

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2020

Q.1 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the road at Long Lane Dublin 8 - residents report several large pot holes which are a danger to all road users.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We plan to resurface Long Lane as part of our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Programme budget permitting. In the meantime, temporary repairs will be carried out.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could seek a response from Seal Rescue Ireland, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the relevant internal section of Dublin City Council about the circumstances leading to the death of two seals recently on Sandymount Strand, if the cause has been identified and if any additional action is required to ensure that the risk of this happening again is minimised.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following recent high tide events, the remains of one dead seal and the partial remains of another were washed up on Sandymount Strand. The first was a large bull (male) seal with no signs of injury or circumstances indicating any suspicious or unusual activity. The second was badly-decomposed and appeared to have been dead for some time. The National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Irish Seal Sanctuary were both contacted to inform them. The NPWS has stated that they only conduct testing in circumstances where there are no signs of suspicious injury. Therefore, DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services staff have photographed the seals for the ISS records on seal mortality prior to removing them.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many public toilets operated by the local authority are in the administrative area of Dublin City Council, the numbers for each area and to indicate how many of those have been closed in each area due to the coronavirus pandemic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 2 temporary toilet facilities being provided by Dublin City Council in Wolfe Tone Square (Central Area) and St Stephens Green (South East Area) in response to Covid 19. There are 2 additional automated public conveniences provided at Clontarf (North Central Area) and Sandymount Strand (South East Area) that have remained in operation since being reopened at the beginning of June 2020 following a period of closure related to ensuring that the units were safe for the public to use.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are any plans to renew the Dublin Heritage Plan, to explain the decision not to renew the plan in 2006 and if there are no plans to renew it to also provide a reasoning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Yes, there are plans to renew the existing Heritage Plan. However, projects and actions continue to be implemented under the existing plan. To date, almost 100 projects have been delivered by the City Council under the auspices of the existing Dublin City Heritage Plan and with each project new commitments and actions are identified for delivery by the Council and/or stakeholders. It is because on the accretion

of commitments and that the themes and objectives underpinning the original plan were (and still are) relevant the plan was rolled over. A consultation process and comprehensive review of Heritage Plan projects was conducted in 2012 which influenced subsequent heritage plan project development. Heritage Plan projects include creation and implementation of conservation plans, major historic building surveys, research projects and publications and development of free online resources about the city's archaeological, built, natural (now delivered through the Biodiversity Action Plan) and cultural heritage all of which have been delivered with significant investment. Conservation Plans published for Henrietta Street, Saint Luke's the Coombe, The City Walls and Defences, continue to be implemented today and have led in recent years to the creation of the 14 Henrietta Street museum, Páirc Lúcaís Naofa (St Luke's Park), and the Wood Quay Venue. Building on the success of the first Heritage Plan, it is anticipated that a new Strategic Heritage Plan will be published in 2021.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will make arrangements to have a car electric charging point in the general vicinity as requested in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We appreciate the constituents efforts to 'do their bit' for the greater good. It is with an eye to all constituents that DCC is preparing how to best respond to the overall EVCP infrastructure required for the Dublin Metropolitan Area. Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

This requires careful consideration and planning to ensure that the Council can play their part to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable electric vehicle-charging infrastructure. This is so that members of the public and business community can be confident in making decisions to purchase electric vehicles and to use electric vehicles for personal, leisure and business use, for use on both short and long journeys.

In order to inform the four local authorities of the type and number of chargers required, the four Dublin Local Authorities, together with SMART Dublin and CARO, have commissioned a strategic study. This will allow us examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The study is due for completion in Q4 2020, at which stage a presentation can be made to Council.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what the options are for residents who might want to limit access to the lane that runs between Madison and Mayfield roads in Rialto Dublin 8. The lane is much used as a rat run and lately has also attracted anti-social behaviour. Is it possible to install bollards that would be operated by residents only for access? Is it possible to provide low level lighting to deter anti-social behaviour? The Manager might have heard recently sad reports of a homeless man who was murdered - it was in this laneway that the tragic event took place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not Dublin City Council policy or normal practice to install removable bollards in public lanes. In any case it is unlikely that removable bollards would solve the issue of anti-social behaviour caused by pedestrian activity. Public Domain will monitor the lane and arrange for any illegally dumped materials to be removed. The Gardai are aware of the loitering and street drinking at this location and Dublin City Council will request a community policing presence to address this.

