

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2019**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding plans for Dublin City Council

to re-locate some industrial estates in the city, to make way for housing developments.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The report to Council at its March meeting, with regard to the lands zoned Z6 and Z7 is part of the outcome of an extensive study of all Z6 and Z7 zoned lands across the City. Many of the lands are small parcels, and a small number of very large sites. The study has, so far, identified four large area locations that are recommended for consideration for rezoning to allow for a more dense form of development. In seeking changes to the zoning for these particular areas, it is not the intent that the lands would be dedicated solely for housing purposes, but be intensified in their use to provide for housing, employment, local services, amenities, quality sustainable transport (including walking and cycling), and strong place-making. This approach will seek to ensure that a significant scale of employment is preserved, and where appropriate some uses remain, with a more efficient use of land. For a number of the sites in question, there are large sites within the zoning area that are currently underutilised or vacant. There are no specific proposals at present to undertake re-location.

The larger lands will now be subject to more detailed study to assess the best planning options to achieve a quality mix of use and take into account the importance of preserving the employment role of these areas.

For the large number of smaller sites currently zoned Z6, some of these may be more appropriate for mixed use, housing or local retail zonings. It is intended that the Planning staff will arrange a workshop with each Area Committee to present the work so far, and discuss the best options for the various sites.

The outcome of these bodies of work will then inform a report to the Council in the Autumn, leading to a series of variations commencing in the Autumn.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for the total cost to date incurred by the City Council in preparing, a detailed breakdown of the costs to date, the projected final cost of the site preparation and to report in detail on the Council's financial approach to securing a percentage of units for social housing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Overall Total Expenditure to date stands at €155,814.09. Expenditure includes:

- Professional Services: procurement / legal, etc
- Site investigation and surveys: geotechnical / soil analysis / topology, EIS, etc
- Cost Benefit Report / Financials, etc

The site will be prepared for development by the Economic Operator (the developer) the cost of which will be included as part of the overall bid, as a result the site preparation costs will not be known until the procurement procedure is complete and the Development Agreement is signed.

It is intended that the 30% social units will be purchased from the developer, however the final number of social units depends on the actual number of housing units, over the entire site, granted permission by An Bord Pleanála.

The purchase of these units will be fully funded by the Department Housing, Planning and Local government, under the Social Housing Investment Programme.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the footpath at **(details supplied)**, as it is damaged due to tree roots.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection on **(details supplied)** and schedule any repairs when a crew is in the area.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the lands referred to in the attached maps have ever been taken in charge and if not are there plans to do so.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning & Engineering Department have said that this is a matter for South Dublin County Council as the land is in their area.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive when will a toilet seat be provided to **(details supplied)** as this flat has the original toilet installed by the Council and the tenant cannot purchase a seat to fit the toilet.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance does not provide toilet seats for residents of City Council dwellings. This is the responsibility of the tenant.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing units, the AHB's have been vacant for more than 12 months in Dublin City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is not aware of any long term vacant AHB owned units in the City Council's area.

Under the terms of the Capital Assistance, Capital Loan and Subsidy Schemes and Capital Advance Leasing Facility(CALF), an AHB must notify the City Council immediately when a unit becomes vacant and look for a nomination for the unit.

Under the terms of a Payment and Availability Agreement advanced through CALF, an AHB has three months from the date it becomes aware of the vacancy to have the unit re-occupied. Should the unit remain vacant longer than the three-month period, Dublin City Council withholds any payment relating to the unit until the unit is re-occupied.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will install a hand rail on the stairway at the home of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The hand rail has been installed in this dwelling.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any progress regarding the transfer of the fire station on North Strand to a site on **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An initial analysis and feasibility study for the development of a new fire station on site at Alfie Byrne has been commissioned.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how long the cycle path from **(details supplied)** will take from start to completion and to confirm that all measures will be taken by the contractor to protect homes and the area for local residents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All works associated with the cycle path are expected to be complete by Q1 2020. It is the contractor's responsibility to survey all properties and structures before and after construction works. Residents in close proximity to the site have been notified regarding surveys of their properties but not all residents have confirmed availability to facilitate the surveys. As works will be getting more intense from late March, any assistance to encourage feedback will be beneficial to all parties.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the Traffic Engineer will be appointed to the traffic plan for **(details supplied)** in order to put in place once and for all a traffic plan for the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Traffic are still awaiting additional staff and at present we do not have a date for their appointment.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether the Vacant or Derelict Sites Section have examined whether **(details supplied)** be added to either the Register of Vacant Sites or the Register of Derelict Sites.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A file has been prepared for the inclusion of the site at **details supplied** to the Vacant Sites Register. In line with criteria as outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (the Act) a 2nd site inspection is due to take place shortly to ascertain if this site has been vacant for 12 months. Should this 2nd inspection find the site is vacant, as outlined in the Act, a Notice of Proposed Entry to the Vacant Sites Register will be served on the owner(s).

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repainting and extending of double yellow lines in **(details supplied 1)**. The double yellows are on a bend opposite house no's **(details supplied 2)**. This is a sharp bend in the road and vehicles parking near the bend (including from nearby restaurant) are sometimes preventing cars / emergency vehicles from negotiating the bend properly. A small extension (10M) of the double yellows westwards opposite house number **(details supplied 3)**, would improve this situation. The lines are also fading at the moment and need to be re-painted please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Existing markings will be renewed within 30 days of the City Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The Area Traffic Engineer has advised that it is not recommended to extend the double yellow lines on the bend as **per details supplied 2**, as this would infringe upon current residential parking spaces on the road and create parking issues elsewhere on the road.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on **(details supplied)**. The report to include green areas, trees, footpath repair, carriageway, light poles, gullies, drains, public bins etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has no plans to carry out major works in **(details supplied 1 & 2)** in the North Central Area in 2019.

A night check is carried out on all lights in the Dublin City Council area every 6-8 weeks.

The last night check carried out on **(details supplied 2)** was between Monday 4th March 2019 and Monday 11th March 2019. There is currently one (1) light out here that is scheduled for repair.

The lighting in **(details supplied 1)** was upgraded to LED in September 2019. The last night check carried out in this estate on was on Monday 11th March 2019 and all lights here are currently operating.

Waste Management Services have twenty-three litter bins along **(details supplied 2)** and four litter bins in the **(details supplied 1)**. We are satisfied that there is a sufficient number of litter bins in these areas to cater for the litter needs there.

Road gully repairs are programmed by drainage maintenance inspectors/engineers on an area by area basis within the Dublin City Council area. Road gully repairs deemed either 'dangerous' or 'priority' will be reviewed promptly and made safe and repaired as deemed necessary.

Maintenance of public sewers within the Dublin City Council area are programmed by drainage maintenance inspector/engineers. Sewer maintenance is typically carried out on historically known problematic sewers, strategically important sewers and ad-hoc sewer issues reported through the Irish Water.

The trees on **(details supplied 2)** have all been pruned in the last couple of years. The trees in **(details supplied 1)** are in satisfactory condition and no works planned at present.

Other than routine maintenance no works are planned for the green spaces in the area.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the cutting back of overgrown trees / shrubs which are located in the green area between **(details supplied 1)** but are impacting on the back walls / sheds of homes in **(details supplied 2)**. I have requested this previously and I would be very much obliged if this work could be carried out please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The adopted tree policy states that this is not work we would consider unless the tree is dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance. The trees are inaccessible from the public side. The Parks Service is very reluctant to carry out such pruning work overhanging private gardens as it merely leads to a proliferation of weakly attached regrowth which can more easily become detached in high winds.

The locus will be inspected in the coming weeks and if the trees are dangerous or causing an actionable nuisance the Parks Service will arrange to remove rather than prune for the reasons outlined above.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR DAMIEN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on **(details supplied 1)**. The report to include green areas, trees, footpath repair, carriageway, light poles, gullies, drains, public bins etc. Also, I have received many representations from residents requesting a children's playground in **(details supplied 2)**. As well as parents with young families there are many grandparents in the estate / area minding young grandchildren who would like even a small 'kiddies' type playground to attend. There is quite a distance between **(details supplied 3)** not to mention the main road itself. I would appreciate your further consideration of this, in your response to my request please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied 1)** is a large area and contains a considerable number of gullies. The gullies in this estate will be cleaned by members of the Gully Cleaning Crew over the coming weeks in accordance with the Gully Cleaning Service Delivery Plan.

Maintenance of public sewers within the Dublin City Council area are programmed by drainage maintenance inspector/engineers. Sewer maintenance is typically carried out on historically known problematic sewers, strategically important sewers and ad-hoc sewer issues reported through the Irish Water.

Waste Management Services have three litter bins on **(details supplied 4)** at the side of **(details supplied 2)**. We also have a litter bin at the green **(details supplied 5)** This is a sufficient number of litter bins for this residential estate.

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks and localised repairs will be scheduled towards third/fourth quarter of 2019.

A night check is carried out on all lights in the Dublin City Council area every 6-8 weeks.

The last night check carried out in the **(details supplied 1)** on was on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019. There is currently one (1) light out in the area that is scheduled for repair.

If there are specific areas of concern in **(details supplied 1)**, please forward on the exact details of these roads and streets and we will examine the lighting on them.

Other than routine maintenance there are no proposals to carry out development works on the open spaces in this estate. It is proposed this year to return the redundant dust all-weather training area in **(details supplied 2)** to parkland. Benches have been installed at **(details supplied 2)**.

There are no proposals to construct a playground at this location at this time. As part of the open space strategy an audit of the distribution of, and access to, playgrounds

within residential areas in the city was carried out. This audit identified the areas with the greatest play facility deficit. These are the areas which have been prioritised in the capital programme for the construction of new playgrounds. **(details supplied 2)** is approximately 500m from the existing playground at **(details supplied 6)** and would be considered a very low priority for the installation of a new playground.

Certain areas of the estate near **(details supplied 3)** might actually be closer to the existing playground in **(details supplied 7)** to the west.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the ESB and request that they make safe the wiring outside **(details supplied)** the wiring was left hanging, following work on the house. This is over a year now, and needs to be addressed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)** is a private dwelling and therefore Dublin City Council is unable to assist in this matter. The owner should contact ESB directly to arrange for any necessary remedial work to be carried out.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair to the side gate damaged by a Garda chase at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The side gate at the above property will be repaired when the tenant supplies us with a Pulse number and incident report from An Garda Síochána

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are in the process of buying **(details supplied)** as users of this service are concerned that the premises are to be sold for a housing project.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is not in the process of acquiring the referred to premises.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

To ask the Chief Executive to install double yellow lines opposite **(details supplied)** as people are parking so poorly it is obstructing access to the laneway and double yellow lines will enable residents to access their rear gardens without obstruction.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This request will be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON**

To ask the Chief Executive to revisit the policy on lighting in laneways that provide rear access to houses. Residents who use the laneway between **(details supplied)** have great difficulty traversing the laneway in the dark and particularly in winter months. The laneway is in the Council's ownership and ought to be lit to allow safe use of it for all residents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Public Lighting Services do not propose changing its policy regarding laneways that serve as rear access to houses only. With regards to the laneway between **(details supplied 1)**, there is a laneway at the side of **(details supplied 2)** and this laneway is not in the charge of Dublin City Council. The majority of the rest of the laneways between these two roads serve as rear access to houses only, and it is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to light such laneways. However, there is lighting on the section of laneway between houses, **(details supplied 3)** as this is a straight-through access between the two roads here.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for urgent repair to the footpath outside **(details supplied)** it is in a dangerous state and senior citizens live close by.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services have notified Irish Water of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate why the sewage keeps blocking up at **(details supplied)**. This is now happening 4-5 times a year. This was not always the case and can something be done to resolve this issue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council own 2 properties No's. 31 and 39 of the number of properties listed. DCC, Housing Maintenance choke car has responded to chokes in these 2 properties as follows:

No.31 January 2019  
February 2018  
June 2016  
July 2015

No.39 January 2017.

