

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

To ask the Chief Executive to actively engage with **(details supplied)** to find a new building in which to locate themselves. **(details supplied)** is based in **(details supplied)** since 1977, however, the building is no longer suitable for the number of students taking part and has been put on the market. The amount realized from the sale will be available for purchasing or leasing another space. **(details supplied)** is a charity and relies on donations and funding from Dublin City Council, amongst others. It makes a significant contribution to the local community, working with youths to develop their skills and producing theatre to a high artistic standard. Ideally, any relocation would be within Dublin 1.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Valuers Office have been engaged with **(details supplied)**. We met with them in June 2017 to discuss their requirements. At the time we were not able to identify anything suitable that was currently available for likely to become available in the near future. We did advise **(details supplied)** that Dublin City Council's Housing Department will be developing a new housing scheme with ground floor commercial units at Dominick Street in the future. **(Details supplied)** were interested in this location, however at the time we did not have a timeline for delivery, very recently the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have approved funding for the development, with an anticipated completion date of mid 2021 which may be beyond the desired timeline.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out how many people housed in temporary emergency accommodation by DCC are paying towards the cost of their accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) received €4.9 million in 2017 from service providers for charges received from people residing in emergency accommodation. The income received is categorised by facility and not by the number of people.

The accommodation charge to people in emergency accommodation varies according to the type of accommodation and set out in the table below. The charge process is managed by the operating organisation and is commensurate with the level of service provided by the facility. Only those in receipt of income are expected to pay a charge.

<b>Income from Service Users</b>		
<b>Hotel/B&amp;B</b>	€0.00	No charge
<b>Family Hub</b>	€35.00 - €42.00	Per person per week
<b>Supported Temporary Accommodation</b>	€4.00-€4.50	Per person per night
<b>Long-term Supported Accommodation</b>	€11.25	Per person per night

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of **(details supplied)** which lies outside the proposed PPP project but is not zoned recreational. Can the Chief Executive say what the area of the site is and if a housing development was placed here what is the amount of units which could be provided under current regulations.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council approved a Part 8 application to construct 70 no. apartments on lands bounded by **(details supplied)**. The lands immediately to the west of the Part 8 site are zoned Z1 'Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods'. These Z1 lands have a site area of c.0.3 hectares and have an estimated development capacity of c.35 dwellings assuming the remaining Z1 lands are developed at a similar net density to the scheme permitted under plan ref. 3877/17.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to have the site **(details supplied)** entered on the derelict sites list or have the property owners clean up the site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site at the junction of **(details supplied)**, was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 15th November, 2016. It incurs a levy of 3% of the market value of the site with effect from 1st January, 2017 and for as long as it remains in a derelict state and stands entered on the Register. The owners are **(details supplied)**, Registered Office, **(details supplied)**. The Public Domain Officer will organise to have the litter warden visit this site and contact the owners with a view to having the site cleaned.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR TINA MAC VEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council would consider purchasing the property at **(details supplied)**. The family (mother in her seventies, daughter and son) have lived there for several years and have re-negotiated eviction notices on several occasions. The landlord now says he wants to sell the property. This is the family home for this family - they have been looking for an alternative place and have had no success. Purchasing this property would keep this family in their home, save the Council having to pay HAP or emergency accommodation and also save the Council having to house the mother and daughter in one house and the son in another, as they are on the housing list as two applications.

**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 tenants meeting certain criteria, the acquisition of a property with a tenant in-situ.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply an update on this housing adaption issue of a downstairs toilet and bedroom **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An application form under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for people with a disability from **(details supplied)** was received at this office on 6th November 2018. **(Details supplied)** application will be assigned to a building inspector who will be contacting the applicant to arrange an initial inspection. This application will be then further processed on receipt of the building inspector's recommendation.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have major maintenance work carried out at this property **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of the property will take place in the next 5/7 working days to determine what works are required. Following this inspection, a works programme schedule will be put in place to address any issues brought forth.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive is **(details supplied)** one of the five areas included in the Neighbourhood Scheme.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The "five areas" which are commonly being referred to in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes are the five electoral areas of Dublin City Council. Schemes in each area will be ranked on their merits and commenced in order of ranking. **(Details supplied)** is an area for which Traffic Schemes have been requested and this area will be considered for ranking and subsequent implementation. It is envisaged that following the appointment of the scheme engineers, the top ranking schemes in the Central Area will be presented to the Central Area Committee for further consultation and discussion in Q2-3 of 2019.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive the development levy received to date from the Docklands SDZ.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The amount of development levies received to date from the Docklands SDZ is €34,917,627.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for the list of part 5's in the Docklands.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Project Name	Address 2	Part V Status	Practical Completion (Qtr)	Practical Completion (Year)	Part V Units
8 Hanover Quay – Units acquired off-site within the Electoral area	Dublin 2	3 units closed 1 to close	Quarter 4	2018	4
76 Sir John Rogersons Quay – units to be acquired off-site within the Electoral area	Dublin 2	Units off-site being considered	Quarter 3	2020	7
Project Wave Phase 3 Block E	Dublin 1	30 units at Block B agreed	Quarter 3	2019	12
Project Wave Phase 2 Block B	Dublin 1	30 units at Block B agreed	Quarter 4	2020	17

Sir John Rogersons Quay (Capital Dock)	Dublin 2	In negotiations	Quarter 1	2019	19
6 Hanover Quay – units acquired off-site at Castleforbes, Dublin 1 and additional unit at Parkside, Dublin 5 at no cost to DCC	Dublin 2	Units agreed – at Conveyancing stage	Quarter 1	2020	13
Bolands Mill – units acquired off-site within the Electoral area	Dublin 4	1 unit closed 2 to close	Quarter 4	2018	3
Docklands City	Dublin 1	No planning permission	Quarter 4	2020	4
Spencer Dock	Dublin 1	No planning permission	Quarter 4	2020	36
Cardiff Lane	Dublin 2	Planning Approved – negotiations to commence	Quarter 1	2020	5
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Address 2</b>	<b>Part V Status</b>	<b>Practical Completion (Qtr)</b>	<b>Practical Completion (Year)</b>	<b>Part V Units</b>
Lime Street	Dublin 2	Planning Approved – negotiations to commence	Quarter 4	2020	10
Sheriff Street / New Wapping Street	Dublin 1	Planning Approved – negotiations to commence	Quarter 4	2020	16
<b>Total Part V Units</b>					<b>146</b>

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what projects are planned for the Docklands communities for 2019.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Community and Social Development Officer for the Central Area reports that the following major events are planned for the Docklands in 2019: -

The Five Lamps Festival

The North Wall Festival

Several major/minor Halloween Festivals

5 Summer Projects and 1 Senior Project

Ongoing programmes include the East Wall History Group, East Wall Men's Shed and Sean O'Casey Community Centre.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have a traffic study carried out at **(details supplied)** and if necessary have traffic calming measures installed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a mini-roundabout at the junction of Clonshaugh Road and Riverside Road, a Children Crossing sign, a 3.5 tonne limit restriction sign and a Yield sign and associated road markings. There is an entry treatment at the junction of Clonshaugh Road and Riverside Park, a Children Crossing sign and a Stop sign and associated road markings. There is a 3.5 tonne limit restriction sign at the junction of Greencastle Road and Riverside Park, and a 'Slow' road marking. Within the estate, there are speed ramps on Riverside Road, Riverside Drive and Riverside Park. **(Details Supplied)** is one of the new 30 km/h speed limit zones coming into effect from 26th November, 2018. Signage has been put in place at the entrances to the zone, indicating the 30 km/h speed limit and that the area is a HomeZone/Slow Zone which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children. The Area Traffic Engineer has indicated that traffic speeds will be monitored and further measures will be considered as required.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for cut back or removal of large trees backing onto the following properties **(details supplied)** as these trees are causing a major Hazard for residents in their back gardens.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This work has been included on the tree care programme 2019 and will be carried out when local schedules and resources allow.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate if it is possible to purchase the laneway at **(details supplied)**. This laneway is a constant anti-social area and a litter black spot.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Laneway taken in charge by Dublin Corporation Order No R.T.31 25 January 1993. Waste Management Services monitor the above mentioned laneway on a regular basis and have the dumped rubbish removed from there when necessary to do so.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to write to An Post requesting them to place hanging ivy or some type of flower arrangement from the roof of the sorting office in Crumlin village to bring the building in line with the upgrading of the village.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have written to the manager of the An Post Parcel Depot to request they undertake improvements to the facade and appearance of the building.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the bins area in Vincent Street flats installed with a camera for a month or so in order to catch the people illegally dumping in this complex?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Housing Manager will investigate the feasibility of installing CCTV at this location and will report when he has done this.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have railings installed along the low boundary wall at Vincent Street in order to help deter people dumping in the bin area of the flats as people walk and drive past.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area housing manager will investigate the feasibility of installing of railings at this location and will report back when he has done this

