

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 7th JANUARY 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive are there any road works projects planned for **(details supplied)** and if so what roads will the work be carried out on.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the criteria for the order of placing of Approved Housing Bodies on the selection lists and to outline the top ten bodies on all such lists.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)**. There is a severe dampness problem at this property. The tenant has followed all recommendations of treating this problem, but it continues. This young lady has a young baby in hospital with bronchitis, and a son suffering with asthma. Can we please address this problem urgently? I would appreciate it if we could contact this lady to inform her when we are calling as she spends all her time in the hospital with the baby. She will arrange to be there if contacted by someone.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of this flat at **(details supplied)** several problems need to be addressed such as electric sockets, dampness and front door.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for pedestrian lights at all corners of the Junction of **(details supplied)**. There has already been one child knocked down at this junction and it is extremely dangerous for senior citizens attending mass at weekends.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out Dublin City Council Housing Allocations in 2018, from each of housing lists with comparative 2017 numbers.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of the process for allocating allotments in **(details supplied)**.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that planters have been ordered for both Bluebell and Drimnagh for next year, as per motion I had passed at the area meeting a few months ago.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed list of what bins will be installed in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh election ward in 2019, and also when they are planned to be installed.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange **(details supplied)** for a full investigation of the water pressure issues. Residents have reported that the pressure is low but not at all times. Weekends seem to be the worst.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of all bookings for the Mansion House for December 2018 and January 2019.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing request. **(details supplied)**.
This lady, her partner and four children (two boys aged one and three and two girls aged nine and fifteen) live at **(details supplied)** in HAP Accommodation. The landlord has given them notice to vacate the home in January. Her two eldest children are settled in local schools and the three-year-old boy is in a local crèche. This lady's son suffers major allergies and skin problems and her fifteen-year-old step daughter is struggling with mental health issues. There are medical reports to support this. Can this lady and her family be offered alternative accommodation.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive what are the reasons for the Notice to Quit, of those families who have taken up preventative Homeless HAP.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many people on the HAP transfer list, have been moved from the Homeless HAP list to Local Authority Housing.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive that this Councillor be provided with a copy of all of the submissions received to the Proposed Draft Variation No 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022: Marrowbone Lane (including DCC Depot lands), Dublin 8.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for the position of people on the housing list who have been allocated units in **(details supplied)** as part of the 92 purchased recently.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the number of horses seized and killed in the last 5 years.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to review all the Dublin City Councils property in Cairn Court and identify those that have not been insulated and to give a date when this will be done.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the number of dogs seized in the last 5 years, the numbers given to charities and the number killed.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DAÌTHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline all the cost benefit analyses that have been sent to the Department of Housing since 2014, an update on each analysis and all correspondence with the Department relating to these analysis?

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DAÌTHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of the cost of construction per unit for apartments in O'Devaney Gardens, Oscar Traynor Road and St. Michael sites?

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DAÌTHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive when will work on site preparation for affordable housing commence in Cherry Orchard?

Q.23 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive why are tenants who have engaged in criminal behaviour and often terrorise the community allowed stay in flats despite being in prison while homeless families and individuals are made stay longer in homeless accommodation. How many flats are in Dublin City Council's Local Authority area are being "kept" for prisoners return. Can I get a breakdown for the South East area and the other Area Committees. Do the prisoners continue to pay rent while they are in prison?

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can he say how many pram sheds are unused in Vincent Street and how and when will the vacant ones be reallocated?