Housing Maintenance will monitor the situation in our dwellings.

The remainder of these dwellings are privately owned, therefore the responsibility for maintaining and clearing blocked drains lies with the owners of these dwellings.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the plaque at the gable wall of **(details supplied))** is cleaned of graffiti. A lot of tourists come to the area to view the plaque, please make sure these works are undertaken by the April Council meeting. Can you also make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Work has been carried out on **(details supplied)** and has now been cleaned.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)** in order to determine the problem with dampness in the home of our tenant; and to put in place a plan to address these problems.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance are arranging for a damp report to be carried out on this property within the next 3 weeks. Following on from the recommendations of this report the recommended works will be carried out.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive since you took over in September 2013 how many employees have transferred from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to Dublin City Council. What roles have they filled. Where roles are advertised internally and externally to ensure that employees from all County Councils could apply ie Fingal County Council. Is there any internal transfer policy for these roles, if so who is responsible for the governing over transfer's from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Vacancies in Dublin City Council are filled through competitions, with all positions at senior level filled through the Public Appointments Service.

Since 2015, a total of 100 vacancies have been filled through the Public Appointment Service with successful candidates broken down as follows:

Dublin City Council – 72  
 External – 10  
 Other Local Authorities – 18

6 people have been appointed from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, two of which had previous service with Dublin City Council.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to repair footpath at **(details supplied)** first reported to Dublin City Council on the 20th March 2018.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is logged in our system and will be repaired when a crew is available. Prioritisation is based on the severity of the defect and it location.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following housing query for **(details supplied)**. When will this lady be offered accommodation to facilitate independent living.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the housing list with a medical priority, with an application date of 14th March 2014, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1 Bed	14

It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

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.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query for **(details supplied)**. This lady has been twenty-six months on the homeless list. Herself and her two sons aged seven and two and a half years qualify for two-bedroom accommodation. Can an indication be given when this lady and her family will be offered suitable housing?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant (details supplied) is on Band 1 of the Housing list with a Homeless Priority since 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 for two bed accommodation with the following positions

Area	Position
Area B (Kilbarrack/Darndale)	26
Area E (Finglas/Cabra)	43

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

A member of our prevention will continue to link in with the applicant and I can confirm that the household is still eligible for the Household Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist them in accessing the private rental market. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one-month advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on [placefinders@dublincity.ie](mailto:placefinders@dublincity.ie) or 222 6955.

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

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can clarify the status of the Traffic Report submitted with this Question and what local consultation will be acted on in relation to it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning permission was granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanala for a temporary school under planning ref: 4023/17. As part of the development, improvements are required to be made at the applicant's expense to the surrounding road network, predominantly to improve the pedestrian environment. DCC had attached the following two conditions to the original report:

1. The applicant /Board of Management of the proposed School shall undertake to implement the measures outlined in the School Travel Plan to ensure that the targets set out within the plan are being implemented, monitored and achieved. A School Travel Plan co-ordinator for the school shall be appointed to promote, monitor and review the achievement of targets set out within the School Travel Plan and provide ongoing updates to the City Council on achievement of targets at regular intervals to be determined by the City Council. Within 3 months of

occupation of the proposed school the occupier shall liaise with the City Council to agree a timeframe for provision of monitoring reports. In the instance that the modal split targets set out within the School Travel Plan are not being achieved the applicant or Board of Management of the school shall proposed alternative which address how the mobility requirements of the school will be addressed. Such measures may include provision of a school bus service.

2. Prior to commencement of development the applicant/Board of Management of the School shall liaise with the Environment and Transportation Department to agree extent, detail and timeline for works to the public road including junction upgrades at Newgrove Avenue/ Strand Road and Seafort Avenue/ Strand Road, pedestrian crossings and footpath repairs along the site perimeter. All works shall be carried out at the applicant's expense at no cost to Dublin City Council and to the detailed requirements of the Environment and Transportation Department. All materials should be agreed in detail with Dublin City Council and should be in accordance with the document Construction Standards for Roads and Street Works in Dublin City Council.

The decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala and the following condition (no.6) was attached:

6. Prior to the making available for occupation of the school, the upgrade of the road network and supporting transport infrastructure shall be constructed to the satisfaction of the planning authority and written confirmation in this regard shall be supplied by the planning authority. Reason: To ensure timely and satisfactory provision of such site development works.  
This condition sets a timeline for the works as they have to be in place before the school opens. All works will have to be agreed by Dublin City Council.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive if permission was given to The Royal Dublin Golf Club for removing hedging's. Please see attached photos taken on 8th of March. This is in breach of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as Amended, 2000), as outlined below.

Illegal hedgerow cutting is detrimental to Irish wildlife and the IWT is calling for an immediate halt to this destructive practice. Unless for reasons of health and safety, hedge cutting is in breach of the Wildlife Act 1976 (as Amended, 2000), which bans hedge cutting from **March 1st to August 31st** each year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Earlier this year, and prior to the 1st of March, Dublin City Council's Parks Service removed a number of stands of Sea-Buckthorn from the dunes to the back of the beach as part of an ongoing programme to control the spread of this alien invasive species which is detrimental to the protected dune habitat.

The golf club undertook similar works on their private property. Best practice in this regard is to remove the plants and roots as best as can be achieved and allow the arising to remain on the ground as it acts to exclude light and discourage regrowth.

It is understood that all of these works were carried out and completed before the start of the bird nesting season.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure and policy of awarding and

monitoring contracts for a) housing maintenance and b) grass cutting. In particular, can the Chief Executive outline i) how DCC standards details/expectations are communicated to the contractor ii) if a clause preventing sub-contracting of the contract is included in the contract iii) if such a clause exists how is it monitored iv) the supervision, standards compliance and sign-off process for house maintenance v) if DCC undertake unannounced spot checks on houses/green areas during works/grass cutting.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The awarding of the Landscape Maintenance & Grass Maintenance Contract (217-2020) was carried out in line with DCC procurement policies and procedures. The contract is awarded following a tender competition which is published on the Irish Governments electronic tendering platform 'eTenders' ([www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie)). The requirements of the contract are detailed in the tender documents. There is no specific clause in the requirements preventing sub-contracting of works.

The work of landscape maintenance contractors (which includes grass cutting) is supervised by a Parks Contract Manager. If the Parks Contract Manager is dissatisfied with the performance of the contractor an interview will take place and the work of the contractor will be monitored for a period of time.

Where a Contractor has been given two verbal warnings of unsatisfactory performance at any point during the contract period, a week (7 days) notice need only be given to the Contractor of the Parks Superintendent's Office intention to conclude any contract(s).

**Housing Maintenance:**

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

A detailed Specifications Document is received by all applicants. This document details all the specifications which contractors have to meet in order to refurbish properties for Dublin City Council. Contractors also have to comply with the 2017 standards for Rented properties. Dublin City Council's new Term Maintenance Contract also includes a service level agreement (SLA) which sets out how the contractor will carry out their work while on the voids framework. The SLA outlines the required timeframe for the refurbishment of properties, Health & Safety requirements and project management requirements. This tender was also based on costings as set out in the Council's Bill of Quantities. This ensures value for money from contractors.

All projects assigned to contractors are subject to a Task Order which sets out the scope of works required and a timeframe for completing the project.

2&3) There is no clause preventing sub contraction.

4) Each contractor is centrally managed by the Voids Manager, Housing Maintenance. The purpose of this is to review and improve timeframes and to improve contractor's performance.

While the contractor is carrying out refurbishment on void properties supervision and inspection is provided by Area Maintenance Officers (AMOs) in each area. Final inspection and snagging is carried out on each property. The property is not signed off as complete until the AMO is satisfied that the property has been refurbished according to the Standards for Rented Properties 2017.

5) Inspections are carried out as required during refurbishment works

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the rationale behind **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location as per **(details supplied)** is 150m north of one of the busiest junctions on the North of the City linking the M50 with the N32 and R139 to Grange Road and Baldoyle. Although this road is not in charge, Malahide Road is, therefore, in order to minimise the risk of traffic conflict and prevent congestion on an arterial route where traffic exiting Burnell has to cross a busy dual carriageway to travel southbound, a right turn ban from **(details supplied)** onto Malahide Road was introduced. This will force traffic wishing to turn right onto Malahide Road to exit safely from the rear of the development onto the R139 at Bewley's. Thus, removing the potential hazard and cause of traffic congestion at the junction with **(details supplied)**.

Left turn movements onto Malahide Road are not affected.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline with regard to the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme a) the level of funding received by Dublin City Council b) the number of applications received c) the number of applications approved d) the value of loans approved/drawn down e) the number of applications being currently processed and the value of the loans sought f) the amount of funding remaining for the scheme within Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There was €200m allocated nationwide under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme. Up to end of February 2019 the number of applications received by Dublin City Council was 448. Number of applications approved was 418. The value of loans approved by Dublin City Council to end of February 2019 was €69,867,410. There were 111 drawdowns to the end February 2019. 270 applications are currently being processed, the amounts being sought are already included in the value of loans approved.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the supports and provisions put in place by Dublin City Council to afford appropriate housing for those persons with an intellectual disability and who qualify for social housing within the Dublin City Council area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Strategic Plan for Housing people with a disability, aims to facilitate access, for people with disabilities, to the appropriate range of housing and related support services.

The core goal of the Strategy is to meet the identified housing needs of people with disabilities locally whether they are currently living in the community and/or in a congregated setting.

The four categories of disability referred to in the Strategy are:

- sensory disability
- mental health disability
- physical disability and
- intellectual disability

The strategy forms an integral part of the Housing Services Plans and promotes and supports the delivery of accommodation for people with disabilities using all appropriate housing supply mechanisms.

Housing Development is working with the Allocations Section to continue to source properties that may be suitable for specific needs and to encourage greater provision for disabilities in new builds and CALF/CAS schemes. In addition, Housing Maintenance are currently identifying where a void property might be suitable for a particular classification of need.

Dublin City Council is committed to continue to meet its target of 5% of all allocations of social housing to persons with a disability. The following is a breakdown of lettings in 2018 to applicants identified as having a disability including applicants.