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the heating restored in **(details supplied)** as all she currently has none.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following an inspection by members of our heating section, it was discovered that a lock was put on the gas supply at this property by Bord Gais Networks at the request of the service provider. Please advise the resident to contact the service provider and to make arrangements to have same removed.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to St Anne's Park and the dog warden service. How many fines have been issued? How many dogs have been impounded? and how many hours are covered by the warden in St Anne's Park?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There were 6 fines issued under section 9 of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, in relation to dogs being tied to railings and unaccompanied. There were 3 stray dogs picked up by the Dog Wardens, all 3 were unaccompanied. The Dog Wardens visit the park 2-3 time during the week and once at the weekend, they spend 20-30 minutes on each visit, the weekends are busier, they could be up to an hour. There are 3 Dog Wardens for the Dublin City Council area and 54 parks and open spaces to cover. Please note these figures refer to 2018 to date.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive can the path be repaired outside **(details supplied)** which have lifted due to the tree roots.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will schedule a repair at this location when a crew is next available in the area.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive can the parks department review the roots of the tree outside **(details supplied)** as it's a serious trip hazard. The trees are so large that they meet from both sides over the road causing poor lightning especially at this time of the year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree which is obscuring the street light in the vicinity of the above address has been marked for removal and its replacement planted at a suitable location nearby. This work will be considered for inclusion in the tree care programme for 2019.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have St Marys Road Ballsbridge cleaned on a regular basis. My attention has been drawn to the state the road is in.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The road cleaning schedule of St Mary's Road is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisor in the area. Upon inspection, if this street 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. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep St Mary's Road as clean as possible. Leaves are also removed from here over the autumn and winter months.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding works carried out by Irish Water earlier in the year resulted in a breakup of the road surface in the cul-de-sac at **(details supplied)** adjacent to number **(details supplied)**. In spite of requests to repair the road surface no action has been taken. Could the Chief Executive give assurance that these works will be completed forthwith?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please be advised that the permanent reinstatement is the responsibility of Irish Water. Road Maintenance Services has highlighted the issue at (details supplied) to Irish Water.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR PADDY MC CARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have graffiti removed from the road sign on Pembroke Park at its junction with Herbert Park Road Donnybrook. Pictures attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Graffiti will be removed from this road sign.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to install a yellow box to allow the cars coming out from Markievicz House onto Townsend Street in the mornings and evenings as when the lights are red the traffic builds up and residents in Markievicz House can't get out.

**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.26 COUNCILLOR RAY MC HUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a cut back or removal of the trees at the rear of **(details supplied)** this old age couple are not able to cope with the problems of the trees.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This work has been included on the tree care programme 2019 and will be carried out when local schedules and resources allow.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the following matter, detailing the City Council's role, responsibilities and obligations, if any, in assisting the school to widen the entrance to their school Scoil Bhríde JNS, Grange Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13:

The entrance to the school off the Grange Road is a cause for concern. It is totally unsuitable for the number of cars, school buses (for our children with Autism) and delivery vans that enter every day. The kerb is broken and has been the cause of a number of punctures. The entrance is narrow and as only one car can use it at a time is a potential danger.

The principal got in touch with the City Council's engineering department last year, but any answer she received was unsatisfactory.

She was given the impression that it was the school's responsibility to sort it out. The school engaged the services of an architect and we were given an estimated cost of €67, 000 to fix the kerb and widen the entrance. Considering that is about the amount of our yearly capitation grant there is no way the school could afford such a cost. When she questioned the Department of Education regarding a grant I was told as the entrance was outside the school grounds it was the remit of the Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The kerb at the entrance was repaired during the Halloween midterm break. Planning permission is required to widen an entrance. The costs for any works associated with the installation of a new entrance or widening of an existing entrance is borne by the applicant and not Dublin City Council. Where planning permission is granted, the applicant should contact Road Maintenance Services to obtain a Road Opening Licence for works on the public road or footpath.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how the City Council management agreed the proposal for the exclusively 'cost rental' development for **(details supplied)** and why it does not include any Council units?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are considering the inclusion of cost rental units in future developments. However, as at this point in time, details regarding the operation or implementation of cost rental model have not yet been defined. An objective of the **(details supplied)** Regeneration Masterplan was to increase the social mix and diversity of ownership in **(details supplied)**; this "tenure imbalance" within **(details supplied)** is also referenced in the recent **(details supplied)** Local Area Plan 2017. In keeping with this objective of diversifying ownership of housing in **(details supplied)** DCC does not create new or additional social housing units in the area.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask Chief Executive for an update on the planned improvements to **(details supplied)** and surrounding environs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At present the South Central Area Office is still considering an upgrade scheme for the **(details supplied)** which is titled "Draft Design Proposals for the **(details supplied)** Public Realm Improvement Plan by Urban Agency" In the meantime Road Maintenance has decided to push ahead and resurface sections of the **(details supplied)** 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. The Traffic Advisory Group has recommended works to the junction of Kylemore Rd / Chapelizod Rd / Le Fanu Rd to be considered for the 2019 Works Program subject to funding.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on **(details supplied)** and when will the Chief Executive's response to the draft be available to Councillors?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Work is on-going on the **(details supplied)** and environmental assessments. There were many suggestions and ideas forwarded at the original consultation, and these are being carefully considered in order to put together a coherent long term plan to improve the area. The draft plan will be presented to the local Councillors as soon as it is complete and prior to the statutory consultation period which is now likely to be early in the new year.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive has **(details supplied)** responded to DCC's request for funding of Phase 2 of the insulation programme?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Funding for Phase 2 of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade programme has yet to be announced by the Department. Dublin City Council has been proactively following up with the Department directly on same, as the Upgrade Programme is of great benefit to our tenants. In the last contact we had with the Department in November 2018, we were advised that a circular was due for issue imminently. We await receipt of this circular and will advise councillors on receipt of same.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MC GINLEY**

To ask Chief Executive to remove a tree root at rear of **(details supplied)** and to remove the remaining rubbish.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree at this property was in the corner of the garden and was cut down and removed by Housing Maintenance to allow more light into this tenant's apartment. Tree roots are not removed and are left at a height of 2-3 foot to avoid trip hazard. It is the responsibility of the tenant to remove or organise the removal of normal household refuse from their garden. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive how many warning letters, enforcement proceeding, & prosecutions DCC have each year under Building Control since new Building Control Amendment Regulations in 2014?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Building Control staff are active across a range of construction sites in the city and readily available to support the efforts of the construction industry in achieving compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. In excess of 75% of all new buildings are visited by Building Control Officers on a routine, recurring basis from commencement to completion. Building Control Officers encourage and support compliance with the Building Regulations and support the efforts of the Assigned Certifiers, Designers and Builders in meeting their statutory obligations under the revised Building Control Amendment Regulations 2014. Formal Building Control Enforcement proceedings are initiated in cases of serious non-compliance.

Formal Building Control Enforcement proceedings are permitted under 3 sections of the Building Control Acts 1990 to 2014;

- **Section 8 Enforcement Notices.** May require the carrying out of works, the removal of work or the prohibition of all or part of a building. Enforcement Notices may be appealed in the District Court.
- **Section 12 Order of the High Court or Circuit Court.** In urgent circumstances the Building Control Authority may apply to the Court for an order requiring certain works to be carried out or prohibiting the occupation of a building where there is a serious threat to the safety of persons in or around a building or works.
- **Section 16 Prosecution.** The Building Control Authority may initiate proceedings against a person for failing to comply with the requirements of the Building Control Acts or its regulations. Penalties for those convicted may include fines and / or imprisonment.

Dublin City Council Building Control has initiated the following formal enforcement proceedings since 2014

- **2014** No formal enforcement proceedings
- **2015** 1 no. Section 8 Enforcement Notice
- **2016** 1 no. Section 8 Enforcement Notice
- **2017** 1 no. Section 12 Application to the High Court
- **2018** 1 no. Section 8 Enforcement Notice,  
1 no. Section 16 Prosecution (January sitting of District Court)

Further information on the practice of Building Control Enforcement is available from the Senior Building Surveyor, Pat Nestor.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how a company applies for a waste collection license and if different licenses are needed for the removal of different types of waste materials.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Offaly County Council has been appointed the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and has been in operation from the 1st February 2012. Their role is to accept and process / review all Waste Collection Permit applications for all Waste Management Regions in the Republic of Ireland. They also carry out additions and amendments to existing Waste Collection Permits. The NWCPO also determines the different types of wastes that operators are licenced to collect under the various waste codes and classifications. Further information is available on their website or you may wish to contact the NWCPO directly:

Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Telephone: 057 9357428

Email: [contactus@nwcpo.ie](mailto:contactus@nwcpo.ie)

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what steps DCC takes to ensure EU citizens living in the City are properly registered on the different voter registration lists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the last month Dublin City Council has written to every potential European citizen registered on our database since 1995. Each voter has been invited to review their details and make amendments if necessary. Each one of these citizens was also sent a current registration form as well as the latest European election registrations form. The Franchise section has also provided forms for registration drives aimed at non-nationals.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to having enough staff to keep **(details supplied)** open. The **(details supplied)** has been forced to close on a number of occasions in the last year due to employees being sick or on leave, without being replaced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Unfortunately, a number of staff are on sick leave, including long term sick, impacting on the level of service and opening hours of **(details supplied)**. Currently the **(details supplied)** is fully open and the Department will endeavour to do so dependent on available staffing resources.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has plans to further roll out the 30km zones in residential areas in the **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Over the coming months, Dublin City Council will be reviewing the speed limits on the arterial and other routes and based on the findings from the review have also committed to introducing the 30km/h speed limit in more areas both north side and south side in phase 4. The selection process will still be focused on areas where schools are located and areas that have previously had significant engineering interventions introduced. It will also be a priority to ensure that there is a flow from one 30km/h zone to another rather than a stop start approach; this is to ensure that road users are travelling at constant speeds where possible and also not to add any confusion and/or a proliferation of signage in the areas. There have also been many representations put forward from various Councillors and residents' associations asking for the speed limit in their areas, these will also be taken into account when examining the new proposed areas.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress of the Ashtown to Phibsborough Canal.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Royal Canal Phase 2 (Sheriff St. To North Strand Road)

The contractor (Jons Civil Engineering Ltd.) has been awarded the contract for the works and is currently carrying out pre-commencement tasks (e.g. preparation of method statements and traffic management plans) that will be reviewed by DCC and Irish Rail in order to allow works to commence. First activities on site will include site set-up, hoarding, security fencing, rodent control and invasive species (Japanese Knotweed) management.

