

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE
MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 17th JUNE 2019**

Q.1 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to investigate the possibility of installing a playground in one of the green areas in Willow Park/ Cedarwood, Dublin 11, as a number of residents have been in touch.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a playground in nearby Poppintree Park and another in Albert College. There are currently no plans for a playground in the above area.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request. To have the 'trip' on the pathway outside (**details supplied**) repaired.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled when a crew is next available in the area.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive if the large overgrown tree between (**details supplied**) be treated/cut back. The roots appear to be causing damage to garden walls and driveways.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree at this location has been inspected and as a relatively young tree it is not considered to be overgrown but does require some light crown raising above the public footpath. This work shall be carried out in the coming weeks. There is no direct evidence that the tree is causing damage to walls or driveways.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a 'Children at Play' sign before the left hand bend at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Guidelines for the provision of 'Children Crossing' signs, as noted previously by the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, are as follows:

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

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

As a result, the Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not recommended to install Children Crossing signs at the above location as the road is traffic calmed by speed ramps.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for window replacement at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request has been logged with Housing Maintenance to have the windows in this dwelling inspected. Any required repairs will be carried out. If replacement is required this will be scheduled.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive what restrictions (if any) operate in respect of where wheelie bins should be left for collection, if there is a relevant bye-law that applies? What remedies residents have available to them to deal with the issue of residents leaving bins in public laneways rather than in front of their own houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The regulations regarding the storage and presentation of waste bins are provided for in the Dublin City Council Waste Management Bye Laws (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste).

The location where bins should be presented is generally held to be the in the area immediately outside the entrance to a property and bins should be presented in a manner that does not cause an obstruction to other users of the footpath or roadway. Where an alternative location for presentation is more convenient for householders and collectors, such as a laneway to the rear of properties, bins may be presented in such locations. It is within the power of the local authority to designate such areas where necessary to do so.

Bins must be stored within the boundary of the property other than when presented for collection unless authorisation has been received to store the bin in a public place.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware that the laneway adjacent to (**details supplied**) (the “laneway”) has had the padlock, on the gate to which all users of the laneway had a copy key of, removed by one individual. The residents were not provided with copies of the key to the new padlock. The new lock does not match the other padlocks on the other gates used to access the laneway. In addition, said individual artificially leaves the gate open during the day thereby posing a security and/or safety risk, and locks the gate after business hours. The purpose of this gate being left open during the day is to allow the customers and users of that individual’s business direct access to the illegal business at the rear of (**details supplied**), in direct contravention of Planning Enforcement Notice issued under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 on 16 October 2018 (**details supplied**). Despite several demands said individual has failed, refused and/or neglected to keep the gates locked (except when in use) for security and safety reasons, and has failed, refused and/or neglected to reinstate the old padlock to which all the residents have a copy key or in the alternative, provide all residents with a copy key to the new lock. Please say what impact this unilateral change of lock of the laneway and managing of the gate has, on the status of the laneway. Please advise the residents what procedures are open to them to re-establish the original status quo – i.e. the situation before the commercially motivated and unilateral actions of one individual.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our records show that the public right of way over this laneway was extinguished in 1995 (pre the establishment of the North Central Area Office). This extinguishment application was processed by the Roads & Traffic Department.

When a public right of way over a laneway is extinguished the City Council have no further responsibility for maintenance/liability of the laneway and do not get involved in disputes between residents over gates & locks etc. When a public right of way is extinguished it is the responsibility of the residents whose properties abut the laneway to arrange and pay for the erection of gates on a laneway, to distribute keys for access to all properties abutting the laneway and to maintain the laneway going forward. Residents should come together as a group and arrange for a new lock to be placed on the gate of this laneway at Rosemount Avenue and a key should be distributed to all properties abutting the laneway.

The status of the laneway remains the same regardless of whether the gates are left open or closed. This laneway has been officially closed since 1995 and is therefore a private laneway.

As the laneway in question is not in the charge of Dublin City Council, the issue as raised by the Councillor relating to a change of a lock and access to keys is a civil matter between the parties concerned.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 on 16 October 2018 (ref. E0768/18), why will it take 11 months from issuing the enforcement letter to the proposed court date on 17 September 2019, and in particular why an earlier court date was not sought against an illegal two-week-old business (dog day care) immediately after the period the enforcement notice, 25 January 2019, elapsed.

Why did it take two months to appoint Dixon Quinlan Solicitors on 28 March 2019 after it was established that the infringement of the enforcement notice was ongoing, and why this law firm did not seek a much earlier introduction date with the Court.

What instruction was given to this law firm regarding urgency. Please state if further inspections of the area are scheduled to gather evidence for the City Council's case, what the outcome of previous inspections in relation to this file.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this matter is currently listed in the District Court and is subject of legal proceedings no further comment will made on the case at this time.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive what inspections were carried out under file reference (**details supplied**) and what decision has been made.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection has been carried out in respect of the premises. Further information is being sought from the owner as to how long the development concerned is in situ. A further decision on enforcement will be made following receipt of this information or if the information is not received within 4 weeks.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the if the tree stump that has been left on the footpath outside number (**details supplied**) could be finally removed as it has been left there in a very dangerous situation for about a year since the tree was removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The removal of the stump at this location will be attended to as part of a joint series of works between Parks Service and Road Maintenance which is scheduled to begin in the next number of weeks.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could urgently have the maintenance issues at (**details supplied**) reviewed and repaired. Previous tenants moved wiring and plumbing - and Council now wont repair. This tenant did not move any of this and I have viewed the situation, it is dangerous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance inspected this dwelling recently. The kitchen units have been moved. Housing Maintenance did not move these units and they are not units installed by the City Council.

There was no evidence of damage or danger on this inspection, however further investigation will be carried out to ensure these units are fit for use in their current position and to ensure all wiring is safe.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could quantify the approximate additional income that Dublin City Council would receive if the homes excluded from requirement to pay the LPT were now included.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Revenue Commissioners guidelines state; Properties purchased from a builder/developer between 1st January 2013 and 31st October 2019 are exempt until the end of 2019. In order to qualify for the exemption the property must;

1. Be new and previously unused
2. Be purchased from a builder or a property developer who constructed the property or had it constructed as part of a trade

The analysis below details the approximate lost LPT income from new and previously unused properties. It is based on the following;

- Average property value of €250k
- LPT yield of €450 (at the basic rate)
- LPT yield of €344.25 (after the application of Local Adjustment Factor of -15%)

The LPT became effective from the 1st of July 2013. A half year charge was payable in 2013 with a full year charge payable from 2014 onwards. The LPT is collected by the Revenue Commissioners.

Table 1 – Analysis of potential additional income at the basic rate

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New Residential Units	500	800	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
At basic LPT rate (€405)	0.10	0.32	0.41	0.41	0.81	0.81	1.22
Previous Years cumulative income		0.20	0.53	0.93	1.34	2.15	2.96

Total Basic Rate	0.10	0.53	0.93	1.34	2.15	2.96	4.17
Cumulative lost funds	0.10	0.63	1.56	2.90	5.04	8.00	12.17

Table 2 – Analysis of potential additional income at the reduced rate

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
New Residential Units	500	800	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	3,000
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
At basic rate less 15% (€344.25)	0.09	0.28	0.34	0.34	0.69	0.69	1.03
Previous Years cumulative income		0.17	0.45	0.79	1.14	1.82	2.51
Total at basic rate less 15%	0.09	0.45	0.79	1.14	1.82	2.51	3.55
Cumulative lost funds	0.09	0.53	1.33	2.46	4.29	6.80	10.34

