

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to contact Luas re lack of seating at stops. It is not compulsory under the disability act that seating should be provided.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question was forwarded to TII for comment and as soon as we receive a report, the Councillor will be informed of the findings.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the playground in Ellenfield Park, Whitehall is cleaned regularly, all play equipment functioning, all graffiti removed and to consider including monies for improvement works for the playground in the Discretionary Fund 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The playground was independently inspected in November of last year as part of the Annual Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents certification and a small number of routine works and repairs were identified such as the replacement of worn bearings. Overall the playground was in very good condition and scored quite highly for condition and maintenance; the fourth year in a row where the mean score increased.

The contractor was scheduled to come on site earlier this month to carry out the identified repairs. Unfortunately, over the Christmas break two play items were vandalised and a fire set on the safety surface. The damaged items have been made safe and orders placed for the replacement parts. The damaged steps, rope and net will be replaced as soon as the parts are delivered which is expected in the next week to 10 days. The areas of damaged safety surface will be re-laid as soon as ground temperatures allow. A number of play items will also be repainted. It is anticipated that all works, both routine scheduled and unscheduled repairs, will be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

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Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of traffic fatalities at the junction of Davitt Road / Suir Road / Dolphin Road/ Slievenamon Road in the past 20 years. Please set out the steps taken / proposed to be taken to ensure road safety at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since 1999 our records show that there has only been one recorded fatal incident at this Junction on the 1st of January 2000 which resulted in four deaths. The situation at all junctions and locations is monitored by our Road safety staff and in conjunction with our stakeholder group.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the longest periods that families and single individuals have spent in temporary emergency accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) carried out an exercise to evaluate the length of time that families and single individuals have spent in temporary emergency accommodation. The tables below detail the length of time people have been living in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region (PASS data is collated on a regional basis). On the night of the 31st December 2018, 4014 adults were accommodated, of which 53% were adults without dependent children (singles) and 47% were adults with children (families).

Table 1: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for All Adults accommodated on a single night: 31st December 2018

Duration in emergency accommodation as at 31 st December 2018	Total All Adults	Percentage
24+ months	774	19%
18-24months	329	8%
12-18 months	595	15%
6-12 months	807	20%
6 months or less	1509	38%
Total Adults	4014	100%

Table 2: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for Singles accommodated on a single night: 31st December 2018

Duration in emergency accommodation as at 31 st December 2018	Total Single Adults	Percentage
24+ months	587	26%
18-24months	142	6%
12-18 months	272	12%
6-12 months	395	17%
6 months or less	882	39%
Total Adults	2278	100%

Table 3: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for Families accommodated on a single night: 31st December 2018

Duration in emergency accommodation as at 31 st December 2018	Total Families	Total Adults	Adults as Percentage
24+ months	144	187	11%
18-24months	141	187	11%
12-18 months	220	323	19%
6-12 months	290	412	24%
6 months or less	438	627	36%
Total	1233	1736	100%

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the current status and applicability of the decision of the City Council made in the mid 1980's to ban Gaming slot machines in the City and if there is a need for any further action to be taken to ensure that the spirit of decision is still in force. Please outline any legal changes that have been made in relation to this overall matter since that original decision was made.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The decision made by the elected members in the 1980s to rescind the adoption of Part 111 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 concerning amusement halls and funfairs is still in force. As such the decision of the elected members stands. No legal changes have been made to this reserved function since the original decision was made.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a maintenance crew to undertake repairs in the home of **(details supplied 1)**. Please make a statement on the issue of the repeated need for maintenance repairs in the homes of tenants within the complex this tenant resides **(details supplied 2)**.

- Crack in ceiling of sitting room still not fully repaired.
- Leak in the cleaning and exterior wall of flat.
- Extremely strong smell of rising dampness within the entire flat.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Work has been carried out to this dwelling **(details supplied 1)**, by Housing Maintenance. Further work is outstanding and is scheduled for completion within the next few weeks. This dwelling is on an upper floor. There is no issue with rising damp in this dwelling.

Housing Maintenance Engineering Unit have approved the replacement of the roof on these flats. This is expected to alleviate issues of leaks to flats within this complex.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council provide a Christmas tree for the green site on Cherrymount Crescent, Malahide Road, Dublin 3, as the new residents group would agree to this request.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While we focus on main arteries for provision of Christmas trees in general, we will give positive consideration to funding towards the provision of a tree at this location in 2019.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council provide a Christmas tree for Ballybough Road Dublin 3, as this is a request off residents in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In order to install a Christmas tree a suitable location will need to be identified. Ground works are required to fit a sleeve into the ground, install a meter cabinet and lay ducting to the nearest ESB cable. The costs associated with ground works, ESB connection and the purchase of lights for the tree is around €20,000.

There is no budget available to cover the costs associated with providing a Christmas tree for Ballybough Road.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would issue letters to the houses on **(details supplied)**. Please ask residents who may leave out waste foods on the road, to resist as it could cause a health issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Area Offices will write to all its tenancies in the **(details supplied)** to address the issue of discarding waste foods onto the public domain.

Regarding private dwellings in this area, Waste Management Services will carry out the same.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**, that Dublin City Council replace the windows and repair the hall door for the senior resident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The windows in this dwelling are not deemed in need of replacement however the front door is deemed in need of replacement and a new front door is scheduled for installation within the next four to six weeks.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive has the City Council any plans to upgrade the playground in Ellenfield Park. A lot of the equipment is in a bad way.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The playground was independently inspected in November of last year as part of the Annual Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents certification and a small number of routine works and repairs were identified such as the replacement of worn bearings. Overall the playground was in very good condition and scored quite highly for condition and maintenance the fourth year in a row where the mean score increased.

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Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)**. This young mother has small children and the house has extreme dampness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environmental Health Section has been requested to inspect the property. The tenant will be contacted directly to facilitate this inspection.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for litter notices to be placed on the green area of Derry Drive, Crumlin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to place "No Dumping" signs on the green area.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number and names of all businesses and other entities currently exempt from paying commercial rates to Dublin City Council. Please confirm whether or not, more than four hundred operations based in the Irish Financial Services Centre currently pay commercial rates to Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Prior to the revaluation of Dublin City, property directly occupied by the state was valued and entered on the valuation list but was not rateable. This is no longer the case. The Valuation Office no longer value state occupied property or relevant properties not rateable as set out in Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 and therefore it is not possible to determine the income foregone in respect of exempt properties.

All commercial properties are listed for valuation when the build is complete. The valuation list is updated in respect of all new builds and any renovations to existing builds. There are currently 824 rate accounts in the North Dock area (North Dock A, B & C). This includes the Irish Financial Services area.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a percentage break down of reasons for refusal of allocation (including but not limited to fear of racism, antisocial behaviour) to council housing. Provide break down by area and flat complex vs other types of housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see attached a percentage breakdown of reasons for refusal of allocation to council housing in 2018.

2018	
Reasons For Refusal of Social Housing Support Offer	Total
Already in Suitable Acc	1%
App says too small/high..	13%
Applicant Not Suitable	0%
Further Details Received	2%
Illness	1%
Location within Estate	6%
No Long Int Area of Choic	7%
No Response offer letter	13%
Not Suitable per Applicant	54%
Other	2%
Wants Ground Floor Only	1%
Wants House not Flat	1%
Grand Total	100%

Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive, the council recently upgraded the footpaths on Dean Swift Road, Dublin 11. They marked the footpath outside 6 Dean Swift Road to be done, but because cars were parked on the footpath, this section of the footpath was skipped. Can a notice be put on the cars to ask them to park elsewhere and allow the footpath to be resurfaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services informs that, as a matter of procedure, this section issues an advance notification of works when a vehicular entrance is blocked off or when footpath/carrage way works last for more than one day. In addition, the site supervisor engages with the resident in order to discuss matters such as use of alternative parking for the duration of works, pedestrian access, ownership of vehicles parked along the section of path/carrage way fronting the house.

Infrequently, when a crew arrives to carry out the works in the morning a vehicle may be found inadvertently parked within the works area and the owner of the vehicle cannot be found. In this case, the supervisor may decide to move the crew to another job in the vicinity and should return to carry out the obstructed job at a later date.

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to attach a notification of works to all vehicles which are found parked within the works area.

In addition, Road Maintenance Services will return to complete the footpath repair at 6, Dean Swift Road

Q.17 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive can this Playground be made safe. Details have been attached including photographs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Playground was independently inspected in November of last year as part of the Annual Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents certification and a small number of routine works and repairs were identified such as the replacement of worn bearings.

Overall the playground was in very good condition and scored quite highly for condition and maintenance the fourth year in a row where the mean score increased.

The contractor was scheduled to come on site earlier this month to carry out the identified repairs. Unfortunately, over the Christmas break 2 play items were vandalised and a fire set on the safety surface. The damaged items have been made safe and orders placed for the replacement parts. The damaged steps, rope and net will be replaced as soon as the parts are delivered which is expected in the next week to 10 days. The areas of damaged safety surface will be re-laid as soon as ground temperatures allow. A number of play items will also be repainted. It is anticipated that all works, both routine scheduled and unscheduled repairs, will be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

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Q.18 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if any temporary measures can be taken along the Luas tracks by St James Hospital to protect cyclists from getting their wheels stuck in the tracks. To further ask if there are any plans or budget allocation for a cycle lane/segregated cycle lane along this stretch up to Christ Church. This is an area which has a high volume of cycle commuter traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The existing junction configuration at the entrance to James Street Hospital provides a segregated bicycle lane designed to bring cyclists across the Luas Tracks at an angle that should prevent cyclists from getting their wheels stuck in the tracks. If the Councillor would like to contact this office with further details, we can raise the matter with TII.

The route from James Street to Christchurch falls within the Bus Connects Project. The NTA are proposing an upgraded bus corridor with improved cycling facilities along this route and the plans are expected to go to public consultation within the coming months.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the law agents advice regarding the site at Dolphins Barn following engagement of a senior council to consider the response from the developer, who has not begun or finished works on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Legal correspondence is ongoing between the parties. If matters are not resolved to the satisfaction of the Council, the Council is entitled to exercise its rights under the agreements and will do so.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR ARY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to when he expects a new fire door to be installed in the home of **(details supplied)**. Please make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling will be inspected within the next two weeks and assessed in relation to the requirement for a new fire door.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Dog Poo Bins for Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin. This park has many dog owners using it and bins would encourage people to dispose of dog poo bags as they leave the park. Waste management have been requested for bins by our area meeting dated 15th November 2017, but to date this has not happened.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to problems with the disposal of domestic waste next to bins and also the setting alight of bins there is no plan to add bins in this park. There is a daily cleaning regime in place which keeps the park in good condition. Dog waste bins are placed outside the entrances of some of our parks however these are installed and maintained by Waste Management

Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm and supply this councillor with a time scale, when the streets and paths in Crumlin and Drimnagh will be fully repaired following the replacing of water pipes in the areas. The streets and footpath are in a very bad and dangerous condition following this works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)

Web: www.water.ie

Twitter: @IrishWater

Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

If you need to raise any issue concerning water supply etc., please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive report on the housing application of **(details supplied)**, currently homeless and living for the last eleven months in a hotel with her husband and four children aged from 2 years of age up to 16 years of age. The report to include what viable housing options are available to this family and to note that the family want to be considered for Area B only, as this is where their familial, educational and social supports are located.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant **(details supplied)** is on Band 1 of the Housing list since 27th of March 2018 for three bed accommodation with the following positions

- 35 for Area B (Kilbarrack/Darndale)
- 12 for Area P (Nth West Central/Smithfield)
- 30 for Area H (Ballybough)

The applicant updated their areas of choice in December 2018 to include the above areas. They can contact Homeless Allocations on 222 2205 to discuss these changes. Under the adopted Scheme of Lettings, allocations are made based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the Waiting List of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. I can confirm that the household is eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist you in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955

The applicant can contact the Homeless Allocations Section on 222 2205 at any time to discuss their application.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive on how many occasions in 2018 was the Chokecart required to clean out the drainage network relating to **(details supplied)**. Please state the cause of the blockages and to outline whether there is a need to enhance the infrastructure serving the homes affected. Please make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following details visits of Housing Maintenance Choke car to the dwellings listed:

- No.8: 26/09 2017
05/02/2018
25/10/2018
22/11/2018
- No.9: On no occasion
- No.10: This is not a City Council dwelling
- No.11A: On no occasion

The cause of the blockages was normal household waste. There is no requirement to replace the sewage lines to these dwellings

Q.25 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for maintenance problems to be repaired in the home of **(details supplied)**. The shower has been broken for four months. The water tank/ boiler does not appear to be working properly. Separately whenever the tenant switches on the washing machine or the cold tap in kitchen, there is then no hot water in the shower. Please provide a report on the actions undertaken to date in rectifying these issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection of this dwelling within the next week. Any works required will be scheduled for completion subsequent to the inspection

Q.26 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full review of the lighting in Bluebell. I have received complaints that the lighting around the school in particular is very bad.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- The lighting on Bluebell Avenue around Our Lady of the Wayside School was upgraded to LED on the 04/12/2017. 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.
- Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services is currently undertaking a programme to replace existing lights throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the next few years and the existing lighting on Bluebell Road will be included in a future replacement programme. Until such time as the existing lights on Bluebell Road are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.
- It is not DCC Public Lighting's policy to light green areas and parks. This would be a matter for the Parks Department.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to get road maintenance to repair the pothole that has appeared on Bluebell Avenue (Outside the Our Lady of Wayside Church).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out a temporary repair at this location on Saturday 19/01/19.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all grants that are available through both Dublin City Council and other departments for community groups and sports clubs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme is available once annually to sports clubs operating within the administrative area of Dublin City Council that are affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport.