Royal Canal Phase 3 (North Stand Road to Phibsborough)

Tender documents have been substantially completed by our Consultant and we are awaiting finalisation & issue of licences from Waterways Ireland so that the project can be issued for tender for construction.

Royal Canal Phase 4 (Phibsborough to Ashtown)

ROD-Aecom Consulting Engineers have been appointed to carry out the detailed design of Phase 4. They have been requested to deliver the scheme in 4 sub-sections (including linkage to Broombridge Luas, underpass below the Maynooth rail line and future linkage at Ashtown to Cardiff's-bridge Park and Ashtown Gate, Phoenix Park. Design options are currently being prepared for review and additional traffic and topographical surveys are to be procured in the coming weeks.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the attached letter from a social worker regarding **(details supplied)** currently renting in a two-bedroom home at **(details supplied)** with three other siblings.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is a tenant of an Approved Housing Body and is currently on the transfer waiting list in Band 1 with an Overall Welfare Priority for three-bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 34 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Donaghmede)

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

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider purchasing **(details supplied)** which is being occupied rent free by **(details supplied)**, a housing applicant. The landlord, who lives in Canada has abandoned the property leaving it to the bank with whom he took out the original mortgage. There are a number of repair required including to the heating system making it unsuitable for **(details supplied)** and her son (letter from school regarding son attached)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the case where property is being sold which is 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 if, approached by the legal owner of such property.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if an offer of **(details supplied)** or any other offer can be made to **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the transfer waiting list in Band 1 for two-bedroom accommodation with the following positions.

- 19 for two-bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Donaghmede)

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

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give full details of the €400,000 made available in September 2018 by the National Transport Authority (NTA) for distribution to Dublin

City Council for cycle safety initiatives at a number of intersections and as sponsorship to the Velo-City Conference, and furthermore to give full details of all other funding applied for from the NTA that was successful and unsuccessful in receiving funding in 2018.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has commenced the deployment of advanced telematics using thermicams as well as additional protection for cyclists using orca kerbs at the junction of Earlsfort Terrace and Leeson Street. Additional trials are underway at the junction of Parkgate Street and Infirmary Road to establish the best available technology. The overall rollout and final distribution of sites and costs will be decided based on the outcome of the trials and will also depend on the costs attributable to most effective equipment. This will impact the proportion that will be assigned to Velo City. Full details on projects that have been funded by the NTA in 2018 will be collated and issued to the Councillor.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Public Realm team could work with Planning Enforcement to ensure that finished ground floor levels of new buildings are not so wildly out of synch with existing footpath levels that they necessitate ugly pedestrian barriers to cope with increases in footpath heights (such as at student housing at Mill Street and Lidl North Brunswick Street)."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter is being examined and a report will issue to the Councillor once completed. The issue of correct floor levels in a building is not something that the Planning Enforcement Section can supervise during the course of a construction project. While proposed finished heights are specifically outlined on planning drawings finished ground levels are not specifically shown. The obligation is on the project design team to ensure that levels are appropriate to accommodate the surrounding footpaths/roads. The item will be listed for discussion at the next Public Realm Working Group Meeting Agenda.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he can take action to prevent cafes from blocking most of the footpath with tables and chairs and related street furniture thus blocking pedestrian and wheelchair traffic. In particular, can he examine the cafes on South William Street near the junction of Wicklow Street and ensure that the managers of these businesses take action to ensure 1.8m of footpath is left clear for pedestrian traffic.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The premises with street furniture licences at the Wicklow St end of S William St were inspected on 26th November, there was approximately 1.7m pedestrian clearance, the owners of the premises have been reminded that 1.8m clearance must be maintained at all times. All premises with street furniture licences are inspected regularly and are advised if they are beyond their licensed area.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to state whether the Council - like some councils across the country, could consider under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 creating an Authorised Officer with powers under that act to enforce animal welfare issues, and that the Authorised Officer also be authorised under the Control of Horses act/Byelaws given concerns that have been raised over the treatment of certain working horses in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council will investigate and liaise with other Councils who may have such arrangements in place and a report will issue directly to the Councillor in relation to the matter.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will upgrade the public lighting at a location (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lighting on Skelly's Lane was upgraded in 2015. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if the expansion joints on a road (**details supplied**) can be finished correctly with bituminous seal? This was not done when works were carried out at this location previously?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A bituminous seal is specified at the joints of all concrete carriageway repairs on the carriageway as part of the repair contract. This will be completed as part of these works.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if an attic in a house (**details supplied**) can be insulated? This attic has now been cleared by the tenant.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance await legal clarification on certain aspects before we can proceed with the insulation at this property. We expect that this will be received in the next 5/10 working days and we will contact the tenant to let them know when work will commence.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the floorboards at (**details supplied**) to be replaced. The elderly couple (70s) here had a leak which caused damage to the floorboards in their front room. The couple have had an insurance claim rejected but do not have the means to repair the issue themselves.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The leak has since been repaired and there was no damage to the floorboards. Laminated timber floors which were fitted by the tenant were damaged and, as with all floor coverings, the onus for replacing it lies with the tenant. No further action will be carried out by Housing Maintenance.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection of the slates on the balcony at (**details supplied**) with a view to a complete replacement of same. The problem here was partially addressed recently but there is still water coming through into the hot press where mould is evident and there are stains on the walls due to leak.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has now been resolved.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following maintenance requests at **(details supplied)**

(a) painting of porch and sills

(b) Levelling of floor in kitchen. Tenant maintains this was never levelled properly before he moved in.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Responsibility for both these issues lies with the tenant and Housing Maintenance will not be taken any action in this instance.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed itemised report on the financial cost of the College Green Civic Plaza project to date, and details of the projected total cost of the project.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Expenditure incurred in respect of the proposed Civic Plaza at College Green is:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount €</b>
2016	57,738.13
2017	744,545.78
2018	684,727.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,487,011.06</b>

The estimated cost of the development of the College Green Civic Plaza is approx. €10M. In May 2017 Dublin City Council made an application for approval to An Bord 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. An Bord Pleanála, on Wednesday 17 October 2018, issued a decision to refuse to grant consent to the Council's 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: -

- 1) 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,
- 2) 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,

- 3) The identified and unresolved capacity issues on the Quays in their capacity to accommodate the scale of bus re-routing proposed, and
- 4) 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 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.

The Inspectors report and the decision of the Board are currently under consideration with regard to the future of the proposal, the options that might be available and the appropriate next steps.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the money spent on impounding equines within the Dublin South Central Area for the years 2014 to 2018. This should include within the information - when an equine is removed, what steps are taken right up until a solution is found for that equine and what the total cost is for a single equine and what was spent for the entire year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

2014 - 191 horses were seized at a cost of €250 per seizure. Total €47,750  
2015- 51 horses were seized at a cost of €250 per seizure. Total €12,750  
2016- 91 horses were seized at a cost of €250 per seizure. Total €22,750  
2017- 68 horses were seized at a cost of €250 per seizure up to September and €450 per seizure for the remainder of year \* Total €20,400  
2018 to date - 52 horses were seized at a cost of €450 per seizure. Total €23,400  
\*Change of contractor

Once Horses are seized and relocated to the pound, they are inspected by a qualified Vet and processed to document their age, height, marking and features. Photographs and Marking Cards are then sent to the Control of Horses Section in Dublin City Council. Times, dates and location of the Seizure along with details identifying the horses are posted on [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie), and posted at the Licensing Section, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Individuals, who want to reclaim their horse, must produce a horse passport and all the relevant documentation that is required before their horse will be released. Under Dublin City Council's Control of Horses Bye Laws 2014 'The City Council may recover from the owner or the keeper of the horse all fees payable in respect of the horse, including fees for keep, veterinary fees and transportation fees incurred by the Council.'