It is the policy of Public Lighting Services not to install lighting in rear access laneways.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many Private Rented Properties have been inspected by Dublin City Council and what % have enforcement orders to do works and how many landlords have complied.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Inspections are undertaken by DCC's Environmental Health Officers to enforce quality standards under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2019.

Subsequent to an inspection, the Environmental Health officer will take appropriate enforcement action with the landlord as required. These actions may include the service of an Improvement Letter or Improvement Notice, the service of a Prohibition Notice and the taking of legal action depending on the nature of non-compliance.

It is important to note that where a property is considered to be non-compliant it does not mean that it is uninhabitable but indicates that some aspect of the property does not comply with the Regulations. This can range from a broken kitchen press to a non-functioning fire detection and alarm system. The high rate of non-compliance after first inspection reflects this broad spectrum. However as can be seen from the rate that become complaint by year end the vast majority of cases are resolved through the inspection process.

	2019 – Full Year	2020 – To Q3 only ¹
Number of dwellings Inspected	5,606	1,480
Non Complaint after 1 st Inspection	4,973 (88.7%)	1,208 (81.6%)
Compliant after 1 st Inspection	633 (11.3%)	272 (18.4%)
Number of dwellings deemed complaint at Year end ²	4,189	2,524
Improvement Letters issued	4562	1,208
Improvement Notices served	1,118	424
Prohibition Notices served	60	10
Legal Action initiated	55	Nil

¹ Please note that the January - September 2020 figures reflect January to March physical inspections and virtual inspections which commenced in the latter end of Q2 after lockdown.

During Q2 the DCC's Private Rented Inspections Team developed a Virtual Inspection Programme which has been rolled out to maintain inspections notwithstanding COVID restrictions. This is supplemented by physical inspections in cases where the non-

compliance relates to a serious hazard or risk, or where a Landlord has failed to engage in the virtual inspection process.

Pre-COVID, the unit undertook proactive inspections as well as the planned programme of inspections and responding to complaints. Given current restrictions we are constrained in that regard.

2 This figure includes dwellings where the initial inspection was carried out in a previous year but compliance was achieved in this calendar year.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many tenants have been evicted for Anti-social behaviour in the last 5 years, how many cases have been before the Courts and why Dublin City Councils tenancy agreements are not being enforced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below anti-social behaviour statistics for the last five years.

2015 = 0

2016 = 0

2017 = 1

2018 = 0

2019 = 0

There are currently 9 tenancy warnings live for anti-social behaviour which is the first step in the legal process.

Dublin City Councils tenancy agreements are enforced on a regular basis. So far in 2020 we have carried out three evictions

1 = Breach of section 13(a), threat to staff.

2 = Breach of section 1, rent arrears.

3 Illegal occupier.

Dublin City Council will investigate all complaints as per our Anti-social Behaviour Strategy which is currently under review.

Please note, we have been informed by the courts that due to the Covid 19 pandemic that any cases lodged in court will not receive a date prior to 12th April 2021 due to the backlog.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many tenants have arrears over €10,000 and to give a breakdown per area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has 24,839 tenancies of which 771 (3%) have rent arrears of €10,000 or more. Breakdown per area is as follows

Area	Number of Tenancies
Central Area	139
North Central Area	164
North West Area	148
South Central Area	269
South East Area	51

Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at Traffic and Parking at St Finians School Finglas. The Safe Zones have not improved conditions and residents living in the area are adversely affected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The School Zones initiative, created by the NTA in collaboration with Green-Schools, aims to create a safer, calmer and more attractive environment outside of schools. The School Zone design gives priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school, and prioritise active travel (walking and cycling) to and from school. In addition, reducing traffic at school gates significantly improves air quality further improving quality of life for children and all others in the vicinity.