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could list any correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government - from Officials or the Minister and the Department of An Taoiseach - either the Taoiseach or Officials during the months of May and June to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Date	From	Subject
22/05/2019	Jacqueline McAuley, Housing Policy Unit	Circular 20/2019 Traveller Accommodation Programmes 2014-2018, Progress report 2018 & Review of Programmes
22/05/2019	Mary Hurley, Assistant Secretary	Poolbeg SDZ
04/06/2019	Gary McGuinn, Local Govt. Oversight & Governance	Circular 02/2019 Newly Elected Councils
31/05/2019	Paul Dunne, Private Rental Market Section	Letter re. targets s for increased inspections of rental properties (2019-2021)
30/05/2019	Anthony Doran	Sanction for post of Executive Manager
30/05/2019	Peter Connaughton	Sanction for Senior post of Executive Planner
29/05/2019	Pat Guiney	Draft Value for Money Progress Report No. 7
23/05/2019	Eleanor O'Donnell	Sanction for the post of Senior Fire Prevention Officer
22/05/2019	Jason Kennedy, Local Govt. Oversight & Governance	Increasing the Participation in Local Government Incentive Funding Scheme Application & Letter
22/05/2019	Peter Connaughton	Sanction for Senior Executive Solicitor
17/05/2019	Yvonne Butler	Reminder re submission of proposals for funding under the Serviced Sites Fund
17/05/2019	Emma Reeves	Irish Water Staffing sanction of post request
16/05/2019	Emma Reeves	Irish Water Staffing sanction of post request
13/05/2019	Pat Guiney	Draft Value for Money Progress Report No. 7
14/05/2019	Valerie Marsh	Meeting request
08/05/2019	Patricia O'Connor	Circular Housing 17/2019 Local Authority Mortgage Protection Insurance Scheme (MPI)
07/06/2019	Aisling Kehoe	Agenda for meeting with Sec Gen/ Management Board and Chairpersons & Chief Executives of Agencies / Boards.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MICHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive what action is being taken to replace the many now illegible and sub-standard street name plates throughout the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services have commenced two contracts to replace/install 559 street name plates in 2019.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can he arrange to have the road re-surfaced from Sean Moore Roundabout up to the East Link as residents in Poolbeg Quay and Pigeon House Road are finding the big trucks and container carrying trucks that bounce over the pot holed road very difficult during the day and extremely noisy at night?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Toll Bridge Road will be considered for inclusion in our 2020 Carriageway Resurfacing Works Programme. In the interim temporary repairs will be scheduled.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive can he examine the traffic flows on Pigeon House Road and put in place measures to reduce non-residential through traffic on Pigeon House Road as the traffic is constantly heavy and makes it extremely difficult for residents trying to access their homes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently traffic measures such as 3.5 Tonne limit, ramps and 5 axle ban for HGV's in the residential area on Pigeon House Road. However this query will be added to the Traffic Asset Management System (TAMS) to be assessed by an Area Engineer to see if any further action may help resolve congestion in the area.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the large tree outside (**details supplied**) the roots of which have caused the footpath to crack leaving a hazardous situation for many vulnerable pedestrians living in the locality and say if he can arrange to have the footpath properly reinstated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. The footpath was in good condition. A repair was completed at this location in 2017 along with a number of others in Grace Park Heights as part of the Road Maintenance Services major works program. No further works are scheduled

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to the large tree outside (**details supplied**) the sap from which has caused damage to the car engine of the resident of (**details supplied**) and also leaves the road in a hazardous condition for vulnerable pedestrians with a large volume of sap on same and say if he can arrange to have the tree seriously pruned to prevent any further damage to the motor vehicle as well as to prevent any vulnerable pedestrian slipping and falling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The substance in question is not sap but honeydew the sugary excretion of sap-sucking insects such as aphids. The substance is essentially sugar and water and is usually washed away by seasonal rains. Honeydew cannot damage paintwork or

engines of cars. Most species of tree suffer from this phenomena to a greater or lesser extent. The effect is most pronounced during dry spells in late summer. The resident might consider parking elsewhere during these periods to avoid the worst of the problem or investing in a car cover.

Dublin City's Tree Policy, '**Dublin City Tree Strategy 2016 – 2020**' adopted by the full Council in 2016 does not consider the reduction or removal of Honeydew as a valid reason to prune or remove an otherwise healthy tree. Leaves, seeds and honeydew are defined in the policy as '*natural and seasonal occurrences and are judged to be a relatively minor, short-lived inconvenience when considering the many benefits of having trees in the urban environment*'.

Objective 3.7.6 states that '*the Council will not prune or fell a Council owned tree solely to remove or reduce honeydew or other sticky residue from trees*'.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to the request from constituent that a cycleway be installed at (**details supplied**) to encourage children to use same and also that an awareness campaign accompany the installation of same to further inform cyclists/make cyclists aware that they must yield to pedestrians as not to do so is in breach of the law and can incur a penalty

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The feasibility of installing a cycle track along this section of (**details supplied**) will be investigated with the Area Engineer for Traffic and a report prepared for a future meeting. The route is currently a proposed Secondary Cycle route in the GDA Cycle Network Plan.

Appropriate signage indicating where cyclists must yield will be provided as part of any cycle track installation.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to the application from my constituent at (**details supplied**) who is awaiting works to be carried out to him home under the Scheme for persons with disabilities and say if he will arrange for the works to be carried out at an early date as my constituent is experiencing ill health and urgently needs these works to be carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application from this tenant for a low level shower on medical grounds has been received, processed and surveyed. It is scheduled for assessment in the next two weeks. The tenant will be notified in writing of the outcome.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all land owned by Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to sites for development. It is proposed to prepare a list of sites suitable for development in respect of each area and to present same to the relevant Area Committee in the autumn. The list will be also have the estimated capital value of each site and will be linked to the funding of projects on the City Council's Capital Programme.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all international bodies of which Dublin City Council is a member of.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information regarding the above is currently being collated and will issue shortly to the Councillor.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all cities we have international agreements with, providing a list of each city, the date it was agreed and the style of agreement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Formal Twinning Agreements:

- Twinning Agreement San Jose, USA and Dublin City Council – Signed 1986
- Twinning Agreement City of Liverpool and City of Dublin – Signed 1997
- Twinning Agreement City of Barcelona and City of Dublin – Signed 1998
- (Addendum to Agreement between City of Barcelona and Dublin City – Signed 2009)
- Twinning Agreement Beijing The People's Republic of China and Dublin City – Signed 2011

Less formal Agreements:

- Protocol for Co-operation and Partnership negotiations between Dublin and St. Petersburg, Russia – Signed 2010 (no time limit specified)
- Co-operation Agreement between the City of Guadalajara, Mexico and City of Dublin (in the digital area) – Signed 2013 (no time limit specified)
- Memorandum of Understanding between Belfast City and Dublin City- Signed 2014 (no time limit specified)
- Memorandum of Understanding between Mexico City Government, Mexico and Dublin City – Signed 2015 (expires September 2019)
- Establishment of Friendly Exchange Relationship between City of Wuhan, China and Dublin City – Signed 2016 (expires September 2019)
- Friendship and Co-Operation Agreement City of Montreal and Dublin City Council – Signed 2016 (no time limit specified)
- Co-Operation Agreement between City of Dublin Ohio & Dublin City Council – Signed 2017 (4 years' duration)

Q.24 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards to how much revenue has been generated from the Tom Clarke Bridge, what becomes of the money and where the money is allocated and on what projects.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Between 2016 and 2018 the total revenue generated from the Tom Clarke Bridge was €30,504,024. The operating costs during this period amounted to €12,359,243. The surplus of €18,144,782 was transferred to Capital projects such as the Transport Asset Management System (TAMS) and the Refurbishment of footpaths and carriageways.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of the costs of mortgage loan payments for Dublin City Council houses and if this charge rate is compatible with other lenders in the field. Why DCC insist on charging .555 percent of the loan amount to Rebuilding Ireland loan applicants, which is 159.40 per month (based on the max loan), when a similar policy is available with an online insurer for 10.00 per month (based on a 24-year-old applicant) or 15.00 per month with illness cover. All financial institutions in the state have been prohibited from insisting that an applicant sign up for the lenders own mortgage protection policy, yet DCC insist on this practice.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the Terms and Conditions of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan a borrower is required to take out the Local Authority Group Scheme Mortgage Protection. This Scheme is administered by Marsh Ireland and Underwritten by Utmost PanEurope dac.

As part of the Local Authority Mortgage Protection Insurance Scheme for Local Authority Borrowers, a public procurement competition is held by the Office of Government Procurement for the provision and administration of a MPI Scheme providing death and disability benefits for local authority borrowers. The Mortgage Protection Insurance Group Scheme covers both Disability Insurance of borrowers up to 65 years of age and Life Insurance up to 75 years of age.