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can he treat Cuffe Street and Digges Street for rat infestation and address the fact that the bins are mostly open and not in a clear segregated area, they appear to be nesting in the old bin shoot areas.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive bearing in mind that Cuffe Street and a Digges Street flats face onto the increasingly busy Aungier Street and the very busy junction with Camden Street and Kevin Street/Cuffe Street. Can the Chief Executive have the height of the railings around the flat complex increased to the same height as the Mercer House boundary fence as access is extremely easy for party goers and people engaging in anti-social behaviour and makes it very unsafe for young children playing in the forecourt.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full evaluation and audit of child safety procedures and governance of all scouting organisations that Dublin City Council is involved with by way of financial support and leases and licenses on buildings. Given the most recent controversy regarding the abuse of children within Scouting Ireland and the alleged cover up and the grave public concern regarding this betrayal it is of absolute importance in maintaining the public confidence that the local authority, Dublin City Council, conduct their own audits and checks on these organisations. Child safety cannot be underestimated here. Crimes of this nature cannot be construed or promoted as something that is historical or in the past. They are simply crimes that have been covered up.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct a full assessment and examination of all the statistics that are being supplied by the charities that are dealing with homeless individuals and families. Many of the annual reports of these organisations are stating that from 10,000 - 13,000 individuals are using their services annually. These organisation include Focus Ireland, Simon Community, McVerry Trust, DePaul etc. It is important that these numbers are not duplicates and that each organisation is counting these service users collectively and in cooperation with each other. Dublin City Council and its Homeless Executive needs to conduct a full audit of these numbers and get clarification on the overall number that are using these services multiple times. If one was to take these statistics on their own it would come across as if there are multiples of thousands of individuals using this system. We need

clarity on these number and Dublin City Council as the statutory agency with statutory authority needs to get this record straight.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report detailing the amount of service users that have been refused entry by the various approved housing bodies and charitable organisations that provide emergency accommodation for rough sleepers, homeless individuals and families. This report to also include how many people have been evicted? How many of the organisations involved use this practice? And what power does Dublin City Council have and the Homeless Executive have to stop this practice?

Q.30 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report detailing all reports of intimidation that was experienced by Dublin City Council's staff in the administration of their duties within our housing estates and our traveller halting sites. This report to take into consideration a period of the past five years. Further, what measures are being taken to protect and support Dublin City Council's staff in the administration of their duties particularly around serious issues of anti-social behaviour and criminality? Also, what are the mechanisms whereby staff can report issues of intimidation? Do Dublin City Council's administration report this intimidation to An Garda Síochána?

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what impacts Brexit may have on the City Council and to outline his preparations for same.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of our current housing stock by number of bedrooms and occupancy (in terms of number of residents) in tabular format.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to state what is the final destination of waste placed in big belly bins and other on-street bins and what percentage is recycled, landfilled, incinerated and exported.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what progress has been made in the last six months to bring about the refurbishment and regeneration of the Iveagh Market, Francis Street; 1 and 3 John Dillon Street; and the Mother Redcap Market, Back Lane Dublin 8. In his reply can the Chief Executive provide me with any correspondence exchanged between the Local Authority and those who may claim occupancy or entitlements to these lands and to state whether or not the Chief Executive intends to use his powers under the Planning Acts, Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, Compulsory Purchase Powers or other mechanisms to ensure the reuse of these lands.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query, **(details supplied)** on Dublin City Councils Housing list since 2009, **(details supplied)**. Due to the current rent crisis in Dublin this lady was forced to move to Co Meath where she has no family, friends or support. Her son who is three has an official diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, ADHD and speech and language delay. She applied for a transfer under medical grounds to Band 1, but this has been refused.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have a traffic study carried out at **(details supplied 1)**. This is a very busy junction and especially perilous for pedestrians crossing over and also accessing the **(details supplied 2)**.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive why **(details supplied)** was not made an offer or had a valuer sent to his house? Why no one from Dublin City Council contacted the gentleman after he approached Dublin City Council online.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he can have the footpath outside **(details supplied)** reinstated.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive has the tendering process for the contract for collecting refuse from Dublin City Council flat complexes currently held by Greyhound been delayed and if so why and when will the process be concluded?