The scheme is funded and administered by Sport Ireland and the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership.

The financial assistance sought by clubs is primarily used for the following:

- Purchase of equipment
- Administrative costs
- Training and coaching courses

Q.29 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a costing, of installing Dog Bins in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA and which department would be responsible for emptying these bins.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management department is responsible for the servicing of all bins installed on public roads. The preference is for the installation of standard litter bins in line with the policy of installation of bins in areas that they are required on main

thoroughfares, at neighbourhood shopping locations and in proximity to other significant litter generators. Standard litter bins are the preferred option as they can accept both dog litter and general litter and cater for more use than dog litter specific bins. A number of dog litter bins were installed in 2018 however there is no intention to install further units in 2019.

An assessment of whether bins are required at specific locations can be carried out using the mapping process that was completed in 2018 to ascertain the number of existing bins in an area and identifying where any deficit may exist in respect of litter generators in the area. Where such deficits are identified the Waste Management Department will arrange for the installation of bins.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the planted area inside/behind railings alongside the outer perimeter walls adjacent to and fronting **(details supplied 1)** and say if he can arrange to have same dug up and re-instated with fresh top soil in order to facilitate a local resident to replant and make good the appearance of and plant flowers at **(details supplied 1)**. **(details supplied 2)** is unable to do so currently as the soil/earth at **(details supplied 1)** has become solid and difficult for **(details supplied 2)** to manage/work with.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Housing Manager Mr. Derek Farrell, will investigate this matter and will issue a reply to the Councillor in due course.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to traffic calming ramps. Two traffic calming ramps on Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3. 1st ramp is approximately 150 yards in from Vernon Avenue and the 2nd is a further 50 yards from the 1st one. Please say if you can arrange proper re-instatement of both as the temporary job that was done on both ramps has left very rough edges, regularly causing damage to motor vehicles and tyres.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will include these ramps in our resurfacing programme for 2019.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to the drains/gullies on the seafront before the Bull Wall (town side) the drains are clogged, causing flooding outside at **(details supplied)**. Please say if you can arrange to have the drain cleared as soon as possible. Please arrange to have the large lump of tarmac which was put down during roadworks removed, as both the blocked gullies and tarmac are resulting in serious flooding here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no gully outside **(details supplied)**, the issue is that there is tar outside the house causing ponding. The Gully Cleaning Crew cleaned the 2 gullies outside **(details supplied)**, one of these gullies needs high pressure jetting which will be done within the next two weeks.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the serious break/rise in the pavement concrete at the entrance gate to Scoil Mhuire, Griffith Avenue, Marino, Dublin 9, due

to tree root growth and encroachment lifting the concrete. When can you arrange to have the matter investigated and what can be done to resolve same as the broken concrete has created a serious trip hazard, caused very large heavy entrance gates to become misaligned and incapable of being adequately or properly locked (lock and chain has been cut with bold cutters on two occasions and premises burgled). Please arrange to have an official employee directly contact **(details supplied)** with a view to being, of assistance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location with a view to carrying out footpath repairs if required.

It is not immediately apparent that the tree roots are responsible for the displacement of the pillar to the entrance gates as is suggested above. It is highly unlikely that the secondary thickening of tree roots can displace a heavily loaded structure such as this. If the Roads Maintenance Service are carrying out repairs involving the replacement of the pavement slab a joint inspection can be arranged.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the large tree in Greenore Court, close to the boundary of **(details supplied)** which is damaging the boundary wall in these homes. It is also blocking the light from all three homes when the sun shines. Residents would like to see it replaced by smaller trees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree at this location has been inspected. It is not a large tree and removal is not required as it is not causing any damage. Housing Maintenance do not remove healthy trees, however pruning of this tree will be scheduled in the coming weeks by Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive arrange to have a yellow box on Macken street at the junction with Hogan Avenue installed, to allow residents in Eblana/Island Villas turn in to Hogan Avenue particularly during heavy traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above request will be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to have the loose man hole covered in the middle of **(details supplied)** as it makes a very loud noise every time a car goes over it. This is very disruptive for residents. (I have video if required)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that the defective cover and frame is the responsibility of euNetworks Ireland. Dublin City Council's Infrastructure Management Unit has written to and contacted euNetworks and instructed them to prioritise the defective manhole cover and frame repair at **(details supplied)**.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can the overgrown bushes and trees be cut back along the raised bank at the gable end of the block of flats in George Reynolds. Please replace the Irish flag and trim back the tree which is causing the orange section to fray.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees and bushes on the bank to the rear of these flats are scheduled for pruning within the next few weeks by Housing Maintenance Mobile Crew.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of planning applications for 2017 and 2018, for converting multi-unit residential buildings to single homes, providing a breakdown by numbers by local area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A total of two applications were received in 2017 and another two were received in 2018 all of which were in the South East Area.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the total number of vehicles for both 2017 and 2018 bought or leased by Dublin City Council and the number that are electric or hybrid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Two hundred and ninety-three (293) vehicles have been bought or leased during the period 2017 and 2018 of which fourteen (14) are electric vehicles.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details and a timeline of providing temporary toilets for Dublin City Libraries currently without public toilets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY

Officials are investigating the provision of temporary toilets at Terenure library: no timeline is available as of now.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Ballyfermot road proposal which Dublin City Council (and their consultants) met with local businesses and local residents in Ballyfermot Library in 2016. Please provide me with a copy of the presentation given on the night.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposals to upgrade the public realm and the attendant commercial/residential area from the Church to the Civic Centre are currently being re-evaluated in the light of the proposed initiative and public consultations on the Bus Connects / Core Bus Corridor Project from the National Transport Authority.

Area Management remain committed however to improve what is effectively the village centre of Ballyfermot and are exploring what works can be carried out by the National Transportation Authority through the implementation of the Core Bus Corridor Project. In addition, we are currently identifying the works that will be required to be implemented by the City Council and the works that could be carried out on a phased and incremental basis without prejudice to the final decisions on the National Transport Authority plans.

The Ballyfermot Area Office will forward a copy of the proposal to the councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of illegal dumping and litter fines issued across the City and to break it down by area for each of the last five years to include the number of litter wardens employed, number of fines issued, number of fines paid and the amount received. Also the number of fines dismissed due to successful appeal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines all of the information requested in respect of fines issued under all sections of the litter pollution act which incorporates illegal dumping offences.

Fines Issued under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009

2014	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	<u>Total</u>
Fines Issued	1098	131	153	291	451	2124
Fines Paid	354	50	61	111	177	753
Successful Appeals	127	10	22	35	94	288
Revenue						€112,950
2015	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	<u>Total</u>
Fines Issued	741	46	417	314	425	1943
Fines Paid	197	10	245	114	226	792
Successful Appeals	46	4	31	28	49	158
Revenue						€118,800
2016	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	<u>Total</u>
Fines Issued	553	121	193	273	411	1551
Fines Paid	187	43	89	118	210	647
Successful Appeals	104	21	25	46	50	246

2017	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
Fines Issued	665	108	138	318	236	1465
Fines Paid	256	43	57	127	112	595
Successful Appeals	57	10	28	50	50	195
Revenue						€89,250
2018	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
Fines Issued	455	53	104	191	188	991
Fines Paid	171	24	51	82	105	433
Successful Appeals	42	6	5	25	18	96
Revenue						€64,950

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of traffic fines issued across the City and to break it down by area for each of the last five years. Please include the number of traffic wardens in each area for each of the years covered.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not engage the services of Traffic Wardens and enforcement is by way of mobile patrol provided by Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) under contract with the Council.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the housing waiting lists for area J and if the list can be broken down by band and length of time on the list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find the information requested in relation to the housing waiting lists for Area J broken down by band and length of time on the list.

January 2019 Housing List for Area J by Time on List & Band Category					
	0 to 1 Years	1 to 5 Years	5 to 10 Years	Over 10 Years	Grand Total
Band 2 Housing List	125	235	227	70	657
Band 2 Housing List older person	7	14	6	4	31
Band 3 Housing List	117	185	234	113	649
Band 3 Housing List older person	12	37	29	8	86
Traveller Priority		13	12	7	32
Housing Medical Priority	1	5	3	3	12
Housing Medical Priority older person	1	2	1		4
Welfare Priority		2	4	2	8
Welfare Priority older person		1	2		3
Homeless Priority	17	105	42	16	180
Homeless Priority older person		6	1		7
Grand Total	280	605	561	223	1669

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, can I get an update on Oscar Traynor, Laurence Lands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The procurement procedure is currently ongoing and has progressed to the third of six stages as follows:

- Publish the Prior Information Notice (PIN) to alert the market of the upcoming tendering procedure.
- Issue Pre-Qualification Questionnaire to the Market in order to identify and pre-qualify those contractors capable of developing the site. Evaluate responses.
- Issue Invitation to Participate in Dialogue (ITPD) to the eligible candidates requesting that the candidates present their Outline Solution (their best proposal based on the content of the ITPD).
- Evaluate responses.
- Enter into a period of dialogue with the successful candidates to proof their Outline Solutions against DCC's requirements. Evaluate responses.
- Issue the Invitation to Submit Final Tender (ISFT) along with a draft of the Development Agreement. Evaluate responses.
- Notify candidates of award decision and award development agreement.

The Housing Land Initiative Team have now progressed the procurement procedure (phase 3) with the recent publication of the Invitation to Participates in Dialogue (ITPD). The 6 pre-qualified candidates now have until 18th Feb to submit clarifications and until 5th Mar to submit responses to the ITPD by way of their Outline Solution presentation. The following are the indicative timeframes for the remainder of the process:

ACTIVITY

Issue Invitation To Participate in Dialogue (ITPD)
ITPD Clarification Deadline
Issue of Final Clarification
Outline Solution Electronic Submission Deadline
Dialogue Workshops Commence with presentation

INDICATIVE DATES

11 January 2019
11 Feb 2019
18 Feb 2019
05 March 2019
20 March 2019

of Outline Solutions

Close of conduct of Dialogue and any Detailed Solutions	01 May 2019
Issue Invitation to Submit Final Tender (ISFT)	15 th May 2019
Receive ISFT responses	20 June 2019
End of Tender Clarifications with Tenderers	19 July 2019
Close clarifications / negotiations with highest ranked Tenderer	20 August 2019
Notify Economic Operators of contract award decision	02 Sept 2019
Standstill ends	16 Sept 2019
Award Development Agreement	30 Sept 2019

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can I get a breakdown on the big ticket items, that the Local Property tax monies has been spent on in the North Central Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

LPT is one source of income that finances the operational budget and capital programme of Dublin City Council. Other sources of income are Commercial Rates, Government Grants and Goods & Services.