All Local Authorities are instructed by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government of the Mortgage Protection rate to be applied to Rebuilding Ireland Loans. The current Mortgage Protection rate is 0.5550% of the outstanding Loan Balance.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive given the serious concerns around the use of illegal drugs in Dublin and the recent proposal to facilitate drug injection rooms at Merchants Quay can the Chief Executive call minister Catherine Byrne TD to publish the recent minority and majority reports commissioned by the government into drug use and addiction and related services immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The councillor's request will be forwarded to Minister Catherine Byrne, Minister for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy.

A planning application for a medically supervised injection facility and associated works at Merchant's Quay was lodged with the Planning Authority on 8th October 2018. On 28th November 2018, the Planning Authority sought Further Information from the applicant. In order to allow the applicant time to gather and prepare the information, an extension of time was granted to the applicant by the Planning Authority. This extension of time will expire on 5th September 2019. On the basis that the further information is received by this date, the Planning Authority will be required to make a decision on this application within 4 weeks of receipt of the information. The applicant or any third party then has four weeks to appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanala. The application will be determined in the light of the relevant statutory plans and other published guidelines from the Government available at the time the decision is made.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give clear guidance as to the regulation and use of scooters on our footpaths in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The situation regarding the legality of the use of electric scooters on public roads is currently being examined by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) under instruction from the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Sport. The Council is of the view that the majority of electric scooters available to purchase in Dublin exceed 250W power output and are therefore classed as mechanically propelled vehicles requiring a licence, insurance and tax etc. and their use in the public domain whether on footpaths or the road is illegal. The Council also has concerns regarding the safety of electric scooters both from the user's point of view and other motorists and pedestrians. Enforcement is a matter for An Garda Síochana.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for his response to the TomTom Traffic index survey which places Dublin as the 6th worst city in Europe and to advise as to what measures he is planning to take to reduce traffic congestion in Dublin city & suburbs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has pursued the policies as set out in the Development plan and in line with National policy to prioritise walking cycling and public transport. This has resulted in 2018 in the numbers of people entering the city centre being at an all-time high, with 70% of people making their journeys using Public Transport Walking and cycling and less than 28% by private car.

The Tom Tom survey apparently shows the data for the private car but does not show people walking, cycling and using public transport.

It is the intention of the City Council to continue to prioritise in this manner and to ensure that where people chose the sustainable modes that every effort is made to provide safe and efficient transport and facilities.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether he has had the Traffic department review the traffic markings at Luas crossings in light of the amount of collisions on the streets of Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Transdev and Traffic liaise with each other on an ongoing basis to identify junctions that require renewal.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding the buildings works taking place at the Hugh Lane gallery to accommodate the new Central library.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The refurbishment of the 1930s wing of the Hugh Lane Gallery to bring it up to best museum standards is proceeding, and Part VIII planning was lodged on 6th June 2019. These refurbishment works are not connected to the Central Library.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding plans to revitalise O'Connell Street as set out by the O'Connell Street Revival Society.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

O' Connell Street is part of the Civic Spine of the City and its significance as a premier street cannot be underestimated. The protection and development of O'Connell Street is supported by Planning Policy, The City Development Plan, a scheme of special planning control, a shopfront design initiative and a public realm scheme for the street which was augmented by the delivery of Luas Cross City, December 2017. As the Planning authority we are bound by statutory requirements when dealing with planning applications.

The O`Connell Street Revival Society which lists four members have not been in touch with this Department or the Area Office regarding their plans to date.

Dublin City Council works with numerous State agencies and stakeholders groups on an ongoing basis to the betterment of the city. The Public Realm Projects proposed for Cathal Burgha Street Cathedral Street, Sackville Street, North Earl Street and Talbot Street are further testament to the City Council Commitment to the Street. New uses to be delivered by the Clery's Redevelopment and the Sackville Hotel will also enhance and animate the Street bringing more footfall.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALÁIGH

To ask the Chief Executive who is responsible for the repair of the footpath outside (**details supplied**). The elderly residents who lives here has been trying for some time now to get someone to take responsibility for condition it was left in following works on the road. Can the footpath please be repaired as soon as possible before someone falls and has a bad accident? When works take place on our roads/footpaths by companies other than DCC who is responsible to ensure that the roads/pavements are left in a safe/satisfactory condition? If they are not what action is taken? Are fines issued?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified. It is the responsibility of the Utility to ensure that the roads/footpaths are reinstated in a satisfactory condition, until the section of roads/footpaths are taken back in charge, to Dublin City Council. Dublin City Council will notify the Utility to take action if the roads/pavements are left in an unsafe/unsatisfactory condition. If no action is taken by the Utility, then Dublin City Council will make the reinstatement safe and charge the Utility for these works

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALÁIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if (**details supplied**) are on the derelict sites register? If so have they been fined? They have been derelict for a long time now and an awful eyesore for those living beside it. Photos attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(**Details supplied**) are currently not entered on the Derelict Sites Register and therefore the imposition of a levy does not apply. These sites will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a direct reply will be sent to the Councillor.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÍ DHALÁIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider piloting a fob gate only access for one block in (**details supplied**). If it proves successful it could be rolled out to the other blocks. It was raised with me by residents in the complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A fob gate only access piloting scheme will be considered under a precinct improvement plan for this complex.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all pre planning consultations, the planning consultations the planning department has had with Hines or their agents regarding the Player Wills and its lands. This list should include all attendees at the meeting and notes of the discussion.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Meetings held with planning officials on development sites throughout the city are held under S247 of the Planning Act and as such all information relating to them remains confidential until a planning application is lodged. When an application is lodged on any site in the city, the record of the S247 meeting held is then publicly available. The S247 record includes the list of attendees and issues raised.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive details supplied to prune the trees on (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks can arrange for the above trees to be added to the Tree Care Program for Autumn/Winter 2019/20. Please note tree pruning is carried out on a priority basis and is subject to change depending on available resources.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to put in speed ramps on (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 26th September 2017, reported that following a speed survey it was noted that the average 85th percentile speed on Kinvara Drive did not exceed the speed limit of 50km/h. The vehicle count was also less than 60 vehicles per hour. As the warrant has not been met, the Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend traffic calming measures.

The criteria used to determine the need for traffic calming measures 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 volume 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.

In view of this, the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that it is not recommended to install ramps at this location.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive details to engage with the PPN and other community groups to roll out a voter education programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Franchise Section works with the Housing Department to engage with various communities regarding voter registration and awareness. Prior to the local election the Section:

- Delivered talks to DRHE and other homeless service providers on homeless voter registration.
- Held a voter registration information event in the Wood Quay venue for an African Women Community Group.
- Held a voter registration information event in St Andrews Resource Centre for the Asian community.

In addition, housing allocations circulate voter registration forms to new tenants.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MC GRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to put litter bins around the (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have a litter bin at the junction (**details supplied**). We also have a dog foul bin in the (**details supplied**). Irish Rail also have bins outside the nearby rail station. We are satisfied that this residential estate does not require any more litter bins. Bins for the pathway in the park itself is a matter for the Parks Division.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive why is there a delay on the Springvale site and when does the council expect to get the go ahead from the Department of Housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Stage 4 approval for award of contract on Springvale was received from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government on Friday 8th June.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the time frame for delivery of housing and the community centre on the Springvale site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Stage 4 approval for award of contract on Springvale was received from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government on Friday 8th June. We will now commence work with the selected contractor with the aim of getting on site as quickly as possible

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much money is owed by Irish Water to Dublin City Council and when is it planned to have this money paid?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The financial arrangements between Local Authorities and Irish Water are agreed nationally and strictly follow the Service Level Agreement that is in place. When expenditure is incurred by Dublin City Council on Water Services it is refunded on a monthly basis from Irish Water as per the terms of this agreement. There is currently no outstanding funding awaited from Irish Water.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many applicants are waiting to have housing extensions built based on overcrowding or medical grounds?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 229 applications on Housing Maintenance waiting list for extensions on overcrowding grounds. There are currently 57 applications for extensions on medical grounds.

There is a very significant demand for extensions on both overcrowding and medical grounds and a limited budget to meet this. Every effort is made to meet the demand on this budget with the pressing needs applicants have.