Q.40 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my question number 58 to the November 2018 meeting has Tristan Capital Partners or Twinlite responded to Dublin City Council's enquiries about the Part V obligation on that site.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council might acquire **(details supplied)** under the Derelict Sites Act. It has been abandoned by its former owner who now lives in Canada and is progressively getting into a dilapidated condition and is currently being squatted in by a housing applicant.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council accepts that homeless man **(details supplied)**, has relinquished his interest in that tenancy and therefore is eligible for HAP approval and/or being socially housed.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to road **(details attached 1)** and say when same will be properly reinstated, as was promised last year. Please provide details of when overdue works will be carried out, as the condition of same is very poor. Last year Dublin City Council said there was €100,000 to spend upgrading roads but all that was done was the installation of a ramp/plateau outside **(details attached 2)**.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to road **(details attached)** say when same will be properly reinstated/repared. Please comment on the very poor condition in which the road was left following a very shoddy attempt to fill areas where large pot-holes existed with blobs of tar thrown down all over the road, leaving a dreadful job behind. Please say if you can arrange to have the tar that was flung out onto the road (not filling pot-holes) cleaned up/removed.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please examine road **(details attached)** which residents say is being used as a rat-run, resulting in a serious safety hazard for pedestrians, particularly very young and senior citizens. Please say if you can say

what measures if any, can be introduced to reduce the attraction to motorists using this road as a rat-run.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to laneway at location **(details attached)**. Please say if you can arrange to have same cleaned of waste/litter and cleared of weeds.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the scheduled treatment of the dampness problems in the **(details supplied)**. Are these works still to continue in the blocks other than Block 8, despite recent developments in the last few months regarding the structural situation.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the re-surfacing works on Priorswood Road. Will the street lighting heads that have not yet been replaced by L.E.D. units also be completed with the re-surfacing works?

Q.49 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the ongoing efforts to tackle the large-scale illegal industrial dumping on the **(details supplied)** (recently referred to in NCAC question 5-Oct 2018). This situation has been ongoing for years and despite a recent clean-up by Dublin City Council the activity has increased. Has Dublin City Council been liaising with the Gardaí and the EPA on this matter?

Q.50 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the outstanding replacement works to a radiator at **(details supplied)**. The resident **(details supplied)** has been waiting for this work to be completed since October last, Dublin City Council have failed to turn up since then, to do the works despite making arrangements to do so on several occasions over the last two months.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for additional drainage works to be carried out on a road **(details supplied)** to prevent ongoing flooding. Recent works carried out at this location have not resolved the problem.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive what action the planning enforcement section intend to take regarding a complaint in relation to the construction of 2 houses in a new estate **(details supplied)**. They seem to be too close to an adjacent house outside this estate and therefore have been constructed contrary to the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council intend to take in charge a new private housing scheme at **(details supplied)**. If this is the case, can trees be planted in this small development?

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the stretch of roadway **(details attached 1)** all of which needs to be re-instated but its particularly hazardous for cyclists at **(details attached 2)**. Can you arrange to have necessary repairs carried out to enable cyclists to travel along this route safely? Currently the route is fraught with hazardous potholes.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the provisions for childcare on the City Council's housing development sites, currently under development or in planning stages in the city. Will you consider making them available to the not for profit Childcare Sector to encourage affordable childcare in the city.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on this matter, removal of large illegal industrial waste dump adjacent to **(details supplied)**.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the proposal for a Tree Preservation Order over the trees situated at the back of **(details supplied)**.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the **(details supplied)** what traffic arrangements/plan have been put in place for the concert. What arrangements/plan there will be for litter removal after the concert. What public order operations will be in place in coordination with An Garda Siochana? Can the Chief Executive also say if it is possible to attach a "community contribution" as part of the conditions of license for the concert?

