

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

Q.1 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can he tell me when a new bathroom will be installed at **(details supplied)**. This was applied for in January 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The installation of a low level shower for this tenant has been approved under our accessibility programme for tenants with medical issues. The estimated date for commencement of works is end June to early July of this year.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise what improvements the Council have made to facilitate blind people commuting around the City Centre over the past 2 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are continuously providing for the visually impaired throughout the city and priority has been given to facilitating them, including the provision of Audible Pedestrian signals with tactile paving, new footpath buildouts with footpath dishing's and tactiles. Removing and relocating inappropriate street furniture considered a hazard, such as waste bins, bicycle stands, planters, and bollards.

Also each year there is a Traffic Works Programme which consists of Pedestrian Crossings, Buildouts and Ramps. When the works are being designed for the Works Programme the needs of the visually impaired are part of the design stage

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that repairs to the roof in the home of **(details supplied)** which are causing a leak into the main bedroom are completed by the time he provides a report on the matter; and if you will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have cleaned the gutters both to the front and rear of this dwelling. The felt under the lead at the chimney has been repaired.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether there are any plans to widen Kimmage Road West.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no objective to widen Kimmage Road West in the current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The Kimmage to City Centre route proposed under Bus Connects begins at the Kimmage Road West/Fortfield Road junction and proposes some works at that location. The drawings for the route can be viewed on www.busconnects.ie

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could report to me why the three-bedroom house at **(details supplied)** has been empty since apparently November 2017.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The property referred to became vacant on 25th November 2018. It requires extensive refurbishment and is currently being refurbished by a contractor under the new Term Maintenance Framework. The contractor is being supervised by the Area Maintenance Officer and it is anticipated that the property will be available for letting by late April. The Area Housing Manager will be updated on progress by Housing Maintenance during the course of refurbishment in order to ensure a timely reallocation.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct traffic surveys of the Lorcan Road/Shanrath Rd area and the Ellenfield Rd/Glenshesk Rd area of Dublin 9, to determine the volume of the traffic using these routes as rat runs, particularly at peak times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New objective procedures on assessing how Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes would be considered and ranked were successfully brought through the Transportation SPC late 2018. Essentially this is our agreement on how schemes qualify or not and if they do, an agreement on ranking them for design and implementation and connecting them with funding.

This approach followed much discussions with Members in 2018 including two workshops.

It was agreed by Senior Management in Traffic that one additional Engineer would be assigned to each of the North City and South City.

Traffic are now pleased that a new Recruitment Campaign is now live and hopes that two additional staff will be deployed in this section during March 2019.

Following this we will be in contact to discuss the locations mentioned above.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÌ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise on steps that be taken to ensure the safety of pedestrians be they tourists or Dubliners on the Liffey Boardwalk. What should be a major amenity has become a venue for anti-social behaviour, some of which is serious in nature. Please make a detailed statement on the matter setting out steps to be taken by Dublin City Council to positively enliven the space and indicated the level of support needed from the Gardaí in ensuring people's safety and dealing with various forms of criminal behaviour currently evident on a daily basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is acknowledged that the Liffey Boardwalk attracts a degree of anti-social behaviour. It is considered that the most appropriate forum to consider these problem is the Central Area Joint Policing Committee and the ant-social element of the question will be forwarded to that Committee for consideration.

The Environment & Transportation Department recently engaged the services of contractor to carry out preventative and routine maintenance to include board replacement, power washing and seating upkeep. Additionally, solar compactor bins (big belly) have been installed which adds to the amenity of the boardwalk.

It is premature to consider further investment on the boardwalk until such time that the Joint Policing Committee reports on measures to mitigate against the anti-social behaviour.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÌ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with severe condensation case for this tenant (**details supplied**) where emergency action is due. Condensation badly affecting 3 rooms in the house. Emergency action was promised to tenant in December.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A condition survey has been carried out on this dwelling. This has identified condensation. A mechanical ventilation contractor will be in contact with the tenant in the next few weeks to arrange the installation of a mechanical ventilation unit to deal with this issue.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the type of tree to be planted as part of the Arbour Hill Traffic Improvement Scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Department have arranged to meet the Landscape Architects with the view to the most suitable tree species depending on their suitability to setting, biodiversity value and visual appearance. Once the Traffic Department have met with the Landscape Architects we will have a better idea of the type of tree that will be planted in the Arbour Hill Improvement Scheme. The Traffic Department hope to meet the Landscape Architects in the next couple of weeks.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, as to how much was paid out in claims and compensation relating to Falls and Injuries in 2017 from badly damaged pathways.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report is being compiled in relation to the above and once complete, will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of the land on Jamestown Road beside FAS which is owned by Oaklee. Is the land due to be developed for either housing or other initiatives?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council understand that this site is privately owned. Oaklee Housing Association had discussions with the owner of this site in 2016. However, they were unable to agree a viable use of the site and have not progressed their interest any further.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for children at play signs, on Windmill Park and Windmill Roads, Crumlin. This area has many children playing on the roads and a large amount of traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 29th November, 2016, reported that the guidelines for the provision of 'Children Crossing' signs, as noted previously by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, are as follows:

'Children Crossing' signs are only to be recommended where there is a particular risk that children could be injured by vehicular traffic. This would include for example roads where there is a green /open space or play area adjacent to the road. Signs may be provided at the entrance to a housing estate from a main traffic route. Signs should only be erected on roads that are primarily residential in character with continuous frontage.

'Children Crossing' signs should not be recommended for main roads, traffic calmed roads or cul-de-sacs.

As a result, the Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not recommended to install Children Crossing signs at the above locations, as Windmill Park and Windmill Road are traffic calmed by speed ramps.

Windmill Park and Windmill Road are within the new speed limits set by Dublin City Council for residential areas in parts of the city. As part of the new limits, "Speed limit" signs are erected at all points where there is a change of speed limit. Incorporated into these new signs there is a "Home Zone" and "Slow Zone" sign along with the speed limit. This is to warn motorists that it's a residential area and to expect children.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the tree outside (**details supplied**) which is uprooting the footpath and cracking the driveway and blocking light.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has no responsibility to remove the tree in question however; we did inspect the adjacent footpath. Minor footpath repairs have been scheduled for this location when a crew is next available in the area.

A detailed inspection will be carried out at this location in the coming weeks and recommendations will be made to the relevant Department.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to ask for advice for the Credit Union on Churchgate Avenue, regarding the problem of rodent infestation they are experiencing. What services are available to them in Dublin City Council or otherwise in order to have this problem dealt with as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Problems with rodent infestation on private property should be referred to the Pest Control Section of the Health Service Executive at 018605860.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the Laneway used by schoolchildren that runs to Kincora Road (near to then junction with Vernon Avenue). Consider the possibility of installing a steel barrier at this laneway exit, to dissuade children from flying through the exit on bikes and into oncoming traffic. One that would oblige them to dismount bikes would be ideal and much safer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The provision of a pedestrian barrier will be investigated by a Traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be advised of any recommendation before the April Area Committee meeting.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for a thorough examination of the following issues affecting cyclists in the city:

The condition of the Malahide Road/North Strand Road has deteriorated significantly since the snow event last March. Cracks have appeared in the surface and these have not been covered over since that time. Cyclists have to avoid some of these "cracks" or otherwise wheels would end up damaged. There is also the likelihood that cyclists could fall off the bike if they lose their balance when negotiating these dangerous parts of the road. This is particularly the case through and beyond the junction of the Malahide Road and Griffith Avenue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected Malahide Road from Fairview Strand to Belmayne. A number of pothole repairs were scheduled when a crew is next available on the area.

If there are specific locations which are causing difficulty, please identify these locations with reference to the nearest lamp post or house number and additional inspections will be scheduled with a view to carrying out repairs.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the length of stay of each family who has entered family hub homeless accommodation since the hubs became operational.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 368+ families residing in family hub homeless accommodation across the Dublin region. To determine the length of stay of every family that has stayed in a family hub would require a record by record search.

However, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) carried out an exercise to evaluate the length of time that families have spent in temporary emergency accommodation. The table below detail the length of time families have been living in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region (PASS data is collated on a regional basis).

Table 1: 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	1,233	1,736	100%

Q.18 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on the housing file of **(details supplied)** currently facing a notice to quit date of July 2019. This lady has three children, ages 6, 17 and 18, so included in this report should be the full range of options available to her and her family to avoid homelessness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above named applicant is on the housing waiting list with an application date of February 2008 and currently holds the following positions on this list;

Area of Preference	Bed size	position
B	3	81

The applicant has recently advised the Allocations section of her notice of termination which we have noted on her file. This applicant is eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP), which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant be unsuccessful in sourcing another private rented tenancy in the next four months, and is within twenty-eight days of the notice of termination date the applicant can present to Park Gate Hall, where she can be assessed for a Homeless HAP payment. This is an enhanced HAP payment for applicants who are at imminent risk of entering emergency accommodation or are already residing in emergency accommodation. Should the applicant be unable to source accommodation with the financial support of a Homeless HAP payment, the household will be assessed for placement into emergency accommodation until such time as a property can be sourced through the HAP Scheme.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what if any progress has been made to render the following sites non-derelict:

- Hanlons site opposite Lidl Cork Street, planning permission ref 3619/18
- Donnelly Centre phase 2, Cork Street, planning permission ref 3426/18
- Terrace opposite Sophia Housing/Weaver Park, Cork Street
- Old cinema/Windsor motor site at entrance to Dolphin House, Dolphins Barn
- 29 - 31 the Coombe, previous planning permission ref 5633/07
- Corner of Blackpitts and New Row South planning permission ref 3335/17

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Hanlons site opposite Lidl Cork Street, planning permission ref 3619/18

Entry of this site to the Vacant Sites Register is currently being processed in line with criteria as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

Donnelly Centre phase 2, Cork Street, planning permission ref 3426/18

This site was published on the Vacant Sites Register on 28th July 2017. Following receipt of additional information, in relation to the ownership of this property, this entry was removed in August 2017. Documentation is currently being prepared to contact the current owners.

Terrace Place opposite Sophia Housing/Weaver Park, Cork Street

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to 118 Cork Street, and 119-120 Cork Street. A notice of intention under S(8) 2 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to enter these sites on the Derelict Sites Register was served on the owners on 17th February, 2019.

Old cinema/Windsor motor site at entrance to Dolphin House, Dolphins Barn

This site has been sold recently and the Derelict Sites Section will be writing to the new owners under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

29 - 31 the Coombe, previous planning permission ref 5633/07

These sites are in new ownership and the owners have been written to under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. The owners have responded that they intend to apply for planning permission shortly and have already engaged Architectural Heritage Specialists. The site will be kept under review.

Corner of Blackpitts and New Row South planning permission ref 3335/17

Entry of this site to the Vacant Sites Register is currently being processed in line with criteria as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to the recent increase in premises trading as casinos in the city can you state whether Planning Permission was secured for the new signage at **(details supplied)**. Google Street View shows no signage outside this premises in 2011, signage stating “Empire Amusements” in 2017, and currently “Empire Casino”. Was any Planning Permission sought for these changes, or any other changes in use or layout of the premises in recent years, and can you update me on the law pertaining to casinos in the city, and any recent court judgements on this matter, noting that other similar establishments have made similar changes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted in 2015 (Reg.Ref.4231/15) for the removal of the existing box roller shutters and existing shopfront, and development of a new shopfront incorporating a new 400mm illuminated "back lit" stainless steel sign at 4-5 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2. Condition 2 of the permission states that the proposed development shall be carried out in accordance with “option 1” as submitted on the 4/3/16. “Option 1” shows Empire Casino in backlit stainless steel lettering.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on any discussions or agreements that the Council has had, if any with the European Central Bank regarding financing housing or other infrastructural projects in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Housing Department is not currently involved with the European Central Bank (or the European Investment Bank) on finances for Housing.

Some engagement has occurred between Dublin City Council and the European Investment Bank and also the Council of Europe Development Bank.

In the context of infrastructural projects, that will not make a commercial return on investment, the critical issue is the funding of the financing costs (i.e. interest payments).

Q.22 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the expected dates for roll-out of real-time air quality monitoring in Dublin City; outline what is proposed for measurement; when there will once again be air quality monitoring in the north inner city given that the Coleraine Street site is offline, and outline whether there are any exceedances of guide-levels for Nitrogen Oxides (NO & NO₂) and particulates (PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5}) and make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(i) Real time monitoring

Intensive work and investment by Dublin City Council in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency to extend the existing real time air quality monitoring capacity in Dublin was carried out in 2018. As a result, the following pollutants are monitored in real time in Dublin City by Dublin City Council/EPA or by Dublin City Council in the wider Dublin Region (see table below). The results from this monitoring can be found in real time at <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/data/>

Location	Pollutants Monitored in real time
Sites operated solely by Dublin City Council in Dublin City	
WINETAVERN ST.	Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) Sulphur dioxide(SO ₂) Carbon monoxide (CO)
BALLYFEMOT	Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) PM10 PM.2.5
DAVITT RD.	Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) PM10 PM.2.5
PHOENIX PARK	PM10 PM.2.5
MARINO	PM10 PM.2.5
FINGLAS	PM10 PM.2.5
ST. JOHNS RD.	Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) PM10 PM.2.5
Sites operated solely Dublin City Council outside Dublin City	
TALLAGHT	Sulphur dioxide
BLANCHARDSTOWN	Nitrogen dioxide
DUN LAOGHAIRE	Nitrogen dioxide
Sites operated in Dublin City by EPA	
ST. ANNES PARK	PM10 PM.2.5
RATHMINES	Nitrogen dioxide Sulphur dioxide PM10 PM2.5 Ozone Benzene and related compounds
RINGSEND	Nitrogen dioxide Sulphur dioxide PM10 PM2.5
PEARSE ST.	Site currently under commission

(ii) North inner city monitoring

Air quality monitoring at Coleraine St. ceased during 2018 for operational reasons related to the site. Dublin City Council in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency has completed a comprehensive indicative air quality study in the city over two years to identify potential sites for new air quality monitoring stations. As a result of this work, it is envisaged that a new station will be established in the Custom House Quay area of the city and site investigations are underway to find a suitable site that meets stringent EU siting criteria.