Eleven extensions were provided in 2018 and six so far in 2019.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals to relieve the congestion on Pidgeon House Road as residents are trapped in their homes from early afternoon by cars and trucks trying to take shortcuts to the Tom Clarke Bridge and to avoid traffic jams on the Sean Moore Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently traffic measures such as 3.5 Tonne limit, ramps and 5 axle ban for HGV's in the residential area on Pigeon House Road. However this query will be added to the Traffic Asset Management System (TAMS) to be assessed by an Area Engineer to see if any further action may help resolve congestion in the area.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive for Bremen Road/Avenue/Grove, Pine Road, Kerlogue Road, Kyleclare Road, Cymric Road, Leukos Road, Isolda Road and Clonlara to be included in the next phase of the 30 kilometres zone to help reduce speed in a residential area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Bremen Road/Avenue/Grove, Pine Road, Kerlogue Road, Kyleclare Road, Cymric Road, Leukos Road, Isolda Road and Clonlara Road have been included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction. This proposal will be going for public consultation during summer 2019. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-Laws in the autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in summer 2020.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the damp and mould issue at this address, (**details supplied**) is going to be fixed and a timeframe as to when this damp, mould issue will be sorted and when will the damp expert attend the home to inspect.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A number of units in **(details supplied)** are scheduled for survey by Housing Maintenance with an estimated completion of surveys by end July 2019. This dwelling is included in these surveys. Any required works on these units will commence subsequent to survey with a completion date of end August/beginning of September.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that contractors are adhering to time restrictions for commencing work at the development at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If there are any alleged breaches of hours of work at the site concerned please notify the details by e-mail to planningenforcement@dublincity.ie and the matter will be fully investigated.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive for information regarding the future plans for the used land at Shantalla Manor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The land in question is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

I can confirm that planning permission was granted for a residential development (Planning Application Refs. 3563/19 as amended by 3245/15 refer).

As part of the development, 16 houses known as Chanel Manor were constructed in 2017 for Respond Housing Association. Planning permission for the remainder of the development will expire on 10th January 2021.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to assess and provide a plan for the refurbishment of units at Hampstead Court, Glasnevin, Dublin 9 and the renewal of recreational space at the complex. Several of the units are in poor condition and some are uninhabitable, the grounds are also in poor condition and in need of maintenance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to a large scale regeneration programme of our older apartment complexes.

We are currently auditing the development potential of all these complexes (240 apartment schemes). We also undertaking a stock condition survey of all complexes. The Housing and Community Services Department intends to present data relating to the development potential and physical condition of each apartment scheme to the elected members in each of the five administrative areas in September 2019.

Hampstead Court was constructed in 1970 and caters for senior citizens across its 57 homes. There is potential to significantly increase the density on site and this project has been identified by the executive as a priority for redevelopment.

It is also the intention of the Housing and Community Services Department to discuss this information with the elected members and agree a number of priority regenerations schemes for each area.

When the priority lists for each of the five areas are collated, this will form the Housing and Community Services Department's Housing Regeneration Capital Programme 2019 – 2040.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repairs to the pavement along the northern side of Griffith Ave from Mobhi Road to Swords Road. The pavement is damaged and causing a trip hazard along this part of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This section of footpath has been included in this year's works programme. A contractor has been appointed and works will take place over the summer months.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive for double yellow lines to be placed on Shanliss Road in front of the houses before the shops at the junction of Shanowen road to prevent cars and deliveries from parking there blocking access to driveways of residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that under the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph(2), "a vehicle shall not be parked... (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;"

Instances of illegal parking are a matter of enforcement and should be reported to An Garda Síochána or Dublin Street Parking Services (the parking enforcement contractor employed by Dublin City Council) at Tel: 6022500. The Area Traffic Engineer has reported it is, therefore, not recommended to provide parking restrictions where they are already covered under the Regulations, as this would lead to a proliferation of same.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the closure of the (**details supplied**) and the purchase of replacement facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE is working on two properties to assist with the reallocation of service users from this facility. Discussions are ongoing regarding schedules of works in the prospective replacement properties. The expected timeframe for completion of these works is before the end of this year.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on a Local Statutory Plan for the (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 identifies key growth areas of the City. For some of these areas, the Council has prepared or has committed to preparing a Statutory Plan- either SDZ or LAP, to shape the regeneration and development management processes to enable large scale new development. The preparation of such plans is a resource intensive and complex process, with a range of environmental requirements and requiring the dedication of significant staff and takes approximately 2 years of work from commencement. For this reason, the decision to prepare a statutory plan for particular areas is focussed on key major development lands that will deliver large scale new developments and only a small number are identified in the Development Plan and are undertaken during the Development Plan's 6 year life.

Currently the City Development Plan does not propose to prepare a statutory Plan for the **(details supplied)**. In recognition of the need to co-ordinate a number of development opportunities in the area, the Planning Department, in partnership with the Area Office and other key departments (Housing, Culture, Recreation & Economic Services, Environment & Transportation) has been working on a local strategy for the Finglas area, focussed on Council resources to aid the delivery of new housing within the area, enable public realm upgrades, and provide a strategic focus for a number of planned public investments and developments within the area.

This strategy is almost finalised, and it is proposed that a presentation will be given to the Area Committee in the near future.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the decision not to issue any more dog fouling bins in the North West Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Services Division is committed to ensuring that public litter bins are provided in appropriate locations to cater for both general litter and dog fouling. The provision of dog fouling specific bins was a specific action of the litter management plan 2016 - 2018 and a number of bins were installed in each administrative area. The experience of the use of these bins has indicated that it is preferable to install standard litter bins as the dog fouling specific bins have a limited capacity and in many instances were being used to dispose of general litter in addition to dog fouling.

Any locations where requests are received for the installation of dog fouling bins will be considered in the usual manner taking into account the proximity to parks or open spaces, the level of footfall and dog walking, any litter generators that are present and the current supply of bins in the immediate vicinity. Where it is considered that there is a requirement for a bin a standard litter bin will be provided which will cater for all litter and have the standard capacity available.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing Water Stations like the photo attached in Mayo.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council have contacted Mayo County Council with regard these specific installations and will also liaise with Irish Water on this proposal. A report will issue to the Environment SPC on this matter.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what the height restrictions are for construction of new buildings in the city centre and whether there are plans to review them and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. The proposed construction of new buildings in the City Centre are assessed in accordance with the National Planning Framework 2040 and more specifically the document "Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines" published by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in Dec 2018.(DHPLG)

2. These Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2018) indicate that there is a need to deliver compact urban growth with an objective to provide at least half of future housing within the existing built up area of the city. Furthermore, the Guidelines require the Planning Authority to consider building heights of at least six storeys within the canal ring, three to four storeys in suburban locations and to actively seek and bring forward proposals which significantly increase building height and the overall density of development

(The new Guidelines can be assessed at

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/national-planning-framework/urban-development-and-building-heights-guidelines-planning>)

3. The Guidelines contain both advisory guidelines and specific requirements which must be mandatorily applied by Planning Authorities and the Board in the performance of their functions. As such the Building Height Guidelines contain Strategic Planning Policy Requirements (SPPR's) which take precedence over any conflicting policies and objectives contained in development plans or local area plans.
4. In relation to the Building Height Guidelines, SPPR No. 1 requires PA's to explicitly identify through future statutory plans, areas where increased height will be actively pursued to secure the urban consolidation objectives of the NPF, "*and shall not provide for blanket numerical limitations on height*".

SPPR 3 states that where an applicant demonstrates how a proposal complies with certain criteria (e.g. proximity to good public transport, contribution to place making / streetscape, daylight / microclimatic impacts, effect on the historic environment etc), to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, then permission may be granted, "*even where specific objectives of the relevant Development Plan or Local Area Plan may indicate otherwise*".

5. The review of the current City Development Plan will commence in summer 2020. The review will include policies and objectives in relation to sustainable height and density in accordance with the Guidelines for consultation by elected members. A review has recently been submitted to An Bord Pleanala in relation to height in the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ, as required under the Strategic Planning Policy Requirements 3 (SPPR3) of the Guidelines.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Projected Delivery for our Social Housing Programme in the 3 year period 2019 – 2021 is as set out below.