<b>Medical Priority Cases Housed in Jan-Dec 2018</b>			
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Intellectual	5	3	8
Mental Health	4	3	7
Physical	50	57	107
Sensory	3	3	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Other Cases Housed with disabilities Jan - Dec 2018</b>			
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Intellectual	5	1	6
Mental Health	23	3	26
Physical	32	15	47
Sensory	4	3	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Total Cases Housed with disability attached Jan - Dec 2018</b>			
<b>Disability</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Intellectual	10	4	14
Mental Health	27	6	33
Physical	82	72	154
Sensory	7	6	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>214</b>

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that both doors described below are wide open when the Civic Offices building is open. On the first floor of the Civic Offices walking away from Blocks 1 and 2 and towards the stairs down to the ground floor and the main entrance to Block 4 from the quays, one of the two doors in the attached photographs is invariably closed. This is completely pointless and often leads to people being delayed given the volume of people who pass through these doors on a constant basis. For the same reason it is a health and safety hazard to have one of these doors permanently bolted closed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The doors referred to were kept in a closed position due to a "wind tunnel effect" caused by the main entrance door at Christchurch. Following works to that main entrance door in 2018, this situation has improved and arrangements have been made so that the walkways referred to will be kept fully open during normal business hours

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the bicycle that is chained to a pole on Shelbourne Road, near the turn for Shelbourne Avenue, opposite the new building complex Lansdowne Place. This bicycle has been at this location for some time; part of the bicycle is missing and it appears to have been abandoned.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I will arrange for the bicycle that is chained to a pole on Shelbourne Road, near the turn for Shelbourne Avenue, to be removed as soon as possible.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the proposed new hotel development at Portobello Harbour what the proposed traffic plan for the area will be during the build phase of the construction? Anyone living in the area is well aware of the disruption caused to traffic on Charlemont St and on the Canal during the recent Clayton Hotel development and also the recently developed Lennox building. This is in addition to the normal rush in the mornings arising from Bloomfield Ave, St Kevin's Rd, Portobello Rd, and Lennox Street being used as a rat run to South Richmond St and into town. As two roads parallel to the South Circular Road (Lennox St and Portobello Road) both have full, dual on-street parking, to ask in particular what plans are being put in place to alleviate the pressure on traffic in this area during this construction phase?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning permission has recently been granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála for a hotel development at Portobello Harbour. The following conditions are attached to An Bord's permission.

6. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste. Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

7. Construction and demolition waste shall be managed in accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the "Best Practice

Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects”, published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006. The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this material in accordance with the provision of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated. Reason: In the interest of sustainable waste management.

The applicant is required to agree a Construction Management Plan with DCC. This will include traffic management measures during construction. In addition, the applicant must apply to DCC Roadworks Control Section for all relevant licenses and must liaise with that section throughout the construction period.

To date, no compliances have been received with regard to the above conditions.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the lack of a coherent residential strategy for the South Georgian Core and the establishment by the South Georgian Core Residents' Association of a policy committee to engage positively with the Council in relation to this, to have the Council co-ordinate a multi-stakeholder engagement tasked to develop a shared residential vision and policy framework within the next 12-18 months for the South Georgian Core.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not the case that there is a lack of a coherent residential strategy for the South Georgian area. The City Development Plan 2016-2022 contains a coherent residential strategy for the whole city including the Georgian areas.

Chapter 5, for example, relates to the provision of quality housing in the city, whilst Chapter 16 sets out a range of residential Development Standards for both houses and apartments. Large parts of Georgian Dublin have a specific land use zoning – Z8, with the objective to protect the existing architectural and civic design character, which is cross-referenced in Chapter 11 (Build Heritage and Culture).

A report on “The Future of the South Georgian Core” was produced in 2013 during the recession, mainly to address concerns about the flight of office use from the Georgian areas and consequent vacancy levels, and to promote different residential typologies within the Georgian areas. The report contained a number of recommendations, many of which were taken up. For example, one of the changes made to the Z8 Zoning in the current Development Plan was to remove the 40% cap on office use in a unit, as it was resulting in over-intrusive internal subdivision.

It is also a policy of the City Council to pursue a World Heritage nomination for the historic city of Dublin in partnership with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. (Policy CHC13 of the Development Plan).

The “South Georgian Core” Report of 2013 is now superseded by the “South Georgian Dublin Townhouse Reuse Document” 2019, which is shortly to be published. This document sets out general guidance for the successful adaption of Georgian houses and also describes the City Council's new Active Land Management service to ensure an integrated approach is taken to the provision of Conservation, Fire Safety and Building regulation matters.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full detailed report with regards the funding of a study that is being carried out on the effectiveness of JPC's and Policing fora and public safety meetings in the South Central Area of Dublin. This report to include all applications, budgets, and all those who are participating in this study report.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A South Central Policing Forum Network comprising South West Inner City, Canal Communities, Dublin 12 and Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Policing was established in 2017. These fora analyse and develop strategies to address criminality and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the impact on local communities. Each forum membership includes An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council officials, elected representatives, community representatives, members of Drug Task Forces and others. The four fora have joined together as they represent communities that historically are strongly linked. Consequently, criminal and ASB networks cross these communities in such a way that their impact cannot be tackled within any one policing fora area in isolation. The Network members believed that research was required to produce a focused, evidence-based plan to comprehensively tackle the impact of criminality/ASB across the communities. The study aimed to research and analyse the dynamics of criminal and anti-social networks which exist across Dublin City's South Central Area, their impact on communities and what practical steps can be taken by communities, An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and other stakeholders to tackle these impacts.

Four research groups were requested to submit proposals in respect of this study. Two proposals were received and following an evaluation process the assessment panel recommended that Dr. Johnny Connolly be engaged to carry out the study at a cost of €15,000 including vat. Interim payments of 5,000 were made in April and November 2018 whilst the final the final payment of €5,000 will be made when the study is completed which is scheduled to happen very shortly.

The study was funded from the 2017 South Central Area Discretionary Fund and the Area Budget.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards to the recent fire at a restaurant in the Crampton Buildings apartment complex. This fire was a serious incident and resulted in lives being put at risk. This report to include what fire drills have taken place since the refurbished apartment complex reopened? What protocols have Dublin City Council got in place regarding such incidents? Is there a protocol between Dublin City Council, the residents and the businesses? Is there a protocol between the businesses and the residents? Can Dublin City Council supply me with details of where in the past year they have carried out evacuation fire procedures in flat complexes?

Given the amount of flammable liquids that are stored outside the back of many of these restaurants and the courtyard of Crampton Buildings, including gas bottles, cooking oils and grease and general rubbish, what procedures are in place, if any, to render this storage safe?

Given the level of smoke and flame at the recent fire many of the residents were confused and uncoordinated. This issue could have got entirely out of hand if it wasn't for the quick thinking of a number of Gardai that were quickly on the scene from Pearse Street, to evacuate the block.

Finally, what fire insurances are in place for the residents?

A number of homes were damaged and a substantial amount of smoke damage was caused to many people's possessions.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade Control Centre received an emergency call reporting a fire at the rear of Café Nero @17:20 on the 11th of March 2019. The Control Centre dispatched the following to the Incident. 3 x Fire Appliances, 1 x Turn Table Ladder, 1 x Ambulance and 1 x District Officer.

The first appliance was in attendance @17:26. Crew members immediately evacuated the building, 6 firefighters were deployed to the basement in Breathing Apparatus and fire cover to deal with the incident. The Officer reports that fire had spread from the kitchen through the ducting and was evident in the ducting at the rear of the building. One female was treated by DFB ambulance for smoke inhalation. At 18:45 the Officer reported that the fire was under control.

The undertaking of Fire Drills is the responsibility of the Management Company, not the Fire Authority. Dublin Fire Brigade are not required or obliged to carry out evacuation fire procedures in flat complexes. Flammable liquids and combustible materials should not be stored along external escape routes. They should be stored in rooms enclosed in fire resisting construction.

The South East Area Office has been in contact with the Managing Agents for Crompton Buildings in relation to the material that has been stored outside the back of many of the restaurants and the Courtyard with a view to render this storage safe and the Agents have confirmed that this will be addressed with the commercial tenants. These issues have also been referred to our Public Domain Section and in addition we have contacted the FOG Unit in Irish Water in relation to the disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease from the commercial premises.

In relation to any smoke damage incurred by the Residents any claims should be forwarded to our Law Department for consideration by Irish Public Bodies.

A fire Consultant will be engaged to investigate all matters in relation to the incident.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding all fundings that are allocated to the St Patricks Festival Week. These reports to include all financial contribution and also staff and contributions. Also, a calculation in relation to street closures and the facilities provided for the festival weekend.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2018 Dublin City Council agreed a contribution of €398,000 to be paid to Feilte Dhuibhe Linne Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta the company with responsibility for the programming, production, promotion and the delivery of the annual St. Patricks Festival. The funding was payable as follows:

- 50% on the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement
- 20% on the launch of the core festival programme
- 30% post event on satisfactory completion of a post event report

In addition to the programming and production of the festival an agreed security plan is also put in place by An Garda Síochána in partnership with Dublin City Council to deal with potential issues, overcrowding and on street drinking in the Temple Bar/Dame Street Area during the course of St. Patricks Day. Dublin City Council engage specialised stewarding services to assist An Garda Síochána at 43 locations in the area. The cost of the provision of this to the City Council is €24,003.45.

Dublin Civil Defence also carry out works to assist in maintaining the safety of routes into the parade the cost of which is €7,500.

Waste Management also provides additional street cleaning services through staff working on an overtime basis before, during and after the St Patricks Day Parade. The total cost of overtime payable to staff for this event is in the region of €25,000.

St Patricks Festival (SPF) applied for temporary road closures to facilitate the event and Roadworks Control Unit processed the application, and, as was the case in previous years, no road space charges were applied for the necessary temporary road closures. With respect to the temporary road closure application for the St. Patricks Festival there was a charge of €302.00 for DCC advertising the event in the Dublin Gazette and this fee was covered by the Planning Department as an Inter D payment.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report as to what efforts are being made to recruit people for the local and European election counts that are coming up. Are there adverts being placed in the paper to seek expressions of interest from people who may wish to avail of temporary work in this area?

It is no longer appropriate that this area of temporary employment and unique experience be a closed shop. All efforts must be made to include everybody in our society to be employed and to participate in this most democratic of processes. But first and foremost, this process of counting the votes needs to be democratic, open and transparent and not monopolised by the chosen few.

Further, can the Chief Executive give a full list of all individuals involved in the count who are employed by Dublin City Council or any other State body for that matter. This is to include the children or relations or family members of those who are employed by Dublin City Council or any other State body.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 3 separate bodies involved in recruiting people in relation to the staffing of polling centres and centres. The Dublin County Returning Officer is the Presiding Returning Officer for the European Elections and the Referendum in the Dublin City and County Areas. He and Dublin City Returning Officer will have overall responsibility for the staffing of Polling Places and the staffing of the European and Referendum Counts in the RDS. I understand both offices maintain lists of people who have expressed interest in working over the elections.

I am the appointed Returning Officer for the Local Elections in the Dublin City Area and have responsibility for employing staff for the Local Authority Count on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. To date I have appointed eleven Deputy Returning Officers based on their knowledge and previous experience of working in Local Elections. In the coming weeks, in conjunction with the Deputy Returning Officers, I will establish the necessary staffing levels necessary to complete the count in the most effective and efficient way. The Local Election count will be carried out in accordance with the relevant statutory obligations and demands a high level of competency. It is therefore important that count staff have relevant experience and can be relied upon to discharge their duties in a professional manner. As count staff have yet to be appointed the information requested by the Councillor is not currently available.