The total LPT income for DCC in 2019 was €52.04m, after a transfer to the Equalisation Fund (€16.01m) and 15% reduction applied by our Councillors (€12m). Of this amount the Department of Housing, Community & Local Government direct €18.16m to the funding of Capital Projects and €10.78m towards the funding of Revenue items.

The City Council is then left with discretionary funding of €4m. This amount is not location or sub-service specific. Table 1 below, outlines the allocation of LPT revenue & capital funding in 2019.

Table 1

Analysis of LPT Allocation - Y2019		
		2019
	Dublin City LPT - 100%	80,060,675
	Equalisation Fund - 20%	16,012,135
	LPT Retained Locally - 80%	64,048,540
Less	15% Reduction (Passed by council resolution)	12,009,101
	Compensatory Funding	-
	LPT Funding	52,039,439
<i>Distribution of LPT Funding</i>		
	Pension Related Decution (PRD)	16,428,262
	Capital Self Funding	18,160,213
	Revenue Self Funding	10,780,600
	Discretionary Funding	4,003,034
	LGF/GPG (already in funding base)	2,667,330
		52,039,439

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can I get an update on Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Plans.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council understands that this scheme is currently out to non-statutory public consultation by the NTA with a closing date for submissions on the 15th of February.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive can the council advise what improvements they have made for wheelchair users in the City Centre over the past 2 years. Can I get an itemised list please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019, the Environment and Transportation Department prioritise works to ensure best value maintenance for the city's infrastructure and to ensure the city's road, footpath and is maintained to the highest safety standard.

The Environment and Transportation Department deliver improved quality of life to the 530,000 citizens and to visitors and tourist alike by ensuring social inclusion for all throughout the city by providing sustainable neighbourhoods.

The Environment and Transportation Department uses its funding to address the needs of disabled and mobility impaired persons and has a policy of incorporating dropped kerbs at appropriate places within works to improve and maintain the existing streets and roadways.

The following junction improvements have been implemented since 2017 giving improved access for wheelchair users.

- New Pedestrian Crossing at Sean Mac Dermott St. / Gardiner St.
- New Pedestrian Crossing at Bolton St / Henrietta St Installation of Pedestrian Crossing
- Harold Cross Bridge Upgrade 4 * Pedestrian Crossing
- Kildare St / Bangor St Upgrade of Pedestrian Crossing
- New pedestrian crossing at Winetavern St
- New pedestrian crossing at Bride St
- New pedestrian crossing at Eden Quay

This provision includes ramping down footway surfaces as necessary, and the provision of tactile paving surfaces to assist persons with disabilities.

Dublin City Council has provided 131 Disable bays in the following areas, please see attachment.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the Housing Maintenance department to inspect the home of your tenant at **(details supplied)** with a view to investigating the waste water coming up through the sinks in this unit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Choke Car is scheduled to clear the outside drain at this dwelling. Subsequent to this work the inside pipes to the sinks will be inspected and any issues found will be resolved.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council replace the footpaths on St. Pappin's Road. In particular, on the north side of the road, where a previous surface treatment is worn away resulting in a very uneven surface.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services carried out major upgrade works on the south side footpaths at Saint Pappin's Road as part of the 2012 annual works programme. In addition, Road Maintenance Services carried out a number of repairs in 2018 on the north side footpaths in order to remove the existing trips.

The remaining north side footpaths at Saint Pappin's Road present an approximately 5mm thick layer of surface treatment material (i.e. ecoflex) that has detached in patches, this is not hazardous despite its unsightliness. The use of this type of material has been discontinued in Road Maintenance Services.

Road Maintenance Services will monitor the condition of the footpaths and will consider the inclusion of north side footpaths at Saint Pappin's Road in a proposed future works programme subject to budgetary limitations and other work priorities

Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive if the City Council will install Children at Play Signs on Clonmel Road, on either side of the public green, where the children play.

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.52 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive do Dublin City Council own **(details supplied)** and if so what are the plans for this site

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This building is adjacent to a development by Respond Housing Association and forms part of a Deed of Rectification which has not been finalised. An up to date report will be provided directly to the Councillor before the next Council meeting.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of damp/mould in **(details supplied)** and for remedial work to be carried out. Can the Chief Executive say when this house will be insulated under the current scheme please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has installed vents in all rooms in this dwelling to assist with any mould issues being experienced by the tenant. Phase 2 of our retrofitting/insulation programme has commenced, however this dwelling is not listed for works in 2019. This dwelling will be considered in our 2020 programme.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for appropriate dishing on footpaths at the entrances to Knowth Court. There is a lady who uses a wheelchair in **(details supplied)** who has difficulty in the local area with the lack of dishing on footpaths.

Can a survey be done in the entire area to see if more dishings are required to enable easier movement for people with mobility issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out a survey along the footpaths on Poppintree Terrace and Carrig Road, which are confining Knowth Court, with a view to install the necessary disabled dishings.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query, the building of a housing Unit on land adjacent to **(details supplied)**. This council owned plot is constantly overgrown and is a site for illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council will include this site in its review of City Council infill sites for possible future housing development.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request, can the recently dumped pile of waste spoil at the western end of **(details supplied)** be removed and the area kept clean.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This area has been cleaned up twice in recent weeks.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request, can the tree on the grass verge onside **(details supplied)** on the grass verge be replaced. The tree was knocked down a few years ago by a car.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There does not appear to be a grassed verge at this location which would allow for the planting of a street tree.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive what quantity (no. of bags, kg/tonnes) of illegally dumped waste was collected by Dublin City Council in 2016, 2017 and 2018. What was the estimated cost associated with the collection of this rubbish in 2018, and how much of this cost was disposal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tonnage figures and costs for removal and disposal of illegally dumped waste for the years 2016 – 2018 are outlined below.

In 2016 Dublin City Council put in place a methodology to more accurately track the amount of illegal dumping being removed and the cost associated with removing and disposing of this waste.

The cost in 2016 was estimated to have been €810,000 with 3100 tonnes of dumped household waste removed and disposed of.

In 2017 it is estimated that the cost was €1.1m with 3115 tonnes of dumped household waste removed. The variance in the 2016 and 2017 figures relates to a

better overall assessment of the associated fleet, fuel and labour costs involved in the activity.

In 2018 it is estimated that the cost was €1.14m with a total of 3932 tonnes of dumped household waste removed.

The cost of disposal of waste relating to illegal dumping in 2018 is in the region of 150k.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, for each year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. How many illegally dumped bags were collected in each year, of these in how many cases was the owner of the dumped rubbish identified. How many cases were fines issued, and in how many cases was the fine eventually received by Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of illegally dumped bags collected is not the primary method used to assess the overall quantity of illegal dumping in the city. This is done through the monitoring of tonnages of dumped material collected and disposed of.

There have been exercises carried out on specific streets and areas at different times to ascertain the number of bags dumped on a daily or weekly basis. For example, a recent exercise in the North Inner City has recorded approx. 350 bags per day dumped across 27 locations.

As referenced in Reply to Q58 in 2016 Dublin City Council put in place a methodology to more accurately track the amount of illegal dumping being removed and the cost associated with removing and disposing of this waste.

In 2016 - 3100 tonnes of dumped household waste removed and disposed of.

In 2017 - 3115 tonnes of dumped household waste removed and disposed of.

In 2018 - 3932 tonnes of dumped household waste removed and disposed of. Given the quantity of waste that is illegally dumped it is not possible for every incident of illegal dumping to be investigated so no comparative statistic can be given between the overall levels of dumping of bagged domestic waste and the number of bags investigated and those in which evidence is recovered.

The experience of enforcement staff carrying out specific activities to investigate illegal dumping indicate that the percentage of bags that evidence is obtained from is consistently less than 5% of the total investigated and is generally in the 1%-3% range.

The information requested on fines issued specifically issued for illegal dumping and the payments received for payment of fines is set out in the table below.

Fines issued under section 3 of Litter Pollution Acts 1997 - 2009

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fines Issued	1581	1484	1181	1299	906
Fines Paid	523	528	490	509	392

Q.60 COUNCILLOR ÈILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how much money has been raised through the issuing of fines to private waste collection companies for breaches to the bye-laws. How many fines were issued, in each year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The details requested are outlined in the table provided below. The dramatic difference between 2014 and the remaining years is due to a specific enforcement campaign that was implemented to combat the issue of ongoing widespread missed collections. As the issue was addressed through enforcement this campaign was no longer required to be in place. The majority of fines issued in the remaining years 2015 – 2018 are for in respect of complaints made regarding collections taking place outside of the hours in which they are permitted.

Fines issued under sections 7 & 8 of Waste Management Bye Laws

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Fines Issued	352	30	6	23	17
Fines Paid	222	15	3	17	8
Revenue	€16,650	€1,125	€225	€1,275	€600

Q.61 COUNCILLOR ÈILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for details of the operational costs of each of its Bring Centres and each of its Civic Amenities Centres, including a breakdown, for the year 2014 and the year 2018 (or 2017 if 2018 figures are not yet available).

Breakdown of:

1. Quantity of non-recyclable household waste received in each centre
2. Quantity of recyclable household waste received in each centre
3. Annual cost of operation of each centre, including breakdown of labour, disposal of waste
4. Income received by each centre for the disposal of recyclable materials
5. Fees paid by Dublin City Council to the management of each centre
6. Final destination of recyclable and non-recyclable waste received in each centre
7. Any other available information on costs in each centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently compiling these figures and a report will be issued to the councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what advice can Dublin City Council give to private households in the end of a sewerage line and constantly having to clean the manhole in their garden.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 1st January 2014 statutory responsibility for water services (including drainage) transferred to Irish Water. The public foul sewers (normally located on the public

road) are now in the charge of Irish Water but are maintained on its behalf by Dublin City Council's Drainage Section under a service level agreement [SLA].

Irish Water is responsible under statute for the public sewers in their charge only. The drain running along the back gardens of houses (collecting the sewage from each dwelling) is a 'private' combined drain and the legal responsibility of the households served by it. Legally, this responsibility extends all the way out to the point where the combined drain connects to the public sewer in the road.

Repairs to private combined drains out in the public road can be extremely costly and can cause undue hardship to certain residents. Recognising this, and notwithstanding that it is not their legal responsibility, Irish Water has introduced a discretionary repair scheme for such cases. However, it is emphasised that this discretionary scheme only applies out in the public realm. The situation to the rear of properties remains as set out above, i.e. it is a private legal matter between the properties sharing the drain and their sole responsibility.

Irish Water may have some powers to act or intervene under the Water Services Act 2007 in respect of certain issues on private drains. However, the law in this area is unclear and a request was made by DCC Drainage at the end of last year for clarity on Irish Water's powers/functions and general policy approach to private drains on private property. In any event, such powers, if any, now rest with Irish Water and Dublin City Council has no role in this respect under the SLA.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how the apprenticeship programme introduced in last year's budget is progressing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Junior Apprenticeship Programme commenced in September 2018. There are currently 21 apprenticeships progressing through the programme as detailed below.

Apprenticeship	Number of Employees
Brick and Stone Laying	6
Carpentry	5
Plumbing	5
Electrical	5

3 of the 21 apprentices entered the programme by way of the Dublin Institute of Technology "Access to Apprenticeship" programme which is a 12 week programme which aims to support the transition of students (16-24 years old) from disadvantaged backgrounds into an apprenticeship scheme.