If Dublin City Council have not received notification of intention to claim ownership of the seized horses within 5 days of the Notice of Seizure, then they may be disposed in accordance of the Act and the Bye Laws. Disposal of horses is carried out by means of re-homing to suitable and approved owners, sale or euthanized in a humane manner.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the status on tenants waiting on new windows and doors within the housing maintenance department in the South Central Area? Is there a minimum waiting time - the average seems to 3/4yrs? Is there an overall plan for the area to speed things along?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Last year Housing Maintenance received 2722 repair requests in relation to glazing and window replacements. Each window replacement request is categorized according to its' urgency and properties given a Category A status are prioritised. This year the City Council established a Window Replacement Programme, which took the 400 most urgent cases citywide and set up a framework to clear this backlog. To date over 200 of these jobs have been completed with the remainder jobs scheduled to be finished by mid-2019. In conjunction with this, our Joinery Unit have manufactured and fitted windows and doors for a further 245 units and have brought down the timeframe for fabrication and installation of windows to less than 6 months.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the shores on **(details supplied)**. Last week when it rained heavy the owner of the Hairdressers was desperately sweeping the water from her shop door. The shore was not draining off the water. There seems to be a problem at the shore outside **(details supplied)**. As a result, when it rains heavy the laneway at no **(details supplied)** fills up with rainwater.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please be advised that the gullies at **(details supplied)** and **(details supplied)** were cleaned on 26/11/2018 in accordance with our gully cleaning programme.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to check the traffic lights on **(details supplied)**. I have been informed by an elderly couple that the green man does not give them long enough to cross the road comfortably. There is also an issue of cars not stopping at these traffic lights.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic signals maintenance contractor will be sent on site to verify the green man and amber (safety/clearance) timings. Please note, for all junctions the green man time is set to minimum of 6 seconds and is an invitation to start crossing the road and it is the amber time which gives the road users sufficient time to cross the road safely. In relation to your report of vehicles breaking the red light at this location and not stopping at the pedestrian crossing, this has been reported to Kilmainham Garda station and also the district station at Kevin Street. We will revert back to you with a follow up response when or review is completed and will make any changes necessary to the timings to ensure the safety of all pedestrians at this crossing as required.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the wheelchair dishing at the traffic lights **(details supplied)**. The dishing does not allow smooth movement from the pathway onto the road and vice versa.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer visited this location and inspected the installation of the disabled dishings. He intends to redo the dishing located beside **(details supplied)** and proposes to change its location so that it is brought in line with the dishing on the opposite side of the road, this will also give the opportunity to improve/ reduce the slope. The road surface has a steep camber in it but unfortunately there is nothing we can do to improve that. We hope this will assist your constituent going about their day to day activities.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the schedule for insulation of DCC properties in Finglas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Phase Two of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme commenced in March 2018 in lieu of Departmental Funding for same. Works have commenced across all five areas including Finglas. To date we have insulated 127 properties in the Finglas area with Kippure Park and Barnamore Park now being completed. We now plan to progress to the Casement, Glenties, Valview and Virginia areas in 2019. There are approximately 1,434 houses in the Finglas area which fall into the category of Phase Two of the programme so it will take a number of years to complete the area in its entirety.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the quality of Insulation on Longdale Terrace as residents are consistently stating their homes are freezing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Longdale Terrace was constructed by BRL and handed over to Dublin City Council circa 2002. The units are of double leaf external wall construction with cavity wall insulation in situ. According to our records, the average BER rating for the complex is a B and C rating so there are no immediate plans to carry out any insulation works to the complex.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the progress made on Ballymun Kickhams moving to Ballymun.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Consultants were appointed in September 2018 to carry out a feasibility study for Site 31 to the north of the Ballymun LAP Area, in order to assess how the lands can be planned and configured to provide for a GAA facility comprising 2 GAA pitches, plus clubhouse, together with high density employment and residential uses, given the sites proximity to the new metro line. The consultants brief includes consultations with Ballymun Kickhams and other stakeholders. Discussions are also underway with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to the interaction between the proposed metro line and Site 31. The consultant's report is scheduled for completion by the end of December/early January.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the progress made on the drainage issues in Whiteacre, Shangan Avenue and parts of Shangan Gardens.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Drainage Engineer spoke to Councillor Reilly and this matter is being dealt with by Housing Maintenance, as the issue is drainage local to the house/gardens and therefore is matter for Housing Maintenance.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a detailed report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** with her two young children: her position on the list, any previous offers of accommodation, and any advice for her too.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is on the Housing Waiting List in Band 2 for three-bedroom accommodation with the following positions:

- 104 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area B (Coolock, Artane, Raheny, Kilbarrack, Donaghmede)
- 79 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage)

The applicant has not been made any offers of accommodation. The applicant is eligible for HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) if their landlord will accept it. Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the span of the new LED lighting that the City Council is replacing compared to the old lighting.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Clarification has been sought from the Councillor in relation to this question. A reply will be issued when the requested information has been provided.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive that the Planning Department agree to consider designating an Architectural Conservation Area for **(details supplied)** and that ultimately begin the process of varying the Development Plan to allow for such an amendment to be advanced; and if he will make statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, as adopted by the Elected Members of the City Council on the 23rd September 2016, provides a strategic approach for the protection of architectural heritage, including the identification of 10 no., Phase 1 priority areas for consideration as ACAs. The rationale for the selection of these areas is that they are areas within the historic core that have high concentrations of protected structures, but are not covered by designated Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). The 10 priority areas are:

- (1) The medieval/walled city – centred on Christchurch;
- (2) Temple Bar – including section of the Liffey Quays;
- (3) Dame Street – including Dublin Castle & College

Green – including Trinity College; (4) Merrion Square – including Government Buildings & Mount Street (Upper & Lower); (5) St Stephens Green – including Harcourt Street & Leeson St. Lower; (6) Parnell Square (O’Connell St Upper) – including Frederick Street North & Moore Street area; (7) Henrietta Street – including Kings Inns; (8) North Great Georges Street – including Denmark Street, Temple Street and Gardiner Place; (9) Custom House Quay – including Beresford Place and Gardiner Street Lower; (10) Aungier Street

The strategic approach provides that as the survey and review of the Phase 1 areas nears completion, Phase 2 of the survey and review (based on the area selection rationale set out in the Draft Plan) will include areas adjacent to the Phase 1 priority areas;

- Extension of the Thomas Street ACA;
- Pembroke Estate/Rathmines Lower & Upper/Belgrave Square;
- Stoneybatter/Oxmantown/Arbour Hill;
- Ranelagh Village.

Other areas, such as the Shandon area of Phibsborough will be considered for survey and review in subsequent phasing, when Phase 1 has been completed.

At present, the Shandon area (except Shandon Crescent and Shandon Gardens) is largely zoned Objective “Z2” “To protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas”, in the current City Development Plan.

The protection of “Z2 - residential conservation areas” has been strengthened in Chapter 11: Built Heritage & Culture, Section 11.1.5.4 “Architectural Conservation Areas and Conservation Areas” of the current Development Plan, and in particular Policy CHC4. This policy provides that

“Development within or affecting a conservation area must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness, and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and its setting, wherever possible.”

Policy CHC4 also identifies opportunities for enhancement of all conservation areas across the city, together with provisions for the management of new development within these areas.

Given the level of work required to undertake the Priority 1 ACAs, it is considered that the provisions of Policy CHC4 and Section 11.1.5.4 represent an adequate level of protection for the Shandon area for the present, pending consideration of an ACA for the area as part of a later phase of Architectural Conservation Areas in the future.

As you will appreciate, progress in preparing and completing the priority ACAs is very dependent on the availability of resources to the Section to undertake the detailed survey, assessment and drafting work.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his intentions with regards to the **(details supplied)** as outlined in the Capital Programme 2019 - 2021 which was noted by this Council at the Annual Budget meeting in November; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A mini expansion of the scheme to service Grangegorman Campus and environs was substantially completed in 2018. Finalisation of the **(details supplied)** will be undertaken in the first quarter of 2019 with possible further 1-2 station expansion later in the year to alleviate any capacity constraints identified in critical areas of the network. It is anticipated that any of the necessary capital works would be supported through sustainable grant funding from the NTA.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when he expects work to begin on implementing the **(details supplied)**, the indicative costs of the works and an indicative timeline for the completion of said works; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The likely timeline for commencement of work on site is Q2 2019. The draft budget for works is €1.5m.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR RAY MC ADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in greater detail what he envisages with regards **(details supplied)** and how does he anticipate the projected budget of E4.675m as provided for the Capital Programme 2019 - 2021 is being spent; to provide a timeline for the delivery of this project, the routes included and what public consultation does he expect this Council to undertake in respect of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has applied for funding from the National Transport Authority for **(details supplied)**. The objectives of the scheme are to provide a two-way segregated cycle route that will link the Sheriff Street / East Wall Road junction to the existing cycle route on the Alfie Byrne Road and improve pedestrian facilities along the route.

The scheme will also deliver the construction of an upgraded junction at East Wall Road and Sheriff Street that will include a new road access from Dublin Port that will allow the current left-in left-out arrangement from the Port onto the East Wall Road to be de-commissioned. The current left-in left-out arrangement at the Port is reliant on the Point Roundabout being retained to facilitate the U-Turn access to the Dublin Port Tunnel. The junction upgrade design will be included in the revised Part 8 application for the Point Junction Improvement scheme (Part 8 process will start in Q1 2019) and delivered under the East Coast Trail construction programme. The **(details supplied)** will be implemented under Section 37 of the Roads and Traffic Act 1994. It is anticipated that construction works will begin in Q4 2019.

The Point Junction Improvement Scheme will deliver the next section of the cycle route along the East Wall Road and connect the cycle way to the North Wall Quay.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on DCC's plans and works schedule for **(details supplied)** please to include footpath kerb repairs, lighting, green areas, tree pruning, drains, road cleaning etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lighting in **(details supplied)** was upgraded in 2017. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further

improvements to the lighting here. The road cleaning schedule of the **(details supplied)** is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep this area as clean as possible. There are no planned winter works in this estate other than ongoing maintenance of public open spaces. Road Maintenance Services currently has no major road or footpath works planned at this location. Localised footpath and carriageway repairs will be scheduled as the need arises subject to resources. The following Roads were inspected and cleaned on the 23/11/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan. **(details supplied)**

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could explain why planning appeal documentation is not available through the DCC online Planning Search system and if he would give a report on measures being taken to rectify this situation and bring the city council into line with the system operating in the other Local Authority areas. Further, to ask that details of appeals lodged be included in the weekly planning lists please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a review of our process under GDPR, the Planning Department made the decision that submission /observations that have been received by An Bord Pleanála in respect of a planning application would no longer be published to the web site. All other submission /observation received directly will be available on the planning web site. All details of appeal lodged or decided by An Bord Pleanála are included in the weekly list and recorded under the respective administrative areas.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report in respect of planning enforcement complaint ref: 2401/13 – file ref E0388/18. I received a reply Q47 DNC 19/11/2018 and I would like to ask the following questions please.