All the Counts are carried out openly, transparently and in public and according to the legislation and guidelines.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive: Regarding the public right of way linking Castletimon Road with Oscar Traynor Road Dublin 17, will this remain under the control /

maintenance of Dublin City Council after any development on the Oscar Traynor Road Project?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Any existing rights of way through the site will have to be assessed in the context of the overall planning permission for the site

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 describes as one of the “Overall Objectives” of the site as follows:

“High Levels of permeability throughout the site integrating with existing residential streets to the east and south where feasible” (SDRA 17, Oscar Traynor Road, 15.1.1.20, pg 227)

The Plan also talks about “Enhanced Connectivity” at Castletimon Road, Castletimon Gardens, Lorcan Crescent, and Lorcan Park. The City Council will be seeking to reduce the scope for motor traffic and rat running through the new development, however, An Bord Pleanála when considering any application, may place conditions on the developer, if they feel that the “Overall Objectives” of the City Development Plan are not being adequately addressed by the developer.

The development will be constructed to the “taking-in-charge” standard allowing for most of the public domain infrastructure (Parks, Roads, Pathways, etc) to be taken in charge by Dublin City Council.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the reasons submitted justifying the huge increase in costs for the development of the cycle track from Fairview to Amiens Street from an original estimate of 7 Million Euros to 20 Million Euros.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council issued a briefing note on the change in estimated construction costs for the Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme to all Elected Members on 25th March 2019.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have an inspection carried out to the original outbuildings/sheds in the rear of the houses in Moatview Court, Dublin 17 for the presence of Asbestos based construction materials and report measures to deal with any required disposal /containment of such materials.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following points should be noted in relation to asbestos in Dublin City Council homes:

- A survey is required before asbestos can be identified
- Such a survey can only be conducted by a competent person and verified at an approved laboratory
- Surveys are arranged when vacant properties are being refurbished and also through Housing Maintenance operations
- When asbestos is identified the matter is addressed and it is Dublin City Council's policy to remove it even in cases where it poses a minimal risk to residents and the wider public.
- Material which may contain traces of asbestos does not present a danger if it is not disturbed. However, it should be noted that only an appropriate survey can definitively identify if the material is present.

There are no immediate refurbishment plans for Moatview Court, any future works will comply with the above procedures. Dublin City Council will arrange to carry out an inspection of the outbuildings/sheds to the rear of the properties at Moatview Court.

The following advice is given in the most recent edition of our Tenant Handbook which was distributed early this year:

“Asbestos was used extensively as a building material from the 1950s through to the mid-1980s due to its insulation and fire retardant properties. It is important to note that asbestos can only cause a risk to health if the asbestos fibres become airborne and are then inhaled. Therefore, asbestos materials pose NO RISK unless disturbed, e.g. by sanding or drilling a surface containing asbestos materials.”

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the outstanding repair to the boundary wall at the rear of the Aulden Grange/Woodlawn estates in Dublin 9. This wall has been vandalised down through the years creating holes/ gaps that are used as a short cut to the underpass at the M1, which is a haven for anti-social behaviour. The damage has been repaired by the Council many times to the appreciation of local residents but they have reported an increase in the use of this short cut since the last repair was damaged and request it is repaired again.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The wall will be examined in the coming weeks and appropriate repairs scheduled as part of local works programmes as resources allow.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR SEÁN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of fire safety concerns in respect of a development at **(details supplied)** and the action the Chief Fire Officer intends to take in this regard? In addition, can the Chief Executive give full details of the interest-free loan given by Dublin City Council to the Management Company in this case to rectify these defects and the reasons why this loan is being made available?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Extensive Fire Remediation works are required at **(details supplied)**. These defects became apparent following investigations carried out on Dublin City Council's behalf by McGovern Surveyors. The investigation was carried out after Dublin City Council became aware that gas supply pipes were not adequately fire stopped.

There are 140 units at **(details supplied)**. Dublin City Council owns 62 of these, a private company owns 52 and the remaining 26 are owned by various Private Owners.

The Owners' Management Company is Fieldmarr Management CLG and the Management Agent is Lansdowne Partnership.

A report appeared in a national newspaper recently which referred to a loan from Dublin City Council. This report was written as a result of a letter issued to the **(details supplied)** owner's by Lansdowne on behalf of Fieldmarr. This letter was inaccurate and misleading as there was no loan. Dublin City Council subsequently contacted Lansdowne and a new and accurate letter was subsequently issued to the owners.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR SEÁN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council was involved in any way in the erection of a chain-link fence at **(details supplied)** between the pre-existing bollards? This results in the large amount of commuters boarding the bus at this location having very little space and causes problems for passing pedestrians who often have to step out on to the road in front of cyclists in order to proceed given that

the footpath at this location is too narrow. What can be done to improve safety at this location?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer, Central Area Office, has received the following reply from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection: -

“The area in question forms part of the property known as **details supplied** which is managed by Blackwater Asset Management on behalf of the owners and is currently occupied by OPW/Department of Social Protection. It provides a place of work for the 200-250 staff who use the building on a daily basis and has done so for the past 30 years or more.

There is a bus stop (Stop No.497) located on the public footpath immediately to the front of the building which, up until recently, serviced c. 16 separate bus routes (i.e. Routes 14, 15, 27, 27a, 27b, 27x, 29a, 31, 31a, 31b, 32, 32x, 42, 43, 53, 130) and was an ongoing cause of disruption at the entrance to the building. It was also a cause of congestion to the public footpath and a vehicular obstruction to both the roadway outside the building and the Busaras junction/Luas crossing, particularly at peak hours.

Due to the concentration of bus services using the stop, **details supplied** over the years, became a target of, day time, anti-social behaviour as the area immediately to the front of the property developed into a hang-out for casual drinkers, resulting in; Periodic abuse of the security guard when attempting to clear the entrance way to the building.

The public's use of the steps and plinth as dining areas with the associated discarding of food contents, containers and refuse on a daily basis which resulted in the need to employ additional cleaners to keep the problem under control.

Routine urination by members of the public waiting for buses.

Obstruction of the buildings entrance and exit ways on a daily basis.

In addition to the above, this casual drinking led to the intimidation of the older members of the public as they waited for the bus.

Furthermore, the building was subjected to a number of personal injury insurance claims from members of the public resulting from alleged injuries sustained whilst straying on to the owner's private property. Consequently, we were advised by the building's insurers that our future ability to secure insurance cover at the property would be placed at risk unless swift action was taken to mitigate the potential for additional claims. As a result, we had no option but to restrict access as to do otherwise could have placed the ongoing viability of the building in jeopardy.

Notwithstanding the above we understand and appreciate the need to maintain a high quality bus system in Dublin that responds to the travel needs of the public and in late 2015 engaged the services of Arup Consulting engineers to review the sustainability of the existing bus stop and to advise on any alternative options which might improve the overall operation of the busses in the vicinity of **details supplied**.

The Arup report made a number of recommendations designed to alleviate the congestion and improve the experience of the general public using buses, cars, Luas and main line rail services in the general area with particular reference to the congestion both at **details supplied** but also the Luas intersection at Store Street and Busaras.

A copy of the report was forwarded to the National Roads Authority (NRA) for their consideration.

We are pleased to advise that in the recent past the number of bus routes alighting at **details supplied** has been reduced from 16 to 8 and we have noted a marked reduction of congestion not only at the bus stop but also along Amiens Street between **details supplied**, Store Street and Busaras. Indeed, it may be possible to

further reduce the remaining congestion through the introduction of an additional bus stop along Amiens Street in order to spread the commuter load more evenly. We are also pleased to report that instances of anti-social behaviour, intimidation, public urination and casual drinking and general littering has seen a marked reduction over the past 2/3 years improving the general safety and amenity for all concerned which we see as a very positive development.”

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR SEÁN PAUL MAHON**

To ask the Chief Executive can measures be taken to prevent a serious problem of dumping and littering on a road and footpath at **(details supplied)**? This road is a primary route for visitors to Ireland using Dublin airport. Can ongoing and regular clean-ups of this road be undertaken? Does this road really have to be closed to do this particularly in the case of the footpath? Can adjacent householders be consulted on this matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

There is ongoing illegal dumping at **(details supplied)**. The Local Litter Warden is aware of this and will continue to monitor the area. Waste Management clean along the **(details supplied)** at intermittent stretches of the road where it is safe to park up and carry out litter picking.

The large scale clean-up of the **(details supplied)** carried out last year cost approximately €40,000 and involved contractors and a number of City Council departments working together to complete this task.

However, the problem of illegal dumping is that items are being thrown onto the **(details supplied)** from locations along this road and this causes the footpath along this stretch and the shrubbery to be littered on a regular basis.

Options are being looked at to have **(details supplied)** litter picked on a more regular basis by a contractor and I will follow up on this as soon as I hear back from the contractors.

This location has been cleaned within the last week. This road has been closed in the past to facilitate gully cleaning and hedge/shrubbery cutting. The road does not have to be closed for litter picking. If any consultation is required by residents, they should contact the Public Domain Officer.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a step and handrail to be installed at **(details supplied)**. This resident was told that these would be installed as a matter of urgency some months ago but has not had any update since. The front step, as it currently exists, poses a large fall risk and a step and handrail would significantly minimise this risk.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The handrail at this property has been installed. Works on the step are scheduled to be carried out as soon the survey is complete.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a bin to be placed at the junction of Corrib Road and Kimmage Road Lower. With multiple shops in this area an additional bin would go some way to solving the significant issues of littering in the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services already have a litter bin at the bus stop there and also have a litter bin outside the Ladbroke's on Kimmage Rd Lower which is a couple of yards away from Corrib Rd. A litter warden will call to the Centra shop there to ensure that they provide a litter bin outside their premises as required by the Bye-Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter. We will monitor litter levels at this location to ensure that the above mentioned litter bins are sufficient for the litter needs there.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a bin to be placed in the vicinity of the Spar at the junction of Clogher Road and Rutland Avenue. This area experiences a high volume of pedestrians and does not have a bin to allow the disposal of their rubbish.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services would not be in favour of installing a litter bin at the junction of Clogher Road and Rutland Avenue as this would only be used for domestic waste dumping again. However, a litter warden will call to the Spar shop there to ensure that they provide a litter bin outside their premises as required by the Bye Laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the path at **(details supplied)** to be repaired. This was logged last year and the residents involved were informed that it would be carried out however this, as of yet, has not happened.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is logged in our system and will be repaired when a crew is available. Prioritisation is based on the severity of the defect and its location.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange kissing gates for **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Kissing Gates are due to be installed at **(details 1)** and **(details 3)**.