All Apprentices are currently progressing through their training programmes.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many staff are employed in housing maintenance compared to 5 years ago. There are currently long delays in getting basic work done for tenants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within the next 2 weeks.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would engage with the youth section of Bohemians FC with a view to the club investing money to upgrade the soccer pitches in Albert College and the club taking part ownership of the pitches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no plans to upgrade the soccer pitches in Albert College. Dublin City Council do not enter into part ownership arrangements due to the public nature of its remit.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made on Employing/funding a full time Vet for the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council employs a Vet on a contract basis for the following:

- A. Inspections at the Smithfield Horse Fair twice yearly.
- B. Monthly inspections of the dog pound.
- C. Inspection of stables on receipt of all horse licence application (10 in 2018)

The amount of inspections required do not merit the employment of a full time Vet.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange an inspection of **(details supplied)**. The tenant reports that severe dampness but council are saying it's condensation. She has followed the instructions/recommendations for treating the problem but it is as bad as ever. Can this please be addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance is making arrangements to have an independent damp survey carried out on this dwelling in February. Any recommendations set out in this report will be acted on.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the delay in the transfer of land at **(details supplied)** to the residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report outlining the terms and conditions of disposal is due to be presented at the next South Central Area Committee Meeting due to be held on 20th February.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he can ensure that tenants who have transferred to new and different addresses as part of our regeneration process in Dolphin House are entered into the election register at their new addresses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is normal practice for anyone registering to vote or moving address to notify Franchise Section themselves in order to have the Voters Register updated as required. Our Housing staff involved in regeneration projects would make residents aware of this in the course of such changes. Franchise Section cannot legally re-register electors or change details without the required consent. We will, however, contact the appropriate staff involved with Dolphin House regeneration and remind them to make tenants aware of the situation.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the manager to provide the total number of commercial planning applications, and the total number of commercial applications issued a final grant, broken down by city postcode for each year 2014 – 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested will take some time to collate. It is intended that a reply will be issued directly to the Councillor within 3 weeks.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many complaints were received by families staying in emergency accommodation about the condition of their accommodation in 2016, 2017 & 2018, to give a breakdown of the general complaints and if there will be a monitoring process put in place to ensure accommodation is up to a standard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is committed to ensuring that the highest standards in homeless service provision are offered to individuals and families who experience homelessness.

Complaints

The DRHE records the number of complaints from all people accessing emergency accommodation and does not differentiate between families and singles. The below table details the number of complaints received about the condition of the emergency accommodation in 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Table 1: Complaints regarding 'Condition of Emergency Accommodation'

2016	92
2017	74
2018	85

The complaints above range in nature from:

- General property maintenance and repairs.
- Room size and furnishings.
- Service standards.

The DRHE actively pursues all complaints and has a formal complaints policy that deals with all complaints received. When complaints are received, the appropriate department investigates the complaint and responds accordingly. Inspections are often carried out on foot of complaints. If complaints are made with regard to any aspect of homeless services they are investigated thoroughly and remedial action is taken if appropriate.

Providing emergency accommodation to homeless families and single adults is not without its challenges. The DRHE actively manages these complaints in collaboration with its NGO partners and service providers and is using the process to adapt and improve the services available to its clients.

Private Emergency Accommodation

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out an annual inspections of on all our Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. Since the beginning of September 2017 an enhanced

regime of inspections has been agreed with Dublin City Council's Environmental Health Officers to assess compliance with the New Housing Standards for Rented Houses Regulations (July 2017). These inspections have been carried out in collaboration with the DRHE's Facilities Staff, who ensure compliance with the DRHE's Service Standards and to assess the appropriate continued use of these premises. These inspections are unannounced and are designed to ensure compliance with building, maintenance and health and fire safety standards.

Emergency Accommodation managed by Service Providers

Standards have improved significantly recently with the introduction of the new Family Hubs and the new Single Adult Accommodation. Standards will continue to improve as the DRHE continues to develop more Family Hubs and Single Accommodation across the Dublin region in 2018.

The DRHE has Service Level Agreements with Service Providers which ensures compliance with all the statutory health and safety standards and to particular legislative requirements, including Children First Act 2015 and the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.

The DRHE in conjunction with the Department of Housing has developed the Draft National Quality Standards Framework for Homeless Services in Ireland. This framework will apply to all homeless service provision. These standards have already been rolled out in the Dublin Region. The objectives of the standards are to:

- Promote safe and effective service provision to persons experiencing homelessness
- Support the objectives of National Homelessness Policy, i.e. enabling people to move into and sustain housing with appropriate levels of support
- Establish consistency in how persons experiencing homelessness are responded to across different regions and models of service delivery.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive when will the demolition of the Ballymun shopping centre take place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tender documents for Ballymun Shopping Centre will be issued w/c 4th February 2019. Allowing for tender period, assessment and standstill periods, it is expected that a contractor will be appointed and on site around beginning of May 2019. All demolition work should be complete during 2019 and final site finishes early 2020.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the new apartments on Hampton Woods Drive, due to no lighting for tenants going in and out. This is very dangerous at night time as it is in, complete darkness.

With regards to the new apartment development in Hampton Woods (near Hampton Woods Drive):

The developer/contractor of any site is required to ensure that:

1. The public lighting scheme for the site has been submitted to Public Lighting Services for approval.

2. The public lighting for the development is installed and operational before any part of the site has been open to the public (e.g. houses being occupied) and,
3. Where any part of a development is open to the public, and the approved permanent public lighting scheme has not yet been installed and operational, the developer/contractor is required to provide adequate temporary lighting to the required lighting standards in those areas.

The developer/contractor for this site has not contacted Public Lighting Services with regards to our requirements for the public lighting for this apartment development, nor has any proposed lighting scheme been submitted for approval.

We will ask planning enforcement to contact the developer regarding compliance with their planning conditions.

With regards to the new access road in Hampton Woods that will link to the new signalised junction at Balbutcher Lane/Beclare View junction, a new lighting scheme is proposed to be installed as part of these works and the appointed contractor must submit their proposed public lighting scheme to Public Lighting Services for approval before starting on site.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the future plans for the maisonettes in Ballygall and if a clean-up can be arranged for around them and to cut the grass.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regards the development of Dublin City Council's Housing Regeneration Programme the Housing Department is currently auditing the development potential of all its 240 apartment complexes.

It is also collating information from the Housing and Maintenance Section. This will facilitate evidence based decision making in determining the priorities for regeneration over the next 20 years.

The maisonettes in Ballygall are being assessed under the current audit of apartment schemes.

Public Domain Team will arrange for a general clean up around the maisonettes

Parks can arrange for the grass to be cut in the above mentioned area.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a tabular break down for how much was the Budget & how much spent by Parks in each of the Area Committee for 2017, 2018 & 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The format of financial reporting is prescribed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and captures financial information within operational/functional divisions as set out in the annual budget and annual financial statements. The information as requested cannot be provided

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the contracts for Cornamona have been signed. Has Dublin City Council submitted documentation to the Department for final approval and can he outline a timeframe for construction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tender process for this scheme has recently concluded and approval has been sought by DCC from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government to appoint a contractor for this development. Accordingly, subject to this approval being received from DHPLG, we would anticipate that a contractor will be in a position to commence construction on site in February 2019.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how much funding was allocated to the City's domestic waste collection service for the years 2009, 2010 & 2011. How many staff were allocated to the service.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

When the City Council provided a domestic household bin collection service it was not a simple matter to separate out or otherwise differentiate between staff directly involved in the provision of this service and those who provided essential operational or logistical support. However in January 2012 when the City Council exited the waste collection market 147 waste management staff were determined to be involved in the provision of the bin collection service and consequently reassigned to other duties following our exit from the market. These included 107 general operative staff assigned directly to bin trucks and 40 administrative staff involved in the revenue collection section, waiver scheme administration, bin management office, commercial waste etc. In addition, at the time of our exit the green bin recycling household collections had been contracted out to a private company and they provided the necessary manpower, vehicles and equipment for this element of the household collection service.

A distinction was never made between funding of the domestic bin collection service for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the other street cleaning operations the department managed such as road sweeping, litter bins, illegal dumping etc. Nor could we separate the disposal costs of household bin refuse from refuse collected as part of our street cleaning, litter prevention and illegally dumped materials. Consequently, we are not in a position to provide figures specific to bin collections for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the feasibility studies for the development of the OLV site, Sarsfield Road D10, the Lar Redmond Centre site, Keeper Road, D12. Please give an update on the progress on acquiring Blindcraft, Davitt Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Call for an Expression of Interest for the selection of an Approved Housing Body from the panel (Lot 1 – DCC owned land) under the Communications Development Protocol between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies was issued to the AHBS on this panel for the design, finance, build and operate two schemes for older persons at Sarsfield Road and Lar Redmond Centre.

Expressions of Interest were received from 5 AHBs and following an assessment of each application under the criteria identified in the Expression of Interest, Respond Housing Association were the successful AHB appointed for each site. Under the terms of the Expression of Interest, Respond are obliged to submit a Feasibility Study for each scheme by the 28th February, 2019. This will include a detailed brief and

qualitative standards for the accommodation to be built and the brief and standards for the operation of the facility. The facility at Blindcraft is in use by the HSE.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full clamp down and zero tolerance on illegal street furniture throughout the city of Dublin. This initiative to particularly target those premises that are placing illegal furniture such as barrels etc in the footpaths in the evening time. Also can you issue a full report on all actions that have been taken over the past 12 months by the Public Domains Unit regarding illegal street furniture. This report to include what warning letters were issued and how much street furniture was removed. Also, a full report of the cost of this unit and a full up to date account of how much money is being generated by legal licensed street furniture.

Can you also give me a full list of all premises in the city that are in compliance with street furniture licensing and how many are illegal.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following actions were taken by the Street Furniture Unit over the past 12 months. Please see the table attached.

The costs of operations is divided between a number of Departments who have an involvement in the process, i.e. Planning Department, Traffic Planning Unit, Fire Brigade, Roads Maintenance and the Street Furniture Unit itself. The Senior Accountant has been requested to supply an approximate costing which will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards the convent lands and buildings and former Laundry at Sean McDermott Street. To report and update on any progress that has been made regarding the development of this site. A full list of all inquiries regarding this particular site from all bodies.

Also, can you confirm whether **(details supplied)** have approached the Chief Executive with the view to creating a series of plans in and around these buildings on behalf of UCD Research/JFM.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No further progress has been made in relation to this property since the disposal proposal was rejected last year by the Elected Members of Dublin City Council. We have not had any approach from the company mentioned in the question.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the allocations of funds to the event "Dublin Honours Magdalen's" which took place in the Mansion House in 2018. This report to include a full breakdown of costs and expenditures. All correspondence regarding these monies and who they were allocated to. A full report on the overall expenditures of this project including monies that were given by the Department of Justice and also all costs that were incurred at the Mansion House during the course of this event. This event was co-sponsored by Dublin City Council and in some regards hosted by the Lord Mayor of the Day. Large amounts of public funds were spent on this event and the public, as well as survivors and victims of Ireland's residential institutions are entitled to full accountability, transparency and governance of all monies spent. It is important to note that while large amounts of money were spent on this event many victims are still awaiting redress, compensation and justice and are stuck in lives of abject poverty.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2018 the Central Area Committee approved €30,000 funding from the Area Discretionary Fund to “Justice for the Magdalens Research Group” This group was looking for funding for a reunion event for the Magdalen survivors to take place in Dublin in June 2018. The funding went towards accommodation for the participants and catering at the event. The funding was paid directly by the Central Area Office to the venues by way of invoice. The amounts paid were €12,000 towards accommodation and €14,491.50 towards catering for the event.