Programmes:	2019	2020	2021	Total
<i>Construction by DCC</i>	170	520	1849	2539
<i>Construction by AHB's</i>	352	342	251	945
<i>Part V</i>	227	200	200	627
<i>Voids Restored by DCC</i>	580	562	544	1686
<i>Sub-Total Build/Delivery</i>	1329	1644	2864	5797
<i>Long Term Leasing</i>	300	300	300	900
<i>Acquisitions</i>	320	320	320	960
<i>Total Projected Delivery</i>	1949	2244	3464	7657
<i>HAP Tenancies (Homeless)</i>	1100	1000	1000	3100
<i>HAP Tenancies, (Mainstream)</i>	1500	1500	1500	4500
<i>HAP Tenancies, (Rent Supplement)</i>	1500	1500	1500	4500
<i>Projected HAP Output</i>	4100	4000	4000	12,100
<i>Total Output</i>	6049	6244	7464	19,757

While Affordable Housing and Cost Rental Schemes are at an early stage, potential delivery under these programmes is as follows:

Programme	Total
Affordable Housing	2,377
Cost Rental	1,230

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how much has been paid out in Claims to the public over the past 3 years and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information regarding how much has been paid out in claims to the public over the past 3 years is currently being collated and will issue shortly to the Councillor.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what measures are being taken to make cycling safer in the city for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department is working on a number of measures and initiatives to improve the safety of all road users and in particular, vulnerable road users.

Traffic calming and expansion of 30km/h zones

Since 2017, Dublin City Council has introduced three phases in different city areas. The third phase also included a deployment of periodic speed limits at certain schools, at school drop off and collection times. The principle objective of assessing the appropriate speed limits for our roads and streets is to ensure that the set speed limits are as safe and appropriate as possible for vulnerable road users, including children, elderly and cyclists. Further expansion is proposed in the report submitted to council on 13th May 2019. The expansion will go to public consultation this summer with implementation scheduled for Q1 2020.

Traffic signals in relation to pedestrian times

For all traffic signals critical collision points are calculated for each junction to show if the vehicles or pedestrian using a green signal has sufficient time to safely pass through the junction before the opposing movements start. A delay is added for vehicle to pedestrian phases to the start of pedestrian green man or to the end for vehicle to vehicle movement to provide a buffer and ensure that all traffic is clear of the junction before the next phase starts.

Cycle Safe Intersection

As part of the Cycle safe intersection project Dublin city is currently installing new radar units to detect cyclists as they approach a junction in order to call the required traffic phase, increase the minimum green time for the traffic phase, and if there is a cyclist travelling through the stop line in the final stages of the green signal, to increase the all red timings for the traffic phase in order to ensure the cyclist is clear of the junction before opposing traffic is given a green light. These units are currently installed on seven sites in the city centre.

Protected intersections

For new cycle schemes the junction layout is being designed to allow for a protected intersection. This allows cyclist that wish to turn right to be safely stacked in order to make the movement in two stages. If a cyclist wishes to turn right at a junction they travel straight through the junction (for example northbound) and just before exiting the junction there will be a protected kerb stacking area which would allow the cyclist to change direct to eastbound. The cyclist then waits in this area until the relevant green signals appears for the eastbound movement.

Protected cycle lanes and lane delineators

Following a trial conducted late last year on Leeson Street Lower, Dublin City Council has now begun a programme of installing low level delineators at various locations around the city to provide a physical separation between cycle lanes and the adjacent traffic lanes. They have been installed in locations where motorists commonly encroach on cycle lanes including, Leeson Street Lower, Ryders Row and Capel Street Upper, Custom House Quay and East Wall Road.

Other Interventions

In recent months other works that have added to improved safety include:

Removal of Traffic Sign Poles from the middle of the cycle track at both Clontarf Baths and opposite Clontarf Bus station.

Re-surfacing works throughout the city that have improved safety for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

Installation of large cycle logos and new Advanced Stop Lines for cyclists in appropriate locations following resurfacing works.

Many other modifications which are designed and installed on a case by case basis as part of the neighbourhood and local traffic management measures.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a small piece of work to be done to (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance does not fit glass shower doors. The tenant can have a door fitted privately, however this work needs to be carried out by a qualified person and the tenant will be responsible for future maintenance of same.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can DCC please give me some direction on what can be done to some residents who constantly stock-pile domestic waste in their front and rear gardens much to the annoyance of fellow neighbours, It was one of the most contentious issues for me and my team in the recent local elections and was not an issue just for Local Authority tenets but to those in private housing as well.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The stockpiling of waste in domestic or commercial premises may be dealt with through the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act or the Waste Management Act depending on the nature and scale of the issue being investigated. Any instances of such stockpiling may be reported to the Waste Management department or simply reported to the customer service centre and the report will be investigated and the necessary action taken to resolve the issue either through direction or enforcement under the appropriate act. Powers under the acts allow the local authority to direct instructions regarding the appropriate removal and disposal of the waste, issue fines or take prosecutions in relation to the waste, or remove the waste and seek reimbursement of the costs to the local authority through the courts.

The contact details for reporting of such issues are as follows for each department.

waste.management@dublincity.ie

waste.enforcement@dublincity.ie

customerservices@dublincity.ie

Q.62 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive can Dublin City Council look at the parks maintenance at East Timor Park Lower, Ballyfermot Dublin 10 next to the Ranch. Neighbours have told me on many occasions the area can be left with waste for long periods without any response, Can I have a contact number going forward where residents can report dumping etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

East Timor Park is maintained twice a week from Markievicz Park. Any incidences of dumping can be directed to the gardener in Markievicz (**details supplied**)

Q.63 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate when the housing development at Cornamona Court, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot Dublin 10 will commence I was led to believe the project, which is badly needed would commence in May however to date no activity has happened on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The contractor is now in possession of the site and is currently carrying out background preparatory arrangements; construction work is scheduled to commence on site on the 24th June.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to traffic light sequences and advise if they have been altered on Bus Corridor routes close to city centre; and say that traffic light sequences would be reviewed to improve traffic movement. Reason being the South City Residents have noted that traffic congestion is increased on canal junctions, due to shortened traffic light sequences.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Signalised junctions in Dublin operate on our Traffic Management System SCATS. There are over 800 SCATS sites in Dublin. SCATS is an Adaptive Traffic System responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signals where appropriate using predefined plans. All movements have to run during the cycle time which is a maximum of 120 seconds. SCATS determines how the time is divided out depending on demand. It is monitored 24 hours a day 7 days a week by the Dublin City Traffic Control Centre. The main bus corridors on the southside (Kimmage Rathmines area) along the canal are routinely monitored and adjustments are made to improve the flow of traffic. Unfortunately, a lot of the problems experienced at these locations are caused by the increased volume of traffic travelling through the junction. The policy of Dublin City Council is to implement an efficient, integrated and coherent transportation plan as a core strategy to a sustainable city. One of the key strategic approaches to achieve these objectives is by promoting sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport movements. Bus movements to and from the city during morning and evening peaks are prioritised where possible.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to Policy G128 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 which states that it is the policy of Dublin City Council: “*To support the implementation of the Dublin City Tree Strategy, which provides the vision for the long-term planting, protection and maintenance of trees, hedgerows and woodlands within Dublin City*” and say whether it is the Council’s intention to preserve existing trees throughout historic suburbs for the purpose of preserving the environment. The reason being hundreds of trees on historic roads on the north and south side of the city center are impacted by NTA road widening proposals, which contravenes Policy G128.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has a City Tree Strategy in place since 2016, an action of the City Development Plan and the City Parks Strategy. The Council is working to implement the Tree Strategy and has devoted resources to this as part of the Green Infrastructure approach set out in the City Development Plan.

The City Council is currently engaged in the preparation of a tree inventory, including an assessment of their health. The inventory will inform the management of our urban trees as per our Dublin City Tree Strategy (2016-2020).

The City Development Plan also contains policies to promote sustainable forms of transport within the city such as cycling, walking and public transport (see policies MT1, MT2, MT3, MT4 etc.) as well as policies relating to the protection of the city's heritage (see policies CHC1, CHC4, CHC7 etc.).