(iii) Exceedances

In respect of compliance with air quality standards for nitrogen oxides and particulates, there are two criteria for consideration. Firstly, there are the EU mandatory air quality limit values, which have legal status across all EU Member States. Secondly, there are World Health Organisation guidelines which are not mandatory but do reflect the standards of air quality necessary to safeguard human health.

Criteria for Nitrogen dioxide

The EU annual mean limit value and WHO annual air quality guideline value are both $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The EU hourly limit value is that not more than 18 occurrences of the hourly value to be above $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

The WHO guideline hourly value is that there should be no hourly values above $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Criteria for particulates (PM10 & PM2.5)

PM 10

The annual EU mean limit value is $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ whereas the WHO annual mean Guideline is $20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

The EU Daily limit value is that $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ must not to be exceeded more than 35 times in a calendar year.

The WHO 24 Hourly mean guideline is $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

PM2.5

The EU annual limit value of $20 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ whereas the WHO Guideline is $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

The WHO 24-hour mean is $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Results

Air Quality data in the EU is required to go through a rigorous data validation process before final official publication (usually in the third quarter of the year).

The most recently published data set is for 2017. A detailed review of this can be found at

<https://www.epa.ie/media/Appendix%20A.pdf>

In summary:

Nitrogen dioxide

Concentrations at all monitoring sites in Dublin City were below the EU annual limit value and WHO annual air quality guideline value.

There were also no exceedances of the EU NO_2 hourly limit value.

There was one hourly average above the hourly WHO air quality guideline in Blanchardstown.

PM10

Concentrations at all monitoring sites were below the EU annual limit value. There were also no exceedances of the EU daily limit value. Concentrations were also below the annual WHO air quality guideline value. However, some sites were above the daily WHO air quality guideline value.

PM2.5

Concentrations at all monitoring sites were below the EU annual limit value and the annual WHO air quality guideline value. All monitoring stations had exceedances of the daily WHO air quality guideline value

Work is ongoing on validation of the 2018 air monitoring data set and interim results can be found <https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/reports/>.

The data for 2018 is broadly in line with the 2017 results.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÌ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive about windows and the front door for **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A conditional survey was carried out on this dwelling recently on behalf of Housing Maintenance. The windows and door are double-glazed and not deemed in need of replacement currently.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to begin the process of aligning the Housing Areas with Local Area Offices.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This process has already got underway in the context of the revised electoral area boundaries.

This will not be a straight forward process as it is essential that applicants are not negatively affected on the list by such a change.

We will be reporting in due course on this issue to the Housing Strategic Committee (S.P.C).

Q.25 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if any measures were undertaken to try and move traffic along the Ratoath Road more quickly at peak morning times. At present there are lengthy delays in the mornings. Has the possibility of taking a small strip from Tolka Valley Park to provide a longer left hand turn from Ratoath Road onto Ballyboggan Road been considered.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request to extend the turning lane from Ratoath Road onto Ballyboggan Road has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full inspection of **(details supplied)** for works to be carried out in relation to damp which has been going on for over 3 years. The tenant reports that she has carried out works as instructed but the problem persists. A Building Surveyor/Engineer was to call out to investigate but this never happened. Several members of the family have suffered from breathing ailments recently which they attribute to the damp issue.

Can you say if this property is on the list for Insulation and when it might be completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request was logged end January 2019 for an inspection in relation to possible dampness. Housing Maintenance are arranging a damp survey on this dwelling. This dwelling is included in our Phase 2 Insulation Programme, however it is not in our 2019 schedule.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of removing the tree located outside **(details supplied)** given that the tree on the opposite side of the street blew down in recent storms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The street tree in question has been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition and does not require removal. However, it has been listed for pruning over the coming weeks.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the provision of Traffic lights at the junction of Riverside Park and Clonshaugh Road. With the heavy traffic on Clonshaugh Road – traffic coming out of Riverside Estate are experiencing great difficulty exiting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for traffic lights at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on this matter of the vacant property at **(details supplied)**. If this is a council owned property – when will it be opened up and reallocated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The property referred to became vacant on 25th November 2018. It requires extensive refurbishment and is currently being refurbished by a contractor under the new Term Maintenance Framework. The contractor is being supervised by the Area Maintenance Officer and it is anticipated that the property will be available for letting by late April. The Area Housing Manager will be updated on progress by Housing Maintenance during the course of refurbishment in order to ensure a timely reallocation.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)**. This lady and her two-year-old son currently reside at her mother's home at above address. There are five adults plus three children in residence there in total.

Herself, her mother, her sister (and her two children) and her two brothers – one of whom is Down Syndrome. When will this lady be offered suitable accommodation for herself and her son.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of January 2018, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2 Bed	647
Area D	2 Bed	274
Area E	2 Bed	743

Dublin City Council allocate 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.

This applicant is currently eligible for the HAP scheme which will provide the applicant with financial support towards the cost of renting a property. Should the applicant wish to be considered for this scheme she must present to the Allocations Section with current income details and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the Scheme.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the public lights will be in working order at the new primary care centre Summerhill Dublin 1.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The public lighting at the new primary care centre was energised the week starting 18th February and all lights here should now be operational.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if all beds are being used by homeless persons from the free phone, are taken up in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Bed capacity fluctuates on a nightly basis dependent on the demand for homeless services. Any bed placements that are not utilised on a given night are released back into the Freephone system and offered to other service users.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive why is there a long delay in the opening off the new home units on Ballybough road. As the units were due in September last year. Was there extra costs added as a result off the delay. Could this Councillor be given a definitive date as to when the units be ready to let.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A previously unidentified culvert was discovered on site during construction; this delayed work whilst a solution to the issue was determined with Irish Water. The agreed solution necessitated the completion of a Diversion and Build Over legal agreement between Irish Water and DCC. The matter has added to delays and costs of the project but work continues to progress and all units are scheduled to be handed over for occupation by summer.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if all shores from matter Square Church Ave, New St North, Beresford St, Dublin 7, be checked for cleaning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Members of the gully cleaning crew cleaned 12 of the 12 gullies in the above area on 21/02/2019.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following Housing Maintenance issues to be resolved at **(details supplied)**.

- a) Pipes fitted to new boiler four months ago weren't covered.
- b) Back door done recently. Plastering was not finished.
- c) Draught in box room.
- d) Doors in main bedroom.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All works required in this dwelling will be completed by Housing Maintenance by end first week in March.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to grant the transfer request of **(details supplied)** who is in need of a three-bed due to both her sons being autistic and requiring their own space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of May 2015, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2 Bed	606

The applicant recently applied for a priority on exceptional medical grounds, this application was unsuccessful. 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.37 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing maintenance matter at **(details supplied)**. Please have an inspection carried out and the necessary repairs done to the bathroom/toilet of this property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bathroom in this dwelling was inspected in the past week by Housing Maintenance. All fittings are in working order.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Iveagh Markets and if Dublin City Council will be moving to take repossession of the building considering the conditions of development have not been fulfilled.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council's legal department is currently reviewing options available to Dublin City Council and will report on an appropriate course of action in due course.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the addition of Player Wills to the record of protected structures is fast tracked, as per South Central Area Committee motion and if you will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Player Wills Factory, 148-160 South Circular Road, Dublin 8 is not a protected structure. The area has been surveyed by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), the national agency responsible for assessing special interest under a national rating system. The Player Wills Factory has been given a 'Regional' rating by the NIAH and has been recommended by the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for addition to the City Council's RPS.

A motion from Cllr. Moynihan for the proposed addition of the Player Wills factory was agreed by the South Central Area Committee at its meeting on the 21st November last, with a subsequent Emergency Motion agreed at the South Central Area Committee meeting on the 16th January for referral to the City Council and the Planning SPC. The Motion was not put to the Planning SPC meeting on 26th February at the request of Councillor Moynihan.

The assessment report on the Player Wills factory is included in the work programme of the Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage Section. Background historical research has commenced.

The assessment reports will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2018 and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011).

The Player Wills factory forms part of the Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA 12) of St. Teresa's Gardens and Environs (inclusive of the former Player Wills and Bailey Gibson sites and Coombe Hospital) as designated in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, adopted by the City Council on the 21st October 2016.

Furthermore, the former factory buildings form part of the masterplan for this area already agreed with the South Central Area Committee and the City Council in June 2018.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive what are the cost implications for Dublin City Council to take over the contracts from private waste disposal companies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently no scenario where Dublin City Council could assume control of waste collection contracts in the Dublin City Council administrative area.

The current market structure for the provision of waste collection services is based on competition within the market and there are no contracts in place with any local authority or national authority to provide for the general collection of domestic or commercial waste from private households and businesses.

Each household and business holds a contract with their service provider and it is matter for the customer to choose their service provider from those competing in the market. If the council were to consider re-entering the market it would be a requirement to do so on a competitive basis with those already operating within the market. The capital outlay alone to enable the city council to begin to offer a collection service would be prohibitive and it is not envisaged that the city council would be able to offer a competitive charging structure to enable it to attract a customer base that are currently obtaining services from other private waste collectors.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have the resources to purchase a fleet of bin trucks. What are the expected costs involved by doing this. Would Dublin City Council have the employees to take on the roles of manning the trucks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no provision made in the 2019 revenue budget or in the capital budget for the purchase of a fleet of bin trucks.

The average cost of purchasing a standard bin truck is in excess of €100k. The annual running costs of a vehicle are again in excess of €100k exclusive of waste disposal costs associated with the usage of such vehicles. There are currently no additional staffing numbers within the waste management division that could be transferred to the operation of a new fleet of bin trucks without significantly impacting on normal day to day service delivery. This would require the recruitment of both trained driving staff and general operatives with 3 staff required to operate each vehicle.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

What will the total cost and annual running cost to Dublin City Council to cover all the waste collection with in Dublin? Would any revenue be gained and if so how much.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council exited the household waste collection market in January 2012 and for the past seven years this market has been entirely the domain of private waste collection companies. There have been considerable changes to the market place since our departure and there is currently no scenario where Dublin City Council could resume collection of waste for the entire Dublin City Council area. It would be a requirement on the city council to re-enter the market on a competitive basis with those already operating within the market. The capital outlay alone to enable the city council to begin to offer a collection service would be prohibitive and it is not envisaged that the city council would be able to offer a competitive charging structure to enable it to attract a customer base currently obtaining services from other private waste collectors.

Any estimation of costs would have to be based on an anticipated customer base and the associated costs of providing a service to those customers.

The service when Dublin City Council exited the market was running at an annual loss of approximately €10m with a customer base of 140,000 households. It is estimated that any re-entry to the market would incur similarly proportionate annual losses depending on the customer base and also not recoup any initial capital and revenue investment. This would be required to begin to provide for the service and would include for example purchase of fleet, purchase of bins, the introduction and implementation of IT systems and back office administration functions such as account management and the management and operation of billing systems.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if a tendering process will be initiated in relation to operating a business in a Public Park as sought in the email attached with this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no tender process in relation to Yoga in Public Parks. There are however an increasing number of requests to use public parks for Yoga groups (typically around 25 people) and larger yoga events.

We are reviewing our policy in relation to this matter and will inform the various 'operators' in due course.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the dangerous footpath and tree stump be address at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will approach the Parks Department to see if the tree is going to be replanted or removed, either choice will mean the removal of the existing tree stump prior to a footpath being repaired by Road Maintenance.

The stump will be removed over the next 3 weeks and the Paving Section requested to reinstate the pavement following removal.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to take meaningful action to address the growing prevalence of put in place for the protection of pedestrians. Recognising that the most vulnerable road users of all are pedestrians The problem is most acute at the various bridges along the Grand Canal on weekday mornings. Unfortunately, cyclists, who it is recognised are also vulnerable road users, frequently cross intersections at these bridges at high speed and in flagrant disregard of red cycle traffic lights, exposing vulnerable pedestrians to grave risk of catastrophic injury. Rathmines Bridge, Charlemont Street Bridge and Mount Street Bridge are just three examples where this kind of activity takes place relentlessly on a daily basis. Even a cursory examination for 15 minutes at any of these locations during rush hour on any weekday morning would show a litany of instances of such unlawful conduct which puts the most vulnerable road users of all in peril.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the lead of the national road safety strategy, the main target being set as part of the Dublin City Council Road Safety Strategy - 2020 is as follows: "The main objective of this road safety strategy is to reduce the number of casualties on the streets of Dublin City and to provide focus on making Dublin a safer city for all road users."

The vast majority of road collisions can be directly or indirectly attributed to inappropriate road user behaviour and human error. In a small proportion of cases the road environment is a contributing factor. A key challenge for Dublin City Council is improving the behaviour and attitudes of road users toward road safety, (including other road users) if the aims and objectives of this strategy are to be met.

The behavioural change of both drivers and cyclists is an ongoing challenge for Dublin City Council to improve awareness and increased safety for all road users.

Dublin City Council continues to promote sustainable transport by continually investing in cycle facilities to encourage cycling in a safer manner.

Dublin City Council's Road Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020. A key element to the Strategy under the education pillar will be a public awareness campaign 'RESPECT'. The 'RESPECT' campaign aims to educate and reinforce strong safety messages for all road users, including messaging to cyclists about rules of the road.

During a site inspection made on the 26th of February 2019 it was found that there is adequate signage and lining already present at the bridges of: Rathmines Bridge, Charlemont Street Bridge and Mount Street Bridge. A proliferation of excess warning signs diminishes the effectiveness of other warning signs. Cyclists are subject to the same laws as other road users and are obligated to take due care and attention on public roads, Cyclists must follow the rules of the road and are bound by the Road Traffic Acts. Cyclists' breaking the traffic lights is a matter for the Gardaí for enforcement under the law.

Courtesy and consideration is a requirement for all road users.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive whether it is possible to require commercial operations in the City Centre to use solid wheelie bins and metal waste containers rather than plastic bags for waste. Apart from the widespread use of such bags being grossly unsightly, it is also a health and safety hazard, both from the fact that such bags are ransacked by dogs, cats, geese and vermin, and that the bags and (where the bags have been ransacked) detritus create an obstacle and slippage hazard for road users.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not possible for Dublin City Council to mandate what receptacles are used in specific areas or by specific customers excepting that the designation is made indicating in what areas domestic waste receptacles not suitable for re-use (e.g bags) may be used and areas where only receptacles suitable for re-use must be used. This designation does not extend to commercial waste.