A number of site visits were carried out at St. Finian's National School prior to the School Zone being installed on the week of October 26, 2020.

A further site visit was carried out by the Area Engineer and our newly appointed Covid Mobility School Outreach Officer on November 19, 2020.

The Area Engineer noted a much improved situation at this location following School Zone implementation, however, there continues to be unsafe driver behaviour by a minority, namely illegal parking on footpaths (particularly at entrance to Glenties road), on corners, in front of residential driveways and double parking opposite the school.

The Covid Mobility School Outreach Officer, with permission from the School, conducted informal interviews with parents at the school gates during the morning and afternoon drop off times on November 19. The traffic flow was heavier in the afternoon. There was a general view from parents, residents, local Parish Priest and the school that the measures had improved the safety for the children at the school gates. The residents had mixed views on the change in parking behaviour varying from: no change outside their properties, to an acceptance that the congestion is for a short time, to serious issues with family members being unable to park during visits and the entrance to the property being blocked.

The mornings were less of a problem compared with the end of school day at 2.30 pm because the school had introduced 3 staggered drop off times in the morning.

The School Principal advised that the School Zone had made a "huge difference in safety" and that she had conducted pre-consultation with parents which demonstrated over 80% support. She stated that the school was willing to do a promotion with parents on the correct use of the School Zone in terms of parking and drop off.

As a next step, the Covid Mobility Schools Outreach Officer will liaise with Green-Schools to roll out a parent awareness campaign. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that a new heating system be installed at **(details supplied)**. The system is old and has been in the property for near 20 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have not had any reports of issues with this heating system, however, we will arrange for an inspection of same when Level 5 restrictions are lifted and all necessary works will be carried out.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to support the need for the security personal remain at the new complex at **(details supplied)** given a number of security issues that has being prevented as a result off security personal being on site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have been in communication with Cluid regarding security and safety in **(details supplied)**.

Currently there is security personnel on site, however the plan is to scale back the onsite presence as the remaining vacant units become occupied. As all tenants are fully settled into their new homes over the coming months, the intention is to end the onsite security presence.

This complex is extensively covered by CCTV, which is monitored 24hrs a day. There is an agreement to install additional cameras in various locations around the complex to enhance the security coverage.

Cluid has assigned a full time community engagement co-ordinator who is in the process of working with the tenants to set up a new residents committee, it is expected that the residents committee will also have input into addressing any security issues which may arise in the complex in the future.

Cluid have already shown a willingness to be flexible in terms of what measures are required to keep the tenants safe and secure in their new homes, and Dublin City Council is satisfied that this approach will be maintained into the future.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many private homeless hostels are in place in Dublin 1, 3, 4, & 7. To ask the CEO when the 56 new units will open in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested by Councillor Burke will be provided to all councillors in the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Homeless Update Report No.10 which will be issued in due course.

In reference to the 56 Units and completions, there have been a number of delays to the project on site including Covid 19. The Contractor is currently reporting a handover date in October 2021, however the project team are pursuing the programme and exploring the possibility of a two phase handover with the Contractor in order to achieve an earlier delivery of some units

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on request to TAG with reference number 7009346.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group reported on 14th June 2019 that Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be

parked.....(k) "in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;"

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.15 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an increase in the number of bin collections over the weekend in the Fairview area, in particular around Merville Avenue. The majority of waste is generated by customers of Hillbillys, who for the most part attempt to put their waste in the bins provided, but these fill up quickly on a Friday evening, with no collections until Monday morning leading to a weekend of waste blowing around the area. Hillbillys were productive when engaged by having an additional bin placed directly outside their premises, with staff conducting random checks for waste during their shift, which has helped to some degree.