In relation to the reference to NTA road widening proposals, any such projects will be the subject of consultation with the City Council, including the Parks and Landscape Services Division and the Conservation section, wherein issues relating to tree preservation, mitigation of negative impacts or compensatory planting will be addressed.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for before and after pictures to be taken when works are being carried out on roads and footpaths by outside bodies or contractors. Some areas are left in a bad state after works for prolonged periods of time. I have noticed companies doing complete re-instatements almost immediately in the Fingal area so am wondering why this can't be replicated in DCC's area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council take photographs for all inspections for each reinstatement. All permanent reinstatements, as directed by Dublin City Council, must comply with the "Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads" published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. All works within the Dublin City Council administrative area must comply with these standards. Dublin City Council requires all permanent reinstatement to be carried out as soon as possible after laying of services and no later than 4 weeks after the initial work was undertaken. However, the overriding consideration is public safety and temporary reinstatements must be properly maintained at all times.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of widening the railway bridge at Cross Guns junction (adjacent Quillsen Estate Agents) to allow for greater safety for cyclists. I have been informed of a number of incidents of cyclists being injured by converging traffic at this point.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be done in relation to the above and once complete, a reply will be issued to the Councillor.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for artwork on pillar boxes to include positive local role models (sporting/musical etc.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The suggested names will be considered as part of the Traffic Box Art Works Programme.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the full annual costs of dealing with illegal dumping in the Dublin City Area since the Municipal Bin Service was privatised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent estimate of the costs and quantities of illegally dumped waste removed from the Dublin City Area in the years 2016 – 2019 is set out in the table below.

Year	Fleet & Fuel	Labour	Disposal	Tonnes	Total
2016	€255,253	€602,172	€109,238	3115	€ 966,663
2017	€352,611	€637,328	€110,485	3156	€1,100,424
2018	€356,465	€637,328	€165,426	3932	€1,159,219

Similar figures are not available for the years prior to 2016. At that time an estimate of the overall cost was made that was in the region of 750K per annum. This estimate has now been improved upon by carrying out a more thorough analysis of the costs of the vehicles, fuel, labour and disposal of waste for those resources that are assigned to dealing with the removal and disposal of illegal dumping.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC decide that a development proposal is an exempted development under the ‘change of use’ class what planning engagement options are available to 3rd parties including residential neighbours etc.?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If a query arises as to whether a proposal requires Planning Permission or whether it is exempt from the requirement to seek planning permission (exempt development), a first party or third party is entitled to make a submission to the Planning Authority. It is the role of the Planning Authority to determine if the physical works or change of use described in the submission constitute development and if so, do they constitute exempt development. All submissions are assessed in the context of the relevant planning legislation. While a third party may seek a Section 5 Declaration for works/change of use on lands that lie outside their ownership there is no provision for third parties to make submissions on an application made by a first party and they have no right of appeal.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide detailed information in respect of the new Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway what is DCC's proposed treatment plan for protected junctions including traffic light sequences etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The project team has developed a design for protected intersections that reflect the conditions applied to the Part 8 approval. The layouts developed for the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme provide flexibility on the final traffic signals phasing. This includes options for cyclist's only phases, cyclist going straight at the same time as traffic, or giving an early start to cyclists. This provides the necessary compatibility and flexibility to accommodate any potential future revisions in traffic signals regulations

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a report in respect of the delay in introducing residential parking at the (**details supplied**). The plebiscite was concluded quite some time ago and residents are anxious that the matter be concluded as a matter of urgency please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal for Pay and Display and Permit Parking at (**details supplied**) is currently the subject of statutory consultation with An Garda Síochána.

Once completed Parking Enforcement Section will prioritise the introduction of the scheme and will contact residents to notify them of the date of introduction.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive if planning permission is required for the digging out of a much-needed water reservoir on a golf course. I understand that these works are exempt as they are works incidental to the maintenance and management of the golf course. I would appreciate confirmation of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It can be confirmed that the digging out of a water reservoir on a golf course is exempt from the requirement to obtain planning permission in accordance with Class 34 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended):

CLASS 34

Works incidental to the maintenance and management of any golf course or pitch and putt course, including alterations to the layout thereof, excluding any extension to the area of a golf course or pitch and putt course.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive how many e-charging points are in the different LEA's in Dublin City Council and is there plans to install more?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

ESB currently have around 1,100 public charge points throughout the country. A map of the specific locations can be accessed through the following link <https://www.esb.ie/our-businesses/ecars/charge-point-map>.

At a recent meeting ESB confirmed to the Council that they would not be rolling out further on-street chargers but would upgrade its existing charge points and concentrate on installing rapid chargers in service stations and car parks. The Council in its role in the Smart Dockland Energy Action Group has undertaken to roll out a public on street twin head charger on Sir John Rogerson's Quay as a trial. The results of this trial will inform the Council's future policy on the roll out of EV charge points.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been spent by DCC on impounding horses in 2017 and 2018? How much has the council also spent on euthanasia of horses in the same time frame?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2017 there were 122 horses impounded at an approximate cost of €50,020 and 113 euthanized at an approximate cost of €16,200.

In 2018 there were 186 horses impounded at an approximate cost of €117,180 and 145 euthanized at an approximate cost of €29,000.

Dublin City Council changed contractor for the horse seizure service and pound facility on 1st October 2017 due to the previous contractor pulling out of the contract. This accounts for the differences in cost for these services between 2017 and 2018.

Every attempt is made to rehome horses where possible and the Council's contractor liaises with horse welfare charities in this regard, however a great many of the horses impounded are in poor health and euthanasia is the only option in these cases.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will conduct an audit of student accommodation which has been built in the City Council area in each of the last five years, the planning applications which have been approved but not yet built; and the number of planning applications in the pipeline but not yet decided on.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

According to a recent audit conducted of student accommodation*, there are 6,364 student bedspaces currently operational in Dublin City, 2,676 bed spaces under construction, 2,044 permitted but not yet commenced construction and another 2944 in the planning process.

*Social, Economic and Land Use Study of the Impact of Purpose Built Student Accommodation in Dublin City

Q.77 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will outline his proposals for the future use of the City Council depots which are now closed or closing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached Report on the Proposed Reuse of the Operational Depot Network which was noted by the Housing SPC in September 2018 and which outlines the proposed future use of depots being released through the Depot Consolidation Project.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will state when work on the long-awaited Liffey Cycle Route will begin, considering that it is nearly a decade in planning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In March 2019 Dublin City Council received The Emerging Preferred Route for the Liffey Cycle Route from the National Transport Authority, this was presented to a Special Transport SPC on April 3rd 2019. The Emerging preferred design has recently undergone a Non Statutory Public Consultation from May 2nd to June 6th 2019. The findings of this process will facilitate refining the objectives of the Preliminary Design, Statutory Public Consultations and Detailed design. It is anticipated that a brief will be tendered for a design consultant in late Q3 2019. The nature of statutory approval process will dictate the construction program.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide a scheme of accommodation for those wishing to sell and downsize.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Financial Contribution Scheme is a scheme wherein a person aged 60 years and older can apply to Dublin City Council for the Council to purchase their property at a reduced rate and in turn be housed in older person's accommodation. The conditions that apply are set out below – :

- 1) The property must be located in Dublin City Council's administrative area.
- 2) Admission to the Financial Contribution Scheme shall only be offered to a home owner if Dublin City Council wishes to purchase a home owner's property and is able to source a vacancy in Older Person's accommodation for the applicant.
- 3) Applicants that may have to sell their property due to separation, divorce, or family agreements shall only be able to access one dwelling per property.

- 4) Dublin City Council cannot purchase any house with a value in excess of the price limit set out by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for acquisitions.
- 5) Dublin City Council shall only consider purchase of properties at a discount for homeowners who are eligible for Older Person's accommodation.
- 6) Successful applicants will be placed on the Financial Contributions List until a suitable vacancy arises.
- 7) Refusal of 2 offers of accommodation in the applicant's area of choice will result in cancellation of the application.
- 8) Home owners who are housed must pay a housing rent to Dublin City Council in line with the Differential Rent Scheme.
- 9) The discount Dublin City will apply is –
 - 60 years to 69 years old 60% of the market value of the property
 - 70 years old and older 70% of the market value of the property
- 10) The date of acceptance on to the list is the effective date for selection for vacancies.
- 11) Properties may be subject to inspection when the candidate is reached for selection, if the dwelling is found unsuitable by Dublin City Council or if it requires substantial repairs, Dublin City Council may not purchase the property and an applicant will not be eligible for the Financial Contribution Scheme.