Dublin City Council would welcome and encourage the introduction of a wider variety of receptacles and where required will designate these as approved containers for the purposes of waste disposal but this does not extend to being empowered to instruct either the customer or the collector to use a specific type of receptacle only as the types of business and their specific needs in respect of waste disposal vary widely throughout the city.

Dublin City Council promotes the use of wheeled bins as the most effective and efficient manner for the presentation of waste in the city and that these containers are less likely to be the cause of litter generation than using waste bags. Many city centre and suburban businesses use this system and most will use it where it is possible to do so as it is recognised as the best method of managing waste. However, the physical characteristics of the city and the buildings within means that for many businesses and households it is not possible to use these types of bins without storing them permanently on the street.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the very dangerous sink/dip in the tarmacadam beside the water meter (as seen in the attached photo) on the footpath on Elmwood Avenue Lower, Ranelagh, which is on the footpath on the opposite side of the road to the Garden of Vegan restaurant, but facing that restaurant.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This has been logged in our Asset Management System for a repair to be carried out as soon as possible.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to (a) explain why, and (b) to rectify the bizarre practice whereby all traffic and pedestrian lights at a small number of intersections remain red for a disproportionately lengthy period of time. Two instances of this practice are at (i) the intersection of Tara Street, George's Quay and Butt Bridge, and (ii) the intersection of Bride Street, Golden Lane and Bull Alley Street. Because the timeframe during which all lights remain red at these locations is so long, it has resulted in a dangerous incentive for pedestrians in particular to disregard the lighting system in operation, because there is so much time when nothing is moving. While it is clearly necessary for safe and effective traffic management to have some period of time when all lights are red at such intersections, at the two examples provided in this question this window is excessive, and the lights are often ignored as a result. At present at each of these locations, the excessive timeframe gives rise to the risk of a catastrophic accident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have investigated the issue in relation to the traffic signals at the intersection of Tara Street and Georges Quay and have found a fault in relation to the operation due to the use of a countdown timer for the pedestrian crossing at the mouth of Tara Street. This fault has been logged with our traffic contractor and added to the DCC query system – Confirm. Once the issue is resolved on site a response will be issued to the councillor via Confirm.

In relation to the junction of Bride Street and Golden Lane, the perceived all red at this junction occurs when all the vehicle and pedestrian traffic is stopped while the

cycle signal runs. The cycle lane on Bull alley is signalised separately to allow cyclist to exit from the cycle lane back onto the road network. The operation of this traffic phase is controlled by a cycle loop and a cycle push button.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repairs to be undertaken to the footpath outside **(details supplied)** as there continues to be pooling of water on the public path and into the provide residences; and can you make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will have this ponding issue remedied within the next four weeks.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could outline why **(details supplied)** has been vacant for a long time now and when it be ready of occupation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling is currently being refurbished under the new Term Maintenance Framework which was established in November 2018. The expected completion date is 19th April 2019. It will then be allocated.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress and timescale for the installation of a statue of Countess Markievicz on O'Connell Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site visit took place to O'Connell Street with Cllr Vincent Jackson, the Assistant Chief Executive for Culture, Recreation and Amenity and the Public Art Officer on the 18th of January, to search for suitable locations for the proposed statue of Countess Markievicz. The only potential site is between the O'Connell Monument and the Statue of William Smith O'Brien. However, there are technical challenges to this site as there is an electricity sub-station for the Luas tram system underground which requires ventilation. Technical research will have to be undertaken within Dublin City Council and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to resolve how the statue could be located at this site.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** can have front and rear replacement PVC doors. I gather her rent arrears may be an issue but she has a payment plan in place with the council and furthermore, I am aware from dealing with her previously that she had a long delayed claim for Family Income Supplement from the Department of Social Protection which cause her to build up debts in general.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A condition survey was carried out on this dwelling. Housing Maintenance are making arrangements to have the front and back doors checked and measured for replacement.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider purchasing **(details supplied 1)** where the landlord intends to sell and the occupant **(details supplied 2)** is renting with her two sons, one disabled.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the case where an owner is selling a property currently occupied by a Dublin City Council housing applicant the onus is on the tenant to find alternative accommodation except, where the tenancy is under the Rental Accommodation Scheme. However, the City Council can consider, on a case by case basis and, subject to the existing tenants meeting certain criteria, the acquisition of a property with a tenant in-situ. To date, DCC's acquisition team has no record of contact being made by the owner of this property. The owner of this property can contact the housing acquisition team at housingacquisitions@dublincity.ie or on 222 2329 should they wish to discuss this matter further.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if a Dublin Bikes Station can be introduced on the Navan Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Part of the next batch of cycle parking installations are proposed on the Navan Road adjacent to the junction with Baggot Road and also adjacent to the junction of Navan Road / Kinvara Avenue. These installations, comprising five stands (10 spaces) at each location are scheduled for this month. This additional cycle parking provision will facilitate servicing of the area by the Dockless Bikes operator, Bleeperbikes. Dublin City Council will be carrying out further installations in June/July this year and will consider suggestions for possible locations in the area.

A mini expansion of the Just Eat Dublinbikes scheme to service Grangegorman Campus and environs was substantially completed in 2018. 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. It is anticipated that any of the necessary capital works would be supported through sustainable grant funding from the NTA. 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 at this time.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a dog litter bin or similar to be placed along Harold's Cross Road on the stretch between the Junction with Kenilworth park, and that with Brighton Square. There is currently only one bin on this entire stretch of road which experiences a high amount of pedestrian traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently three bins in the immediate vicinity of this portion of road. One is located at the junction of Terenure Rd and Brighton Sq. Two are located at bus stops on the portion of road between the two junctions. It is recommended that one additional bin be located close to the junction of Rathgar Rd/ Harold's Cross Rd and Kenilworth Park as this is an ideal location to serve passing pedestrians.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees in Kimmage Grove to be pruned and the leaves to be picked up. Residents in this area have been asking for this service to be carried out for some time now, and have in some cases had to hire private contractors at great cost to themselves on a monthly basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Two trees were removed from this location in 2018. There are additional trees which have also been assessed and considered to require pruning work.

This has been added to our tree works programme which is undertaken by contract on a priority basis.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees on the Corrib Road and Derravaragh Road to be pruned as they are currently obscuring the light from the lampposts and pose a fall risk.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The street trees at this location have been inspected and considered to be relatively young specimens of Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus* sps.) in good condition. Generally, the trees are considered not to require pruning at this time although some minor work will be undertaken on tree branches impacting on the lighting columns.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive if the Corrib and Derravaragh Roads can be included in the 2019 public lighting scheme. The lighting on these roads is outdated and provide poor visibility for residents at night.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lighting on Derravaragh Road was changed to LED (white light) in July 2017. The lighting here is considered to be to an acceptable standard for the footpaths and roadway, and there are no plans to make any further alterations to the lighting here.

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

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

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to have the dangerous potholes at **(details supplied)** repaired as soon as possible. Attached please find photos sent to me. The photos don't give the true picture, the road is in a very bad state and the photo shows three areas where the road has collapsed significantly. The repairs done were insufficient.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) in Road Maintenance has confirmed to me that the above mentioned locations will be repaired by Irish Water as part of the ongoing works on New Ireland Road. These works are envisaged to commence in March 2019.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of voids in Dublin 1, 3 & 7.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 78 properties being refurbished in the Central area, Dublin 1, 3 and 7. The breakdown of these units are as follows:

Houses

1 Bed	2
2 Bed	10
3 Bed	3
4 Bed	7
Total	22

Apartments

0 Bed	5
1 Bed	14
2 Bed	23
3 Bed	3
Total	45

Senior Citizens

0 Bed	3
1 Bed	7
2 Bed	1
Total	11

130 vacant properties were refurbished and brought back to productive use in the Central Area in 2018. As we established a new Term Maintenance Framework in November 2018 we would envisage that this figure would be matched or exceeded in 2019.

A list of the properties has been forwarded to the Councillor by post

Q.61 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for the amount received in Development Levies from the SDZ and has there been any investment from these levies gone into North Wall or East Wall.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The amount of development levies received to date from the Docklands SDZ is €37,930,057

Financial contributions collected are not allocated to specific projects associated with the area in which the development is situated. The funds are allocated to projects as agreed within the administrative area of the City Council.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards planning application for an injection room at Merchants Quay Project. This information to include what further information has been supplied by Merchant Quay Project, if any. Is there a cut off point for further information. Given the level of concern and rejection of this proposal by many in the residential and business community and also many who are involved in Drug Treatment - can Dublin City Council make a public statement as to when a decision will be made by DCC's planning Department on this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A planning application for a medically supervised injection facility and associated works at Merchant's Quay was lodged on 8th October 2018. On 28th November 2018, the Planning Authority sought the following Additional Information from the applicant:

1. Section 16.12 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022 places the onus upon an applicant to demonstrate that there is no overconcentration of facilities, such as is proposed, in the area.

In order to determine whether the facility will result in an over concentration of such services which would be unacceptable and potentially undermine the sustainability of the neighbourhood, as set out in Section 16.12 of the City Development Plan 2016-2022, the applicant is now requested to submit a detailed and comprehensive assessment that demonstrates that the proposed development will not result in overconcentration of such facilities in the area and can operate without undermining the sustainability of the neighbourhood.

You are advised that Section 5.11, Policy QH30 requires the submission of a comprehensive statement with respect to the management of the facility proposed. This is necessary to determine the suitability of the proposed use on site. Therefore, you are now requested to submit a detailed and specific Operational Management Plan for the proposed development. Details shall include;

- (a) Evidence based details of additional numbers of clients anticipated as a consequence of the proposed use, the likely catchment area for these clients having regard to the fact that the proposed development represents the first such proposed facility within the State
- (b) The anticipated duration and frequency of visits per day for each client to this proposed new facility.
- (c) Demonstrate clearly how the facility will be managed to regulate numbers of clients attending during particular hours.
- (d) A detailed justification for the extensive hours of operation proposed for this facility
- (e) Confirmation that the off street queuing areas as proposed can accommodate both existing and proposed clients
- (f) Measures to be put in place to ensure an overspill queue does not occur onto the public realm at Merchant's Quay.
- (g) A Public Realm Management Strategy with specific reference to the proposed use and the intensification of the existing use generated as a consequence
- (h) A detailed and targeted Policing Plan, prepared in conjunction with An Garda Síochána
- (i) A detailed Plan for the operation of the existing facility during demolition and construction in the event of a grant of permission on site.

Comparison with existing and established facilities internationally should be made in the Operational Management Plan submitted and revised documentation submitted should be justified with reference to such comparable international examples.

This information has not yet been submitted. If the applicant fails to submit the information within 6 months from the 28th November 2018 or an additional three months after the end of the 6-month period, the application shall be declared to be withdrawn.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive consider removing DCC officials from the Board of the BID/We are Dublin Town. Given the potential conflict of interest here and the ongoing dissatisfaction and disillusionment by many of the BID members regarding this company and its behaviour towards them, it is time for Dublin City Council to distance themselves from this controversial company. There are also two City Councillors on the board of this company. One is the present Lord Mayor which gives further rise to conflicts of interest. Many businesses in the City Centre feel that this is unfair that one such company (We are Dublin Town/BIDS) should be represented in this way. Many companies and businesses who are part of the NO to BIDS campaign to end the double rates are still waiting for a meeting between DCC, the BIDS and the NO to BID Campaign representatives to resolve serious ongoing issues.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

'We are Dublin Town' is a Business Improvement District for part of the Dublin city centre area and a completely separate legal entity from Dublin City Council. Under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 the City Council is entitled to the following representation on the board of the BID Company:

- a) if the board consists of less than 13 members, one of these members shall be selected by the elected council and one shall be selected by the manager.
- b) If the board of directors consists of 13 or more members, 2 of those members shall be selected by the elected council and 2 shall be selected by the manager.

Dublin City Council has been represented on the BID Company board since its establishment. The two current elected member representative were validly nominated by the Council. Being elected Lord Mayor does not invalidate a nomination to the Board of the Bid Company. The Chief Executive has one nominee at present.

It will be a decision for the incoming Council after the local elections whether or not they choose to nominate Councillor representatives to the Board of the BID company. The other nomination is at the discretion of the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive is aware of serious and unhelpful tensions between the BID Company and some businesses in the BID company area. He would support the use of mediation in an effort to resolve these issues.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that Sean O Casey's house on Dorset Street is a listed building and a protected structure. Also, can the manager from a heritage and cultural perspective be proactive in ensuring that there is an appropriate plaque placed on the wall of this unique heritage site to commemorate the playwright Sean O Casey. It is important that besides the public initiating these processes that Dublin City Council Library services and Heritage officers are also proactive in this regard and should not be disbarred from initiating such applications.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The erection of Council commemorative plaques is governed by the Council's Commemorative naming Policy. Applications for the erection of a plaque should be made on the official form, available at <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-recreation-culture/commemorative-naming>.

It should be noted that, as per section 18.8 of the naming policy, 'An individual should be commemorated with only one plaque or memorial'. Seán O'Casey is commemorated by the Seán O'Casey Bridge and by a plaque at Hawthorn Terrace, East Wall and also a plaque at number 9 Innis Fallen Parade where he lived at both premises.

Sean O'Casey was born John Casey in 1880 at 85 Dorset Street Upper. That house was demolished and replaced some years later by a bank building, before which the Casey family had moved to 9 Innisfallen Parade (in 1882), followed some years later by a move to Hawthorn Terrace and again to Abercorn Road, both in East Wall.

In the 1920's Sean O'Casey moved again, first to Mountjoy Square and then on to 422 North Circular Road, Dublin 7, close to the junction with Dorset Street Upper. It was here that he wrote his celebrated Dublin Trilogy comprising 'The Shadow of a Gunman' (1923), 'Juno and the Paycock' (1924) and 'The Plough and the Stars' (1926). This building is an end-of-terrace, two bay, three-storey house, over lower ground level, built c. 1810. It was last in use as bedsit accommodation. There is an old and worn wooden sign on the front façade referring to "Sean O'Casey House".