In relation to **(details 2)**, this is being investigated and a decision will be made on whether gates are required at this location.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure regular clean ups of **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have Cappagh Road cleaned and the litter bins emptied there on a daily basis. In addition, we have a compact sweeper carrying out extra cleaning there every Tuesday & Thursday. Every effort will continue to be made to keep this road as clean as possible.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the lack of lights in **(details supplied)**. It is very dark and there appears to be lights not connected.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Parks Service will arrange for an inspection and contact the councillor on completion of this to advise of what action is to be taken.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to get the road sweepers into **(details supplied)** and to pay particular attention to the footpaths beside the park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A large road-sweeping machine cleans the above-mentioned roads every Wednesday and we will ensure that attention is paid to the footpaths beside the park there.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Minister Eoghan Murphy has responded to Dublin City Council's request for funding of Phase 2 of the insulation programme, to confirm when did Dublin City Council first request this funding and when was the last contact made with the Department on this issue?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Funding for Phase 2 of the energy efficiency fabric upgrade programme has yet to be announced by the department. Dublin City Council has been proactively following up with the department directly on same as the upgrade programme is of great benefit to our tenants. The first funding request was in response to Circular 19-2017 which was issued by the department on the 26th of May 2017. Dublin City Council commenced phase 2 of the programme in March 2018 in lieu of confirmation of funding from the department and proceeded to upgrade 366 properties in 2018. The most recent circular received from the department to this regard was issued on the 11th of March 2019 (ref: Circular Housing 08/2019) where funding requests for phase 2 of the programme were requested from all Local Authorities. Dublin City Council responded to this request by the submission deadline of Friday the 22nd of March 2019. Based on a target of upgrading 400 properties in 2019, we project an estimated expenditure of circa €6.5 Million however the funding request amounted to €4.472 Million based on current grant limits issued by the department.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Respond's Feasibility Study, submitted by February 28th, for the OLV site, Sarsfield Road and Lar Redmond site, Keeper Road, including number of units and a time frame for developing each site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Feasibility Study for both Sarsfield Road and Keeper Road (Lar Redmond site) has been received from Respond as part of the EOI process. DCC's Architects Division were asked to examine both Feasibility Studies and their comments have been forwarded to Respond for their attention. The initial Feasibility Studies identified a potential delivery of 6 units at Sarsfield Road and 5 units at Keeper Road but these unit numbers are subject to change following completion of the next phase.

The submission of the Feasibility Studies has concluded the first part of the EOI process. The AHB now has a further three months to submit a more detailed plan for the development of both sites. This phase allows both the AHB and DCC to agree a more detailed brief and to set the qualitative standards for the accommodation.

On conclusion of this stage, if both parties agree to proceed, a Development Agreement will be entered into for the delivery of these projects. However, this phase will be subject to the approval of the City Council to dispose of the sites to Respond, a successful planning application process and funding approval from the DHPLG. A long stop date for the delivery of the scheme will be entered into the Development Agreement.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form, how much money has been spent on HAP (homeless and standard) for each year since it was introduced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify, if a tenant in the private sector is not in receipt of rent allowance or HAP and on the general council housing list can we assure them that they will not be disadvantaged if they go on HAP? The current situation is if they go on HAP they move from the general housing list to the transfer list which will disadvantage the applicant.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Any household that qualifies for Social Housing Support will be eligible to apply for HAP. The HAP recipient will automatically move onto the Transfer List when the HAP tenancy begins. The Transfer List will reflect the time that the recipient previously spent on the waiting list. The effective date for the recipient's position on the Transfer List will be their date of qualification for Social Housing Support. HAP recipients who wish to seek a transfer will be able to access other Social Housing Supports such as Local Authority Housing or housing provided by an AHB (Approved Housing Body), not through the current waiting list system, but through the transfer system operated by Dublin City Council. All applicant's position on the list can fluctuate as people are allowed to change their areas of preference once a year, and their needs change.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive how many units of housing were demolished in 2018 and how many were sold.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

64 dwellings were demolished during 2018 as part of the regeneration of the O'Devaney Gardens social housing complex.

45 dwellings were sold under the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme in 2018.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide further details relating to the 132 units in the Department of housing figures which were added to Dublin City Council Stock in Q4 2018 over four categories Turnkey, Rapid Build, Construction, Regeneration, in particular:

- In the case of each of these categories how many were tenanted by January 31st, how many by February 28th and how many by 31st March. If there are any outstanding by what date is it hoped to make an offer.
- For each category how many were 1 bed 2 bed etc. and what was the average cost of each sized units by category.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The total no of units constructed and added to DCC housing stock during 2018 is 237 and the various details relating to this scheme are as per the attached table. All cost details are calculated per scheme; costs are not calculated for each individual unit type within the various schemes.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide further details relating to the 205 units in the Department of housing figures which were added to housing stock through Approved Housing Bodies Q4 2018 over four categories Turnkey, Rapid Build, construction, Regeneration, in particular:

- In the case of each of these categories how many were tenanted by January 31<sup>st</sup>, how many by February 28<sup>th</sup> and how many by 31<sup>st</sup> March. If there are any outstanding by what date is it hoped to make an offer.
- For each category how many were 1bed 2 bed etc. and what was the average cost of each sized units by category.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I set out below the delivery under the categories listed in the above question delivered by AHBs in the 4th Quarter 2018.

Type	AHB	Location	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	Average Cost
Regeneration	Royal Hospital Donnybrook	Beechhill, D4	19				€160,000
Construction	Respond	Martanna House, High Park, D9.	4	4			€286,500
Construction	CHI	Richmond Road, Dublin 9	9	25	7		€314,000
Construction	CHI	Orchard Lawns, Dublin 10			36		€203,000
Construction	Tuath	An Riasc, Finglas, D11				1	€275,000
Turnkey	Oaklee	Stormanstown, Ballymun	8	16	7	11	€261,000
Turnkey	Focus Ireland	John's Lane West, D8	16	10	5		€271,000
Turnkey	FOLD	Well View Court, Tonlegee Road	47				€210,000
Turnkey	Respond	Balfe Road East			16		€380,000
Turnkey	Tuath	Bluebell Avenue			3		€333,000
			<b>102</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>243 units</b>

Under the funding mechanisms available to an AHB, (the Capital Assistance Scheme and the Capital Advance Leasing Facility), the AHB would be obliged to engage at an early stage with DCC's Housing Department to seek nominations. Under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility, an AHB has 3 months from the date of handover of any new unit to them to occupy that unit. Any payment due to the AHB is suspended if a unit remains unoccupied for longer than 3 months. The City Council is not aware of any new AHB unit that is currently not occupied within this 3-month period.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to have Dublin City Council LEO (Local Enterprise Office) carry out a study into the impact on Business in the Rathgar / Terenure / Kimmage / Rathmines / & Harolds Cross areas arising from NTA proposals.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Local Enterprise Office Dublin City operates under a service level agreement between Enterprise Ireland and Dublin City Council. Funding is provided towards delivery of services that support job creation in the Dublin city area. Each year the LEO is required to report on how it is delivering against annual targets that are set for the provision of training, mentoring, events and financial supports to our target group of start-ups and expanding businesses in the Dublin city area.

While the Local Enterprise Office recognises the vital role played by retail and businesses in the Dublin region, it does not have a role in commissioning or carrying out economic impact assessment relating to national or regional transport projects, and therefore is not in a position to carry out this study into the impact on businesses in these areas arising from the NTA proposals.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÍ MCGINLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out Dublin City Council's confirmed Traffic Plans for pre & post construction of Bus Connects & if he can make a statement as to how traffic management plans will be integrated with bus route changes, NTA corridor works and whether DCC are adequately resourced for these Traffic Plans.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At this stage there are no confirmed traffic plans for pre and post construction works on Bus Connects as these will be developed once the emerging preferred option for each route has been brought forward.

It is intended that DCC traffic will be working closely with the NTA on how these schemes can be constructed and will be engaged in ensuring that a coherent and detailed plan for all modes of transport will form part of the proposal for each corridor.

Post construction these corridors are part of the DCC road network and will be managed by DCC to prioritise Public Transport while ensuring that all modes are safely and appropriately catered for.

DCC is currently putting a plan together for how the appropriate resources can be put in place to ensure that the Traffic department will be able to have the necessary variety of skills needed to carry out these tasks over the lifetime of the bus connects program

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council could expand the concept of bring centres as practiced in many countries such as Canada where you can drop off furniture, electronics, building materials etc. where someone can collect the waste someone else has dropped off. In my estimation that expands the possible re-use of many items i.e. timber etc. can be re-used many times. Our current practice reduces the potential re-use of many items.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council strongly supports reuse initiatives where feasible. For example, since late 2018 we have worked with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun to establish a paint reuse scheme in Ringsend and North Strand Civic Amenity Sites.

While we would like to expand on the amount of items sent for reuse it should be noted that there are a number of potential issues which stand in our way e.g. health and safety and insurance concerns are a major factor.

Instead Dublin City Council supports FreeTrade Ireland, a free online reuse service which allows users to pass on unwanted items for free. This includes furniture to electronic goods to garden equipment, [www.FreeTradeIreland.ie](http://www.FreeTradeIreland.ie). DCC also supports Repairmystuff.ie which supports and promotes the repair industry in Ireland.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for windows to be replaced for **(details supplied)**. I was assured on numerous occasions that windows would be replaced at this address. This tenant is crippled with the worse arthritis I have ever seen and her windows were to be replaced 3 years ago then 2 years ago and last year I was assured they were being made and would be fitted within weeks but alas the window installation is still outstanding, I would welcome an onsite meeting with senior officials and this lady to see at first hand her situation and hopefully resolve this outstanding issue once and for all.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing Maintenance Engineer will call out to inspect **(details supplied)** and investigate this matter.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the housing situation of **(details supplied)**. I am well aware of the housing crisis, however is there any indication of when this lady and her children will have a chance of accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	2 Bed	135

Based on this position, it may be some time before this applicant is reached for an offer of a social housing tenancy. The staff in the allocations section are available to offer advice and support to this individual in relation to sourcing alternative accommodation through the HAP Scheme.

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.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive for a serious re-think of the current housing waiting list whereby people languish for years at the same spot on the list without ever moving up, in fact quite the opposite, I have people calling to see me for the past few years who are further from been housed than ever. Whilst we have a crisis it is important as people have to wait many years to move up the list.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All Social Housing tenancies are let in accordance with the Scheme of Lettings which was adopted by the City Council in May 2018. The Scheme sets out the basis for the allocation of properties. Applications are assessed and placed in the appropriate band of the Housing or Transfer lists. Once in a band applicants are offered available

properties in date order. Available properties are targeted to the bands in differing proportions through the target allocations policy resulting in faster or slower housing through the bands.

Dublin City Council is aware that applicants can be waiting for many years for an offer of a Social Housing tenancy, the City Council is working hard to address this through its Housing delivery programme.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The location as per **details supplied** is 150m north of one of the busiest junctions on the North of the City linking the M50 with the N32 and R139 to Grange Road and Baldoyle. Although this road is not in charge, Malahide Road is, therefore, in order to minimise the risk of traffic conflict and prevent congestion on an arterial route where traffic exiting Burnell has to cross a busy dual carriageway to travel southbound, a right turn ban from **details supplied** onto Malahide Road was introduced. This will force traffic wishing to turn right onto Malahide Road to exit safely from the rear of the development onto the R139 at Bewley's. Thus, removing the potential hazard and cause of traffic congestion at the junction **with details supplied**.

Left turn movements onto Malahide Road are not affected.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the housing maintenance request to have the leaking gutter repaired at (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This job has been passed to roofing contractor and works will be completed by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install a ramp at the entrance of the cul de sac at (**details supplied**) to deter cars from driving into the area at speed. A local resident's child was hit by a car wing mirror recently by a delivery driver speeding into the cul de sac.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The criteria for the consideration of requests for traffic calming are as follows:

The road should have a continuous straight run of approximately 200 metres.