The event was located in the Round Room and catered on commercial basis by the Commercial operators of the Round Room and Fire Restaurant. The then Lord Mayor was invited by the organisers to the Dinner in the Round Room on the 5th June. The Mansion House also made the Oak room available for a private meeting of the participants on the 6th June at no cost to the organisers. The Mansion House incurred no financial expenditure related to this event

Any other questions on expenditure should be addressed either to the organisers of the event or the Department of Justice

Q.82 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the NYE festival event. This report to include all monies allocated by Dublin City Council to this event. A full breakdown of the entire cost of the Winter Lights initiative and all staffing costs and overtime incurred by Dublin City Council. Also, what invitations were issued with regards the NYE event. Further, all meetings and who attended these meetings with regards the event management and why this initiative has never been brought to Dublin City Council's attention in any form of report to the Arts Cultural SPC, the Economic SPC or any local area committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A comprehensive report will be brought to the next Arts and Culture SPC.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to comment or provide context to media reports which appeared in December suggesting that an EU Directive would preclude Dublin's street trading community from passing down street trading licences to family members, as has been the tradition for generations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Statutory Instruments No. 308 of 2018 (European Union (Casual Trading Act 1995) Regulations 2018) come into effect on 1st January 2019. Legal advice is currently being sought regarding the implications for this legislation on Casual trading in the Dublin City Council area.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the event management, and risk assessment plan for the 2011 production of 'Laundry', that was performed by the Anú theatre company in the former Magdalene Laundry/ Convent on Sean McDermott. Could the Chief Executive provide me with all documents in the possession of the council, that pertained to this event.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An agreement was entered into between Dublin City Council and ANU Productions Ltd for use of part of the Convent on Sean McDermott as a venue for a community and heritage arts project from 20th September 2011 to 18th October 2011 inclusive.

ANU Productions Ltd provided the relevant insurance cover for this event.

We will furnish the Councillor with associated documents in relation to this project that are held by the City Council.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any architectural drawings or surveys that are currently in the possession of the council, which pertain to the site of the former Magdalene Laundry or convent areas, which are currently in the possession of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a very old building and Dublin City Council does not have architectural drawings or surveys available.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive could to mend the gutters of **(details supplied)**. This issue has been ongoing for some time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This work will be carried out within the next 10 working days.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a decorative naming sign at the entrance of the Rathvilly Estate in Finglas similar to others in the Northwest Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Team will meet with the resident's groups from this area and advise with regard to the standard procedure for the acquisition and installation of these signs.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a decorative naming sign at the entrance to the Barnamore Estate in Finglas South, similar to others erected in the Northwest Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Team will meet with the resident's groups from this area and advise with regard to the standard procedure for the acquisition and installation of these signs.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the City Council resurface the footpaths on Wadelai Road. Please send me the 2019 programme for footpath upgrades in Dublin North West.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services carried out a substantial number of repairs in 2018 on Wadelai Road footpaths in order to remove tree trips and unsatisfactory surface. In

addition, Road Maintenance Services will continue to carry out routine maintenance repairs, as necessary on receipt of a request that provide a specific address.

Road Maintenance Services has submitted the 2019 annual programme to the Area Office for inclusion in the Agenda of the North West Area.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question, the residents are seeking a safe means to cross Sybil Hill Road adjacent to the main entrance to St Anne's Park. When Dublin City Council constructed speed bumps on Sybil Hill Road, one was positioned at this location and it has become common practice for people to try to cross at this point. A lot of visitors to St Anne's park in Vernon Rise and walk through the gap to Sybil Hill. There have many near misses, as some of the older pedestrians in particular seem to regard it as a pedestrian crossing whereas the traffic doesn't and while some cars do stop and allow people to cross most do not. The volume of traffic on this road has increase dramatically since the construction of the apartments at the old swimming baths site and visibility is now quite very restricted as the cars park both sides of the road daily and on weekend some also park on the grass margins, thereby blocking visibility to both cars and pedestrians. The volume of people using St Anne's Park has continued to increased daily which is great to see but I would be concerned that there is a significant risk of injury or worse as it stands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A new pedestrian crossing has been recommended on the southern side of the entrance to St. Anne's Park. This has been included on this year's Works Programme and is currently in the tendering process. It is expected works will commence later this year following completion of the tendering process.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to establish the status of **(details supplied)** and say whether it is on the Derelict Sites Register. Can you also say how an inspection can be arranged as the property has been vacant and derelict for many years. Neighbouring houses report that rodent infestations have arisen as a result.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This site is not on the Derelict Sites Register and the Derelict Sites Section does not have an active file on it. It will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a direct reply will be forwarded to the Councillor. Rodent infestation is a matter for HSE.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on a concern that I have about voter registration for those without permanent addresses or who are in temporary accommodation when registering with Dublin County Council. In theory they are able to use the address of a homeless hostel or emergency accommodation but it is often a lot more difficult in practice and adverse experiences in these hostels could prevent people from picking up a polling card even if they do register there.

Though all local authorities act within the provision of the Electoral Act there is reasonable variation between them in practice. For example, Fingal County Council allow those without permanent addresses to register to vote using the addresses of either of their civic offices. The relevant franchise section at Dublin City Council has

said in response to being asked if this is something they could consider: “There are legal, data management and other issues to be considered. Registering a large number of individuals at addresses at which they never have resided could have unforeseen consequences”.

However, I believe that it's possible for people to collect social welfare payments from the Homeless Persons Unit, which in effect serves as a posting box for such. Given the importance of issues like housing and the role that the council holds in this, I would hope that the council would make more of an effort and accommodations to ensure this group are able to exercise their right to vote and aren't further disenfranchised. Can the Chief Executive please advise on what measures might be put in place to ensure those who are homeless are not disenfranchised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Franchise section has always worked with voluntary organisation to encourage potential voters to register. Depending on their previous residency many of those in homeless services may have been still registered at their previous residence. We acknowledge that some of these polling stations may no longer be convenient for the voters concerned. Every effort will be made by Dublin City Council to ensure that this demographic are not further disenfranchised and facilitated to exercise their right to vote locally. Dublin City Council's Franchise Section will actively engage with Dublin Region Homeless Executive and the relevant voluntary organisations to encourage local registration for those residents currently availing of homeless service in Dublin City. Having contacted homeless service providers, the aim would be to register those qualifying to vote at their family hubs, hostel, or hotel.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the progress on the enforcement file for the Clontarf Baths site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Bord Pleanála have issued a decision to grant planning permission Planning Register Reference 3600/18 with 4 attached conditions. Planning permission has been granted for the following, “RETENTION; Minor alterations to the permitted development (2975/11 PL29N.240131) and 4196/16 (PL29N.248522)) Comprising 1) construction of a new drainage lobby (c.13.5m²) at main entrance to restaurant on north elevation, 2) the addition of glazing on western and eastern corners of restaurant to enclose c.75.4m² of permitted restaurant space and partial realignment of southern facade 3) the addition of a retractable facade 3) the addition of a retractable pergola structure over permitted restaurant space on upper terrace and 4) the addition of screened roof level plant area (c.20m²).”

As a result of the above permission no further action is warranted regarding the enforcement notice dated the 14th of May 2018.

Dublin City Council Transportation Planning Division are in ongoing discussions with the owner of the site regarding site access, parking arrangements and a cycle route

Q.94 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all sites which were considered for inclusion on the derelict sites register but eventually weren't, and the criteria for selecting the sites for inclusion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Any site deemed derelict, within the meaning set out in the Derelict Site Act 1990 is considered for entry on the Derelict Sites Register. The definition set out in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 is as follows:

Any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of:

- A. The existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or
- B. The neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question, or
- C. The presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred by statute or common law.”

The determination of a site as derelict instigates a process of engagement with owners to render their sites non-derelict. Escalation of formal action to entry on the Derelict Sites Register will occur in cases where owners do not engage with the Council or where engagement has not resulted in sufficient interventions by owners to render their sites non-derelict.

The process for entering a site on the Derelict Sites Register requires firstly the serving of a Notice of Intention to enter a site on the Derelict Sites Register, which gives owners a month to make representations. In the event that there are no representations or having considered any representations received the Council consider it appropriate to do so, a site will be entered on the Derelict Sites Register.

Faced with the prospect of entry on the Derelict Sites Register many owners do engage positively with the Council and in those cases entry is deferred and the sites kept under review. The Council served forty five Notices of Intention to enter sites on the Derelict Sites Register in 2018 which resulted in the entry of twenty-one sites on the Derelict Sites Register, two of which were subsequently rendered non-derelict and removed from the Derelict Sites Register. Entry of the remaining twenty four sites has been deferred following consideration of representations received and are active cases under ongoing review. Details of the sites entered on the Register are available on the Council website. Updates on any specific derelict site can be obtained from the Derelict Sites Unit.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the horrific damage been inflicted on the beautiful Old De La Salle Monastery Road, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10 that this City Council seeks to secure. This historic building from the 1950`s from the new owners in order to provide family hubs in the short term and a Ballyfermot Arts, Irish Cultural Centre in the longer term. There is very little building left in Ballyfermot which present opportunities to develop something special for the future which at the same time giving future generations a building that developed when Ballyfermot commenced development. The damage to this building is something which will happen to the De La Salle School when it closes in June this year if we don`t put a plan in operation, to protect same. Waiting for the owners to secure same is not something I would have much faith in. I feel Dublin City Council should try and secure the whole site from the new owners.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These lands and buildings are in the ownership of a private construction company. We will discuss the issues raised by the Councillor with them over the coming weeks.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the serious concerns from residents in the Chapelizod Area to the proposals from Dublin City Council to advance with the development of the Springvale site in Chapelizod that Dublin City Council afford residents the opportunity of a public meeting with Dublin City Council in attendance answering question in relation to the proposed development.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting with the residents in the area will be arranged shortly. The City Council is awaiting up-to-date revised drawings from the architects for the scheme. As soon as these drawings are available, DCC will be in a position to set a date for the meeting.

On 10th January 2019 a public meeting was held in Chapelizod to discuss the provision of a Scouts Hall with community use on the Springvale site as part of the overall development. A sizeable number of residents attended and their comments and observations will be included in the final proposal. It is the intention of Dublin City Council to hold another public meeting to discuss the remainder of the site as soon as final proposals become available from City Architects Section. This intention has been communicated to the Residents' Associations in Chapelizod and publicly at the recent Community Policing Forum.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the following **(details supplied)** is living at the above on a HAP payment for the past 18 plus months having waited years to be housed since the HAP residency the ladies' youngest son was diagnosed with serious health problems, autism & other behavioural issues resulting in the HSE providing him with 1 to 1-day care in a private facility in Inchicore 5 days x 4 hours per week costing over €700 per week. This lady has to bring her son down to Goldenbridge on a daily basis and collect him on public transport as she has no transport of her own. I am deeply worried about her mental state as she has an older son who is now neglected with all the running around with her young son. Can this woman be considered for some accommodation near her mother's on Rossmore Avenue, Ballyfermot as she has all the supports needed to her here to give her children the best possible start in life.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above named applicant is registered on the Housing list since April 2011. Her application is on the Transfer HAP priority list with the following positions;

Area of Preference	Bed size	position
J	2	26
K	2	41

This applicant was awarded HAP at the higher rate due to the significant overcrowding in her family home and due to the health difficulties being experienced by family members. As a consequence, the applicant is already on a priority list and therefore it is not possible to prioritise this case further. The Council has noted the applicants interest in housing in the Rossmore Avenue area of Ballyfermot.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive about the following gentleman's housing situation (**details supplied**). He is on our list for the past few years despite some false hopes he would be considered for Annamore House Kylemore Road nothing came from this. He is moving in the wrong direction on the housing waiting list having been 21st is now 22nd. Can I ask he be housed in Rivercourt Chapelizod or some similar suitable accommodation he is an excellent perspective tenant who would be a good addition to any estate. Why is he not moving up the list many units are regularly allocated however he never seems to get an offer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above named applicant is on the Housing List for Older Persons accommodation with an application date of September 2014, and holds the following positions on this list;

Area of preference	Bedroom size	Position
J – Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore.	1 bedroom	25

We have also reviewed this applicants file and can advise that in 2014 when the applicant applied to Dublin City Council for Social Housing support his position on the list for Area J was 82. We have noted this applicants interest in the above mentioned schemes.