1. Is it acceptable for the developer to add in additional windows on the first floor of block F facing north?
2. Did the planning enforcement officer check for any increase (between the area granted permission and completed house) in floor area of block F?
3. What is the legal definition of “substantially compliant” for variations between actual construction measurements and measurements agreed in planning documents?
4. Whether or not in compliance with legislation a warning notice has been issued?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Two roof lights were added to the northern roof slope of block f. This issue was investigated under E0388/18. These windows are considered exempted development under section 4, 1, h. The Architect has informed Dublin City Council that the windows will be glazed with obscure glass thus allaying any concerns for adjoining building owners.
2. The floor area of block f has not been measured as it did not form part of the compliant. If the Cllr. wishes to make a formal complaint regarding the floor area of block f or has reason to believe that the floor area is in some way non compliant the Planning Enforcement Section can investigate the matter
3. The Planning Enforcement Section would consider substantial compliance to be the carrying out of a development in accordance with the plans, particulars

and conditions associated with a planning approval, with only slight variances from the approved permission resulting in minor non material amendments /or unimportant omissions.

4. Warning letters were issued on foot of the complaints received.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on DCC's plans and works schedule for **(details supplied)** please to include roadway / footpath kerb repairs, lighting (to include a request for increased lighting in the laneway between **(details supplied)** and CCTV Cameras at this location) green areas, tree pruning, drains, road cleaning etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lighting on **(details supplied)** was upgraded in 2016. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. **(Details supplied)** and **(details supplied)** are cleaned on a daily basis and the litter bins there are emptied daily. The road cleaning schedule of the **(details supplied)** is now determined following a weekly inspection which is carried out by the local cleansing supervisors in the area. Upon inspection, if these streets are considered to be in an unacceptable condition, they will be scheduled for cleaning in the following few days. This is considered the most efficient and cost effective method for the allocation of available resources. Litter bins in this area are emptied on a regular basis. Every effort will be made to keep these areas as clean as possible. There are no planned winter works in this area other than ongoing maintenance of public open spaces. Road Maintenance Services currently has no major road or footpath works planned at this location. Localised resurfacing is scheduled at the entrance to **(details supplied)** from **(details supplied)** in the coming weeks. Localised footpath and carriageway repairs will be scheduled as the need arises subject to resources. All of the roads stated are part of Gully Cleaning Area 5. We have started work in this area & will continue until completion but it will probably take 8-10 weeks. If there are specific problems, please let us know & we will respond quicker.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of all pedestrian crossings that have been provided by DCC since 2014 by each DCC Area. Can the breakdown include the following:

1. The number of crossings per Area
2. The cost of these crossings per Area
3. The number of outstanding requests per area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The details requested are being examined and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor on completion.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive how many part 5 units were delivered from the Terenure Gate development, Terenure Road West. Were the units delivered on site? Was this site ever offered to the Council for development? This was a NAMA site so there should have been some benefit to the City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council has agreed to acquire five units at Terenure Gate under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) at a reduced cost to market value. The acquisition of these units is due to close shortly. This site was not offered to the City Council for development.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive what update there is in relation to the passed motions at the South Central Area Committee relating to the anti-social behaviour in the Drimnagh area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In response to the various motions that were passed at the November South Central Area Committee meeting, and in accordance with the discussions that took place in relation to these motions, we are currently progressing the setting up of a Task Force to address the issues raised in both the short and longer term. We are identifying the appropriate membership of this Task Force and seeking an independent Chairperson who will focus the work of the Task Force and produce a report outlining actions to be taken. We hope to convene the first meeting of this Task Force in the coming weeks.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin Canvas could paint additional boxes in the Crumlin/Drimnagh area and for the boxes to be painted with appropriate local heroes such as Brendan Behan, Phil Lynott, Michael Carruth amongst many others.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer has been advised by Dublin Canvas that there are some Traffic Signal boxes still available for artwork which could be included in the 2019 campaign. Invoke Art run the campaign on behalf of Dublin City Council they will look for submissions on local heroes, subject to the public realm strategy. There may be additional costs involved if the artwork is considered a commission.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can respond to me regarding a local rumour in Drimnagh that the old schoolhouse in Ard Scoil Eanna is being squatted in at the moment and if this is the case or not.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no illegal occupation on this property. Dublin City Council has secured all buildings & the perimeter of the site. In addition, there is manned security on the site.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the traffic department to inspect **(details supplied)**. There is massive problems at the junction between the road, the bridge and the oncoming **(details supplied)**. All filter lights and need to be assessed here and to look at the possibility of installing a yellow box at the junction.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section are currently in the process of altering the operation of the traffic signals at this junction. Details of these changes will be supplied in a follow up response when testing of the new operation is finalised. The request for a yellow box at this location 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.78 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with an update as the plans for **(details supplied)**, where they are at currently and an expected timeline going forward.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have recently advertised for tenders for the construction of 73 rapid construction units at (**details supplied**). We would anticipate that these units will be completed by early 2020.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the proposed new tender for traffic enforcement, and what extras DCC is looking for to justify a €1.2million increase.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Tender for On-Street Parking Services has closed for submission of Tenders, and is currently under assessment. It would be against good Procurement Policy to discuss any element of the tender while the assessment process is being conducted. When the tender assessment process has concluded and a winner appointed, Dublin City Council will be then in apposition to discuss the content of the tender.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of roads and paths improvements across Dublin South Central proposed for 2019.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has not completed compiling the draft document for approval by the Area Office Committee. However, we expect to have this approval early in the New Year, this document can be made available to you from that time.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive in circumstances where Housing Circular 41-2012 (Access to social housing supports for non-Irish nationals) (the "Circular") has not been updated since the enactment of the International Protection Act 2015 (the "2015 Act") a serious problem has arisen with regard to housing applications made by people who have sought asylum in Ireland and been granted permission to remain. Specifically, paragraph 7.2 of the Circular provides an exemption from the five-year reckonable residency rule for asylum seekers who have been granted "leave to remain" provided that it is leave to remain under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (the "1999 Act"). Since the commencement of the 2015 Act, section 3 of the 1999 Act is often no longer used as the basis upon which asylum seekers are granted permission to remain. However, the Circular has not been updated to reflect this, the effect of which is that asylum seekers whose permission to remain has been granted under the 2015 Act rather than the 1999 Act are not being permitted to benefit from the paragraph 7.2 exemption. In the face of this gross unfairness, to ask the Chief Executive:

- a) To adopt a purposive interpretation of the Circular and thereby extend the benefit of the paragraph 7.2 exemption to housing applicants who have been granted permission to remain in Ireland under the 2015 Act; and
- b) To request the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to issue an appropriately updated Circular to reflect the commencement of the 2015 Act as a matter of urgency.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We had recently contacted the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to seek clarification on this matter. We have now been advised that "Leave to remain" has been changed to "permission to remain" and persons given

permission to remain under Section 49(5) of the International Protection Act 2015 are treated similarly to those under point 7.2 of 41/2012. In light of this information applicants who are “former asylum seeker”, and who have been given “leave to remain” and a Stamp 4, will be accepted for assessment regardless of prior length of residence, provided the applicant has a current Stamp 4 in their passport and a letter from the Department of Justice giving leave to remain on foot of the applicant's representations.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of serious antisocial behaviour at Leo Fitzgerald House, Dublin 2, which has resulted in some residents suffering violent injuries to ask the Chief Executive to take appropriate measures to protect the residents and, in particular, to do the following:

- a) To stop open access to the stairwells and instead to secure the stairwells such that only residents have access to the stairwell leading to their home thus meaning that residents and persons they wish to admit to access the stairwells but unwelcome and invited persons cannot, as is the near universal standard in contemporary apartment buildings;
- b) That this restricted access be applied also the access to each floor from the stairwell, and to each “wing” off the stairwell;
- c) To install effective security cameras at the entrance to each stairwell and also at the entrance to Leo Fitzgerald House itself; and
- d) In the construction of all new public housing initiatives such as, for instance, at the units being constructed at present near the National Maternity Hospital at Holles Street, to ensure that access to apartments is restricted in the manner identified at (a) and (b) above or appropriate equivalent to ensure that the mistakes of the past are not repeated, and the safety of residents is protected.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All incidences of anti-social behaviour should be reported to Dublin City Council and the gardaí in the first instance. It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to install gates or doors on communal entrances, but estates can be looked at on a case by case basis and a review of Leo Fitzgerald House will be undertaken. The CCTV system Leo Fitzgerald House has been vandalised in a targeted fashion. Further clarification requested from Cllr. Kennedy regarding the housing initiative near Holles Street.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the desire shared by all Dubliners to reduce traffic volumes in the centre of Dublin City, but with a view also to the fact that many Dubliners need to access the City Centre, or the other side of the City via the City Centre, by car for innumerable important reasons, to ask the Chief Executive to adopt and/or work towards as appropriate the following approaches with a view to reducing traffic volumes in the City Centre:

- a) To work with the Department of Education, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, the Department of Social Protection, the Department of Transport and the other Dublin local authorities to create a school bus system for Dublin. This would reduce very significantly traffic levels, especially in the mornings, as is demonstrable when one considers traffic levels during mid-term break periods and summer holidays;
- b) To extend extensively the Dublin bike scheme to the suburbs, employ adequate numbers of people to ensure that full stations are quickly freed up

and empty stations are refilled, the effect of which would make the scheme an always reliable way to commute and not just enjoyed by those who live closest to the centre of the city;

- c) To beginning the process of changing the by-laws and, if necessary, request the Government to change the laws to allow electronic scooter companies to operate in Dublin, allowing citizens to use this mode of transport freely;
- d) To work with Google and other companies having access to such information to identify where and why there are traffic build-ups, and, in the case of initiatives which have been introduced but which have failed, to reverse it (one suggestion for assessment of this kind is Lincoln Place);
- e) To use focus groups of citizens before making decisions, and to be transparent about both the benefits and the anticipated downsides of those decisions; and
- f) To prohibit any approach which pits different road users against each other, especially as there is frequently significant overlap between such road users - many people are, at different times, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and public transport users.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issues raised in the above question will be examined and a detailed report will be issued to the Councillor at the January meeting. 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. 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.84 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of persistent and very heavy recent rain, for instance on 11 November and 21 November, the effect of which has been that the roads and footpaths on Burlington Road became extremely precarious and at times impossible to walk on or to cross over, to ask the Chief Executive to effect a complete clean-up of the Burlington Road, including the removal of all leaves and the clearing of all drains as a matter of urgency, and further to ensure persistent monitoring of conditions on Burlington Road and the taking of appropriate action as necessary until the commencement of Spring 2019.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements have been made to have a comprehensive clean-up carried out on Burlington Road during the last week of November 2018. 18 of 20 gullies on Burlington Road was inspected and cleaned on the 23/11/2018 in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of homeless families in "own door" accommodation, to provide details of how long each family have been in homeless services, and details of moves on from "own door" arrangements.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 220 families in 'Own Door' type of accommodation in the Dublin region. Please note that the families availed of other forms of emergency accommodation such as private emergency accommodation and supported temporary accommodation prior to placement in 'Own Door' type of accommodation. Duration in homeless services refers to time spent across all types of homeless services including current 'Own Door' accommodation. The summary table below shows family breakdown by length of time across homeless services for the 220 families.

Length of time in Emergency Accommodation as at 31st October 2018	Number of Families-'Own Door' Accommodation
24 months +	50
18-24 months	39
12-18 months	48
6-12 months	45
6 months or less	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>

In relation to moving on to housing, families in 'Own Door' accommodation are subject to the Local Authority Scheme of Lettings. In the period July to October 2018 a total of 8 families progressed from 'Own Door' accommodation to housing.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if future housing initiatives in Ballymun will continue to be under the restrictions of an exemption to Part V provisions of minimum 10% social housing on each site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Both the Development Plan Housing Strategy and the Ballymun Local Area Plan (page 35) clarify that the 10% Part V provisions now apply to Ballymun in common with the rest of the city. The previous exemption for Ballymun was lifted taking account of the high levels of people on the housing waiting lists.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm in more detail what the new 'cost-rental' model will entail in terms of the following; the ownership of the land, the ownership of the units, the future maintenance and management of the units, what income thresholds will apply and any other important restrictions/regulations that may apply to either the owners or the tenants of these units?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are awaiting the details of a National Cost Rental Scheme to issue from the Department of Housing Planning and local Government.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the costs involved in the purchase of the 92 units in Hampton Wood. Prima facie it seems that per unit it was €380,000 which seems a very high price for a bulk buy. Can the Chief Executive please explain the costs in more detail.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is continually involved in building new homes, refurbishing existing properties and purchasing private properties on the open market in order to

respond to the current housing crisis. In addition to this work, the Housing Agency also act in trust for the four Dublin Local Authorities in negotiating and acquiring properties for social housing. In the context of this essential work, the Housing Agency with the support of the City Council, recently had an opportunity to bid for a new development at Hampton Wood, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, this bid was successful. The overall purchase price of these units is €35m which will be facilitated through the Housing Finance Agency and which will be fully recouped from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

The square meter area of the units is above average in the current market which makes them sustainable long term family homes. The acquisition of these units represents value for money for the City Council as it future proofs the changing needs of the new tenants of these properties due to their size and the delivery and occupation of the units will commence in December 2018 with all 92 units being delivered by end of March 2019. The acquisition cost of these units is within the cost guidelines for the acquisition of new units issued from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

The average cost and unit size is set out below:

Type	Area square metre	Average Cost
1 bed apartment	48	€276,000
2 bed apartment	97.5	€360,000
3 bed apartment (duplex)	106.9	€380,000
3 bed house (3 storey)	131.9	€400,000
4 bed house (3 storey)	128.9	€480,000

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the system by which allocations to the newly acquired units in Hampton Wood will proceed, i.e; how many to a homeless priority, how many to medical/welfare priority, how many from the transfer list, how many from the HAP transfer list and how many from overcrowding and also band 3?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

No decision has been made yet on how many units in Hampton Wood are to be allocated to which Band. It is hoped that half the vacancies will go to the housing list and half to the transfer list.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive the following question:

In relation to the NTA proposals under the Bus Connects scheme (Clongriffin to City Centre) to re-route cycle traffic going up/down the Malahide Road through the Marino estate via Haverty Road, can the CEO make a statement on how this proposal, if implemented, would be likely to impact on the existing scheme proposed for the Clontarf to Amiens St cycleway?

In relation to the same NTA proposals under the Bus Connects scheme to install additional shared pedestrian/bike crossings across Fairview Strand, can the CEO make a statement in relation to Dublin City Council's view of how this may impact

traffic in the Marino estate which may be increased as motorists seek to avoid the additional pedestrian crossings in what is currently a six lane road?

Can the CEO confirm if Dublin City Council transport department will be making an official submission to the Bus Connects consultation phase for the Clongriffin to City Centre cycleway incorporating the above points?

Can the CEO undertake to conduct a traffic study/impact assessment for the Marino estate in relation to the NTA proposals, and to include in any such assessment the possibility of creating a bollard style cul de sac on Haverty Road to prevent increased numbers of motorists breaking the "no right turn" rule here to avoid traffic on Fairview Strand (Significant numbers of motorists already break this rule and this is likely to be an increased problem should the current NTA proposals be implemented)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issues raised in the above question will be examined and a detailed report will be issued to the Councillor at the January meeting.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive can he give me a statement in relation to the background of resident's previous efforts to have The Paddocks, Stiles Road estate taken "in charge"? Residents have advised me that they were previously told this was not possible. Can the Chief Executive give an outline of the procedure that these residents would be required to go through in order to have the estate taken in charge and to outline how any problems previously might now be resolved?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Residents will need to submit a written taking in charge request to the Planning Department, on behalf of the majority of owners who are in favour of the taking in charge procedure. The request must include a signed declaration form for each owner, confirming their intent to have the development taken in charge.

The land registry folio number for the dwelling should be given on the form, if available. In the event that a folio number is not available, a copy of the title deeds or a letter from the owner's bank or solicitor certifying ownership must be submitted for the dwelling. The Law Department must approve all submissions.

The Planning Department may instruct the relevant area office to initiate taking in charge procedures, providing that it is satisfactorily established that a majority of owners for the development are in favour of the procedure, in accordance with Section 180 subsections (2), (2A) & (3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and 2015, as amended and the relevant Dublin City Council service divisions have established that the development has been completed to taking in charge standards.

The application should be sent to: Mr. Declan Geraghty, Planning & Property Development Department, Taking in Charge Section, Block 4, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive will he commit to putting any proposals for a new flood defence scheme in Clontarf between the Wooden Bridge and the Alfie Byrne road to the full council meeting for approval prior to proceeding with the project, and will he commit not to proceed with the project in the absence of council approval?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The final proposed scheme will involve upgrading of Clontarf promenade, flood defences, cycleway rehabilitation and the installation of an arterial watermain. This scheme will have to follow the Part 10 planning procedure due to the large number of significant environmental factors which will have to be considered in its implementation. This means that following public consultation on it, An Bord Pleanála will have the final decision on its acceptance/rejection or acceptance of the scheme with certain conditions.

The current timeline is to appoint a consultant for the scheme in Q1 2019 with the seeking of Part 10 planning permission in Q4 2019. The current proposed maximum heights of flood wall on the Clontarf Promenade Redevelopment and Flood Alleviation project are at the Alfie Byrne Road car park to Alfie Byrne Road, either side of Clontarf Baths and at Vernon Avenue car park and pumping station. The proposed height from the roadside footpath side varies from 1.4m (4foot 7 inches) to just below 1.6m (5 foot 3 inches) at one point on these sections. The highest point is 15m to the west of Oulton Road it is not opposite any house at this location.

The total length of these three sections is 317m which is around 11% (one ninth) of the total length of the promenade from Alfie Byrne Road to Bull Island Bridge. For a significant portion of this 317m views are obscured by trees, shrubs and existing buildings and walls on the promenade. We are currently looking at the costs and workforce availability for the installation of demountables over at least some of this 317m length.

Following public consultation, it is intended to present the final proposed Clontarf Promenade Development scheme to the North Central Area Committee for comments. This is programmed to occur in Q3 of 2019.

The Chief Executive will present the final scheme to Dublin City Council for adoption or comment prior to going to An Bord Pleanála.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR JNAE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to

- 1) the laneway onto the Beaumont Road from Collinswood Estate,
- 2) the entrance to the estate and
- 3) the area to the east of the estate.