No. 422 Circular Road North is a Protected Structure, Ref. No. 1735 on the City Council's RPS, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

The provision of a plaque is a matter for the City Council's Commemorative Naming Committee.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the ongoing issue of IPA advertisement sites. This report to include how much financial contribution this company has made to DCC by way of Rates of Levies on these sites. What permissions, contracts and planning consents this company has to use these sites.

Have these sites ever been put out to public tendering processes.

It is a very irregular situation that has been allow occur here over the past 30 odd years and this situation needs to be corrected in order to create best practice and good governance with regards commercial advertising in the public domain.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The service provided by IPA for the last 30+ years is considered to be successful as it ensures illegal fly posting and graffiti is removed from hoardings/building sites and derelict buildings in lieu of erecting posters in an orderly fashion relating to events/art/music provided the size of each individual poster is of a size that could be considered exempted development under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001. The number of sites in DCC ownership has been dwindling steadily over the years. A report was made to the Contracts Committee in 2017 in order to determine if this service should be put out to tender. At that time 21 sites had some element of DCC interest which fell to 3 in 2018 and now is 1 site.

The Valuation Office are responsible for assessing the sites in relation to Irish Poster Advertising. They have grouped them together as one entity and the rateable valuation is 137,200 which equates to an annual charge of €36K. The account is up to date and there are no arrears outstanding.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for urgent repair to Dublin City Council's footpaths at the shops on Crumlin Road, outside 259 Salon Nova, 251 Ocean Gardens & Fit Spa.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance inspected the footpath along this stretch of road and note the condition of the private landing to be in a poor and unsafe condition, this would be a matter for the property owner to address via the employment of a contractor who could carry out repairs under a Road Opening Licence application. This form is available online through www.dublincity.ie.

There are two temporary reinstatement of water meters, on the public footpath that would be under the remit of Irish Water. I have informed our Infrastructure Management Unit (IMU) to contact this utility and co-ordinate the permanent repairs of the footpath.

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the new Depot in Ballymum, who was awarded the contract. What was the overall cost and what is it costed to date to carry out the work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The process for the procurement of a Works Contractor for the North City Operations Depot at St. Margaret's Road is ongoing. Once the tender process is complete, details of the successful bidder will be provided. No works have taken place on the site to date.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive in terms of the levies paid by developers to Dublin City Council, how much has been paid from 2015 to 2018 in the Dublin South Central area? How has that money been distributed in Dublin South Central.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The amount of levies collected in the South Central Area are as follows:

2015 - €3,603,583

2016 - €1,668,901

2017 - €3,830,305

2018 - €2,058,083

Financial contributions collected are not allocated to specific projects associated with the area in which the development is situated. The funds are allocated to projects as agreed within the administrative area of the City Council.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding all DCC libraries in the North Central Area outlining whether the buildings are owned by the council; if not, an update re: lease arrangement and to outline what the current & capital expenditure on them is to be for the coming year and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are four libraries in the North Central Area: Coolock; Donaghmede; Marino and Raheny. Donaghmede is leased from the shopping centre and the other three are owned by the Council.

Coolock

Significant refurbishment works to Coolock Library commenced in January 2019. The estimated total investment in this project is €3.5m, and we expect the library to reopen before the end of the year. Current estimates from the main contractor put the completion of the main works at mid-July/start of August with the moving in phase to commence immediately afterwards.

Donaghmede

The lease on the current library building expires in June 2019. Dublin City Council has commenced negotiations with the landlord to renew lease arrangements in the shopping centre and explore the possibility of acquiring additional space.

Marino

Provision has been made in libraries' current capital programme for access improvement works. Design work has commenced but the project is challenging due to the narrow footpath leading to the library entrance.

Raheny

The Council has invested considerably in the improvement of the facilities at Raheny Library over the last number of years. Works include the refurbishment of the roof, repainting the interior, remodelling of the entrance, boiler replacement, and fire safety improvements. A new entrance was created to the rear of the library to allow for direct access to the landscaped garden. We plan to replace the shelving in the library in 2019.

Programmes:	2019	2020	2021	Total
<i>Construction by DCC</i>	170	520	1849	2539
<i>Construction by AHB's</i>	352	342	251	945
<i>Part V</i>	207	200	200	607
<i>Voids Restored by DCC</i>	580	562	544	1686
<i>Sub-Total Build/Delivery</i>	1309	1624	2844	5777
<i>Long Term Leasing</i>	300	300	300	900
<i>Acquisitions</i>	320	320	320	960
<i>Total Projected Delivery</i>	1929	2244	3464	7637
<i>HAP Tenancies (Homeless)</i>	1100	1000	1000	3100
<i>HAP Tenancies, (Mainstream)</i>	1500	1500	1500	4500

<i>HAP Tenancies, (Rent Supplement)</i>	1500	1500	1500	4500
Projected HAP Output	4100	4000	4000	12,100
Total Output	6029	6244	7464	19,737

Belmayne

Following discussions with the Planning and Property Development Department, the provision of a new library is included in the master plan for Belmayne Town Centre and Belcamp Lane.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding the number of social & affordable housing units that the council plans to build in 2019, 2020 & 2021 and for update re: plan to roll out an affordable housing scheme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Projected Delivery for our Social Housing Programme in the 3-year period 2019 – 2021 is as set out below. The Affordable Housing Scheme is at an early stage and it is not possible at this point in time to indicate how many units might be delivered under an Affordable Scheme.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what DCC's plan is to embrace electric vehicles in the coming years; to advise as to the number of electric vehicles are currently in the fleet and for an update on the draft climate action plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has sixteen (16) electric vans and two electric cars in its fleet. It is the intention of Dublin City Council to procure more electric vehicles as diesel vehicles fall due for replacement and where there are viable electric vehicle alternatives available.

Dublin City Council will be launching a twin head EV charger (Q2 2019) as part of a trial in conjunction with the Smart Dockland Energy Action Group. The outcome of this trial will inform the Council's policy on the possible future roll out of EV chargers

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if a major clean-up of dumped material at a location (**details supplied**) can be undertaken straight away? Can ongoing removal of this material be scheduled? Is Dublin City Council considering the provision of social and affordable housing at this location in the future?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An interdepartmental meeting is scheduled for the above in the next week. The meeting should serve as an opportunity to decide exactly what is to be done.

The previous removal of large scale debris at interdepartmental /shared enormous cost, proved to be controversial, given the continuous nature of dumping post removal (which was of necessity carried out over a period of 8 days in July 2018).

Curtailment measures were put in place at the time, but did not work. Effective prevention of continuous dumping is as equal in importance to removal as this alone has not proved effective. Strategically on any second proposed large scale removal, prevention measures would have to be almost assured of success in equal measure at the time of decision. The latter would include the effectiveness of legal mechanisms to deal with the problem simultaneously. We can arrange to update the Councillor once a final decision has been made on the above.

1 The Area Office has been requested to arrange a clean-up of this site.

2 It is DCC's intention to use this site for future housing development and we are looking at various development options including utilising the site for the provision of Affordable Housing.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can dog waste bins and signs be provided in and around two public open spaces (**details supplied**) given that the problem of dog waste on these greens is now a serious health hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Signage will be installed in the locality of both open green spaces as requested. It is not recommended to install dog fouling specific bins in these locations as they are surrounded by residential areas where the installation of bins is generally not recommended. Dog fouling specific bins have limited capacity and it is recommended that standard public litter bins be installed to cater for both general litter and dog fouling litter where appropriate. The surrounding main thoroughfares, including at the entrance to the green space at Moatfield from Tonlegee Road and at the junction of Springdale Road/ Station Road adjacent Lough Derg Road have an adequate supply of public litter bins. It is the responsibility of dog owners to remove and dispose of their dog waste and this may be disposed of in both the domestic black or residual waste bin or in any public litter bin.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive are dog wardens and litter wardens assigned to cover the North Central Area of Dublin City Council? How can these personnel be contacted? Who has the power in Dublin City Council to issue fines under dog and litter laws? Given that there is a particular problem of dog dirt on a road (details supplied) can a warden give this area special attention? In addition, can dog waste bins be provided on this road? What is Dublin City Council doing generally to combat the problem of dog waste citywide?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dog Wardens are the responsibility of the Licensing Section, Environment & Transportation Department and are contracted by the 4 Dublin Authorities. A Litter Warden is assigned to the North Central Area of Dublin City Council to provide day to day services. The Dog Warden Service can be contacted at the Ashtown Pound Tel. 8383236 and the Litter Warden can be contacted at the area office in Bunratty Road. A pool of Litter Wardens are available to provide services at weekends.

Litter Wardens, members of an Garda Síochána and Dog Wardens have powers to issue litter fines under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts to persons in charge of a dog when they do not remove faeces immediately and dispose of in a suitable manner.

Arrangements will be made to patrol (details provided) and to promote the Green Dog Walker initiative.

It is the responsibility of dog owners to both remove and dispose of their dog waste appropriately. Dog faeces should be bagged and properly disposed of either in the nearest available public litter bin or in their domestic bin.

As there is a more than adequate supply of litter bins on Collins Avenue East, there are no plans to provide any further bins at that location.

The local Litter Warden patrols the area and if he comes across any dog fouling he will approach the owner and request them to clean up after their dog. However, he does not have the power to request a name and address and he would have to have a garda with him to get these details.

Dog poo bins are available around the North Central area as are all litter bins and these can be used for disposal of dog poo.

I have found that you can put in numerous Dog Poo bins around the city and people who continue to let their dogs foul will not use them anyway.

The wardens have held anti dog fouling days around the city and found the majority of people are responsible dog owners who carry bags and clean up after their dogs

Q.75 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many litter wardens currently work in the NW area and how does this compare to five years ago. Did this area not secure any additional wardens as budgeted for?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently one Litter Warden assigned to North West Area. Waste Management has confirmed that there has been no change to the staffing level in 5 years in North West Area with regard to the Litter Warden Service.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to write to Transdev asking them to consider opening the carpark in the Luas stop at Broombridge to customers as the lack of parking is having a knock on effect on surrounding roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request has been forwarded to Transdev & Transport Infrastructure Ireland for comment and a reply will issue to the Councillor when a response is received.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on timelines of the ongoing Dalymount redevelopment project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The timeline below is based on all relevant funding been in place as required.

June 2019	Appointment of Design Team
June 2019 – May 2020	Design & Part 8 Application
May 2020 – Nov 2020	Procurement of Construction Company
Nov 2020 – June 2022	Demolition & Construction
June 2022 – Oct 2022	Testing Partial Completion
Oct 2022- Oct 2023	Project Completion Date

Dublin City Council commenced the process of procuring a design team and separately a project manager. The Project Manager will be appointed by 5th March 2019 and their main role will be to ensure the project does not overrun its budget and is delivered on time.

The design team tender was published on e-tenders on Monday 18th February 2019 as it is a two stage process. It is expected the preferred applicant will be appointed by early summer 2019.

In November the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) was launched. Dublin City Council intend to apply for funding for the redevelopment of Dalymount Park through stream 1 of LSSIF. The closing date for applications is 17th April 2019.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure all speed signs in the Cabra area are correct, some of the old 50km signs are still up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are arterial routes going through the Cabra area. Ratoath Road, Cabra Road and Faussagh Avenue are arterial routes and have a speed limit of 50km/h. These roads are appropriately signed. If there is some incorrect signage we will investigate further if specific details can be supplied.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to have the path outside **(details supplied)** inspected and repairs carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance surveyed the condition of the footpaths on **(details supplied)** and logged all defects to our works list for repair.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if families who are placed in 'Own Door' accommodation counted in the families entering homeless emergency accommodation figures, if there have been any directions from the Department of Housing in relation to counting families in "Own Door" accommodation and to make a statement on the reporting arrangements for this cohort.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Families placed in "Own Door" accommodation are still recorded on the PASS system as accessing homeless services. For the purpose of reporting they are categorised as a separate accommodation type. The number of families categorised as "Own Door" accommodation is reported in the monthly SPC report.

Families residing in this type of accommodation are not accessing typical emergency accommodation, but instead are occupying fully furnished, own door units that allow families to live independently.

In the Dublin region there are currently 207 families with 577 children in these units. This means that households do not have to stay in unsuitable emergency accommodation but rather have their own secure accommodation, where they can independently live. While these families are accessing homeless support services, they are not currently at risk of homelessness.

Previously properties in this category were included under Supported Temporary Accommodation. The DRHE made the decision on the re-categorisation of homelessness and it was not done on the instructions of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The re-categorisation was done to reflect a more accurate picture of the current homelessness situation.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all buildings put forward during the development plan process for inclusion on the record of protected structures, including where they are at in the process and how long it would be expected to take until they are on the record of protected structures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current situation regarding the City Council's Record of Protected Structures is that there were 8,719 structures on the RPS, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, as adopted.

Since then, 22 buildings (including building groups) have been added to the RPS, there have been 3 amendments to groups of buildings already on the RPS, and some 126 deletions have been made following the adoption of the ACAs for Haddon Road, Victoria Road and Hollybank Road in Clontarf in the Summer of 2017.

There are at present some 400 proposed additions to the RPS, together with more than 1,300 recommendations from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, following the survey work of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This survey work is ongoing and further Ministerial recommendations are likely during the coming year.

This is a large number of proposed RPS additions requiring expert evaluation by conservation officers and recommendations to the respective Area Committees and the City Council itself.

In order to address this, a methodology has been developed to bring forward the assessment and consideration of the proposed additions in a systematic and prioritised manner over time. This will include bringing forward proposed RPS additions, as well as some deletions, as follows:

Under a prioritised and phased basis during 2019/2020, followed by Prioritisation of as much of the remainder as possible under the next review of the City Development Plan, due to commence in September of 2020.