The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed 50km/h. Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.

There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

The Area Engineer has reported that the above location does not meet these requirements, specifically in relation to the length of the road. It is therefore, not recommended to install speed ramps at this location. The location will, however, be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group agenda to examine other traffic calming possibilities.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed upgrade works to the senior citizens complex at (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no immediate plans to be carried out upgrade works in **(details supplied)**. Works on the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are scheduled to be done within the next 18 months.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a **(details supplied)** to prevent youths gathering. These youths are involved in serious anti-social activity and measures need to be taken to move them on from this location.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will be in contact with Councillor Anthony Connaghan to clarify the exact location at **(details supplied)**.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pole to be removed at **(details supplied)**. The pole is serving no purpose and a commitment was given several years ago to have it removed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This pole was removed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive ensure that the following maintenance requests are carried out: **(details supplied 1)** and **(details supplied 2)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Details 1: An inspection of gas boiler has been arranged and new boiler will be installed if deemed necessary. The new side gate has been installed and the back door has been inspected, and is in good working order.

Details 2: An inspection of the front door will be carried out in the coming days and Repairs /replacement will be done

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how has the Dublin Regional Homelessness Executive ensured that the complaints handling system for privately owned emergency accommodation is being observed and what national standards, if any, govern the quality of private emergency accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

The DRHE actively pursues all complaints and has a formal complaints policy that deals with all complaints received. When complaints are received, the appropriate department investigates the complaint and responds accordingly. Inspections are often carried out on foot of complaints. If complaints are made with regard to any aspect of homeless services, they are investigated thoroughly and remedial action is taken if appropriate. Providing emergency accommodation to homeless families and single adults is not without its challenges. The DRHE actively manages these complaints in collaboration with its service providers and is using the process to learn, adapt and improve the services available to its clients.

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out an annual inspection of all our Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. Since the beginning of September 2017 an enhanced regime of inspections has been agreed with Dublin City Council's Environmental Health Officers to assess compliance with the New Housing Standards for Rented Houses Regulations (July 2017).

These inspections have been carried out in collaboration with the DRHE's Facilities Staff, who ensure compliance with the DRHE's Service Standards and to assess the appropriate continued use of these premises. From May 2019, a new schedule of additional inspections is scheduled for all our Private Emergency Homeless Accommodation. These inspections are unannounced and are designed to ensure compliance with building, maintenance, health and safety and fire safety standards.

All service providers are required to ensure that buildings should be suitable for their stated purpose and comply with relevant and applicable housing standard legislation, fire safety regulations and health and safety legislation.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if approved housing bodies charge a differential rent of tenants at a different rate to the 15% of reckonable income that applies in Dublin City Council owned properties and if so if the different rates that apply be listed in tabular form.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The majority of rents charged by an AHB is based on the Dublin City Council's Differential Rent Scheme. The following is the position under the various funding schemes available to an AHB.

**Capital Advance Leasing Facility**

AHB projects funded under this Scheme must charge the tenant the same Differential Rent Scheme as that operated by the Local Authority. This is stipulated under the terms of the Scheme.

**Capital Assistance Scheme**

Under the terms of the Scheme, a CAS tenants is charged an economic rent by an AHB. This allows an AHB to fix rents at levels which are reasonable having regard to a tenant's income and the outlay of the AHB on the accommodation, including the ongoing costs of management and maintenance of the unit. An economic rent charge could be in the region of €85 pw for a single person and €95 pw for a couple. However, to date many CAS tenants have met the eligibility criteria for rent supplement and this has been used to assist them with payment of their rent subject to a cap of €55 pw for a single person and €60 pw for a couple.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if enquiries could be made by Dublin City Council into the status of 21 Clonshaugh Drive, Dublin 17 which local residents report to be vacant for a considerable period of time and in a progressive state of neglect. Could it be considered for an acquisition or failing that it be impressed upon the owners to make the exterior and front garden presentable?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council is currently investigating the status of this property and if deemed vacant will issue correspondence to the owner requesting them to return the property to use in a timely manner.

The City Council will outline to the owner all of the City Council's initiatives to return the property to use including the provision to dispose of it to the City Council.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** who is in receipt of rent supplement can be converted to a level of HAP that will enable her to remain. Her landlord has charged a comparatively low rent of €975 per year for the last five years to cover the interest only on the mortgage but the financial institution is seeking principal payments meaning a significant increase is threatened.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As Dublin is a designated Rent Pressure Zone rents may only increase by up to 4% per annum, unless the property qualifies for an exemption. The Residential Tenancies Board website <https://onestopshop.rtb.ie/calculator/rpz/> provides a mechanism to assist landlords and tenants to calculate the maximum rent allowable for a property.

Exempt properties include those that are new to the rental market and have not been let at any time in the previous two years, and those that have undergone a substantial change in the nature of the accommodation. Further information on exemptions is available on the RTB website [www.rtb.ie](http://www.rtb.ie).

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for the following maintenance request to be dealt with **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This property was insulated in 2014, We will arrange a vent inspection in the coming weeks and any works that need to be done will be carried out.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to repaint the no parking signs in **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All markings will be reinstated within 30 working days of the Council Meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to put traffic mirrors outside **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not the policy of Dublin City Council to fit or supply traffic mirrors on any sites.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to put up anti dog fouling signs in **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements have been made to put in place anti-dog fouling signs in **(details supplied)**.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for an inspection and pruning of the tree outside **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree at this location is in satisfactory condition and no works planned at present

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Dunluce Road roundabout to be raised to a sufficiently high level that it discourages motorists from driving straight over it at speed and instead means they must drive around it as intended. Speeding in this area is a persistent problem.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The roundabout on Dunluce Road has been provided as a calming measure at the same time giving equal priority to each arm of this junction. It was constructed with regard to best practice for raised mini roundabouts and is designed to be straddled by large vehicles negotiating the roundabout. Raising this profile can lead to additional noise, vehicle damage and possible personal injury. Dublin City Council have been subject to litigation claims for vehicle damage as a result of ramp height exceeding the standard best practice. Therefore, the raising of the roundabout height above the standard is not recommended.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for a pruning of the underneath of the trees opposite the St. Anne's estate shops and leading down to Watermill Road as these trees are providing cover at their base for individuals who are concealing alcohol there and causing an anti-social problem in the estate late at night.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The trees in this location will be inspected and any works deemed necessary will be included in the current works programme.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the lane between Stiles Road and Howth Road to be cleaned. It is full of high weeds, leaves and debris. It has been in a bad state for some time now.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer will contact Waste Management to arrange to have this laneway cleaned in the coming week.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to and a report carried out on the possibility of **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council have no plans to provide a community centre in the area as **(per details supplied)**. However, we understand that approaches have been made directly to the local community with an offer of a community building. This offer is associated with a future development proposal in the area. The Council will consider and evaluate any proposal received for a community centre in this area against the criteria of need, sustainability etc.

There are no plans at present to provide a new community centre in this Area. There should be an opportunity in the context of proposals to re-develop lands at and surrounding the Depot at Marrowbone Lane when the plans are progressed.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what if any discussions have taken place with the owners of **(details supplied)**. Who are the owners? Has pre planning meetings taken place? Is there a planning application live for this site?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The planning department holds pre-planning meetings with owners of sites throughout the city. These meetings remain confidential until and if a planning application is lodged. As such, the department cannot comment on questions relating to such meetings, but can confirm that there is no current application lodged on this site.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what consultation if any took place with local residents living near **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is planned to provide a small number of allotments at a site to the rear and side of **(details supplied 1)** to accommodate allotment holders in **(details supplied 2)** who were required to vacate their plots earlier this year to facilitate new housing on the site.

I can confirm that access to the new allotments will be provided via **(details supplied 3)** will remain closed. It is possible however that the laneway will be used as part of the works to develop the allotments. The site will be managed and monitored by the South Central Area office to ensure that the allotments are used to their full potential.

It should be noted that the management committee of **(details supplied 4)** Field have been kept informed of these proposals.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are considering **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans to purchase any of these blocks of apartments. We are not aware that they are for sale.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for all correspondence between Dublin City Council and Hewlett Packard, and any of its subsidiaries, over the last five years, and to confirm what business contracts Dublin City Council currently has with Hewlett Packard, and any of its subsidiaries.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Details have been included for the spin off companies that were originally HP as they are not subsidiaries. The current contracts with HP spin off companies are:

1. Five lots under PC & Laptop Framework (Framework Agreement for the provision of desktop and notebook Computers and associated services). These contracts are awarded under the national OGP Framework run by the OGP. These are retendered ever 18-24 Months. They are operated on a day-to-day basis by Sord Data Systems (an independent company).
  - Standard Workstation

- Standard Laptop
  - CAD Workstation
  - CAD Laptop
  - Managerial Laptop
2. One lot under Thin Client Framework (Framework Agreement for the provision of thin & zero client computers and associated services). This contract was awarded under the national OGP Framework run by the OGP. This is retendered every 18 to 24 months. This is operated on a day-to-day basis by Sord Data Systems.
  3. We also use a datacentre managed by DXC technology in relation to our public facing applications and Disaster Recovery. DCC is currently working with Revenue to implement the data centre move from its current location to Revenue in St. John's road. Agreement with Revenue is complete and infrastructural data connections have been completed. The technical move is scheduled for May 2019 over a seven-day period. We are currently on a two-month contract with DXC Technology up to the end of May 2019.

Copies of the correspondence will be included in a separate file, which will be issued directly to the Councillor Lyons next week. The correspondence to Sord / HP with regard to each individual PC purchase is not included as there are several hundred such documents made up of orders, delivery notes and invoices. The actual contracts are commercially sensitive and are not included.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for the costs to date incurred by the City Council on each of the three developments that comprise the Housing Land Initiative - the site at O'Devaney Gardens, St. Michael's Estate and the Oscar Traynor Road, to provide detail on how and when the monies were spent and to include the projected costs of each project to the City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are a number of generic costs associated with the proposed development of these three sites, as follows:

- Professional Services: procurement / legal, etc
- Site investigation and surveys: geotechnical / soil analysis / topology, EIS, etc
- Cost Benefit Report / Financials, etc

These costs will be recouped as part of the HLI procurement process and will help restore a cost neutral situation on the HLI Programme.

Publication of these particular costs are commercially sensitive and could compromise the current procurement procedure on all three sites, however it is anticipated that any extra costs, which will not be overly significant, will be fully recovered.

In the case of a brown field site (O'Devaney Gardens and St Michaels Estate), there are additional costs associated with re-development, such as:

- De-tenanting, Security, etc
- Demolition of existing buildings,
- Site clearance, contamination, etc.

All of the above costs are also referred to as "sunken costs" (unfunded balances) and will be carried over year on year as a debit sum.