Residents reached out to the Waste Management team in Dublin City Council requesting an increase of bin collections over the weekend, whom without reason, blankly rejected the proposal stating no weekend cover was available, This needs to change given the volume of customers now using the local take-aways and generating waste that reaches into Fairview Park, and local streets in Fairview and Marino.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have included the Fairview area, including Merville Avenue, in the weekend bin emptying schedules for some time now and will continue to do so.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for consideration to be given to the proposal for a Dog Park in Rockfield Park as outlined by residents in the attached document.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service met with representatives of the 3 residential estates that adjoin Rockfield Park with regard to the redundant dust all-weather area and it was agreed that a small MUGA was the preferred usage for this site. This was put out to tender and a contractor appointed and works have now commenced on site.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to assess the Clongriffin area where residents report there are no adequate recycling facilities at all. Clongriffin is a growing area and a focus on recycling is needed and multi bins for recycling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and to providing infrastructure to enable citizens to recycle in a responsible manner. Whilst we are not in a position to introduce recycling infrastructure in the estate proper at this time, glass-recycling facilities are available at Trinity Sports Complex, adjacent to Father Collins Park. Other nearby recycling facilities are located at Donaghmede Shopping Centre and Tesco Clare Hall. A wider range of items can be recycled at Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to please give an update on 2007 figures below on the current grades by gender employed in the City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Employment decisions by Dublin City Council are based on business needs, job requirements and individual qualifications.

The City Council is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity for all, in line with the Employment Equality Act 1998. The act prohibits discrimination of any of the following nine grounds: Gender, Civil Status, Family Status, Sexual Orientation, Religious Belief, Age, Disability, Race and Membership of the Travelling Community.

Recruitment and selection procedures are kept under continuous review to ensure the City Council applies best practice in meeting its obligations.

The table below provides a breakdown of analogous grades by male and female are as follow:

Grade	Total	Female	% Female	Male	% Male
Grade 3	395	228	58%	167	42%
Grade 4	393	261	66%	132	34%
Grade 5	595	359	60%	236	40%
Grade 6	514	276	54%	238	46%
Grade 7	324	148	46%	176	54%
Grade 8	106	43	41%	63	59%

The table below provides a breakdown of managerial grades by male / female:

Grade	Total	Female	% Female	Male	% Male
Executive Manager	25	10	36%	15	64%
Assistant Chief Executive	6	2	33%	4	67%

The table below provides a breakdown of operational grades by male / female:

Grade	Total	Female	% Female	Male	% Male
General Operative	1,506	83	6%	1423	94%
Firefighter	765	41	5%	724	95%

Caveat: Details provided above are subject to change based on the outcome of ongoing recruitment processes.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for extra litter bins along the seafront at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have put back the eight extra blue barrels along the **(details supplied)** to cater for the extra litter there.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have essential plumbing repairs carried out at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have repaired the leak to the wash hand basin in the bathroom and the water has been turned back on.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently consider housing for this applicant. She is currently Number Eight on the welfare priority list **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with a Medical Priority, with an application date of 3/05/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	8

Based on the applicant's current position for her area of choice, it is advised that she remain in contact with her Local Area Office. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on this applicants position on the housing list **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with a Medical Priority, with an application date of 13/08/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	19

She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

It is noted from the applicants file that she recently removed Area E from her application. It would be advised to the applicant, that by increasing her areas of choice, it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday via phone 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the redevelopment of Temple Bar square in 2021, can some plan be put in place to look at making the wider Temple Bar area more safe and accessible by either removing some cobble stones or smoothing them to allow wheelchair users to access the area and to reduce the number of accidents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Temple Bar Square Refurbishment works will relay the cobbles that were removed from Temple Bar Street, Fownes Street and Crown Alley except where they are adjacent to Temple Bar Square.