In summary, the methodology comprises the following:

1. A screening process to omit duplication across submissions, requests and Ministerial recommendations. Submissions requesting omission of fixtures, street furniture and non-building structures to be dealt with in the review of the Development Plan. This screening also includes searches for outstanding planning permissions, whether development is underway and where not, expiry date of permission.
2. Prioritisation by significance (international, national and higher-level regional significance), under-representation (especially buildings of the 17th and 20th centuries), location including within SDZs, LAPs, SDRAs intended for major redevelopment, year of Ministerial recommendation and existing degree of protection; such as ACAs, 'Z2' Residential Conservation Areas and other designated Conservation Areas.

3. The remaining proposed additions/Ministerial recommendations, together with a number of proposed deletions, to be assessed and prioritised for addition under the review of the Development Plan

Following both screening and prioritisation, a written assessment is undertaken, including consideration of any Ministerial recommendation.

It should be noted that the statutory requirements of Section 55 are considerable for large numbers of proposed additions, in terms of both professional and administrative resources, given the requirements for owner/occupier and Ministerial notification, assessment of submissions/observations (including those of the Minister), and notification of the decision. In the case where it is decided not to comply with a Ministerial recommendation, the Minister must be informed in writing of the reason for such decision.

Work under this methodology has already commenced with the identification of 20th century structures prioritised for proposed addition, mainly in the Dublin 1 and Dublin 7 areas.

More recently the programme for proposed RPS additions has been reprioritised in order to prepare RPS addition/deletion assessment reports arising from motions in relation to the council's 1930's Protected Housing Blocks.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive is he aware that the creation of temporary 'play streets' in the UK is facilitated under the 1847 Town Police Clauses Act. This Act is still in place in Ireland, so would he consider providing guidance to encourage the use of this legislation to encourage play streets for children in Dublin City? (Links to further information are provided below). <http://playingout.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Legal-basis-for-Temporary-Play-Street-Orders-.pdf>
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1847/act/89/enacted/en/print.html>

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council currently accepts applications for temporary road closures under section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 and section 12 of the Road Regulations, 1994 (S.I. No. 119 of 1994). An Garda Síochána also temporarily closes roads under its powers.

While the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 may be a legal basis for the introduction of polices in the UK, it is not considered a suitable legal basis for the introduction of similar policies in Ireland due to the divergence of the legal regimes since 1922 in the area of local government and An Garda Síochána.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to the empty retail unit at 109 Capel Street which has been vacant for more than twenty years and which is not rated as it is "incapable of beneficial occupation"; which is not liable to vacant sites levy as it falls under the 500 sq. m. threshold; and which although boarded-up seems not to be on the Derelict Sites Register. Can the Chief Executive outline what steps he might take to negotiate directly with the owners, or use Compulsory Purchase powers to rid the city of this eyesore which detracts from the neighbourhood."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I am arranging to have this site inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a reply will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council clear the rubbish on the green space in front of (details supplied)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Team will ensure removal of this debris by 28th February 2019

Q.85 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council repair the cracked pavement at 3 Saint Pappin's Road. See photo



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out the necessary repairs at this location, subject to the service request priority rating and the availability of a road maintenance crew in the area.

This service request is rated Priority 5 and it should be noted that a service request ranges from Priority 1 (high) to Priority 8 (low). As this is a low priority road (i.e. traffic impact 2), we cannot give a definite timeline as to when these works will be carried out.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council reinstate the bollards on the footpath outside 1-5 St. Pappin's Road to prevent delivery trucks mounting the footpath while carrying out their deliveries in the local shops?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for bollards outside 1-5 St. Pappin Road has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the Council repair the street light on the grass verge between 98 and 100 Willow Park Grove?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The light in question was repaired on 6th February 2019.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce traffic calming on Spiddal Road, Ballyfermot?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 26th June, 2018, did not recommend additional speed ramps at the above location following a site inspection. Spiddal Road measures approximately 710 metres and has 8 ramps, a roundabout and on-street parking which acts as a natural traffic calming measure already. The surrounding roads also have speed ramps.

Spiddal Road has been included in the fifth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation in early 2020. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-laws, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in late 2020.

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that traffic calming measures are in place on Spiddal Road in the form of speed ramps. In view of this, the City Council does not propose to install further traffic calming measures at this location as they are already in place.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if there will be a playground as part of the development of rapid build housing in Elmdale, Cherry Orchard, to outline where the access roads, footpaths & boundary walls will be and to share the site map with the Councillor?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Attached please find map of new houses in Elmdale which will total seventy-two units on completion. Entry and exit to the estate for fifty-nine of the houses will be from Cherry Orchard Green. Five houses are built on Elmdale Park and access will be through that road. A further eight houses are being built on an extension of the cul-de-sac of Elmdale Crescent and entry and exit to those houses is through Elmdale Crescent. A new wall has been built to replace the fencing at the back gardens of the existing houses at Elmdale Park. A new side wall was built at 1. Cherry Orchard Green to replace the existing low wall and palisade fencing which was at the original site. As can be seen on the map, there is no requirement to build a wall elsewhere to separate the new development from the existing houses.

It is hoped to install a small playground within the new development and play equipment is currently being costed.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many burnt out cars were removed in each of the Dublin Areas and at what cost were they removed and disposed of for 2017 & 2018 and so far in 2019?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are unable to provide these figures on an area basis. There was 158 burnt out cars removed citywide in 2017 and there was 125 burnt out cars removed citywide in 2018. Figures for the first quarter of 2019 are not available yet. This work is carried out on a cost neutral basis.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make the Indicon report on DCC's domestic waste collection, commissioned by DCC & IMPACT, available to the Councillor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are endeavouring to source a copy of the report requested and will furnish to the Councillor at the earliest possible date.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at building a playground in Hampton woods. There is a huge number of houses there many of our own tenants with young families and nowhere for them to play.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the Open Space Strategy a review of the distribution of playgrounds was carried out identifying the areas of greatest deficit and it is these areas that have been prioritised in the capital programme. As there are a number of small playgrounds in the area, including Poppintree and Santry this area would be considered low priority for a new playground.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to deep clean the pavements around Whiteacre Park. There is a lot of burnt debris embedded into the stone and to remove the shrubs in Whiteacre Place as drugs are being stored there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer has arranged for the weeds to be removed from the area and when this work is complete will arrange deep cleaning/power washing of pavements.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the new super depot in Ballymun, when building will start, will there be traffic calming measures for residents on Carton Way as well what will be put in place to ensure homes are protected from dust and dirt.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The process for the procurement of a Works Contractor for the North City Operations Depot at St. Margaret's Road is ongoing. Once the tender process is complete and the building programme is known, a detailed update will be provided to the Area Committee.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the affordable rental scheme in Coumry and when will public consultation commence with residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council advertised this cost rental site to the market on the 17th October 2018. It was a notice of the City Council's intention to bring the site to market and we are currently working on preparing the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire documentation in line with procurement requirements to bring the site for sale.

It is premature at this stage to envisage when public consultation with residents will commence.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all works carried out, or projects funded in the North West Area from the Councillors Discretionary budget since 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Discretionary Fund is compiled and adopted at the beginning of each calendar year. Plans are based on what is expected / hoped to be delivered during each year. However, a significant degree of flexibility is necessary to react to changing circumstances, priorities and available resources. Therefore, the actual works done each year will vary to some degree from the adopted plans. To compile a list of all works carried out since 2015 would require significant staff resources and redirect them from current works and priorities. NWA Councillors and Officials meet annually to discuss and agree how the Discretionary Fund is allocated and managed. In addition, updates are frequently given at meetings of the NWA Committee.

Copies of the adopted NWA Discretionary Funds from 2015-2018 will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to have improved the cycle path along the parts of Finglas that run adjacent to the Glasnevin Cemetery. This is a major artery to the city, as it is a prominent location for tourists, and the condition of the cycle lane is entirely unsatisfactory.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this cycle lane and will remove the loose ecoflex material where this is deemed to present a hazard.

In addition, Road Maintenance Services considers that, where this thin material adheres adequately to the surface, it would be preferred to leave it in place, as

- 1) removing same may damage the footpath and
- 2) reconstructing the footpath/cycle lane along the whole ecoflex cycle lane would not justify the cost, especially as the Bus Connects project is about to publish proposals for a new cycle lane along this route.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all currently vacant/ or unoccupied properties that belong to the City Council in the Central Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 78 properties being refurbished in the Central area. The breakdown of these units are as follows:

Houses

1 Bed	2
2 Bed	10
3 Bed	3
4 Bed	7
Total	22

Apartments

0 Bed	5
1 Bed	14
2 Bed	23
3 Bed	3
Total	45

Senior Citizens

0 Bed	3
1 Bed	7
2 Bed	1
Total	11

130 vacant properties were refurbished and brought back to productive use in the Central Area in 2018. As we established a new Term Maintenance Framework in November 2019 we would envisage that this figure would be matched or exceeded in 2019.

A list of the properties has been forwarded to Councillor Gannon by post.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive in response to the vast number of complaints in relation to Dog fouling in the Raheny area, I am requesting for multiply signage to be erected in key areas to combat this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Councillor should forward locations to the Public Domain Officer and Waste Management will be contacted to have signage erected.

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs in the Raheny area.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following defects at **(details supplied)** be remediated as soon as possible

- a) make safe the chimney and fire place so that the fire can be lit and provide heat and warmth in the house. A DFB inspection some time ago indicated that the fireplace is not safe
- b) assess the viability of the concrete in the back wall of the living room from the perspective of providing a safe, secure outside wall - there are concerns that the concrete within the wall structure has disintegrated
- c) assess the dry lining and insulation in the attic to ensure there are no leaks/condensation/damp building up - there is evidence of brown patches on the ceiling below the attic space

- d) connect the extractor fan properly to the cooker - at the moment there is a hole in the wall stuffed with paper
- e) fix the hinges on the back door and the hall door - see attached photos whereby hinges have half screwed in screws
- f) plaster up and make harmonious with the hallway the exposed block wall behind a door in the hallway - see attached photos
- g) replace the toilet cistern handle and ensure it works properly (the current one is a replacement and is loose)
- h) replace the lino on the floor in the bathroom that has been damaged from a previous leak
- i) assess the sound proofing in the upstairs bedroom adjacent to the next door neighbour. This is a child's room and she can hear both conversations and intimacies from the bedroom of the couple next door.
- j) fit a doorbell to the front door.
- k) assess the insulation along the window sill of the living room back window
- l) outline the contract details and sign-off of work as complete and up to standard of this unit. The resident has made complaints over the last 18 months to get the final snag list items remediated. They have only been half done or not done to standard and serve only as a very poor example of our void turn around policy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The situation at this dwelling is being investigated by Senior Management in the Housing Maintenance Section and a full report will be issued to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to assess the tree outside (**details supplied**). This tree leans between two electricity lines and should it fall would bring down both lines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks will arrange for this tree to be removed.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail how many 1, 4 and 5 bedroom units have been added to DCC housing stock by DCC build, private purchase, Part V acquisition or AHB build/acquisition over all housing areas over the last 5 years.

PART V: The following 1 and 4 bed units have been added to DCC's housing stock under Part V. No 5 bed units have been added:

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2016	Hampton Wood, Dublin 11	16	0	0
2017	Alexandra Walk, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 8	2	0	0
	Shelbourne Plaza, Charlotte Quay, Dublin 4 (off site for D4 Site)	6	0	0
2018	8 Hanover Quay, Former Durabond House , Dublin 2 (off-site acquired)	1	0	0
	Ivory Building, Sir John Rogerson Quay, Dublin 2	2	0	0

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	Lonsdale, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	0	1	0
	119 Norabrook, Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin 5	0	1	0
	Marianella, Rathgar, Dublin 6W	17	0	0
	Bolands Mill, 35/35a Barrow Street, Dublin 2 (off-site acquired)	2	0	0
	Sybil Hill Road, Raheny, Dublin 5	2	0	0
	Grove Industrial Estate, Grove Road, Dublin 11	0	1	0

New Builds DCC: The following 1 and 4 bed units have been constructed by DCC from 2014 to 2018 (no 5 bedroom units have been constructed in this period)

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2014	Peadar Kearney House	7	1	0
2014	Thornton Heights	16	0	0
2018	Ballybough Road	3	0	0
2018	Dolphin House	40	0	0

Acquisitions – The records for the bedroom type prior to this date are not available

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2015	Various	14	5	0
2016	Various	10	7	0
2017	Various	16	10	1
2018	DCC + Housing Agency	11 + 14	18 + 1	1

AHB Delivery (Acquisition/Construction) – The records for the bedroom type prior to this date are not available

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2016	Various	41	25	0
2017	Various	179	35	0
2018	Various	67	12	0

Leasing – Units added to the scheme

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2015	Various	4	0	0
2016	Various	6	0	0
2017	Various	4	0	0
2018	Various	5	1	0

RAS – The total number of RAS properties existing at the beginning of each year reducing as Landlords leave the scheme

YEAR	LOCATION	1 BEDROOM	4 BEDROOM	5 BEDROOM
2015	Various	289	20	0
2016	Various	275	18	0
2017	Various	256	15	1
2018	Various	240	13	0

Q.103 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the assessment of the tree outside **(details supplied)** with a view to removing it - this tree has uprooted the tarmac and has caused numerous trip incidents in this area with a high proportion of elderly people who regularly walk to the shops along this road. The roots of this tree is now interfering with the front wall of the property at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has no responsibility to remove the tree in question however we did inspect the adjacent footpath. Minor footpath repairs have been scheduled for this location when a crew is next available in the area.

The tree at this location has been inspected and was found to be in good condition with no works required or recommended. There was no evidence that the tree was damaging the nearby wall. The pedestrian footpath adjoining the tarmac area around the tree is in good condition.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why the process to have the old phone box on **(details supplied)** removed from the street is taking so long? It was requested some time ago but still remains. It is a huge cause of antisocial behaviour and dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South Central Public Domain Officer has written to Eir requesting the public phone box at **(details supplied)** be removed based on an updated report from Kilmainham Gardai. As soon as a response is received from Eir the Councillor will be notified of their decision.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if a working animal welfare sub group for the whole City can be formed? At the moment there are different subgroups dealing with this subject and I believe that it would be better to have one working.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is represented on the Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working group which was established in August 2017. The members include the four Local Authorities, the Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine, An Garda Síochána, the DSPCA, Fettercairn Youth Horse Project, Clondalkin Equine Club, Traveller Development Groups, UCD Veterinary Services and Voluntary groups/ rescue centres. Its role is to develop a concerted collaborative programme aimed at promoting and facilitating responsible horse ownership across the Dublin region with a particular focus on the following issues which form part of the current and future focus:

Indiscriminate breeding,
Animal welfare,
Education and awareness,
Legislation and regulation (Acts and Bye-laws) pertaining to animal welfare and control of horses.