To date, the “unfunded balances” on the three Housing Land Initiative (HLI) are as follows:

HLI PROJECT	UNFUNDED BALANCES ( € ) TO DATE
O’Devaney Gardens	2,847,630
Oscar Traynor Road	155,814
St Michael’s Estate	2,707,795

Projected costs will be covered by the preferred bidder.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what plans the Council has prepared to redevelop the site at **(details supplied)** currently on the Vacant Sites Register to deliver new public housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

In order to maximise development potential on the site, the Council is in the process of trying to acquire, by agreement in the first instance, adjacent properties on **(details supplied 1)** with a view to including them in any future development proposal. The acquisition of **(details supplied 2)** has already been agreed.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive report on the plans Dublin City Council has for facilitating electric car charging in residential areas where residents only have access to on street parking due to the absence of individual driveways.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Initially EV chargers were installed throughout the City by ESB E-cars. The ESB as statutory undertakers did not have to seek permission for the installation of the chargers. Due to funding issues the ESB ceased rolling out EV chargers and now only maintain/upgrade the existing EV chargers.

A number of these EV chargers were installed in residential parking areas therefore reducing the availability of parking for residents on streets which were oversubscribed for residential permits. As a result, numerous representations were received from members of the public and elected representatives to have these chargers removed from residential parking areas.

The Council as co-chair (with SEAI) of the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group established in 2018 agreed to investigate the feasibility of installing EV chargers and undertook to undertake a trial installation on Sir John Rogerson’s Quay. It is expected that this EV charger will be commissioned in Q2 2019 and this experience will inform the Council’s policy on the possible further roll out of EV chargers. A number of other potential sites have been identified.

The Council is also a member of the Department of Transport’s Low Emission Vehicles (LEV) Taskforce Working Group established in 2017. The working group is led by the Department’s Climate Change Unit and comprises members from the Department and members from the Department of Communications Climate Action and the Environment, the Department of Housing Planning Community & Local Government, the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, the Department of Finance, the CCMA, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the ESB.

The objective of the working group is to present a range of 2020-2025 vehicle growth scenarios, recommend a revised national LEV target for 2020, accompanied by a roadmap and to link these growth rates to a range of stimulus options and public leadership measures. The working group surveyed parking operators, both private and local authority and sought parking operator's views regarding the installation of charging infrastructure in their facilities and potential incentives to encourage more widespread deployment.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to contact Fingal CC and request that the pooling of water on Santry Avenue be addressed. Pedestrians are regularly soaked by passing cars spraying them with water, and can you ask Fingal to fix the lights on Santry Avenue opposite Aldi. Santry Avenue is in the Dublin City Council area. The Surface Water and Flood Management Division last cleaned Santry Avenue in September 2018 as part of our Gully Cleaning Programme. However, a number of the gullies along this area are in need of repair and we have liaised with our colleagues in the Drainage Division to get these repair works done. Please see note below from our Drainage Division regarding the progress of this work.

Official North City Drainage Maintenance (NCDM) response:

NCDM section is currently progressing a road gully repair programme for Santry Avenue. Due to substantial engineering complexities associated with these road gully repairs, the estimated timeframe for completion of the required works is currently 6/9 months. Notwithstanding the aforementioned NCDM will expedite any non-complex road gully repairs as a matter of urgency, which may help alleviate some of the issues as noted.

There is an access issue to the lights on Santry Avenue to enable the required repairs to be carried out. The required repairs will be carried out by our night crews this week, providing they can get access at the light to park the hoist. If they cannot get access, a traffic management plan using a stop/go system will need to be developed to allow these repairs to be carried out.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clean up and weed the planted areas in Forestwood Close and remove the weeds from the cobblelock pavements. Bushes were removed recently and the residents are pleased with that, but Dublin City Council should work with the residents to plant something more suitable instead and to keep the area weeded and maintained.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks Services will arrange more suitable planting for this area and organise weeding.

The Public Domain Team are currently planning to commence a programme cleaning/clearing the cobbled areas around Ballymun. I will update the Area Committee when we have a more detailed schedule in place.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to trim the overgrown bushes on Santry Way, adjacent to Forestwood Close (photo attached).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks will arrange to prune shrubs as requested in the next couple of weeks.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether a full inspection and review of the boiler, heating, damp and condensation issues at our tenant's home at **(details supplied)** be undertaken, the necessary upgrades and remedial works carried out and a full report to this Councillor.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Local Staff called to the dwelling on Tuesday 26th March and plans have been put in place to initiate the works

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the Planning Department for an update on whether the following sites in Dublin 8, have been added to the vacant sites register and if not, to provide this Councillor with an explanation: the site of the old cinema in Rialto; the derelict building at the corner of Reillys Avenue/Cork Street; 29-31 The Coombe.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site 355-361 South Circular Road, Dublin 8 (former old cinema in Rialto) was recently sold and the new owners were written to by the Derelict Sites Section. This site is being kept under review.

In relation to 29-31 The Coombe this site was sold last year and the new owners have informed the Derelict Sites Section that they intend to apply for planning permission to develop this site. A pre-application consultation took place in November 2018. These sites are being kept under review by the Derelict Sites Section.

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to the site at 23 Dolphin's Barn Street which is at the corner of Reilly's Avenue/Dolphin's Barn Street. This site has been declared a derelict site and a Notice under S8(2) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 i.e. a Notice of intention to enter this site on the Register has been served on the owners.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the trees on South Brown Street Dublin 8 (particularly outside number 32) with a view to determining whether they need to be removed. The residents in **(details supplied)** are concerned about the size of the tree, its proximity to their home and vulnerability in high winds, as well as its suitability as it is breaking up the footpath.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services will organise a full inspection of all of the trees on **(details supplied)** over the next 4 weeks, with a view to determining if some trees need to be removed and replaced.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what the future plans are for **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The long-term plan for this area is to create a pedestrian and cycling greenway, through the **(details supplied)** including the lands currently occupied by **(details supplied)** linking Inchicore and the Grand Canal network to Drimnagh Castle and the Long Mile Road. This is an objective of The Naas Road Lands Local Area Plan.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me an update on the replacement windows and arrange a boiler service for **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Gas services have arranged a boiler service next week. An inspection of the windows will be carried out and all necessary repairs will be done.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what the Council's role is in repairing and resurfacing roads and path, when Irish Water are replacing lead pipes. There seems to be a number of area's where roads and paths are not reinstated.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Irish Water is a statutory undertaker who is permitted to carry out work on a road, particularly road opening work in performance of its or his/her duty or functions under the Water Services Act 2007.

Dublin City Council issue directions in writing in accordance with Section 101D Road Traffic Act 1987 and S.I. No. 139/2015 – Road Traffic (Co-ordination of Roadworks) Regulations 2015 with regard to the excavation, backfilling and reinstatement of the public road network under its authority.

Irish Water must notify Dublin City Council to confirm that the licenced work has been completed in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads", 2017. Dublin City Council will carry out a post works signoff to which Irish Water shall guarantee the reinstatement of the road for a period of 24 months against defects. At the end of the guarantee period Dublin City council will take in charge the works on inspection but does not affect the liability of Irish Water for latent defects.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to call out to **(details supplied)** where there is a big build-up of bags of rubbish in the garden.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Waste Enforcement Officer called out to this address following complaints received. As a result of this inspection and similar issues encountered previously with the resident, Waste Enforcement have referred the complaint to the Primary Care Social Worker, HSE, Armagh Road. Waste Enforcement will continue to work with the HSE to assist them in dealing with this situation.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive about KN Networks, who undertook extensive works recently on Copeland Avenue which resulted in substantial wear-and-tear to the grass verges. Please confirm that the contractor is obliged to reinstate to the condition they were in previously and remind KN of their obligations and pursue them to ensure that this happens.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location and issue any snags to the contractor.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive about the stop-sign at the junction of the Charlemont exit and Philipsburgh Avenue. This stop sign is obscured by overhanging branches and leaves once they appear. Can you organise for the tree branches to be cut back at this location to alleviate visibility issues.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site will be investigated to ensure the sign is visible to drivers.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for this to be installed. A pedestrian crossing phase is needed when crossing Grace Park Road on the southern side of the junction with Collins Avenue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm, what section of Dublin City Council is responsible for (a) removing litter and (b) cutting the grass at the location below. I request that this location is maintained on a more regular basis as it is particularly vulnerable to litter build-up.

There is a triangular patch of green space on the south-eastern side of the Grace Park Road/Collins Avenue junction.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area is maintained by contract and the matter will be referred to the contract manager to ensure that the requirements of the contract are being met in this instance

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me traffic counts for Bachelors Walk in the morning (peak), broken down by mode of travel for each of the last five years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find attached a copy of the traffic counts for O'Connell Bridge (including Bachelors Walk) between the hours of 7am – 7pm for the years 2014-2018.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to work with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources; Eirgrid; electricity suppliers and other relevant bodies to roll-out a significant increase in the amount of on-street electric charging points in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council is actively engaged with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport as a member of the Department's Low Emission Vehicles Taskforce researching ways to promote and facilitate the adoption of low emission vehicles. In addition, the Council co-chairs (with SEAI) the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group and one of the projects currently underway is the installation by the Council of an EV charger on Sir John Rogerson's Quay as a trial which will inform the Council's policy on the further roll out of EV chargers. The commissioning of this EV charger will take place in Q2 2019. A number of further potential sites for EV chargers have been identified in advance of further roll out.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR CIARÀN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline progress in his plans to improve the energy savings and efficiencies in street lighting by moving towards the greater use of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) for street lighting and to state how many street lights there are in the city managed by Dublin City Council; how many have been converted to LEDs; the costs of replacements per unit; the running costs per lumen for conventional streets lights, and their LED equivalent, and make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council maintains approximately 47,000 lights in the city. An LED replacement programme commenced in early 2016 and to date over 7,200 lights have been changed to LED. The cost of a standard functional LED Luminaire ranges from €130 to €260 per luminaire (for residential roads and local residential distributor roads) depending on the light output required from the luminaire.

With regard to running costs a typical 55W low pressure sodium light (with electronic control gear), that you will find in a residential estate, costs about €26 to run per annum while its 27W LED replacement costs about €12 to run per annum

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR CIARÀN CUFFE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of the dilapidation survey of the Iveagh Market buildings. Can you update me on engagements with **(details supplied)**

who alleges a legal interest in these properties, and update me on any progress that has been made on works to stabilise the buildings.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The draft dilapidation report was forwarded to **(details supplied)** on the 8<sup>th</sup> March for his consideration with the possibility of meeting with him to discuss how this matter may be progressed. No meeting has been arranged as yet and the Council is still considering its options in the matter.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider providing a public realm / urban design improvement plan for Marrowbone Lane that would include providing some public housing on the south side of Marrowbone Lane (opposite School Street Flats) in order to re-establish the streetscape. Such a scheme was prepared by the architect **(details supplied)** some years ago, but appears not to have proceeded.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area in question is in charge of the Housing Department and it is likely that it will form part of a wider site if and when the Pimlico Terrace-Braithwaite Street flat complex comes forward for redevelopment. Developing a building line along Marrowbone Lane is envisaged in the current Liberties Local Area Plan.

As an interim measure, the South Central Area Office and Parks & Landscaping Service is developing a simple landscaping plan for the tarmac area in line with The Liberties Greening Strategy. Car parking has been removed from the area and the design of a scheme is currently underway that will include lawn, trees and other planting. It is hoped to undertake the work over the coming months. Parks & Landscaping Services are also looking at the wider context with improvements envisaged to existing green spaces and play areas at Pimlico and Braithwaite Street/Poole Street.