Process

1. Successful applicants will be placed on the financial contributions list until a vacancy arises.
2. The date of acceptance on to the list is the effective date for offers. Applicants can indicate interest in bedsit accommodation which may allow for shorter waiting times.
3. Homeowners who are housed must pay a housing rent in line with the differential rent scheme.
4. Dublin City Council will only permit deduction of legal fees and conveyancing when a home owner's legal representative is determining the contribution amount due to Dublin City Council.
5. Mortgage redemption cannot be deducted from the sale price and it must be paid from the homeowners' own share of the sale proceeds.
6. All utility charges/property tax must be paid before property is purchased by Dublin City Council.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list. 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.80 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail in tabular form all capital expenditure on cycling between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to each project or capital spend for each year; if he can detail in tabular form all current expenditure on cycling services between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to each specified service for each year; if he can detail in tabular form all capital expenditure to date on the cycling infrastructure contained within the Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2018 -2020 and all capital expenditure outstanding by reference to project or capital spend commitment for each year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The requested information will be compiled and issued in by end July 2019.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail in tabular form all capital expenditure on footpaths between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to the location of the footpaths for each year; if he can detail in tabular form all current expenditure on footpaths between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to the location of the footpaths for each year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.82 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could provide a breakdown in tabular form of total commercial rates and developmental levies collected in revenue for each local electoral area between June 2014 and June 2019 for each year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following table gives details of the total amount of development levies collected by Dublin City Council between June 2014 and June 2019.

June 2014 – May 2015	€15,551,341
June 2015 – May 2016	€23,239,605
June 2016 – May 2017	€25,646,080
June 2017 – May 2018	€38,052,809
June 2018 – May 2019	€37,388,807

Development Contributions levied and collected under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended are not ring fenced and allocated to the area in which development takes place.

Sub-section (1) of Section 48 of the Act specifies that contributions should be allocated to “public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that it is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of a local authority (regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities).

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Please see below the commercial rates collected between the years 2014 and year-end 2018 for the electoral areas:

Electoral Areas	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	€m	€m	€m	€m	€m
BALLYFERMOT-DRIMNAGH	14.3	14.3	14.1	14.7	14.3
BALLYMUN	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.5	8.3
BEAUMONT-DONAGHMEDE	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.6
CABRA-FINGLAS	8.1	7.8	8.2	8.1	8.0
CLONTARF	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.7
CRUMLIN-KIMMAGE	15.6	15.9	14.8	15.5	14.7
NORTH INNER CITY	90.8	88.2	79.4	81.3	82.5
PEMBROKE-SOUTH DOCK	159.4	156.3	156.0	155.7	156.3
RATHGAR-RATHMINES	8.6	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3
Grand Total	319.9	314.1	303.1	306.9	306.7

Q.83 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what remedial steps have been considered or taken to prevent the Ailesbury Pumping Station contributing as a factor to Sandymount Strand's poor water quality designation; if he can provide an update on any management plan that has been put in place to address the contributing pressures to Sandymount Strand's poor water quality designation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The outfall from Ailesbury Pump Station is a matter for Irish Water. Dublin City Council has raised this issue with Irish Water and further information on this issue may be obtained from Irish Water.

Dublin City Council has submitted an updated management plan for Sandymount Strand to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this year, outlining a number of pressures on water quality and the various mitigation actions planned in relation to these. In summary, these pressures are:

1. Elm Park and Trimleston Streams

These streams discharge into the sea close to Sandymount with the Elm Park Stream being nearest and regular monitoring has shown both to be polluted. These streams are affected by a combination of pumping station emergency overflows, combined sewer overflows and domestic drainage misconnections. Their catchments are located almost entirely in the Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council area. They have previously made some progress in rectifying misconnections and Dublin City Council has requested a meeting to encourage them to renew their efforts in this area.

The City Council is examining the feasibility of providing a wetland feature on the Elm Park Stream located within the Elm Park golf club. This proposal is currently at a preliminary design stage. We are also collaborating with UCD in carrying out a feasibility study for a similar upstream feature within their Belfield campus.

2. Birds and Dogs

Dublin City Council are partners with UCD in an EU funded Acclimatize Research Project part of which, will identify the sources of pollution. On occasions birds and dogs are known to be influencing factors but as yet their significance has not been quantified. It is anticipated that further research will clarify this.

3. Ailesbury Pump Station Overflows

As an interim measure electronic information signs have been installed at various carpark locations along Sandymount for the purposes of communicating bathing restrictions. These signs have also been linked to Ailesbury Pump Station so that they automatically display real time warnings whenever there is a pumped discharge onto the beach.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive what actions were taken over the last five years to improve biodiversity in the city, and specifically, how much budget was allocated towards these actions in each of the five years and how much was spent per year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council takes the conservation of our biodiversity very seriously and has a Biodiversity Action Plan and Invasive Species Action Plan in place for the city. The Biodiversity Action Plan, 2015-2020, has 29 actions which fall under four themes as follows:

1. Strengthen the knowledge base of decision-makers for conservation and research projects to conserve and manage biodiversity and protected species and habitats of conservation value within Dublin City.
2. Strengthen the effectiveness of collaboration between all stakeholders for the conservation of biodiversity in the Greater Dublin region.
3. Enhance opportunities for biodiversity conservation through green infrastructure, and promote ecosystem services in appropriate locations throughout the City.
4. Develop greater awareness and understanding of biodiversity, and identify opportunities for engagement with communities and interest groups.

The Biodiversity Action Plan and Invasive Species Action Plan are available online at the following links or a hardcopy can be supplied by the undersigned. Prior to the current 2015-2020 plan, there was a previous Biodiversity Action Plan for Dublin City.

<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/DublinCityParks/Biodiversity/Documents/DublinCityBiodiversityActionPlan2015-2020.pdf>

http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/DublinCityParks/Biodiversity/Documents/DCCo_IAS_ActionPlan_FINAL%20WEB.pdf

Dublin City Council has a full time Biodiversity Officer with responsibility for achieving the objectives of the Biodiversity Action Plan and there is an annual work plan and budget for biodiversity in Parks and Landscape Services for €70,000 per annum. Biodiversity is also an integral part of park management and the design of new parks and public spaces. Biodiversity objectives are also supported by an annual tree planting programme.

Actions to improve biodiversity are strengthened through Dublin City Council's partnership under the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere project with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, Dublin Port Company, National Parks and Wildlife Services.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a table of data detailing all the bicycle parking installed in the last five years by LEA, and specifically, how much budget was allocated towards bicycle parking in each of the five years, and how much was spent per year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is implementing the Cycle Parking Strategy which is funded by the National Transport Authority for the installation of on-street cycle parking at various locations throughout Dublin City. The breakdown of expenditure for the last five years is as follows;

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Installations	36no. Stands Batch1 & DCC Cycle Shelter	No Resources	67no. Stands Batch 3 & 7 Car Bike Ports	281no. Stands Batch 4	977no. Stands Batch 5 Batch 6 Batch 7 Batch 8
Total Expenditure	€ 122,509	€ 0	€ 104,707	€ 155,790	€ <u>622,490</u>

Q.86 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive to list by LEA the number of trees, by species, planted on-street in the last five years, and felled in the last five years, and state how much money was allocated towards tree planting, and how much was spent on tree planting, in each of the five years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The data requested is in the process of being compiled from a number of sources. When this process is complete we will forward the information directly to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive for a table of public recycling facilities (bottle banks, depots etc.) by LEA providing detailed information regarding the materials which can be recycled at each location and what plans are in train to increase the number of public recycling facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A full list of Civic Amenity Sites, Community Bring Centres and bottle banks are attached.

The Waste Management Department is committed to recycling and providing the best service we can in a busy, urban environment. We are always looking for new bottle bank sites, while maintaining what we have.