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.99 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if the street light at (**details supplied**) which is not working be repaired as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pole 127 (**details supplied**) at the above address, was repaired on Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive to give the funding allocations that have been determined for Road Maintenance in 2019. Can you give me the commencement dates for carriageway improvements scheduled at Brighton Avenue, Dublin 3 and Celtic Park/Collins Park, Dublin 9.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services' budget for the delivery of the Works Programme in 2019 is €12.167 Million. The tender documents for the North Central area resurfacing contract were issued recently. The tender documents for the footpath works are being prepared. Brighton Avenue and Celtic Park/Collins Park are included in these contracts. We anticipate that works under these contracts will begin this.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can a serious problem of dampness in both bedrooms in a house at **(details supplied)** be dealt with once and for all.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance called to this dwelling in late 2018. An inspection of the dwelling was carried out and a report recommendations were reported to help reduce condensation occurring.

Works recommended in this report will be carried out in February.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive when will this property at **(details supplied)** be refurbished and brought back into the housing stock.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling is currently being refurbished by contractor under Housing Maintenance Voids and Direct Labour Framework. This dwelling is due to be ready for letting in the next two to three weeks.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Dublin City Councils communication and engagement with those involved in, the Dublin Central Development, of the 2.17-hectare site located at the heart of Dublin City, adjoining O'Connell Street as well as Parnell St and Moore Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission for a largely retail redevelopment on this 2.17Ha (5.4 acre) site bounded by O'Connell Street and Moore Street was granted by DCC under Ref 2479/08. Following appeals, the scheme was amended (including the removal of a ski-slope roof) and approved by ABP in 2010 subject to conditions.

Condition no. 5 stated that works to 14-17 Moore Street (A National Monument) required Ministerial Consent. This consent was granted in April 2014.

In 2016 DCC granted an extension to the permission until 6th May 2022.

No. 14, 15, 16, 17 Moore Street are on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), together with the majority of buildings on O'Connell Street, backing onto Moore Lane. Nos 14-17 Moore Street were also designated a National Monument in 2007 under the national Monuments Act 1930.

Elected members in early 2018, proposed that nos. 10, 20 and 21 Moore Street, O'Briens Bottling Stores (R/O 10/11 Moore Street), White House and O'Briens Mineral Water Factory on Henry Place to be added to the RPS. The Chief Executive wrote to Hammerson (the new owners) seeking permission in accordance with the wishes of the Elected Members to internally inspect the buildings proposed for the addition to the RPS. This was declined by Hammerson on the grounds that the site has a valid grant of planning permission.

In March 2017 the Moore Street Consultative Group submitted a report "Securing History" to the Minister of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht.

The Consultative Group comprises a cross section of TD's, DCC Councillors, 1916 relatives and other relevant stakeholders.

The Consultative Group report made a number of recommendations, including that an Advisory/Oversight Group should be established to secure consensus by the relevant players on the way forward. The Minister established an Oversight Group, chaired by Dr. Tom Collins, which is at present pursuing its brief. It is understood that Hammerson have engaged in discussions with members of the Moore street Consultative Group with regard to the future development of this important, central site.

Hammerson have, at their request, had a number of meetings with the Chief Executive's Office in the last year or so. The purpose of these meetings was so that Hammerson could provide an update on their activities, including the recent appointment of ACME architects, who had been given the brief to progress a vision and concept for the Moore Street Area. It was stressed that the study is at a very preliminary stage.

In the Autumn 2017, Hammerson plc and ACME requested a further consultation with the Planning Authority at which they presented preliminary concepts for the Moore Street site providing for increased vitality onto O'Connell Street, retaining the alignment of Moore Lane, the reduction of basement parking, the integration of protected structures and the provision of a pedestrian friendly public realm.

On December 2017, at request of the Chief Executive, a meeting was held with representatives of Hammerson plc to explain the concerns of the Elected Members in relation to the future of Moore Street. It is understood that Hammerson, with their architects, are continuing to refine options for the redevelopment of the site in light of the engagements outlined above.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive where unused sign posts are being removed as part of the City Council's objective to de-clutter our streets, if less obtrusive Sheffield bike stands can be situated in those same streets by way of replacements of the poles for cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has an on-going programme for the installation of cycle parking. Before installing cycle parking a detailed assessment of each location is undertaken taking into consideration a range of factors including the impact on the immediate public realm, local businesses, parking etc. as well as the demand for cycle parking in the area. Existing underground services or cellars also need to be taken into consideration. In the interests of efficiency and value for money it is the policy of Dublin City Council to try and install a minimum of 5 stands in each location.

It is considered that installation of Sheffield Stands in place of sign poles on an individual basis would not be an efficient use of our resources or represent good value for money.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if an update can be provided to this councillor on whether clarity has been achieved via Dublin City Council's engagement with Tristan Capital Partners and/or Twinlite and/or Gannon homes regarding the wholesale purchase of the so called 'Trinity Suite' of three apartment blocks currently under construction along Marsfield Avenue, Clongriffin by Tristan Capital Partners. Also the failure to set aside 10% of the 372 for Part V housing or if the matter has now been referred to planning enforcement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department have carried out a review on all Planning Permissions and related files regarding Part V compliance at Blocks 31, 32,33 Marrisfield Avenue, Dublin 13.

Part V was agreed with the City Council in 2008. 91 apartments (at a negotiated rate of 18%) were provided in Blocks 34,35 and 36 in respect of the 508 units permitted in Blocks 31,32,33,34,35,36. 179 apartments were constructed in Blocks 34,35 and 36 including the Part V apartments. Blocks 31,32 and 33 did not commence at that stage.

Pierce Homes, who had acquired the sites from Gannon Homes, went into receivership and the sites were sold. Hollybrook New Homes/Twinlite acquired the sites for Blocks 31,32 and 33 and sought new planning permission. The cumulative total of dwellings in Blocks 31,32 and 33 as amended is now 374, which is an increase of 45 units over the original permitted total of 329. Therefore, the developer is required to comply with Part V in respect of the uplift of 45 units, which is 4 units (10%). The 4 units due in Blocks 31,32 and 33 will be offset against 84 units in Block 2, Clongriffin, Dublin 13 which has been acquired by the Iveagh Trust.

The Housing Department are now satisfied that any Part V requirements in relation to these blocks has been complied with.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the status of efforts by the Assistant Chief Executive to mediate with staff in the Traveller Accommodation Unit so that the LTACC can resume its meetings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Assistant Chief Executive has engaged the services of Mr. Jack Keyes to take on the role of Independent Chairperson of the LTACC.

Mr Keyes (Retired) has had a long career of successful leadership and management in both the Public and Private Sectors.

He worked with the then Dublin Corporation from 1986 to 1991 as a Senior Executive Engineer moving to Offaly County Council as their first Director of Community and Enterprise (13 years) and he became Cavan County Manager (CEO) in 2004 retiring in 2011.

Since his retirement he has been very active on a range of Social Issues including the National Age Friendly Initiative and on the establishment of CENA which is a Traveller led Approved Housing Body.

I believe he is very suited to this particular task and he would be well known to most of the existing Traveller Action groups.

The aim of the Independent Chairperson is to focus the LTACC on its terms of reference and further the vital work of the LTACC in advising on the delivery of quality Traveller accommodation in the city.

A meeting of the LTACC will be held in February to begin this process and meetings will continue monthly for the immediate future.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council officials responsible for Housings Standards and Fire Safety keep a watching brief of the @RentalProperty8 twitter account which highlights substandard rentals in the Dublin City Council area and in

particular the activities of Spotahome (see email below to councillors by way of background).

Dear Councillors,

I am the curator of a Twitter Account Dublin Rental Investigator (@Rentalproperty8) where I highlight sub-standard, overcrowded properties or properties that potentially breach various regulations, for example, Minimum standards are set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 or Housing Act 1966 Or the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 or the Property Services Regulation Act 2011, to name a few. I believe I provide a valuable service, where I identify properties and explain the relevant legislation to my growing 3000+ Twitter followers. Sadly, Spotahome, a Madrid based online platform is trying to censor the work I do.

Spotahome lists properties available in Dublin from one night to over a year. Many long term, what I consider traditional tenancies. However, Spotahome is not registered with the Property Service Regulator, or the Company Registrations Office although they have 'agents' who view the home on behalf of the tenants and 'Homecheck' the property approving it for rental. They are acting as property service providers but are exploiting technology to circumvent Irish regulations. We should not be accepting of this.

I want to share two things with you, firstly two properties Spotahome feature and approved for rental on their platform. Secondly, how Spotahome is working already to circumvent the incoming tightening of Air BnB regulations.

*When I first featured the 'Lean-To' approved by Spotahome it was picked up by The [Journal.ie](#) and I will share that article with you. See attachment. Then the second property I want to show you is a property listed by Spotahome at **(details supplied)** It potentially breaches Minimum Standards Legislation, no fixed heating appliances and RTA 2004 as it accepts Cash-Only and no evidence of being registered with the RTB. I am also extremely worried about fire safety as the Spotahome Staff member admits that there are bunk-beds in every room and in one room it visibly blocks the window.*

We all need to work together to make sure that platforms advertising properties for rent are regulated. In the seven months I have curated the twitter account there is a decline in the standard of accommodation and because of the lack of enforcement people are putting up sheds, cabins, openly flouting planning laws.

Spotahome trying to censor the account is insidious and they should be held accountable for the properties they approve. I look forward to hearing from you.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Private Rented Section actively monitors social media including Twitter and including the Dublin Rental Investigator account for reports of allegedly substandard accommodation within the Dublin City Council area and appropriate enforcement action is taken where necessary.

We are unable to enter into communication with anonymous referrals or third parties in connection with any action that we may be taking in relation to sub-standard properties within our area. However, if there are any properties of concern, details should be reported to privaterented@dublincity.ie for attention.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following as agreed in the Council Budget for 2019:

- 1) Public drinking water fountains
- 2) Public toilets

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1) Public drinking water fountains.

Dublin City Council are in communication with both Cool Planet and Refill Ireland on the matter of public water dispensers and several locations around the City are under consideration. We will report further on this matter when we have finalised locations.

2) Public Toilets

The Waste Management Department is currently examining what planning implications there are for the installation of automated public conveniences in the city centre and is in the process of identifying suitable locations and the types of facilities available. Once suitable locations have been agreed and any necessary planning issues have been addressed an appropriate tender will be advertised for the supply, installation and maintenance of the conveniences.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on the full pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street, please provide more bike parking there also as this street is currently at capacity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following discussions with local business on Suffolk Street, Dublin City Council undertaking a trial pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street for six weeks from the 2nd of February, 2019. The area from the boundary of number 5 / 6 Suffolk Street to Grafton Street will become a pedestrian zone with the same access hours as Grafton Street. This will see the current bollards and planters moved from the bottom of Suffolk Street to this new location. Cycle parking provision will be reviewed after the trial is completed, when a decision will be made as to whether these changes should be made permanent.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many Cleansing Staff, Litter Wardens and Dog Wardens were assigned to the South East Inner City in each of the last five years for which figures are available. Given the recent disappointing showing in the Irish Business Against Litter Survey and constant complaints about dog poo could he make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cleaning of the South East Inner City has traditionally largely been carried out as part of city centre south side operations from Bow Lane depot. This depot provides a 7-day service and has had an allocation of 17 staff operating on each of 2 shifts 6am – 2pm and 2pm – 10pm daily in the years 2014 – 2016.

In 2017 this number was increased to an allocation of 20 staff operating on the same basis.

With the introduction of area based cleaning during 2018 the areas that were serviced by the various depots were altered in a number of ways including the provision of services to certain areas of the south inner city, Docklands / Ringsend / Irishtown for example, from other depot locations including Davitt Rd and North Strand.

There are for example now 2 large road sweepers a compact road sweeper and 4 vehicles and staff servicing these areas daily from 6am – 2pm. This is also supplemented by a service provision providing ongoing response to complaints and servicing of bins from 2pm – 10pm.

There have been a total of 2 area based litter wardens and 2 depot based litter wardens operating in the South East Area during this period.

IBAL

With regard the recent IBAL results it is clearly needed to set out the following in respect of both the survey and the street cleaning services provided by Dublin City Council.