Q.59 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of the position in relation to **(details supplied)**. Residents report that this property was previously used for psychiatric patients of St. Vincent's Hospital but is now vacant. Does the City Council have any involvement in this property, as many local residents are keen to see it used again to house people in need.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive how residents can arrange for street cleanings under the previous procedure used on **(details supplied 1)**. Residents moved their cars off the street for one morning on the basis, that morning would be the day Dublin City Council cleaned it. Residents on **(details supplied 2)** would like to arrange this again. Catherine Brophy Walsh used to be their contact to do this but they do not know who to contact now and would like to make a similar arrangement again.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAÌTHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that they will actively pursue the purchase of the **(details supplied)** should the opportunity arise, with the view to developing it for housing & recreational facilities.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a full report to include timelines for the expansion of the Dublin Bike Scheme throughout the Dublin 8 area, showing existing stations and stations planned for the next 6, 12, and 18 months.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** can stay on in employment in the cleansing services for one more year even though he turns 66 in January 2019, he is anxious to stay in work.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the current allocation of salaries to Area Managers in Dublin City Council and how does this compare with 2013.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what position is **(details supplied)** on the housing list and if the Chief Executive could provide a timeline to when she will be housed.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are currently looking at sites in **(details supplied)** which could be acquired for social housing.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at having a dishing in the footpath carried out at or next to the bus stop at Clifden Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, facing Oranmore Road. It's for people who I know are wheelchair bound. One lady recently told me she cannot go anywhere on her own as she cannot cross this busy road due to the height of the footpath.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees along Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, next to the Lawns Park, be pruned back. A number of people have mentioned their vans etc were damaged with off-shoots etc growing from the trees. If Le Fanu Road were a bus route this would be done regularly can I ask it be looked into.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive why we don't plant a few conifers in areas we regularly plant Christmas trees. It seems a big waste to use large trees for just a one-off. Growing tree's at suitable locations would save a few thousand euro's. How much did we spend on Christmas trees at the various public locations this past Christmas.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the large uneven sections of footpaths from the 79 Inn Ballyfermot Road next to the GALA up to Clifden Road, Ballyfermot be replaced/repaired. I cannot understand how many insurance actions are not in against Dublin City Council with the state of the footpaths here.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full maintenance audit of **(details supplied)**. The tenant in this unit has had continuous difficulties since she occupied it, post its turning around for occupation.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state how many premises such as **(details supplied)** have been removed from the Rateable Valuation List due to being 'incapable of beneficial occupation' in the last five years and to make a statement on the matter.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a systemic improvement in the quality of the footpaths and crossing points between Lansdowne Road DART Station and the junction of Lansdowne Road and Northumberland Road, as this route is used by persons with visual impairments. In particular, could improvements in the footpath surface be considered in the vicinity of the many trees on the route such as using 'Flexipave' or other materials, and could the broken footpath surface be attended to.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to examine **(details supplied)** as both properties appear to be vacant, to give details of their ownership (if available), and to consider taking action to ensure their re-use for housing.

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Q.76 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cleaning of the footpath, to include the debris & the weeds along the wall grove, from the Centra Shop on the Oscar Traynor Rd on both sides down to Northside Shopping Centre.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the road outside number 10 to 14 inclusive in Cill-Eanna, Raheny, Dublin 5 be repaired. The road is in extremely poor condition.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the footpath from James Larkin Rd to Mount Prospect Ave alongside the causeway wall be cleaned. The volume of leaves is a trip hazard.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can a drain gully system be put in place across the entrance and exit of the car park in Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace Church, Raheny. The car park is a concrete surface on a slope and in heavy rain fall a stream of water runs down the slope into Raheny Village and contributes to flood water. This surface water at the exit/entrance also is a slip hazard in freezing temperatures.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if the footpath alongside Rectory Park, Howth Road toward Raheny village can be cleaned of the leaves and debris.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a table of all the planning applications for short term rental properties since 2016, broken down by planning reference number, location, the City Council local area it is under, and the decision made.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any documentation, including notes or aide-memoire, which resulted from the working group established by the HSE in 2016 to discuss the Supervised Injection Centre as DCC was represented on the group.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to discarded syringe needles in public areas can the Chief Executive provide answers to the following questions. Can you confirm the number of facilities providing needle exchange services and their location? Can you confirm if the individual service providers take responsibility for the collection of syringe needles discarded by their clients? Can you confirm the number of Dublin City Councils employees injured by syringe needles in the past 2 years and the amount of compensation paid to staff, broken down by year and area?

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the passport for Leisure Scheme:

- What changes have been made to the current scheme
- Who made the decision to change the scheme
- What consultation took place and
- Have staff and customers been informed of the changes.