Road Design will investigate the possible cause of the accidents to check is the cause can be removed or minimised.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to request a full maintenance inspection and report on **(details supplied)** Moatview Drive, Dublin 17 and for all necessary works to be carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance cannot carry out any further maintenance at this property until the tenant contacts the Rents Section.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the chain of emails submitted with this question regarding the arrival of thousands of people at an event in the RDS Dublin in apparent breach of the Covid restrictions. Could the Chief Executive clarify who the complainant should have reported the issue too and what role the City Council has in relation to these matters.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The RDS has a pre-63 designation as a multi-purpose events facility. All manner of events have taken place at this location since 1734 including gatherings associated with elections. Therefore there was no planning permission or events licence required for the event described in the e-mails submitted as part of this question. The City Council has no role in the enforcement of COVID-19 restrictions where they relate to third parties or to properties not owned/managed by the City Council.

The Waste Management Division have confirmed that they have not received any specific complaints or increases in CRM requests relating to litter in the area on that day or the following day.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on HAP transfer list. I was led to believe that people couldn't make themselves worse off by accessing HAP but people have reported that their position dropped significantly after moving onto the HAP transfer list and some people feel they will be on the list for many more years. Should people not have kept their original position seeing as they are in private rented accommodation? Has there been any review of this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Any household that qualifies for Social Housing Support is eligible to apply for HAP. In DCC we automatically move new HAP tenants to the transfer list to allow them to access other social housing supports such as local authority housing or Approved Housing Bodies. Furthermore their position on the transfer list reflects the years they have spent on the housing list. This is not available to social housing transfer applicants who can only apply after 2 years in a tenancy and who cannot carry time from the housing list.

However this also means that as more people take up HAP or transfer from Rent supplement the position of existing applicants with less time on the list may be affected. Under the Department guidelines a Housing applicant who takes up social housing support through HAP is deemed to have their housing need met.

DCC is reviewing how to make the HAP list easier to understand but for as long as we allow new applicants to bring across their years on the housing list the positions of existing transfer HAP applicants will be affected.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed road works planned for Ratoath Road between junction of Ratoath Avenue and Westwood Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services does not plan to carry out major works on Ratoath Road for the foreseeable future.

Please advise of any specific concern and location within this section of Ratoath Road.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied 1)** are being considered to provide the affordable element of the proposed development at **(details supplied 2)** considering their recent successful projects in **(details supplied 3)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage are due to publish details of the affordable housing scheme in the coming weeks. Dublin City Council will then consider the method of delivery of the scheme on the above site.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees in Glasanaon Court to be pruned back as residents report they haven't been pruned in a long time. The ones adjacent to numbers **(details supplied)** are particularly overgrown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree in question will be inspected in the coming weeks and any work deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2021

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive what DCC plans to do to address the discrimination and exclusion being experienced by DCC tenants living in Part V units within private apartment developments.

The experiences of DCC tenants in an apartment development in Rathgar was recently covered by [the Irish Times](#). Residents were not allowed to use the gym and they even weren't allowed to have pets, while their neighbours enjoyed these very basic privileges.

Can the Chief Executive comment on the matter and outline how DCC intends to address these existing issues and prevent the same in the future?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council purchased 19 units in this development under Part V and entered onto a service level agreement with FOLD Housing to manage and maintain these units on behalf of Dublin City Council. The tenants pay rent to Fold Housing this rent is calculated based on the Dublin City Council differential rent scheme, and tenants pay approximately 15% of their income in rent.

Dublin City Council pays services charges for the usual amenities when we purchase in a multi-unit development (e.g. waste or heating) but we do not pay service charges for amenities such as gyms or cinemas, which may be on offer in a very small number of developments.

Dublin City Council negotiated a reduction in the high annual management fees associated with this development and the reduced management fee negotiated did not cover use of the 24 hour concierge service and access to the private gym.

It is Dublin City Councils policy to acquire units on site in the first instance, and there is a balance to be struck between the delivery of mixed tenure development and the additional management fees associated with some developments.

There is a lack of social housing in this area and it is the view of the Housing Department that on-site delivery was preferable in this case. Dublin City Council will continue to pursue the delivery of Part V units on site, and will negotiate reasonable sustainable management fees.