Four sub-committees were set up to research and address these issues and progress has been made in all areas. The sub groups report to the main committee bi-monthly.

Dublin City Council is represented on the Education and awareness group.

I am not aware of any sub groups formed by Dublin City Council or the Region for the welfare of dogs.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form (according to Area) how many vacant site levies have been issued to date, what action has been taken, how much has been paid in levies and how much remains unpaid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Demands for Payment of the Vacant Sites Levy have issued in relation to the 30 sites entered on the Vacant Sites Register as outlined below:

VS Ref	The Site	The Owner	Levy based on 3% of market value	Admin Area
VS-0003	51A Old Kilmainham Road	Minister for Justice and Law Reform	€27,000.00	South Central
VS-0006	O' Devaney Gardens North, 10 Ashford Place, Arbour Hill	Dublin City Council	€262,500.00	Central
VS-0007	O' Devaney Gardens South, Dublin 7	Dublin City Council	€94,500.00	Central
VS-0008	St. Bricin's Military Hospital, O'Deavaney Gardens/Moira Road	Dublin City Council	€97,500.00	Central
VS-0011	Site at corner of Infirmary Road & Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7	Dublin City Council	€240,000.00	Central
VS-0013	32-40 Benburb Street	Benburb Street Property Company Limited	€259,500.00	Central

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VS-0019	Corner of Watling Street and Bonham Street	The Digital Hub Development Agency	€97,500.00	South Central
VS-0031	Corner of Newport Street and Pim Street including 19 Newport Street, Dublin 8	Mr. Yuriy Kychan & Mr. John Carroll	€9,600.00	South Central
VS-0040	Former Boys Brigade Football Pitches (off South Circular Road), Dublin 8	Dublin City Council	€387,000.00	South Central
VS-0043	1-4 Brandon Terrace, Dublin 8	Bord Oispideal Naoimh Sheamus (St. James's Hospital)	€13,500.00	South Central
VS-0055	297 North Circular Road, Dublin 7	Independent Trustee Company Limited	€36,000.00	North West
VS-0067	Site at corner of Marshal Lane and Bridgefoot Street	Dublin City Council	€21,000.00	South Central
VS-0070	Vicar St (to the rear of Vicar St Music Venue), Dublin 8	Mr. Henry A. Crosbie	€30,000.00	South Central
VS-0075	Corner of Werburgh Street and Ship Street Little, Dublin 8	Cognito Management Consultants Limited	€8,400.00	South East
VS-0084	Greenville Avenue	Bestberry Limited	€15,000.00	South Central
VS-0093	Site adjacent to 127 South Circular Road	Mr. Cornelius O'Shea and Ms. Catherine Russell O'Shea	€55,500.00	South Central
VS-0101	Corner of Russell Street and North Circular Road	Dublin City Council	€45,000.00	Central
VS-0103	Dominick St	Dublin City Council	€405,000.00	Central
VS-0105	519-533 North Circular Road, Dublin 1	Irish Residential Properties REIT Public Limited Company	€66,450.00	Central

VS Ref	The Site	The Owner	Levy based on 3% of market value	Admin Area
VS-0117	(Readymix site) 5-23 East Wall Road, Dublin 3	Dublin City Council	€178,500.00	Central
VS-0118	23-24 Rutland Place North	Cuise Properties Limited	€30,000.00	Central
VS-0124	Aldborough House, Portland Row, Dublin 1	Reliance Investments Limited	€90,000.00	Central
VS-0129	31-32A Gloucester Street South and Bracken's Lane, Dublin 2	Brigante Investments	€90,000.00	South East
VS-0334	Site bounded generally by the River Road & Tolka Valley Park to the north, Crescent Park & Royal Canal Avenue, Royal Canal Park, Pelletstown House site & Rathborne, Ashtown, Dublin 15	Capel Developments Limited (in receivership)	€151,800.00	North West

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VS-0380	Site bounded by Poppintree Park Lane West, Parkview Close, Parkview Drive and Parkview Green, Ballymun, Dublin 9	Dublin City Council	€11,100.00	North West
VS-0383	Site located on the Southside of Parkview Road (directly adjacent to 58-60 Parkview Road), Ballymun, Dublin 9	Dublin City Council	€48,000.00	North West
VS-0400	Site bounded by Coultry Road (west of Woodhazel Close & Woodhazel Terrace), Ballymun, Dublin 9	Dublin City Council	€36,000.00	North West
VS-0457	Site to the rear of Unit 14, Block 2, Tolka Valley Industrial Estate, Ballyboggan Road, Dublin 11	Protim Abrasives Limited	€27,300.00	North West
VS-0746	23B Sundrive Park, Crumlin, Dublin 12	Trafalgar Capital Limited	€24,900.00	South East
VS-0751	Site to side of Riverpark House, Poddle Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12	Ursula Homes Limited	€9,600.00	South Central

Demands issued on 12th February 2019 under Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

As of 22nd February 2019 €97,500.00 has been paid. This payment relates to 1 site entry in the South Central Area.

As of 22nd February 2019 €2,770,650.00 in Vacant Site Levies for 2018 is unpaid.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how much was paid in development levies for years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and paid to date in 2019, how much remains owed for each year to DCC and what plan is in place to ensure outstanding levies are paid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
2014	€7,229,671	€60,061
2015	€14,696,171	€297,007
2016	€21,030,931	€247,260
2017	€34,087,876	€3,970,997
2018	€39,646,177	€18,381,774
2019 to date	€6,657,034	€1,244,240

It should be noted that approx. 80% of applicants have phased agreements in place and pay their levies due over the lifetime of the construction period of the development.

In exceptional cases where an applicant does not engage with the Council the file will be sent to the Law Department for the recovery of the outstanding amount as a simple contract debt in court

Q.108 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what bins (Big Belly Bins in particular) are planned for 2019 in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward. If none are planned can he give me a full reason as to why. Can you give me a list of all the big belly bins located in DCC broken into the 11 local election area's, with an indication of the number of new big belly bins to be installed in each of these area's in 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no specific plans to install additional bins including Big Belly bins in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. It is considered that there are an adequate number of bins located in proximity to significant litter generators to cater for the needs of the public to dispose of litter in the area.

It is intended to upgrade existing bins in urban villages and neighbourhood shopping areas throughout the city by replacing standard B Type bins to the A type of bin that is currently used in the city centre.

Any requests for the installation of bins in specific locations will be considered in the context of the policy set out below.

Policy

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to maintain the stock of 3000 plus litter bins and to ensure that bins are located at the most effective locations to cater for the needs of the city population. The policy is to ensure that bins are located in close proximity to significant litter generators and in areas of high pedestrian footfall.

Significant litter generators and areas of high footfall include:

- Neighbourhood shops
- Schools / Educational Facilities
- Shopping centres
- Leisure areas
- Community centres / Facilities
- Major bus stops / Transport hubs
- Main thoroughfares / Arterial routes
- Car Parks

It is not the policy of the Waste Management Department to install bins in residential areas.

In order to ensure that bins are located in the most appropriate locations to cater for levels of demand and to ensure that bins are adequately serviced and maintained Dublin City Council is using technology to assist in managing this aspect of the service through QR code reporting, asset mapping and the use of smart bin technology.

Dog Fouling Bins

In 2017 /2018 as part of the objectives of the litter management plan 2016 – 2018 over 120 dog fouling specific litter bins were installed in the 5 areas in conjunction with the area Public Domain teams. There are no further plans for the installation of such bins as these bins have had limited success in tackling dog fouling and have a low capacity.

The criteria used for siting these bins at the time were:

- Areas of high footfall dog walking
- Proximity to Parks
- Proximity to open green spaces

Smart Bins

In 2018 the roll out of a number of smart bins took place following a successful trial of these units. The installation of these units (110) has been concentrated in confined city centre areas on service route basis as this is the optimum way in which to benefit from the technology. As part of the installation 50 units were located throughout the 5 areas again in areas agreed with local Public Domain teams to assess whether the locations identified would benefit from the increased capacity of the units. 4 additional units were installed in the South Central Area following receipt of funding for these units from the area department.

A further installation of 20 of these units in the North Inner City was undertaken by the North East Inner City Task Force and a recent installation of 110 units in Dublin Docklands has been undertaken by Smart Dublin / Dublin Docklands office.

Both of these additional installations have been carried out with the agreement of the Waste Management Department in respect of the locating and servicing of the units.

There are currently no plans to install further big belly units in 2019 as an analysis of the effectiveness of the existing installations is required in order to justify the significant expenditure required to provide for further installations. Where any new installation is to be considered it will be in the context of ensuring that these are linked to existing installations or on a service routes basis to obtain the benefit of efficiencies in the servicing of the units.

It is not currently possible to provide a list of existing installations broken down into the 11 electoral areas. The breakdown of installations within the current 5 administrative areas is as follows:

South Central: 15

South East (including South Docklands): 153

Central (including Boardwalk and North Docklands): 94

North Central: 10

North West; 10

Attached is a List of Locations Sorted by Administrative Area.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the replacement of 2 light pole bulbs in the laneway running behind Seapark Road, Clontarf please. The entrance to the laneway is adjacent to house no.16 Seapark Road and the specific light pole numbers are 6 & 7. This laneway is used by pedestrians and light is needed to illuminate several trip hazards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repairs were carried out on Tuesday 26th February 2019 and both lights should now be operational.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive in respect of Bull Island he furnishes me with the appropriate management plan referred to below in EU Habitat Directive / Article 6. I am also requesting a copy of any 'appropriate assessment' referred to elsewhere in Article 6 that was carried out in respect of the proposed Discovery Centre. In addition, I am requesting a copy of the 'preferred location' assessment report with weighted scorings etc that was carried out in order to choose the location of the

proposed Discovery Centre please. For special areas of conservation, Member States shall establish the necessary conservation measures involving, if need be, appropriate management plans specifically designed for the sites or integrated into other development plans, and appropriate statutory, administrative or contractual measures which correspond to the ecological requirements of the natural habitat types in Annex I and the species in Annex II present on the sites.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC has recently appointed a multi-disciplinary team (led by Howley Hayes Architects) to begin the design process for the proposed UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre.

A screening exercise for Appropriate Assessment (AA), and Environmental Impact Assessment was prepared by Scott Cawley Ltd. for Dublin City Council in 2018. The AA screening provides information on and assesses the potential for the proposed Discovery Centre to significantly affect Natura 2000 sites, while the EIA Screening examined whether the construction of the Discovery Centre should be subject to EIA. The Draft Stage 1 AA Screening Statement determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required. The Draft EIA Screening concluded that an Environmental Impact Assessment should be carried out of the proposed Discovery Centre. Dublin City Council will prepare a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the Project.

To enable this DCC will appoint a Planning Team in the coming days.

The Planning team will work closely with the design team to ensure that any mitigation measures required to avoid impacts on sensitive receptors will be incorporated within the design and construction of the discovery centre.

Extensive stakeholder consultation with the elected representatives, residents, businesses etc, in the form of workshops, presentations, meetings etc, will begin in the coming days both to explore the story the Discovery Centre will tell and also examine issues around design, planning and construction etc.

The preferred location was identified following a detailed selection criteria process to assess the range of impacts locating the proposed new centre would have. These impacts included biodiversity, landscape – visual character, roads infrastructure, drainage, waste management, visual impacts etc. The location proposed along the causeway will have minimal impact on the sensitive flora and fauna of the island as this area is the least sensitive amenity grassland. This central location along the causeway also provides an opportunity for the centre to become the hub for visitor activity on the island, allowing greater visitor movement management thereby reducing impacts on sensitive locations. This approach has been examined in other similar locations internationally and has been successful. The location also ensures no additional parking is required along the causeway and that services can be readily managed. The central location identified also provides opportunities to provide views to the entirety of the island while minimising any direct impacts on more sensitive habitats.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to re-mark the road markings and also make clear that there is no left turn onto Morrogh Terrace from Croyden Gardens (Top Circle). Morrogh Terrace was made a one-way for traffic travelling from Philipsburgh Terrace only however cars continue to access Morrogh Terrace from Croyden Gardens and there have been several minor accidents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following an inspection by the Traffic Officer, any requirement for renewal of road markings will be carried out within 30 working days of the City Council meeting of the 4th of March, 2019.

The request for extra signage is listed with the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report, the Councillor will be advised of the decision in due course.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the southern footpath on Casino Road (West Side), Marino, Dublin 3 just before the D-Walls. There is a large yellow box covering a hole on the ground and the box is protruding from the footpath making it a trip hazard. This is a busy pedestrian footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services identified a manhole at 44 Croydon Park Avenue which is near the base of Casino Road which was covered with asphalt, presumably as it had sunk. We will try to ascertain the owner of the manhole and instruct them to carry out a repair.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR TINA MCVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive, it has been reported at the South Central Area Committee for several months now that design specifications were nearly completed and as such the tender document for the works to install a public park at Bridgefoot Street was almost ready to be issued. Can the Parks Manager report on what date the tender was issued, what is timeline for submission of responses to the invitation to tender, what is the date for a decision to be made as to the successful tender and what are the terms within which the successful applicant will be expected to commence works at the site. If the invitation to tender has not been initiated, can the Parks Manager give an explanation as to why this is the case and confirm the date when it will be initiated?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The invitation to tender has not yet been advertised for the construction work, as the inter-departmental consultation process has not yet been completed. However, we expect that this will happen shortly and that the tender process will conclude and works begin in 2019.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR TINA MCVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive provide this Councillor with a report outlining how much was collected in Development levies for the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and a breakdown of what expenditure item the levies were allocated to for each of those years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The amounts collected in Development Levies is as follows:

2016 - €21,030,931
2017 - €34,087,876
2018 - €39,646,177

Details of projects funded are attached.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR TINA MCVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin South Central provide this Councillor with a report on what public domain improvements and cleaning works have been carried out in Dublin 8 for each of the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office has an ambitious programme of public realm and greening improvements underway in The Liberties and Dublin 8 under The Liberties Greening Strategy and various village enhancement schemes. Among the projects completed within the last three years are: Thomas Street-James Street renewal, Crane Street repaving; the development of Weaver Park on Cork Street, the refurbishment of St Audoen's Park and Pimlico, and the creation of a new pocket park at St Luke's Avenue. Greening initiatives include tree planters and median planting at Patrick Street, Nicholas Street, High Street and in Inchicore village.