City Centre

The core city centre received a very good rating overall – Grafton St / Henry St / O'Connell St / Dame St / College green / Christchurch / Temple Bar/ Capel St. To describe the city centre as moderately littered when all of these core sites are rated as litter free is simply not accurate.

The area identified as problematic were small laneways outside the core area such as Georges Hill, Cuckoo Lane and Molyneaux Lane and actions are being taken to address these locations and the effectiveness of street cleaning be monitored and graded to ensure that these actions are working.

Other areas surveyed had mixed results but simply bear no relation to the city centre or in some case to Dublin City Councils area of responsibility.

The survey was negatively affected by the condition of some derelict sites – Iveagh Markets and Site at Capel St and while it is acknowledged that these sites may detract from the overall appearance of an area they are in no way indicative of a lack of service delivery or attention to detail in the way that streets are cleaned and maintained.

Ballymun

The survey preamble notes an improvement. It is worth noting that 80% of sites in Ballymun received a positive review in the survey yet it was characterised as littered. The Ballymun survey again noted the condition of 2 development sites as the primary causes for a poor mark which is again not reflective of the street cleaning regime and also does not acknowledging the significant community effort taking place in the area including being recognised in the national Pride of Place awards and availing of Anti-Dumping initiative funding to create several small park and landscaped areas that were previously prone to litter and dumping.

North Inner City

The survey preamble notes a modest improvement which is strangely not reflected in the overall result. There are some positives in the results for Diamond Park, St Laurence O'Tooles recreation centre and Sheriff St park. Overall it is the continuous battle against illegal dumping in the same areas as the problem has persisted in for a number of years – Summerhill / Sheriff St / Oriel St / Railway St that means that the ratings are very difficult to improve upon.

Response

Dublin City Council has consistently responded to the results of the IBAL surveys in each year by identifying areas for improvement based on the analysis of the issues

highlighted in the detailed IBAL survey results and taking actions to achieve improvements. It is important also to acknowledge and highlight the community efforts taken across the city by active environmental and residents groups supported by Dublin City Council that demonstrate the civic pride and community effort that is in evidence.

Despite ongoing efforts over many years by the City Council the issue of illegal dumping is again highlighted as prevalent. It must be stated clearly that while there remains a deficit in personal responsibility to the issues of litter and illegal dumping, the challenge remains significant to address.

The street cleaning regime within Dublin City is carried out daily throughout the city and the clearing of litter, removal of illegal dumping, sweeping of streets both mechanically and manually and the servicing of litter bins are the core activities carried out within this area of operation.

Dublin City Council will continue to endeavour to provide a high standard of directly delivered cleaning services, provide a range of recycling amenities, engage with communities and promote awareness of litter and environmental issues

Dublin City Council has an ongoing enforcement regime that includes the investigation of illegal dumping, illegal waste collection and waste disposal. In carrying out this regime the council utilises all avenue of legislation and the relevant technology available such as CCTV monitoring of problematic locations. It is the ongoing aim of Dublin City Council to increase the effectiveness of all enforcement activities and to trial and implement new enforcement initiatives.

Finally, to address the issue of dog fouling the City Council has carried out numerous patrols and enforcement initiatives in recent years to combat the issue of irresponsible dog owners who refuse to pick up after their dog. These initiatives have been carried out with significant investment of resources and have included the use of dog wardens and the Gardaí in various locations yet the issue remains one that persists. The City Council promotes responsible dog ownership through the green dog walkers scheme and provides for signage to inform dog owners of their responsibilities and over 3000 public litter bins all of which may be used to dispose of dog waste. It is incumbent on dog owners to respect their local community and dispose of their dog waste in a responsible manner.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please provide an update on the redesign and upgrade of the Dublin City Council Website, including the planning submissions section.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Corporate Project Board, under the Chief Executive's Department was set up in early 2018 to oversee the development of a new website for Dublin City Council. Two suppliers were contracted to undertake user design and develop the Drupal functionality. Content has been gathered and edited for all DCC services. Unfortunately, it was necessary to re-procure one of the tenders which has led to a delay in publishing the website until summer 2019.

While The Planning Department has provided a comprehensive range of content for the new Corporate website it should be noted that the submitting of planning applications and objections is a function of a separate APAS online Planning system.

The Planning Department has commenced work on improving the user experience for this system.

Almost 20% of planning applications and 30% of submissions/observations are received online. The Planning Department has been engaged with the national ePlanning project as well as the other planning authorities who use the same APAS system in order to progress a user friendly online planning service.

The City Council, in conjunction with the other Dublin authorities has worked with the APAS software providers in order to identify and progress improvements that can be made to the existing service. As a result, a completely new portal underpinned by modern technology that is more user friendly is under development.

In December 2018 the APAS planning system software support and maintenance agreement was extended for 3 years and includes the revised portal for web interaction. This will be a complete modernisation of the existing online service with the first deliverables expected by the end of the 3rd quarter this year.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the extinguishment of the laneway to the rear of **(details supplied)**. Could you please tell me if there a live application under consideration. There are regular issues with illegal dumping at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Yes, there is a live application being processed in the North Central Area Office. A report seeking approval from the North Central Area Committee to initiate procedures to extinguish the public right of way over the laneway at rear of **(details supplied)** (under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993) has been prepared and will be listed on the agenda for the February Area Committee meeting which will take place on Monday 18th February 2019.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)** who has asked me to check her position on the housing list. I recently emailed the Housing Allocations Section on her behalf.

- Why was there no response from the Allocations email address.
- Why when I go online to check do I get a "logon error" error message.
- Can you confirm her current allocation/position on the list and for what areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Councils position on line service had experienced some technical difficulties on the week in question, this has now been rectified. We endeavour to answer all email enquires in a short a time as possible, due to the volume of these enquires it can on occasion take a number of days for a reply to be issued.

The above named applicant applied for Social Housing Support on the 1st November 2006 currently holds the following positions on the waiting list:

Area of preference	Bedroom size	position
B	2 Bedroom	75
E	2 Bedroom	74

Q.114 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the appropriateness of the temperature/heating provided in the Kilmore Community Centre during the older citizen's activities, particularly their bowling sessions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The heating in the building is put on approx. 2 hours before the Bowling group arrives. Unfortunately, the current cold weather means that it takes longer for the hall to heat.

The intention is to replace the current hot air blowers with more efficient blowers in the short term.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the installation of traffic calming ramps outside **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is expected that the two ramps on **(details supplied)** will be installed within the next month.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the level of work evaluation and supervision carried out by a) housing contractors and b) grass cutting contractors. Please outline the protocol should work be found to be below standard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Housing Contractors are appointed following a competitive public tender process. The qualifying criteria includes detailed assessment of the applicant's capacity and suitability to carry out the works required.

For example, the new Term Maintenance Contract, includes a service level agreement (SLA) which sets out how the contractor will carry out their work while on the voids framework. The SLA outlines the required timeframe for the refurbishment of properties, Health & Safety requirements and project management requirements. This tender was also based on costings as set out in the Council's Bill of Quantities. This ensures value for money from contractors.

All projects assigned to contractors are subject to a Task Order which sets out the scope of works required and a timeframe for completing the project. While the contractor is carrying out refurbishment on void properties supervision and inspection is provided by Area Maintenance Officers (AMOs) in each area. Final inspection and snagging is carried out on each property. The property is not signed off as complete until the AMO is satisfied that the property has been refurbished according to the Standards for Rented Properties 2017.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the erection of steel hand rails at the stepped entrances to the sea (Dublin Bay) along Clontarf Promenade between the Wooden Bridge and Vernon Avenue. There are steel hand rails provided at the steps / sea entrance near 'Clontarf Baths' and residents living at the Wooden Bridge end request similar. These are practically helpful to aid residents whose dogs use the steps to enter the sea.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site will be assessed in the coming weeks and if suitable this work will be included in the local schedule.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Dublin City Council's Plans for the Vernon and Clontarf Park area of Clontarf. Please include green areas, trees, footpath and carriageway repair, roadside verges, public lighting, street cleaning and drain cleaning etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has not included carriageway resurfacing or footpath reconstruction at Vernon Avenue or Clontarf Park on our 2019 Major Works Program. Carriageway resurfacing was completed at sections of Vernon Avenue in 2018. Road Maintenance Services will continue to program localised repairs as the need arises subject to resources.

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019 and there are no current plans for any changes to the lighting on Vernon Park and Clontarf Park.

However, Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services is currently undertaking a programme to replace all the existing low pressure sodium lights (i.e. the orange coloured lights) throughout the council area with LED lights (i.e. white light) over the next few years and the existing lighting on Vernon Park and Clontarf Park will be included in this replacement programme.

Until such time as the existing lights on Vernon Park and Clontarf Park are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

The road cleaning schedule of the Vernon and Clontarf Park area of Clontarf 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.

All the gullies / drains in the area will be cleared within the next 4 – 6 weeks.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Dublin City Council's Plans for the Kincora Road area of Clontarf. Please include green areas, tree care & maintenance, footpath and carriageway repair, kerbside areas, public lighting, street cleaning and drain cleaning etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has not included carriageway resurfacing or footpath reconstruction for the Kincora Road area of Clontarf on our 2019 Major Works Program. Carriageway Resurfacing has been included for Castle Avenue between Castle Grove and Howth Road.

Road Maintenance Services will continue to program localised repairs as the need arises subject to resources.

There is no public lighting minor works improvements programme for 2019 and there are currently no plans for any changes to the lighting on Kincora Road.

However, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

The road cleaning schedule of the Kincora Road area of Clontarf 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.

All the gullies / drains in the area will be cleared within the next 4 – 6 weeks.

Prior to the cleaning of Kincora Road as an individual entity we have travelled this road during heavy rain at the start of December 2018 and no flooding was recorded.

We have also cleaned 24 of 26 gullies on Kincora Road in response to Cllr queries and also in preparation of a suspected Christmas tidal event which did not transpire.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise and aid the connection of electricity and water (ESB / Irish Water) at our City Farm and Ecological Centre at St Anne's Park. I understand the connection fees etc have been paid. It is imperative that these services are connected as soon as possible as without water or electricity it is impossible to run any of the workshops, generate income, care for the animals or open up properly to the public.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Parks Services have been working closely with St Anne's City farm in this regard and has carried the costs of all connection fees for Electricity and Water. DCC Parks Services will once again make contact with the service providers to try and expedite the necessary service connections/

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive further to the reply to question Number 3 at the South East Area Committee on the 10th September 2018. Please outline what items/works are included in the "Area Landscape Maintenance Contract" apart from grass cutting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Works in the Area Landscape Maintenance Contract for the South East Area consists of grass cutting, litter picking & herbicide treatment operations. In addition to this, a very small amount of hard surface maintenance, and a smaller amount of shrubbery maintenance takes place in our senior citizen and social housing complexes.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive the following questions about Motion 12 & 13, which I proposed at the South East Area Committee meeting in July 2017. I have received a report which I have attached.

- What happened when the matter was referred to the Environment SPC.
- What reply, if any, did the Council receive from the Tidy Towns Unit, in the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
- If the Council received no reply, did it follow up at any stage with the Tidy Towns Unit in the intervening eighteen months.
- Can the changes which I want to see introduced be made by way of amendment to the Dublin City council waste bye laws.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Posters Protocol is approved by the City Council. In order for a ban to be placed for permission to display posters during the months of June and July, an amendment to the Posters Protocol must be submitted to the Environment SPC for consideration and if approved is then forwarded to the City Council for their approval.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive about the following question 83, which I asked at the City Council meeting in December 2018. I have received the attached response. Despite the response provided I did not receive any detailed report at the January 2019 meeting of Dublin City Council. Please provide this immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Q.83 December 2018

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;

Reply

The responsibility for public transport lies with the National Transport Authority and not with the Local Authorities. However, DCC would support such a proposal and will discuss this item with the NTA.

- 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;

Reply

A mini expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme to service Grangegorman Campus and environs was substantially completed in 2018. This expansion was supported by the NTA. Finalisation of the Phase 3 expansion programme will be undertaken in first quarter 2019 with possible further 1-2 station expansion later in the year to alleviate any capacity constraints identified in critical areas of the network. Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme beyond this capacity 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 (Bleperbike) on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of further station extension.