Is the Chief Executive aware of an anti-social behaviour problem in these areas? Reports ranged from intimidation, assault and damage caused to property.

Can the Chief Executive investigate measures that might be introduced to tackle the problem, in particular improved lighting and the installation of CCTV cameras in the laneway?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The anti-social behaviour at this location was raised at the October JPC Meeting. The Superintendent for the area said he was not aware of an increase in social behaviour in the area but would look into it. This is a Garda matter. The lighting on Collinswood was upgraded in 2016. It is considered that the road is lit to an acceptable standard and we have no plans at present for any further improvements to the lighting here. Dublin City Council is not in a position to install CCTV in laneways.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for the installation of additional speed ramps along Seafield Road East between the junction of Seapark Road and the Clontarf Road seafront.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Five speed ramps were previously recommended on this section of Seafield Road East by the Traffic Advisory Group in 2007. The ramps were not installed at the time due to no funding being available. The speed ramps will be considered for inclusion on the next available (2019) Works Programme subject to availability of funding.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the additional signage to be erected at the entrance to St. Anne’s Park as highlighted in the note attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

It is understood that this incident took place early in the morning so under the byelaws the dog was legitimately off the lead but clearly was not under effective control. Many thousands of visitors use the park on a weekly basis to walk their dogs and thankfully incidents like this are very rare. The Parks Service previously held a series of consultations with dog owners in St. Anne’s and some positive developments around the dog park and water for dogs emerged from the engagement. The Parks Service would like to re-engage with the dog owners around creating zonings within the park where dogs can be exercised off leash and a core area where dogs must be on leads at all times. It is felt that the core of the park between the car park, the playground, the café and the rose garden is not really a suitable location for dogs to be off lead as this is where our most vulnerable park visitors concentrate. With hundreds of acres of peripheral areas in St. Anne’s where dogs can be exercised and a dedicated dog park for socialisation the creation of a ‘on lead’ core to the park would contribute significantly to reducing the risk of further incidents like this and is consistent with how dog are managed in similar parks with high visitor number across the city while still allowing dog and their walkers to enjoy the benefits of more exuberant exercise.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive could he clarify the legal advice in relation to GDPR and attendees at public meetings and confirm the procedure that will be applied to all DCC public meetings going forward.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The legal advice is to balance individual’s right to privacy with openness and transparency at Dublin City Council public meetings. Advice was given about a particular situation and forum meeting. It is a matter for the meeting organiser to prepare their policies and procedures taking privacy into account.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive could he explain why the Ballymun Civic office meeting room does not have webcasting facilities and how he plans to address this so residents especially those residents with a hearing loss in the North West are not at a disadvantage to all other residents in the other local areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A feasibility report on webcasting meetings from the Council Chamber in Ballymun was presented to the North West Area Committee on 19th July 2016. Due to costs which varied from €19,000 for a wired solution, to €36,000 for a wireless one, the



option was declined. The Committee can choose to move to City Hall should any item to be discussed be deemed significant enough to warrant webcasting. A further annual operating cost would also be incurred which would likely be in the region of €10,000.

I attach a report which was compiled for the North Central Area Committee for a similar question. I would draw your attention to the second paragraph in the Summary and Recommendation section.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

To ask the Chief Executive to place a seating area in the millennium park area of Claremont Estate, Glasnevin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Team will arrange installation of seating early in 2019.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate what additional supports if any are available for persons availing of the adaptation housing grants to provide an additional downstairs bathroom / bedroom. I am aware of maximum available funding however this is not sufficient to meet the full cost example extension costs €45,000 maximum grant €30,000 is there any avenues open to help bridge the shortfall.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under the terms of the National Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability the maximum grant available is €30,000. Applicants are also eligible to apply for a VAT refund to the Revenue Commissioners for approved necessary works in connection with certain aids and appliances for use by disabled persons. In exceptional circumstances where there is extreme financial hardship Dublin City Council will liaise with the HSE (Community Welfare Officers and Social Workers) with a view of seeking additional financial assistance for the applicant.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me a report on the following housing transfer applicant (**details supplied**) this woman & her family have been on the transfer list for the past 13 years looking to move to the old part of (**details supplied**), can I ask will this family ever be reached as they never seem to move it particularly difficult when they see others move into housing in the old scheme.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant (**details supplied**) is currently on the transfer waiting list in Band 3 for three-bedroom accommodation with the following position:

- 57 for three-bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore)

The applicant refused an offer of accommodation with an Approved Housing Body at Cherry Orchard in April 2018. Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the housing applicant **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant **(details supplied)** is currently on the housing waiting list in Band 2 for one-bedroom accommodation with the following positions.

- 332 for one-bedroom accommodation in Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Inchicore)
- 425 for one bedroom accommodation in Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage)

The applicant has been issued with a HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) pack so that they can source alternative accommodation. Dublin City Council are allocating properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. All applicants who are eligible for social housing support can avail of choice based lettings when they become available if they select the area as a preference that the choice based lettings are available in, however, allocations will be made based on length of time on the list.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council look at the provisional allocation of a site opposite the **(details supplied)** next to the M50 in order to allow the exploration of funding options for the development of a horse care project with stabling in order to promote proper care and welfare of horses in the area. DCC members, staff, Familibase & a large number of local men are supporting the provision of such a facility as part of the **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A steering group has been in place since May 2018 consisting of Reps from DCC, Equine Centre, Familibase & Horsepower regards keeping this project active.

Whilst land assignment is not under the remit of this group, they have identified what they deem as suitable space in the area. This has been relayed to LAP team who may or may not make recommendations for same. Funding options, site scale and design, management, governance etc. can follow, if appropriate space is designated from DCC.

The Draft LAP identifies a number of key sites as set out at the start of the process and which formed part of the walk-about earlier in the year with the elected members. The site next to the M50 is the largest site in the LAP and extends down to the train station. The Plan is currently exploring the use of this site for mixed-use developments, including residential and scaling up in density as it nears the station. The strip of land across between Clover Hill Road and the M50 was identified in the submission from Horse Power as part of the Issues Paper consultation, as their preferred site for a new horse care project. At this stage in the preparation of the draft LAP it is proposed to discuss with the members the various options for this site, including the use of the land for stabling, but also to consider other uses particularly housing, in order to make a coherent Plan, and then to place this out for public consultation.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been collected in Local Property Tax monies over the past 3 years and how has that money been spent. Is a breakdown available of spending taking place in the local areas that the money is collected in. e.g. LPT money collected in Raheny. Is it spent in Raheny?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The LPT income for DCC, in the last 3 years, has been as follows;

- Y2016 €50,661,430
- Y2017 €51,653,907
- Y2018 €51,863,226

The table below sets out the detail as to how the LPT funding is distributed. The spending on the LPT is not location or sub-service specific.

		2016	2017	2018
		B	A	
		€M	€M	€M
	Dublin City LPT - 100%	77,547,442	79,467,549	79,789,579
	Equalisation Fund - 20%	15,509,488	15,893,510	15,957,916
	LPT Retained Locally - 80%	62,037,954	63,574,039	63,831,663
Less	15% Reduction (Passed by council resolution)	11,632,116	11,920,132	11,968,437
	Compensatory Funding	255,593	-	-
	<b>LPT Funding</b>	<b>50,661,430</b>	<b>51,653,907</b>	<b>51,863,226</b>
	<i><b>Distribution of LPT Funding</b></i>			
	LGF/GPG (already in funding base)	2,667,330	2,667,330	2,667,330
	Pension Related Decution (PRD)	-	16,428,262	16,428,262
	Capital Self Funding	17,192,535	19,804,338	17,997,555
	Revenue Self Funding	26,668,600	8,780,600	10,780,600
	Discretionary Funding	4,132,965	3,973,377	3,989,479
		<b>50,661,430</b>	<b>51,653,907</b>	<b>51,863,226</b>

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the breakdown of expenditure that is planned for the North Central Area for the remainder of the year, to outline what the total budget is for the NCA for 2018 and what is the projected budget for 2019.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The budget for 2019 discretionary is €1m, there is an additional amount of €200,000 as part of an area allocation to the five areas of the city for the provision of a junk collection.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the breakdown of the cost of building an average cost of a house as €330,000 (per Brendan Kenny) and what measures he is taking to reduce the cost of building homes particularly on council owned lands.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to what works are planned by all DCC departments in **(details supplied)** for the remainder of 2018 and for 2019 i.e. footpath, road works, any upgrade to parks etc.?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services is currently completing works at Watermill Estate as part of our major works programme 2018. Localised footpath repairs are programmed at **(details supplied)**. Works are scheduled for completion in the coming 6-8 weeks. No other major works are programmed however localised footpath and carriageway repairs will be scheduled as the need arises subject to resources. There are no planned winter works for 2018 for these areas in this area other than ongoing maintenance of public open spaces. Works programmes for 2019 have not yet been finalised and approved.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate an order of protected structure on the curtilage of No 4 Henrietta Street. There are a number of buildings at risk at the back of this site due to a recent private purchase of stables. There is a fear that these stables will be demolished in order to make way for a new dwelling, new build. These particular structures that are there at present form part of the unique architectural heritage that is Henrietta Street. They are indeed National heritage items and their future needs to be secured immediately. There has been precedent in recent times with regards such immediate actions on such heritage structures, The Model School being one example and a series of buildings on Dawson street formerly the home of New Ireland insurance. This request is in that same vein.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Given the National significance of the protected structure at 4 Henrietta Street and the serious concerns raised in the question above, the Conservation Section have contacted the property owner and are preparing an assessment of the mews/stable structure to the rear and within the curtilage of this protected structure, as part of a written report to be brought to the Central Area Committee as soon as possible.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regards the cancellation of the annual Christmas lighting event in the City centre. Also, can the Chief Executive issue a full breakdown of the costs of DCC's winter lighting initiative that was recently announced. This report to include all tendering processes, all costs, all meetings associated with this project. Who initiated it? And who signed off on it? What was its overall budget?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

For the last number of years, Christmas light switch-on events on Henry Street and Grafton Street have been organised by Dublin Town, supported by Dublin City Council. In 2016, the crowds that attended the Grafton Street event were at unsafe levels and the event had to be cut short. Following a statutory agency de-brief meeting, there was general consensus that static events could no longer be managed on Grafton Street and Henry Street and an alternative format would have to be used.