A number of major schemes have progressed through Part 8 and await resources to deliver including Newmarket Public Realm Scheme, Dolphin's Barn village scheme and Bridgefoot street park. Work will commence this summer on a major refurbishment of Francis Street.

In addition, the Area Office has secured a rolling programme of work with Roads Maintenance Service to repair and renew streets and pavements in Dublin 8, and in the past year, Road Maintenance has resurfaced streets including Thomas Court-South Earl Street, Ardee Street and SCR. There are also ongoing improvements to public lighting, including upgrades at Bow Lane West and Bridgefoot Street in 2018.

The Public Domain team is active all year around with street washing, graffiti removal, tackling illegal dumping, maintaining public spaces, installing seasonal planting and enhancing the appearance of the area. In the past two years, Waste Management Service has substantially improved the level of street cleaning and waste bin collection in Dublin 8, particularly the main commercial streets, to respond the higher volumes of footfall in the area.

Contact: Stephen Coyne, Liberties Business Area Improvement Initiative
Tel: 222 5180
Email: Stephen.coyne@dublincity.ie

Area-based cleaning was introduced into waste management to improve the frequency of street cleaning to all areas and recognises the fact that there are different cleaning requirements in different areas which cannot be met by applying a standard schedule to street cleaning city wide.

The cleaning works in the Dublin 8 area for these years would have been carried out under the following criteria. Locations which consists of urban villages, shop fronts and main thoroughfares are serviced every day, bins are emptied, streets are swept, litter removed and recycling facilities cleaned.

In residential areas litter bins are serviced Monday to Friday daily and streets are monitored by local management teams on a daily basis who deploy resources to where they are most needed at any given time to ensure a high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

All areas are assessed on an ongoing basis and cleaning is carried out as required and at a minimum of every 12 weeks.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR TINA MCVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Councillor with a report on the business supports provided by DCC to co-operatives registered as industrial and provident societies and to include in the report whether the business supports provided by the Local Enterprise Office to private limited companies available on the same basis to co-operatives registered as industrial and provident societies and/or companies limited by guarantee. If not, on what basis are they discriminated against and to elaborate on the current council policy related to the development of co-operative enterprise within the area of the local authority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dublin city offers a wide range of supports to microenterprises operating in the Dublin city region. These supports include training, mentoring, networking, events, competitions and financial supports which include grants and assisting with loan applications. The supports available to microenterprises and small businesses provided by the LEO Dublin city staff are governed by the service level agreement between Enterprise Ireland and Dublin City Council. The LEO Dublin city operates a First Stop Shop that received a wide range of calls and drop in visitors from all types of businesses seeking to gather information and avail of relevant supports. The training and mentoring supports are widely available to any type of micro/small business and entrepreneur looking to acquire new skills, develop existing ones or gain knowledge and insights about their business development from working with a mentor. The trading on line vouchers are also availed of by a wide range and types of businesses who wish to trade on line and improve the performance of their website. A free two-hour briefing is held every week in the Local Enterprise Office Dublin city that any individual can book to attend to find out more about the supports available. Booking for these supports is available through the Local Enterprise Office Dublin city website www.localenterpriseoffice.ie/dublincity

The financial supports available are designed to encourage job creation and exports in start-ups and growing businesses based in Dublin city. Eligible projects may be engaged in manufacturing, internationally traded services or are engaged in innovative projects with export potential. The two Business Advisors in the Local Enterprise Office also meet with potential applicants to discuss their planned or existing business and their potential eligibility to apply for feasibility, priming or business expansion grants. All applications for this funding are decided on by the members of the evaluations committee.

The key policy document governing all enterprise development in the Dublin region is the Dublin Regional Enterprise Action Plan 2020, which was launched on the 13th February 2019. This plan identifies a range of actions that Dublin City Council and other agencies are committed to delivering on over the lifetime of the plan.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(detail supplied)** who has been in and out of hotel accommodation for the past couple of years the current living conditions whilst far better than hotel accommodation is having a profound impact on the quality of life of this family, I am told that a Junior Minister for Housing promised through a TD that this family would be reached in early 2019. I would be anxious to know if DCC have any indication on when and if this family would be made an offer of some of the new housing developments in Cherry Orchard. This lady is a very articulate person who would add to any development she has two boys one of which has ADHD / Asperger syndrome who needs space to develop their full potential, she has

demonstrated a strong sense of Social Justice having set up a homeless clinic with Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership / Ballyfermot Star.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant is currently on the Housing List Band 3, as a crossover application from South Dublin County Council, the date of application being 26th January 2017, current position is as follows:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	3	205

The applicant's main application is with South Dublin County Council, she was approved for self-accommodation through SDCC and is on the South Dublin Housing list.

It is unlikely that the family will be reached for an offer of Social Housing from Dublin City Council in the near future. I would advise the applicant to make contact with South Dublin Homeless section and discuss the HAP scheme, this will provide her with financial assistance toward the cost of renting a property. The family can source a property in Dublin City Councils area however must discuss and be approved through South Dublin County Council.

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

Q.118 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive please look at **(details supplied)**, I am asking how can someone who is living in private accommodation paid for by the Dept of Social protection move over to HAP to try and find more suitable accommodation for their family. I am dealing with a family living in a 2-bedroom apartment for the past 11 years however the unit is too small for a family of 2 adults and 3 children. Can DCC please afford me a route out of the current situation for this family, they have a 12-year-old son who has withdrawn totally from his peers due to stress living where he currently lives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Awaiting confirmation of the family's details from Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive please allow the following transfer proceed for **(details supplied 1)**. She is looking to transfer from her 2-bedroom house to the 2-bedroom ground floor Apt of **(details supplied 2)**. **(details supplied 1)** and her husband are profoundly deaf, **(details supplied 2)** and her family would love a house near the schools it seems a perfect match for both couples.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department have been in contact recently with the family and a meeting has been arranged with the Allocations Section together with a Circle Housing representative. Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation will be provided by a member of the Housing Department.

The Housing Department are satisfied to facilitate this transfer once the formalities are completed.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council please give me a breakdown on the current waiting lists for area J. Please include allocations over the past 12 months & why some people never move on the list when many allocations are done in the area. I am dealing with people for 3 and 4 years who are now further down the list despite many units offered over that period.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a complete breakdown of all waiting lists in Area J.

BAND 1 HOUSING		Area J
Band 1	Traveller Priority	32
	Housing Medical Priority	12
	Housing Medical Priority older person	4
	Welfare Priority	8
	Welfare Priority older person	3
	Homeless Priority	180
	Homeless Priority older person	7
	Band 1 Grand Total	246

BAND 1 TRANSFER LIST		Area J
Band 1	Surrendering Larger priority	25
	Transfer HAP Band 1	204
	Transfer HAP Band 1 Older Person	4
	Transfer Medical priority	11
	Transfer Medical priority older person	4
	Transfer Welfare priority	40
	Transfer Welfare priority older person	10
	Band 1 Transfer List Grand Total	298

BAND 2 HOUSING		Area J
Band 2	Band 2 Housing List	657
	Band 2 Housing List older person	31
Band 2 Grand Total		688

BAND 2 TRANSFER LIST		Area J
Band 2	Band 2 Transfer List	177
	Band 2 Transfer List older person	32
Band 2 Transfer List Grand Total		209

BAND 3 HOUSING		Area J
Band 3	Band 3 Housing List	649
	Band 3 Housing List older person	86
Band 3 Grand Total		735

BAND 3 TRANSFER LIST		Area J
Band 3	Band 3 Transfer List	533
	Band 3 Transfer List older person	76
Band 3 Transfer List Grand Total		609

Total	Housing List Total	1669
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Total	TRANSFER LIST TOTAL	1116
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The following table is the total number of allocation made to applicants who had selected Area J as a preference.

Combined Housing & Transfer	Area J
Housing List Total	83
Transfer List Total	72
Combined Total	155

It is not possible to determine the waiting times for an offer of a Social Housing tenancy for any applicant as individual circumstances such as household composition, medical and welfare needs dictate the Band each applicant is placed in. The supply of suitable sized properties is also a determining factor. All applicant's positions can fluctuate on the waiting list as other applicant's circumstances change and move between Bands.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive what is the procedure for DCC to review the private developer's collection of domestic waste collection and is there a procedure for DCC to put in a tender to supply the service to the public.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current market structure of waste collection in Ireland is for competition within the market. Any waste collector appropriately authorised by the National Waste Collection Permits Office (NWCPO) may compete within the market to provide waste collection services to domestic or commercial customers.

Reviewing the activities of any authorised waste collector is done in the context of assessing compliance with their waste collection permit and is a function of the NWCPO.

There is currently no procedure for Dublin City Council to tender to supply waste collection services to the public. If the city council wished to re-enter the market it would have to do so on the basis of competing with those other operators already in the market.

In the context of national policy in respect of waste collection the Department of Climate Action, Communications and Environment following the report of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission on the Operation of the Household Waste Collection Market in 2018 have stated that:

'The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) report from September, 2018 recommended that existing national waste management policy, as set out in 'A Resource Opportunity - Waste Management Policy in Ireland', should be reviewed.

This review process has begun and will take account of a number of initiatives, such as the European circular economy waste and plastics legislation frameworks and the reports from the CCPC and the Price Monitoring Group.

This process will inform the development of future national waste management policy, including our environmental goals, regulatory and market structures, and policy instruments and tools.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide answers to the following questions in relation to the conveying of public lands to private management companies in the Dublin Docklands.

- a) Can you confirm which Dublin City Council proposes to convey. It would appear that significant parts of the Campshires (quay side public spaces) are included in the lands to be transferred. Dublin City Council also have a significant number of tenants affected by any change in land ownership.
- b) What is the rationale for transferring public lands to unaccountable private companies.
- c) What protection is proposed for public access to these lands when under private ownership.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council assumed the roles and responsibilities of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) on 1st March 2016 as per the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (Dissolution) Act 2015. One of the many Legacy issues for the City Council to resolve post dissolution was the formal transfer of the Common Areas to the 3 established Public Realm Management Companies. There are two Management Companies on the North Side of the Liffey (Custom House Docks

Management and North Wall Quay/Mayor Street Management) and one on the South Side (Grand Canal Harbour Management Company).

The attached Draft Map visualises the extent of what is intended to transfer to each of the Public Realm Management Companies and what is being taken in-charge by Dublin City Council. You will see from the map that the Liffey Campshires are to be taken in-charge by DCC and this process has already commenced. City Quay from Memorial Bridge to the Beckett Bridge and North Wall Quay from the Beckett to the 3Arena was taken in-charge during 2018. The remaining sections being Custom House Quay from Memorial Bridge to the Beckett Bridge will be taken in-charge during Q1 2019 and it is intended to follow with Sir John Rogersons Quay from the Beckett to Capital Dock during Q2.

There is an obligation in the Management Company Agreement to transfer the Freehold of the Estate to each of the Public Realm Companies. The City Council as successor to the DDDA must honour this obligation. As you will see on the Map it is not intended to transfer all of the Common Areas, in fact the Council intends retaining the freehold and taking in-charge significant areas around both the IFSC and Grand Canal Harbour. The Management Companies have Boards of Directors and are completely accountable under the Companies Act.

It is important to note that currently the Management Companies are fully responsible for the management and maintenance of the 3 estates in question and there is no issue with members of the public using these spaces on a daily basis. This will not change when the freehold is transferred, the Public will still have access as they have always had and the public will not see or experience any change to what is the norm in these areas.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive, (**details supplied**) are an online accommodation provider currently active in the Dublin rental market. Some of the properties advertised potentially breach minimum standards legislation.

Can the Chief Executive provide answers to the following questions in relation to such service providers?

- a) What is the criteria for registration with the Property Service Regulator.
- b) As (**details supplied**) are not registered with Property Service Regulator what sanctions can be applied by Dublin City Council if they are in breach of legislation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Property Services Regulatory Authority is aware of certain companies that only have an online presence, advertising rental properties. The companies concerned are not providing a property service as defined in the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011. An online advertising platform does not constitute a property service within the meaning of the Act. Some of these companies are based outside Ireland so even if they were in fact providing a property service, the P.S.R.A would have no remit in terms of licencing. The public should exercise caution when engaging with services of such online platforms, and they should be aware that they do not have any of the consumer protections provided by the Act e.g. complaints redress mechanism or access to the P.S.R.A compensation fund. Dublin City Council has no authority to sanction such platforms but we will arrange to circulate a message of caution / awareness on our social media outlets.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of properties currently under compulsory purchase orders and the number where an appeal has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As confirmed with the Councillor, the properties he is referring to are the derelict sites being acquired under the Derelict Act, 1990. Currently there are two sites awaiting the consent of An Bord Pleanála as follows: (1), 19 Connaught Street, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 and (2), 21 Connaught Street, Phibsborough Dublin 7.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether any information on radon concentrations was gathered by the Council as part of inspections of private rented accommodation under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) (Amendment) Regulations in each of the last 5 years, and if so whether any excessive levels of radon were detected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issue of radon is not dealt with under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017. Radon surveys of private rented accommodation are not carried out as part of an inspection of private rented accommodation.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what transport greenhouse gas emissions, are predicted to occur in the Dublin City Area over the period of the implementation of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy, compared to the base year and compared to "do nothing" or "do minimum" scenarios".