Variation No. 6 to the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 which rezoned the existing depot lands at Marrowbone Lane enables the creation of a South City Operations Depot and will expedite the implementation of important elements of the Liberties Local Area Plan by facilitating the following:

- The provision of additional all weather pitches adjacent to and managed by St. Catherine's Leisure Centre (one 7 a-side pitch: 60m x 35m; one 4 a-side pitch: 20m x 35m; in addition to the existing astro field)  
The provision of an additional 100 plus new residential units
- An improved active street frontage and public realm along Marrowbone Lane at this location
- Improved permeability of the area by provision of 2 new access routes
- The Robert Street South extension & an extension to Allingham Street

Proposals for the above will be brought to Council as part of the planning process in due course.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify what emissions data is required to be available from Poolbeg Incinerator on the internet in real time, and can he provide me with (1) links to these specific planning conditions and (2) links to the real time data.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under the terms of the Dublin Waste to Energy's Waste Licence now an Industrial Emissions (IE) licence, the operator is required to maintain the following information on the internet:

- the combustion chamber temperature,
- a weekly summary of continuous emissions monitoring data, and
- the previous day's half-hourly data from the on-line continuous emissions monitoring systems.

As set out above the requirement is a condition of the IE licence, issued by the EPA, the requirement is set out in condition 2.3.2.8. The full licence is available for review at the following link:

[http://www.epa.ie/licences/lic\\_eDMS/090151b2806783b6.pdf](http://www.epa.ie/licences/lic_eDMS/090151b2806783b6.pdf)

The real time data is available at the following link:

<https://www.dublinwastetoenergy.ie/About-the-Facility/Emissions-Data>

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify whether our parking enforcement contractor can clamp vehicles parked on footpaths, double yellow lines, cycle lanes, and can he make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services can and does enforce illegal parking on footpaths, double yellow lines and Cycle track/Bus Lanes. In the year to date there have been 708 enforcements for illegal footpath parking, 282 enforcements for parking on Double Yellow Lines and 414 enforcements for parking on cycle lane/bus lanes.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the steps being taken by Parks and other Department on implementing the All-Ireland pollinator plan 2015-2020.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council was one of the first local authorities in Ireland to adopt the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. The Council has renewed its partnership for 2019 with the National Biodiversity Data Centre and there have been several initiatives by the Parks/Biodiversity team to implement and promote the Pollinator Plan including:

- Joint research with Trinity College Dublin on monitoring of bee species in Dublin City Council public parks to update 2009 data.
- Collection and mapping of data on bats in Dublin City Council.
- The Green Flag parks (Bushy Park, Poppintree Park, Markievicz Park, St Annes Park and Blessington St Park) have planting specifically for pollinators as has the recently opened St Audoens Park. Similarly, the 'pop-up park' at Dolphins Barn was specifically designed to be pollinator-friendly and the Parks Service is working with a residents group to plant a pollinator-friendly area in Prospect Square in Glasnevin.  
Herbaceous pollinator-friendly planting has been implemented at the Civic Offices, Woodquay; Griffith Park; Mt. Bernard Park; Merrion Square Park and many other locations throughout the city.
- Spring bulb planting initiatives along verges and medians of main roads of the city and riverside parks provide early pollen sources along green corridors (as well as attractive colour).
- New initiatives are planned for planting more flowering trees in parks under the City Tree Strategy.
- Wildflower meadows have been planted in Poppintree Park, Blackhorse avenue and Finglas Village.
- Bug hotels have been installed at the grounds of the Civic Offices, Woodquay in Poppintree Park and Albert College Park.
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The results of these initiatives will inform the review of the City Biodiversity Action Plan in 2020 and these initiatives will continue to expand.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to locations **(details supplied 1)** and **(details supplied 2)** as per same require DYLS, as residents say there is a serious congestion problem with access at both points.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issues at both locations on **(details supplied)** will be investigated by a traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the road at location as per **(details supplied)** the roadway outside of which has a large crater and say if you can arrange for the repair of same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location and a crack in the concrete carriageway was identified and repairs will be carried as part of our annual works programme.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the request from **(details supplied 1)** to have a seat with a plaque erected in location at **(details supplied 2)** to commemorate the death of her sibling and if you can make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Such a number of requests for memorial benches in St. Anne's Park are received each year that it is simply not possible to accede to them all. If the family could contact the Parks Service a range of options or alternatives can be discussed.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to location at **(details supplied)** where a resident's car was recently clamped. Please say if the area can be examined and consideration given to the installation of a layby or other solution for residents of household to park outside their home.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The provision of indented parking at this location would involve narrowing the footpath below desired standards and reconstruction of the footpath to full carriageway standard in order to accommodate vehicle weights. The reconstruction including the relocation of services such as public lighting, water services and drainage etc. would be cost prohibitive. There is no funding available for such works therefore this request is not recommended.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to tree at location laneway at **(details supplied)** and arrange to have same cleaned/swept.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned lane cleaned on the 25th March 2019.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to this housing applicant **(details supplied)** who is on housing list 13 years and is at number 35 on the list. Please say if you can re-examine her time on the list, as she feels she really should have 17 years. She has been living at **(details supplied)** since her son was two and a half years' old which means she should have 17 years on the list.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2006, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	2 Bed	36
Area K	2 Bed	17
Area M	2 Bed	9

The applicant appealed her cancellation from the Housing list in 2017, following a review of the file the applicant was reinstated on the Housing List with effect from her original application date which was 25/01/2006.

Dublin City Council has no record of any previous application from this household. Should the applicant have documentation relating to a previous application please advise her to submit this to the Allocations Section for review.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to tenant at location at **(details supplied)** who is seeking a housing transfer out of her current home and say if early consideration could be given to this transfer application as applicant is experiencing serious harassment in her current accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant should in the first instance report all incidents of harassment to her local Garda station who in turn can liaise with the local Housing office regarding addressing any issues of anti-social behaviour being experienced by the tenant. Please advise the tenant to forward on any supporting documentation in respect of these incidents to the local Housing office who will investigate the matter.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to the tree at **(details supplied)** and say:  
(a) If you can arrange to have same pruned as it is huge and blocking daylight from house at **(details supplied)**.  
(b) If the trees at this location are suited to the general locality or if they are too large.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no street tree outside the above address.

The street trees on this road are primarily Sorbus and Carpinus; small to medium canopy trees which are planted extensively throughout the city and are considered suitable for such locations.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if even a scintilla of work has been undertaken on the Objective in at least the last two Development Plans and several motions agreed at Area Committee and SPC's that Dublin City Council would provide Columbarium walls at some or all of the old cemeteries owned by the Council. This income generating and environmentally sustainable initiative would allow loved ones be interred in their own local place and provide an appropriate use of these old graveyards.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Project design team within Parks and Landscape Services has recently been bolstered by new staff and the development of plans for columbarium walls will now commence. The Councillor will be kept informed of progress.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to quantify the number or percentage of Dublin City Council housing stock that is adapted for disability requirements. Please supply this Councillor with a copy of the Councils Disability Policy statements.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding taking away, some on-street parking **(details supplied 1)**

The on street parking is too close to this junction. Cars can only then enter/exit junction in single file. It makes it very stressful and dangerous for drivers entering / exiting this area. Can a Traffic Engineer get down there and observe during busy times.

What needs to happen is for a number of these on street parking spaces to be decommissioned, at the side of **(details supplied 2)** Raised by a number of residents including **(details supplied 3)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parking restrictions have been provided on **details supplied** on the approach to Howth Road, including a continuous white line associated with the Stop sign; also double yellow lines on the east side of **details supplied** for approximately 30 metres from the junction with **details supplied** and double yellow lines on the west side of the carriageway extending to the junction with residents **as per details supplied**.

Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500), or to the local Gardaí, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have a filter light installed at **(details supplied 1)** and also trees cut back at **(details supplied 2)** in Raheny.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(Details: 1)** This request was considered by the Intelligent Transport Systems Section and the Traffic Advisory Group. The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 24th April, 2018, reported that a right-turn arrow cannot be provided for the Main Street approach in Raheny Village due to the fact that the opposite approach, coming from Station Road, already has such a facility. For opposite approaches, right turn arrows can be provided for one of the approaches only. In this case, the right turn has been allocated to the Station Road approach as it has a greater volume of traffic. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend a filter light at the above location.

The trees at the above location were inspected and found to be in good condition with no works recommended at this time.

The tree policy identifies pruning as weakening trees and opening potential sites for infection by disease and decay causing organisms and requires pruning work on trees to be carried out only when absolutely necessary for sound arboricultural reasons.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have footpaths and trees cut back at the following location **(detail supplied 1)**.

a) The footpaths need to be re-done in the whole of this estate. There are some very bad lips on the paths. Can this work be done asap.

b) Can the tree outside No. 52 be topped. It is hitting the electricity wires. If this is a matter for the ESB when investigated, can Dublin City Council please contact the ESB to advise them accordingly to have this tree cut back. **(detail supplied 2)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

a) Road Maintenance Services inspected this location, footpath repairs will be scheduled when a crew is next available.

b) The clearance of vegetation around overhead services is dangerous and specialist work which is a matter for the ESB Networks who provide a telephone number online where residents can report their concerns in this regard. An inspection will be arranged and works scheduled if deemed necessary.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have Carlisle Avenue Donnybrook swept as there is a lot of loose debris around the cul-de-sac.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management services swept and cleaned up Carlisle Avenue swept on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements to have Sandford Avenue Donnybrook added to the list of roads to be resurfaced. Presently it is a mixture of resurfaced potholes. In the interim could the avenue be swept and cleaned up.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Resurfacing Works Programme. In the meantime, the potholes will be temporarily repaired.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive about the vacant house at **(details supplied)** which has been uninhabited for a number of years. There are issues with the roof. Would consideration be given to adding it to the derelict or vacant sites register and could you furnish further detail about ownership of this property.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and the Councillor will be replied to directly.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements to have the granite wall on the Dodder at Brookvale Road Donnybrook cleared of ivy.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This will be put on our works list and will be carried out when a crew is available.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please review **(details supplied)** request for medical priority transfer. She has been refused twice but I really feel her living situation is of grave concern. She does not mind where she moves to once it is out of the area and once she has an extra bedroom. She has four children in a two-bedroom flat. Please read the most recent attached document from her doctor, Treetops children's services, HSE Community health etc., that will explain her living situation. There should be a trail of documents on her file also that she submitted to medical priority but if you need them sent on again please do let me know and I will forward also.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	3 Bed	191
Area	3 Bed	294

It is acknowledged that the applicant has sought to be considered for medical priority. The applicant has submitted applications for medical priority on the three separate occasions, 21/02/2019, 19/11/2018 & 15/09/2016.

If the applicant wishes to appeal this decision, please advise her to submit new supporting medical evidence outlining the change in circumstances since the most recent decision.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**

To ask the Chief Executive to help **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council attempted to make contact with the tenant on two occasions by email, requesting that a surrender of tenancy be submitted to remove the tenant from the tenancy. Unfortunately, the form was not returned therefore the tenancy could not be amended. The Allocations and Rents Sections will refer this case to the Law department for instruction on how best to proceed given the new circumstances outlined by the Councillor.