accept support through SLI. Support is provided by a Housing Support Worker for up to three months, however this timeframe is flexible and determined on a case by case basis.

Visiting Tenancy Sustainment Service (VTSS)

The VTSS is a needs-led service focusing on practical ways to sustain tenancies rather than seeking to solve all service user problems. This service offers a comprehensive in-depth assessment of needs including a risk assessment. Through this assessment process, key risk areas are identified and support offered to people who are vulnerable.

Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL) Mental Health Visiting Service

This is a specialist visiting support service provided by HAIL. Specialist mental health workers provide visiting support to individuals with a mental ill health diagnosis. This service is provided to households across the Dublin Region. The service supports households in their homes to maintain tenancies and links them in with community health supports, where appropriate.

Housing First Supports

The Housing First Support Team provide wrap around supports to individuals in Housing First tenancies. This service is not time constrained and the supports provide are dependent on the individuals need. The support team comprises social care workers, counsellors and addiction specialists. The SLI Service, VTSS Service and the Housing First Service are funded by the DRHE. The HAIL Mental Health Visiting Service is funded by the HSE.

Dublin City Council Housing Welfare Supports

A Social Work Service is available to all tenants in the Dublin City Council area who have exited homelessness. Social Workers aim to support people to live more successfully within their local communities by helping them to find solutions to a broad range of issues. This includes supporting those with mental health concerns and making referrals to relevant mental health services as required. A person who wishes to avail of the service may attend the duty service and speak with a social worker Monday to Friday between 9.15am – 12.30pm in the Social Work Section, Dublin City Council, Block 1, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay or by phoning the Social Work reception on 222 2233 during normal office hours. There are also weekly social work clinics, normally held in Dublin City Councils Local Area Offices. No appointment is necessary. A tenant may also be referred by another agency using the Housing Welfare Referral Form available online at <http://www.dublincity.ie/i-want/apply-it>

Dublin City Council Project Estate Offices

These offices deal with housing maintenance, anti-social and various issues and provide a more localised service for tenants.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Abandoned Vehicles Section will carry out an investigation into the situation, and if it proves to be abandoned, the vehicle will be removed.