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter will be investigated and a report will be forwarded to the Councillor in due course.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive given the significant amount of overcrowding and under occupancy in our own housing stock, can the Chief Executive put in place a policy or structure that will facilitate and encourage those living in homes with surplus bedrooms to move to more suitable accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Currently Dublin City Council operates a surrendering larger policy under the Scheme of Letting for Older Persons who wish to transfer from larger Dublin City Council dwellings to designated Older Persons' accommodation, these tenants may be considered for a Priority.

Dublin City Council also facilitates inter-transfers between tenants which can in some cases alleviate over-crowding.

The Allocations Section is also in the process of developing an enhanced inter-transfer scheme which it is expected will result in more tenants having the ability to transfer to suitable sized properties.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure:

1. That all major planning applications are put online within a week of receipt (including adequate arrangements for public holidays) so that potential objectors have adequate time to prepare submissions

2. That commercial applicants are required to submit applications online, thereby ensuring material is available on the Dublin City Council website within two business days.
3. That all objections are put online rapidly and that there be a full explanation of the recent serious and unacceptable “outage” in this regard, so that Councillors can be satisfied that it is unlikely to recur.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

1. Planning applications are made available online as soon as possible following receipt. Our commitment is to make them available online within 10 working days to allow sufficient time for validating, inputting, scanning etc. Currently 40% are available within 8 working days and we will continue to work to improve this service which is very dependent on volumes received.
2. Commercial applicants cannot be required to submit applications online without a change in National legislation.
Section 22 (3) provides that ‘where the planning authority consents to the making of a planning application wholly or partly in electronic form, an application or any part thereof may be made by the applicant in that form; where that occurs, one copy of the application or part thereof will be sufficient’. In other words, the planning authority consents but it cannot make it obligatory to submit all or part of the application electronically.
3. Observations are made available online as soon as possible following receipt with the average time being 3 working days. Our commitment is 5 working days to give sufficient time for validating, inputting, scanning etc. The recent “outage” was as a result of a technical difficulty that occurred when a change was being made in the back office to introduce an extra step before scanned documents would be published to the web. An error was made that resulted in the observations/submissions being hidden from public view which could not be remedied immediately due to a technical difficulty which has now been overcome.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to work with the NTA and other Dublin Councils to develop alternative plans to the proposed Core Bus Corridor proposals. The development of options and solutions should be done in consultation with public representatives, city and traffic planners, residents and businesses in the City on a similar basis to the ‘Citizens Assembly’ forum. Alternative proposals should incorporate the needs of the Dublin City area in terms of alleviating congestion, safe pedestrian and cycling solutions, improved environment, urban village and community development, value for money to the taxpayer, implementation feasibility in the short term and proof of concept studies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Bus Connects proposals are currently the subject of non-statutory public consultation and as such are not yet proposals for submitting for statutory approval as they may change depending on the public response.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange with our Housing Maintenance Section to replace the rotten bench which is close to the gable end of **(details supplied)**. Can we also replace other similar benches in this older person’s complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection of these benches. If painting or replacement is required, this will be arranged.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to fully investigate the unauthorised development trading as Monarch Steelworks which is situated in the back gardens from 404 to 410 Clogher Road Crumlin Dublin 12. As part of this report can he explain why the original planning enforcement investigation into this matter had the file closed. Can he also give an update on current planning enforcement investigations into the development. Please also explain why to date he has not used Section 46 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which allows for enforcement against any unauthorised development where seven years have elapsed. Can the powers under this section be now commenced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A number of the issues raised in the Councillors questions are the subject of, or have been mentioned in a current Section 5 (Planning and Development Act 2000) referral that is under consideration by the Planning Department. It would not be appropriate to make any further comment when the referral is before the Council.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange with our Public Domain Section and ESB Networks to deal with the following matter. ESB Networks have a sub-station adjacent to **(details supplied)**. There is major and persistent illegal dumping on this site. I am asking for a joint approach to be taken by both our Public Domain, Litter Warder and ESB Networks to tidy up this site and to put in place actions to prevent dumping at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site in question is owned by the Dublin City Council. The E.S.B. are responsible for the substation only. The Litter Warden will monitor this location closely for evidence of illegal dumping. There have been very few reports of illegal dumping recorded at this location in the past few years, and I would urge the residents to report instances for follow up. Reports can be made by phone to 01 222 2222 or by email to southeast@dublincity.ie

Q.133 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange with our Park's Section to deal with the following matter. To follow up on a previous commitment to remove the tree at **(details supplied)**. This tree and its roots have caused damage to both the footpath and the boundary wall. It needs to be removed immediately. In addition, can the claim for damages to the wall from the homeowner be expedited.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree will be removed over the next 3 weeks and a request then forwarded to the Paving Section to repair the path. Claims for damages should be forwarded to The Central Claims Section of Dublin City Council for investigation.

A claim form in relation to damage to a boundary wall at the above address was received by the Law Department on 11th November, 2018 and forward directly to Irish Public Bodies Insurance Company (IPB). IPB are responsible for dealing with all claims made against Dublin City Council and they are currently investigating this claim notified to them in November 2018.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plan to tackle the ongoing huge industrial scale toxic illegal dumping at Moatview, Belcamp and adjacent areas in Darndale, Dublin 17.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An interdepartmental meeting is scheduled for the above in the next week. The meeting should serve as an opportunity to decide exactly what is to be done.

The previous removal of large scale debris at interdepartmental /shared enormous cost, proved to be controversial, given the continuous nature of dumping post removal (which was of necessity carried out over a period of 8 days in July 2018).

Curtalement measures were put in place at the time, but did not work. Effective prevention of continuous dumping is as equal in importance to removal as this alone has not proved effective. Strategically on any second proposed large scale removal, prevention measures would have to be almost assured of success in equal measure at the time of decision. The latter would include the effectiveness of legal mechanisms to deal with the problem simultaneously.

We can arrange to update the Councillor once a final decision has been made on the above.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the chronic damp problems inspected at **(details supplied)**. The council advised the tenant last November not to clean the mould away in order to allow a proper inspection of the problem. The inspection has not been carried out to date and the problem has deteriorated and spread throughout the whole house. This has now become a health issue for the residents and needs to be addressed a.s.a.p.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Engineer inspected this property on 25.02.19. He observed localised mould growth in both bedrooms, in the living room and adjacent to the front door resulting from poor ventilation in the property. He has arranged for a ventilation contractor to install a ventilation unit. The situation will be monitored going forward.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the outstanding repair/replacement to a radiator completed at **(details supplied)**. The tenant, says that this problem is a couple of years old and cannot understand what the holdup is.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bathroom in this dwelling was inspected in the past week by Housing Maintenance. All fittings are in working order including the radiator.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he can refer to the tenant at location **(details supplied)** Please say when you can arrange to have the front door and sitting room door draught proofed as elderly resident is freezing in his home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The front door in this dwelling was draught proofed in 2017.
A further inspection will be carried out to check if this needs replacing at this stage.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the housing applicant at **(details supplied)** and say when it is likely this family will be housed in their own home as their current accommodation is proving difficult.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above named applicants Housing Application is currently suspended pending receipt of documentation. The applicant has been contacted regarding this matter and advised of what information we require. The application will remain suspended until such time as this documentation is received and assessed.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to tenancy at **(details supplied)** which has been inspected by Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance Section on numerous occasions now, and say if he can, at this stage, (6 years after house fire), arrange for immediate maintenance work to be carried out as follows;

- (a) Replacement of porch door
- (b) Repair of large gaps in window surrounds
- (c) Repair of large gaps in front door surrounds
- (d) Insulation of attic as residents are freezing

ESB and gas bills are enormous as heating has to be kept on all day, and both ESB and gas meters in porch are being damaged as a result of there being no porch door in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was a fire in this dwelling approximately 10 years ago. All necessary works to restore the dwelling were carried out at that time including the insulation in the attic. The windows and doors in this dwelling are double-glazed PVC units. They were checked recently and found to be in good working order with the exception of one window. A contractor will be requested to check this window in relation to carrying out necessary repairs/replacement.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to shrubbery in Rockfield Park directly opposite number 12 Thorndale Park, Beaumont, Dublin 9, and say if you can arrange to have the shrubbery cut back and a general clean-up of dirt and litter cleared from the location to be carried out and arrange to have the area treated for rat infestation by the HSE who say that an order from the Council is required before they can treat with poison.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the provisions of the Wildlife Act are now in force the shrubbery will be inspected in the autumn after the bird-nesting season with a view to its inclusion on the winter shrubbery maintenance schedule. Arrangements will be made to have the area baited for rodents.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please comment on the lack of careful green landscaping/planning in terms of tree planting in new developments in the general area at,

- (a) **(Details supplied)**. and say what efforts Dublin City Council is taking/can take to ensure every effort is made to ensure the planting of trees such as those planted at:
- (b) **(Details supplied)**, including oak, elder and sycamore trees in estates such as those at:

(c) **(Details supplied)** and comment on the lack of adequate tree planting such as, (d) **(Details supplied)** and if he can make a general statement on the matter of the need to ensure adequate tree planting as well as the preservation of mature trees in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The parent planning permission for the development at **(details supplied)** was granted under plan ref. 3838/10 and An Bord Pleanála ref. PL 29N 238692 for the demolition of 2 no. dwellings and construction of a three storey development including Block A (4 no. 1 bed apartments and shop unit); Block B (12 no. 3 bed terraced houses); and Block C (5 no. 3 bed terraced houses).

The submitted landscape plan indicated that it was proposed to prioritise the use of native tree species and berry bearing plants including the retention of semi-mature trees where appropriate. Condition no.7 attached to the grant of permission required the applicant to submit a landscaping plan to include, where appropriate, retention of existing trees or shrubs and clearly demonstrating materials/planting proposed within the site. The Parks and Landscape Services Division report on the compliance submission for condition no.7 indicated that the Division were satisfied with the proposal.

The Dublin City Tree Strategy provides the vision and direction for long-term planning, planting, protection and maintenance of trees, hedgerows and woodlands within Dublin city and development plan policy GI30 seeks to encourage and promote tree planting in the planning and development of urban spaces, streets, roads and infrastructure projects.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the overgrown bushes at the entrance of the Car Park **(details supplied)**. (See pictures attached), can you please arrange for the pruning back of same as they are causing a serious hazard for cyclists and an obstacle for motorists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area will be visited in the coming weeks however as the provisions of the Wildlife Act are now in force only very minor pruning; enough to remove any hazard, can be carried out. The matter can be revisited in the autumn after the bird nesting season.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to road at **(details supplied)** and say if the installation of traffic calming ramps can be considered for this road as local residents feel that toddlers, older children and other vulnerable pedestrians are at risk as a result of rat-running traffic that use this road. All surrounding roads have traffic calming measures installed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for speed ramps at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to tree outside **(details supplied)** and say when same is due to be removed as promised, as elderly resident fears same is a serious hazard for very young children and other vulnerable pedestrians. A schedule

of removal of these heavily fruit bearing trees has been agreed and the lady at **(details supplied)** is aged 85 and is unable to pick up the rotting fruit any longer and dreads the summer ahead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service has had ongoing engagement with the Marino Residents Association over the last two years and has agreed a prioritised multi-annual phased replacement plan for the problematic trees in the area. The tree at this address is marked for removal in the winter of 2020/21.

Q.145 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the cost for outdoor seating permits in Dublin City Centre compares to other cities in Ireland and other international cities such as London, Edinburgh and New York.

My understanding is that the fee in the City of London is £435 for a new application, in Westminster its £385 flat fees and in Edinburgh in the city centre it is £110 per square meter, Belfast is a flat fee of £225, which would all appear to be well below the fee being charged by DCC, judging by the fee structure detailed/outlined at [Apply-tables-chairs-licence](#)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254) Planning and Development Regulations sets out the statutory charge of €125 per annum for placing a table on the public footpath. In addition, most local authorities also impose application fees and a fee for the area occupied. The average fee charged for 8 tables with 24 chairs occupying 8`sq. m in Dublin City is €4,400 p.a (comprising €100 application fee, 8X €125 per table, first 4 sq. m @€200 per sq. m and next 4 sq.m @'€500 per sq. m p.a.). Cork City charge an administration fee of €110 and €125 per table and a €100 Licence fee. Galway charge an administration fee of €200 and €125 per table. Limerick charge €125 per table and €630 for a windbreaker.

In London a fee per item applies £435 for 1 item, rising to £750 for 10 items and £2800 for 40 items. For more than 74 items there is an application fee of £400 and a fee of £65 per item in excess of 74.

In Edinburgh fees vary from between £85 to £110 per sq. m depending on location.

Manchester charges an annual licence fee of £309 and £16 per sq.m.

New York City charges an application fee of \$445, a security deposit of between \$1,500 to \$4,000, a fee of \$55 per seat (minimum \$1,360) and a fee of between \$2579.62 to \$5159.23 per sq. foot (minimum charge up to 70 sq. ft and \$40.41 per sq. foot thereafter. For comparison purposes the average Dublin fee for 8 tables, 24 chairs and windbreaker occupying 8 sq. m in the core City centre area costs €4,400 p.a. In New York the corresponding fee would be approx. \$11,604 p.a.

In London the corresponding fee would be approx. £2,100 stg.

Q.146 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if it is correct to state that a café or restaurant on a city centre street with a seating area of, for example a modest 15m square meters with four tables would pay €5,800 or €6,900 if on a pedestrianised street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A 15 sq. m street furniture licence could accommodate between 10 to 12 tables and between 30 to 36 seats. In the core city centre area on a pedestrianised street the fees would be €7,650 p.a. (comprising €100 application fee, 10 X €125 per table statutory charge, first 4 sq. m @€200 per sq. m and €500 per sq. m (thereafter) X 11).

Q.147 LORD MAYOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to also confirm that Public Liability Insurance for €2.6 million has to be provided to indemnify Dublin City Council, a newspaper notice has to be placed and paid for and also a 1:100 scale drawing of the area being applied for must include the following: All above ground utilities and services within 10 metres of the proposed area. This includes lampposts, bollards, fire hydrants, manholes, cycle stands, litter bins and all street furniture. This usually incurs a significant cost in the preparation of architectural plans and drawings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The relevant legislation is the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Section 254) which sets out the requirements outlined above.