The scheme has been designed to be primarily self-regulating, i.e. members move bikes from full to empty stations through the course of journeys over the day. This is supplemented by a small percentage of vehicle redistribution. Due to the demand for the service, there can be capacity problems at stations at peak times. The constraint in this instance is not staff numbers but the degree to which redistribution vehicles can actually move through the city to redistribute bikes at peak rush hour. The problem is that at the very time when demand for redistribution is at its highest during rush hour periods, the operator experiences the most difficult traffic congestion and with this constraint, cannot redistribute a significant quantity of bikes through the city. This is why the scheme was designed to self-regulate. Unfortunately, under current road traffic legislation, Just Eat dublinbikes redistribution vehicles are not permitted to use bus lanes when carrying out regulation.

At present we are facilitating the introduction of stationless bike schemes which allow the benefits of bike sharing schemes to be extended throughout the City. DCC is committed to supporting this approach and has installed over 2000 bike parking spaces to facilitate the roll out of these bikes schemes.

- 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;

Reply

There are no proposals to allow E-scooter schemes to operate in Dublin.

- 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);

Reply

We already have access to extensive range of information regarding traffic delays etc. The Lincoln Place scheme was introduced as a bus priority measure which has been quite successful at separating bus and general traffic to avoid delays to the public transport service.

- 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

Reply

DCC does engage with the citizens in a variety of ways both before and during a scheme, An example would be the group established for the Clontarf to city centre cycle route.

- 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.

Reply

Unfortunately, in most of our schemes due to the constrained nature of the road network in Dublin City, it is extremely difficult to bring forward any schemes which do not impact on other modes. An example would be the Luas Cross City where substantial and wide ranging diversions of traffic, movement of bus stops and loss of loading bays and parking had to form part of the scheme. DCC tries to ensure that there is sufficient information and data regarding any scheme such that a judgement can be made as to whether the benefits outweigh any negative consequences.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the ever increasing problem of double parking in Ranelagh village, especially on the main thoroughfare through the village, to ask the Chief Executive to introduce clear and effective signage which reminds/informs motorists that:

- Double parking is illegal.
- Identifies the sanctions which follow for these breaches of the law.
- Prevails upon the Gardai and Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce the law in Ranelagh village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no signage available to deter double parking. However, this location is subject to ongoing monitoring by Dublin Street Parking Services and enforcement action will be taken when necessary.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the proposal for a public plaza at College Green, and while accepting that scarcity of resources may be a significant obstacle, to ask the Chief Executive, has consideration been given as to the feasibility of an underground tunnel from one end of the proposed plaza to the other (perhaps going underground at College Street or thereabouts, to resurface perhaps before the turn at Fownes Street) to address traffic concerns. The State has already incurred a liability which will ultimately run into hundreds of millions of euro on a 700 metre tunnel in Limerick. A tunnel at College Green would be less than half the length and would not need to bore as deeply as one which goes under the River Shannon.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not believed that this is a feasible proposal due to the difficulties in constructing any tunnel at this location and the construction, maintenance and operational requirements of such a tunnel. In addition, it is very unclear how any tunnel portals could be located on any approach to College Green and the visual and environmental intrusion such a tunnel would cause.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an extension of the Dublin Bikes scheme to Suir Road Bridge in Dublin 12, this is an ideal location close to the LUAS stop.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A mini expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme to service Grangegorman Campus and environs was substantially completed in 2018. This expansion was supported by the NTA. Finalisation of the Phase 3 expansion programme will be undertaken in first quarter 2019 with possible further 1-2 station expansion later in the year to alleviate any capacity constraints identified in critical areas of the network.

Any further growth of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme beyond this capacity 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 (Bleeperbike) on the Just Eat dublinbikes business and operational model. There is therefore no definite timeline in place for the delivery of further station extension.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for our road engineers to contact Irish Water and together carry out a road by road survey of the footpaths in the Dublin 12 area on which Irish Water contactors have recently replaced lead pipes. On many of these footpaths, the contractors have left defects and some are poorly finished. There is also still a residue of cement and sand still on the footpaths and roadways.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water regularly attend meetings with Road Maintenance Services. Irish Water appointed a contractor in Q3, 2018 to permanently reinstate temporary openings within the Dublin City Council administrative area. There are still a number of temporary openings that are awaiting permanent reinstatement by Irish Water. All permanent reinstatements, as directed by Dublin City Council, must comply with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads" published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Road Maintenance Services communicated the above issue with Irish Water and will review the progress of these repairs at the next meeting on January 31st 2019.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposals to deal with the issues surrounding the installation of log cabins/similar in domestic back gardens for use as dwellings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report is included in the agenda for the City Council meeting of 4th February 2019.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the housing maintenance waiting lists in the North Central Area addressed with regards to improving waiting times for initial inspections and works to be carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repair requests to Housing Maintenance are categorised in order of priority. Our aim is to respond to requests in a timely manner and within the following timeframes including requests from tenants in the North Central Area.

Emergency: Immediately
Urgent: Within 5 working days
Routine: Within 8 weeks.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the road markings inspected at the junction of Oscar Traynor Road with the entrance to Aulden Grange and Woodlawn Estates, Dublin 9. The paint markings including the yellow box have practically been removed by the heavy volume of traffic using this junction including many HGV's delivering daily to the Centra.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location will be inspected in the coming days. All markings on the junction will be renewed within 30 working days of the Council Meeting of February the 4th 2019.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many families have been housed coming from the Family Hub on Greencastle road, Dublin 17, since the Hub has been operating.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Greencastle Parade Family Hub began accepting families in June 2018. A total of 14 families moved to long term permanent housing from June 2018 to the end of December 2018.

There have been thirteen families that have been housed via the HAP Scheme from the Family Hub on Greencastle Parade, Dublin 17. One family reached an offer of accommodation in line with the Scheme of Letting Priorities to a Local Authority tenancy

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to provide detailed answers to the questions below in relation to recent works undertaken in St Anne's Park as outlined below and in the attached photo, taken yesterday (Sun, Jan 20th) of poured concrete steps which have been installed near the area of the Duck Pond leading from ground level to the elevated area containing the old tower overlooking the pond. I am dismayed at the lack of consideration for the surroundings that has taken place in this instant and it gives serious concern for what (if any) future plans are in place for this wonderful public space.

The questions I have are as follows:

- When was the decision taken that steps were required.
- Why was it decided that steps were necessary.
- What alternative options were considered.
- Why was the decision taken to use poured concrete over other (if any) proposals.
- What other areas of the park are being considered for similar installations.
- Are alternatives to poured concrete being considered.
- Are alternatives to ugly iron hand rails being considered.
- Was there (or will there be) any public or stakeholder consultation for the this and/or future plans

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The steps were constructed to provide safe access to the top of the slope near the lake to allow park visitors to see the recently restored Roman Tower (Tomb of The Julii) garden folly. The decision was taken late last summer after a number of interested groups who were being shown around the restored follies struggled to ascend the earthen slope highlighting the inadequacy of access in the area. The steps were also considered essential to prevent any further erosion of the bank above the lake at this location by park users scrambling up and down the earthen slope.

No other options other than steps were considered as the aim is to create a logical route around the restored follies that can be advertised and mapped for interested visitors. To link St. Anne's Well at the bottom and the Roman Tower at the top of the steep slope the logical solution is a flight of steps.

Concrete was considered the most appropriate building material in this instance as it provides the flexibility to meet accessibility requirements with regard to tread and riser depth while following the existing slopes and reducing the amount of cut and fill required. Consideration was given to 'forestry' type steps using more natural materials but it would have been considerable more expensive, more invasive, more difficult to get the consistency of tread and riser depth and would require regular maintenance to ensure they remained safe and fit for purpose.

No other areas are being considered for a similar treatment at this time. It is appreciated that the brand new concrete steps and galvanised hand rail are a little stark and visually intrusive at this time. The concrete will weather down and look less bright with time. The hand rail is essential to allow older or less mobile visitors access to an area that they may not have been able to visit in the past.

The Area will be inspected later in the spring with a view to reseeding bare areas, which will further help to integrate the steps into the surrounding natural environment

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive, I have received a number of representations in relation to a lack of clarity in relation to recent speed limit changes, particularly where the limits change from 50 to 30 km and vice versa.

Please see this example: I would like to draw your attention an issue that I find problematic. There is a proposal that the government is considering a regulation which would give increasing penalties points depending on the number of kilometres by which a motorist has exceeded the speed limit. I believe that this is a good idea. However, I live in Dublin where a large area is now within a 30 kilometres speed zone. My problem is that is largely impossible to know when you enter and leave these zones through lack of signage. I drew this issue to attention of Road Traffic Authority and Dublin City Council in 2017 (see response below) and in both cases received unhelpful answers. The Council response says the signs are put up where the new speed limit starts but I am at a loss to see any such sign in Dublin Area. I believe that one of the areas covered by this regulation is 'Between the Canals'. I regularly drive along Drumcondra Road and pass the canal and there is not such sign. This is just one such example but there are many more. Authorities have the responsibility of enabling people to keep the law but this issue highlights where this is not the case. I would appreciate if bring this matter before the Dublin City Council. Please provide a comprehensive response on this particular example and on the issue in general.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All roads in the Dublin City Council jurisdiction are deemed to be 50Km/h unless otherwise signed. All changes to this standard are appropriately signed at the junctions where changes occur.

Drumcondra Road is an arterial route with the speed limit of 50Km/h (purple colour) and is surrounded with the streets designated to 30Km/h zones (yellow and pink colours). Please see the link and the image below. Speed signs are located at the point of entry to a zone and exit where the speed limit changes. All required signage has been installed in this area.

[http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RoadsandTraffic/generaltrafficmeasures/Documents/rt3369_11 - 30KP Speed Limit Review-Appendix C.pdf](http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RoadsandTraffic/generaltrafficmeasures/Documents/rt3369_11_-_30KP_Speed_Limit_Review-Appendix_C.pdf)

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following to be addressed on Stannaway Road, Poddle Park and adjacent roads, as despite local residents trying to keep their neighbourhood tidy, the area needs greater support from the Council to achieve this.

- Weed spraying and clearance from kerbsides and footpaths.
- More regular emptying of litter bins and clearance of street litter which has increased in recent weeks given that the road looks untidy with weeds, etc.
- Rubbish bins placed at bus stops with regular scheduling for emptying on this busy road.
- Rubbish and dog poop bins needed along Stannaway Road as there is a park at each end which is attractive for dog walkers. Bins at parks are regularly overflowing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Weed spray programme in South Central commenced in July 2018. The Weed spray programme is outsourced by Road Maintenance on behalf of the Areas. Mild weather conditions over the winter has prevented some weeds from dying off. The weed control programme for 2019 has yet to be finalised. Public Domain can work directly with St Martins Residents Group and Cashel/Poddle Park residents to provide additional supports and clean up equipment in the interim.

Waste Management Services had the street litter and weeds removed from Stannaway Road during the last week of January 2019. We will monitor the cleanliness of this area and ensure that is cleaned on a regular basis.

As Stannaway Road is a residential road with no significant litter generators it is not recommended to install public litter bins on the street. The surrounding main thoroughfares have an adequate number of litter bins to cater for the needs of both dog walkers and the general public and these are located in proximity to litter generators such as shopping locations and bus stops.

It is the responsibility of dog owners to both remove and dispose of their dog waste appropriately and it may be disposed of either in the nearest available public litter bin or in their domestic bin.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to either arrange for the bin at the bus stop on St. Mary's Road, Crumlin to be emptied more often (regularly overflowing) or removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to have the above mentioned litter bin removed due to the constant dumping of domestic waste in and around this bin. The bin has unfortunately become a focal point for dumping.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the program of works for paths and roads in the South Central area for 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The attached outlines the program of works for 2019 for the South Central Area.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the trees that were removed in 2018 from St. Theresa's road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Replacement trees will be planted on this street over the next 4 weeks.