Based on the 2016 findings, it was agreed that a procession event (similar to the successful Macnas parade) would replace the traditional, static Henry Street and Grafton Street events and also incorporate the usual Lord Mayor's O'Connell Street switch on.

Despite considerable event planning taking place, which included all of the main statutory agencies, the event saw unprecedented attendance numbers, particularly on O'Connell Street. While the event did not result in any injuries, there was widespread concern among all of the statutory agencies regarding the significant crowd control problems which had occurred. In the interest of public safety, the event also required the invoking of a number of emergency contingency measures and the curtailment of major elements of the event.

Following the event, a high level statutory agency de-brief meeting was convened on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 in Pearse Street Garda Station. A number of recommendations were made at the meeting regarding the organising of future Christmas events of this nature in the City Centre. The main findings were that the same level of resources and infrastructure that are required to run the St. Patrick's Day parade would need to be allocated to running this event again, and if they weren't available, it would be unlikely that the event would be allowed to proceed. The significant restrictions to all public transport services in the City Centre, including Luas Cross City, that this event causes were also a major consideration.

In light of the above, a decision was made by the Assistant Chief Executive not to allocate the considerable funding that would be required to run another one off lighting ceremony, but to divert it to the delivery of a new, stand alone, Dublin City Council organised, month long Christmas project. A considerable amount of international research and concept development was then carried out by the DCC Events team in order to formulate an alternative Christmas experience. This was to be developed to provide all citizens with an opportunity to come in and enjoy the City, at a time of their choice, with none of the previous public safety or crowd management implications. This is where the idea for "Winter Lights Dublin City" originated, which proposed to illuminate and animate the City for the month of December. This concept was mainly developed around the installation of festive projections on nine of our most iconic buildings, ambitious lighting installations on two City bridges and the significantly up scaled tree dressing of two of our most impressive tree lined streets – O'Connell Street and Parliament Street. It is planned

that this initiative will encourage families and visitors to come in to the City across the month of December and, not only enjoy the festive atmosphere, but also reengage with some of the institutions that we are proudest of, such as the GPO, Trinity College, the Hugh Lane Gallery, etc. This proposal was subsequently approved by the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Executive.

Based on the project concept and design, a request for tenders for the services required to deliver the project was issued by Dublin City Council, via e-tenders on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The contract was awarded to Eventco Management Limited on 18th September 2018, based on theirs being the most economically advantageous tender received.

The final costs for the delivery of this project are not yet available, however, a report can be issued when they have been finalised in 2019.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue an order to place night-time public domain officers on the city streets. There is a huge amount of illegal furniture now dominating the footpaths in the evenings especially at weekends. It is now impossible to walk the footpaths in certain parts of the city and there is nobody here to manage and police this situation. This is a matter of urgency as we are coming up to the Christmas period. Most of the businesses that are at this behaviour have been given warnings about their daytime use of street furniture without license but they persist in still putting out furniture after 6pm. It's time that DCC responded to this and a pilot scheme would be ideal at this time.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A review of street furniture licensing is currently being carried out. It is recognised that there are issues in relation to enforcement of street furniture licensing in the evenings. Enforcement at night presents a particular problem, as this activity generally takes place outside licensed premises. Dublin City Council is not authorised to move people in order to access and remove unauthorised street furniture. Therefore, the assistance of An Garda Síochána is required in conjunction with additional Dublin City Council out of hours staff and vehicles. Additional resources are not currently available in The Street Furniture Unit (SFU) and there is a financial implication in providing such resources. Currently, Inspections in the evenings do take place and businesses are notified of breaches on the following working day.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards the Dublin Literary Award. This report to include a full breakdown of costs and budget, all areas in which expenditure occurred, payments were made, when it was decided to change the name of the award? What efforts if any have been made to seek a sponsor for this award? And an overall report on how this award is administrated and judged. Also evidence of what this award achieves for Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Background

The Award was established by a Civic Charter in 1994, as a partnership between Dublin City Council and IMPAC, a USA-based productivity company. IMPAC no longer exists and since 2013 the Award has been funded solely by Dublin City Council. The Award is given annually for a work of 'high literary merit' published in the English language. The Award has been successfully managed and delivered by Dublin City Council's library service, with the support of other sections of the Council,

for the past twenty-four years and is now an established fixture in the international literary calendar. In discussions of literary awards, both online and in print, the Award is regularly singled out for its global reach, its inclusion of books in translation, the democratic nature of the nominations process, and the high quality of the short-listed and winning titles. There have been twenty-two winners of the Award: the longlist and international judging panel for the 2019 Award was announced by the Lord Mayor on 19th November. The shortlist will be announced on 4th April 2019 and the Lord Mayor will announce the winner on 12th June 2019.

## 2. Budget and Prize Money

Expenditure - administration & management	2017
Judges' Honorarium	€24,963.00
Flights & Accommodation (Judges – One meeting in Dublin in November and one meeting in Dublin in June; winner and translator in June)	€21,120.00
Catering & events (longlist, shortlist, and winner announcement and reading)	€44,985.00
Communications & Printing, including digital	€28,960.00
Total	€120,028.00
Expenditure - prize money	2017
	€100,000.00

## 3. Name of the Award

Following an internal review of the Award, in 2015 we decided its value to the City is such that we should take full ownership of it, including the title, and the Award was renamed The International DUBLIN Literary Award.

We are open to exploring any suitable potential partnerships for elements of the Award but we are not seeking a title sponsor.

## 4. Value

The International Dublin Literary Award is a key element of our UNESCO City of Literature designation and of the international promotion of Dublin's literary reputation. Research and experience have shown that Dublin's outstanding literary and cultural heritage are core brand strengths that attract leisure visitors and heighten the appeal of Dublin for worldwide business and conference visitors, as well as for businesses seeking to locate in Ireland. The City Council's development plan includes a commitment to the enhancement and promotion of Dublin as a 'City of Character and Culture', promoting an active artistic and cultural community at city-wide and neighbourhood level, which are central to making a vibrant city that is an attractive destination for tourism and the creative industries, and adding to the quality of life of Dubliners. Dublin City Council's investment in the Award is a small part of our overall investment in the future of the City.

A review of the worldwide print and broadcast and online media (excluding social media) coverage of the 2017 Award announcement shows that the event reached a potential audience of 52 million around the world.

### **Q.111 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would power hose the road and pathway on **(details supplied)** as the area is destroyed by dog fouling.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The route will be added to a list. **(Details supplied)** will be monitored by the Power Washing Crew on a weekly basis.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when the cycle track will start to be in progress on **(details supplied)** crossing and the section along the Irish rail land.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Contractor for the works has been appointed. The Contractor is required to prepare various documents for submission to Irish Rail for their approval prior to carrying out works on site. In addition, the Contractor has to develop and implement a rodent eradication program before disturbing the site. The contractor is currently working through these preliminaries. He has programmed to start physical works on site during the second week of January 2019.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if plans are in place to provide extra beds over the Christmas period and that no person or family's will be left without the service during the Christmas break.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive has activated the Cold Weather Strategy for 2018, which outlines the introduction of additional bed capacity and support services for the Dublin region in partnership with a range of charitable organisations funded by the DRHE.

The approach is twofold, current emergency accommodation capacity is being expanded to meet demand and we will also provide a targeted response to engage with people who are long-term rough sleeping and people who may not be in regular contact with services.

Provision of additional accommodation options for singles & couples

- 203 additional permanent beds for singles / couples are becoming operational on a phased basis, the majority of which will be in use by the end of December 2018;
- 130 temporary contingency beds are currently coming in to use across a range of existing services for the duration of the cold weather period.

Provision of additional accommodation options for families

- A contingency emergency response is already in place for any family who may be at risk of sleeping rough at night. The DRHE's Family Support Team provide emergency accommodation on an exceptional needs basis to families at risk of rough sleeping.
- There are a large number of contingency family units in operation across the Dublin Region.
- In addition the DRHE has a Family Hub programme in place for 2018 and 2019, the latest new Family Hub will open in December.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will put in place a power hosing program at **(details supplied)**, an area that is destroyed by dog fouling. Also will DCC increase litter wardens to such areas that has ongoing serious problems off dog fouling on pathways and roads as this is a health issue that's growing in our city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have **(details supplied)** cleaned on a daily basis. Dog foul is removed during the course of this cleaning schedule. Power washing is carried out in this area every six to eight weeks. As part of the Anti-Dog Fouling Initiative, the Central Area will prioritise **(details supplied)** for future dog patrols.