However the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic.

We are restricted to where we can place them under planning regulations (SI 600 of 2001) e.g. “no such receptacle shall be situated within 50 metres of any house, save the consent in writing of the owner or occupier”.

Bottle banks are incredibly difficult to maintain and despite cleaning by our own staff and contractors, dumping is often an issue – which makes them unpopular.

Furthermore our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner.

I can confirm that all possible locations are investigated as to their suitability and where at all possible we will locate new ones.

A development of a North City Operations Depot in Ballymun will include a Civic Amenity Site.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive as the new cycleway on the South Campshires appears to be closed temporarily:

1. Can the CEO detail the reason for the closure and the proposed duration?
2. There appears to have been no alternative arrangements made to accommodate commuter cyclists - why is this? An equivalent road closure would result in signposted diversion routes etc. and the same standards should apply to all commuting modes

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. The works on the South Campshire is to complete a section of the cycle track which was outstanding as of last year. However it is anticipated that the work will be completed in June 2019.
2. While part of the cycle track is under construction, cyclists are being diverted on the carriageway to share the road space with general traffic in compliance with section 8.311.14 of the Traffic Signs Manual. The signage to divert the cyclists is now in place

Q.89 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive as I support the move away from use of herbicides by Dublin City Council as endorsed recently by the Environment Strategic Policy Committee, can he confirm what specific approach and strategy is being adopted by DCC Roads and Traffic Department in relation to keeping (a) pedestrian footpaths and (b) the joining points between footpaths/boundary walls and footpaths/road surfaces weed-free?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to spray appropriate weed control agents on public roads, laneways, footways, medians and other areas taken in charge by Dublin City Council commenced in January of this year. Tender submissions

have been received and assessed. The decision on whether to appoint the preferred contractor to treat weeds is currently under review.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the up-to-date details status of any new Affordable Purchase scheme being negotiated with Central Government in relation to public housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Funding approval under the "Service Sites Fund – Calls for Proposals" was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 12th December 2018, to provide enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on City Council's lands at Cherry Orchard and Ballymun.

The City Council awaits associated regulations and guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the development of these sites.

The City Council have received several expressions of interest for these sites and are currently preparing responses to a number of queries raised.

While Affordable Housing and Cost Rental Schemes are at an early stage, potential delivery under these programmes is as follows:

Programme	Total No. of Units
Affordable Housing	2,377
Cost Rental	1,230

Q.91 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to dog-fouling incidents can he please provide the following details for 2017, 2018 and 2019 (to date):

- no of fines issued
- no of fines paid without court prosecution
- no of cases brought to court
- no of cases successfully prosecuted

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details of fines issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts in relation to dog fouling incidents are as follows:

Year	No. of Fines issued	No. of fines paid without court prosecution	No. of fines cancelled on appeal	No. of cases brought to court	No. of cases successfully prosecuted
2017	22	19	1	0	0
2018	4	1 (Incorrect address given on 2 occasions by same person)	0	1	0 (summons returned)
2019 To date	0	0	0	0	0

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DONNA CONNEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recent decision by the Garda traffic to close the cycle-lanes to allow parking by Private Coaches on the Dublin City segregated Cycle-way on the Alfie Byrne Road during rush hour commute on the 24th May from 5 pm and why the coach park was not used as an alternative to putting vulnerable road users especially young children being collected from the crèche in East Point business park on Bicycles on to a busy road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There was a Traffic Management Plan put in operation by the Garda for the Spice Girls Concert on 24th May 2019.

Under The Road Traffic Act, the Garda Síochána for the purpose of preserving order in relation to traffic when there is an event attracting a large assembly of persons or when there is traffic congestion or a fire, flood or similar occurrence, a member of the Garda Síochána in uniform may do all or any of the following things: divert, regulate and control traffic and regulate and control the parking of vehicles.

The National Transport Authority has developed a coach park in Dublin Docklands for the off-street layover of coaches. It is currently operating between 7 AM and 7 PM Monday – Friday.

Queries relating to the coach parking at Dublin Docklands should be sent to National Transport Authority.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the request from (**details supplied**) to have hard surface footpath access from rear garden to John Paul II park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not permit access directly from private residences onto public open spaces. It is not possible therefore to accede to this request.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the following housing maintenance query. When will rear replacement windows be installed for (**details supplied**) Two years waiting for windows.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tenant of this dwelling requested new windows in May 2017. On inspection they were not deemed in need of replacement at that time. A further request was received by Housing Maintenance in October 2018 to carry out another inspection. This assessment identified a need for replacement. Timber double glazed windows were ordered from our Joinery Workshop at that stage. They are schedule for installation by end August this year.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a report on the following housing maintenance query, when will new rear windows be installed for (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New timber double glazed windows have been requested for this dwelling. The timeframe for installation is the last quarter 2019.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive when will DCC treat the mould, install a dehumidifier and insulation for (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Engineering Unit inspected this property on 22.02.19 on foot of a complaint received from the tenant. There is mould growth evident on the external walls in the open plan living room / kitchen area and in the upstairs bedrooms & toilet.

This property is due to have external insulation fitted in under phase 2 of the fabric upgrade programme. However as this dwelling is not on our 2019 programme a mechanical ventilation unit will be fitted in the interim to assist the tenant in dealing with the mould.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has anything to do regarding the new propose plans for Phoenix Park. If so, what is the involvement of DCC with the new proposed plans for Phoenix Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC collaborates with the OPW where there are projects of common interest. While we are aware of the plans for the Phoenix park the responsibility for project planning and development in this case is a matter for the OPW.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for improvement in road signage to advise drivers that Tyrconnell Park is a cul de sac and that road signage be erected at the same location to advice drivers that children are at play in Tyrconnell Park cul de sac.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above 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.99 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how Dublin City Council will take into account new requirements to preserve nature to comply with the climate emergency declaration from central government and the proposal from Bus Connects to cut down trees as per example on Grattan Crescent in Inchicore.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council approved the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) for Dublin City Council at the May meeting of the Council. There are over 200 Actions in this Plan many of which address Biodiversity and Green infrastructure. The Government will be publishing the All of Government Climate Plan over the summer and the Council CCAP will take account of any additional requirements and targets under this National Plan.

The Bus Connects Programme is at an early stage in the planning process and the Core Bus Corridors bus lane infrastructure aspect of it has just completed a first round of public consultation at the end of May, where Emerging Preferred Route Concept Plans for the 16 Core Bus Corridors were published for consideration. The NTA is now reviewing the submissions from the consultation, identifying the key issues raised including the concerns regarding trees on these corridors, and will then consider what modifications require consideration. Revised corridor infrastructure proposals will be published later this year following this review and a further period of public consultation

will follow. NTA will be carrying out a thorough technical and environmental assessment of the planned corridor upgrades with the goal of improving the Greater Dublin Area public transport services significantly through mechanisms that achieve reliable bus priority and that facilitate greater accessibility for pedestrians (including the elderly and mobility impaired), and cyclists, while balancing the environmental impacts and seeking to achieve urban realm enhancements along these corridors.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update regarding the progress in regards to the sale off (**details supplied**). Given the concerns regarding the condition off the complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are not aware that this apartment complex is for sale at present.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive given the dangerous condition of the road at (**details supplied**) that DCC reinstate the road as local services in the area are concerned regarding its poor condition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(**details supplied**) is located within the markets area of the North Inner City which is coming under pressure for redevelopment. Permission has been granted for new developments in the area and there are live planning applications including one that bounds (**details supplied**) The need for an area wide study to assess the street network in the markets area has been highlighted to the Corporate Public Realm Steering Group and it has been agreed to progress a study of the area. This will address the requirements for (**details supplied**) and other streets in the area.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC Roads Department reinstate the roads at (**details supplied**). As both roads are in a poor state and residents in both areas are very concerned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no immediate plans to resurface either of these streets as the annual works programme for 2019 was agreed in January 2019. These streets will be considered for resurfacing as part of the 2020 Works Programme

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council replace the windows and doors after 20yrs in place at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request has been logged with Housing Maintenance to have the windows in this dwelling inspected. Any required repairs will be carried out. If replacement is required this will be scheduled.