Fold Housing have a no pet policy in these units and all tenants were advised of this policy at offer stage. All prospective tenants are advised of the pet policy in apartment complexes in advance of accepting an offer of any social housing tenancy.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to reconsider the eligibility criteria for DCC's roll out of 'School Zones'. While the School Zones to date, including Basin Lane and John Dillon St, are very welcome, my understanding from Griffith Barracks School on South Circular Road is that roads where there are 50km p/h speed limits or more are not eligible for this scheme.

This doesn't seem to make sense given these would be the very roads that would benefit most from the implementation of School Zones. Can the Chief Executive make a comment on the matter and commit to reversing this eligibility criteria?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Covid Mobility Team are liaising with the NTA to determine the most appropriate interventions to implement at schools in 50km/h zones.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans are in place for upgrading and improving the public lighting along the canal from Suir Road Luas stop to Kylemore Road and beyond. This stretch is a vital thoroughfare for cyclists, away from heavily trafficked roads, in and out of the city-centre, and is also used by the local community for walking and recreation. For the safety of the local community, and for cyclists coming through, which is consistently highlighted by very dark winter nights, urgent upgrading of the public lighting is required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council recently upgraded the lighting on the north side of the canal from Vincent Street West to Tyrconnell Road. This improvement followed an upgrade a number of years ago from Suir Road to Vincent Street West.

The latest improvement means that there is public lighting along the entire north side stretch of the canal from Suir Road to Tyrconnell Road.

Any infrastructural improvements including public lighting to the southern flanks of the Grand Canal at this location are the responsibility of Waterways Ireland.

In the longer term, pedestrians and cyclists will benefit when the premium cycle route from Portobello to Tyrconnell Road is completed over the coming years.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of facilities rented out by DCC to community groups etc. where the rental amount has been abated and also to show the pre-abatement and post-abatement amount for each facility.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the number of facilities involved this will take a short period of time to compile and a report will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC can immediately implement a system whereby, when seeking public submissions/opinions/feedback etc. on matters where consultation is required/requested by survey or by direct submission, the submissions /opinions/feedback of the public most directly affected by the project on which feedback etc. is sought are suitably weighted to ensure that outside well-orchestrated campaigns etc. cannot over influence results by outnumbering local submissions and thereby possibly override local community wishes. As an example, DCC has asked for public opinion by submission on the Grangegorman Bollard Trial and, notwithstanding local approval and opposition seemingly running at 50/50, there is evidence to suggest (in fact, it is obvious) that the result of the survey will be skewed by non-local submissions. Therefore, it would seem that the Grangegorman "trial" would be a suitable "trial" for such a system and can the Chief Executive commit to implementing this immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The consultation system at present seeks the widest range of views from the public and there is no attempt to limit the number of people who can make submissions or where they are from. In general people who live nearest and who are most affected by a scheme are the ones who are most inclined to make a submission.

In the case of Grangegorman a huge effort has gone into seeking the views of people in the locality with over 11,000 Leaflets distributed to local residents & stakeholders and consultation with local schools, the University, health care centres and other relevant stakeholders via phone and email.

As an area with a large university, health centre and several schools, it would be very difficult to sort out who is making “ non-local submissions “ and who isn't so at this stage such a scheme cannot be put in place.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, In light of the recent announcement by Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien, that co-living accommodation would be effectively banned, can the Chief Executive detail all co-living applications received by DCC, the decision thereon as well as the current status of the each development (appealed, commenced, not yet commenced, commencement notice received/not received etc.) and to further advise if it is possible, legally or otherwise, to retrospectively withdraw any permissions given or refuse commencement orders where no building has yet taken place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since 2018 sixteen planning applications have been received by DCC for co living developments. In the same period An Bord Pleanala received 4 applications.

Seven applications were granted by DCC.

Five applications were refused but one of these was overturned by An Bord Pleanala to a grant of permission.

Three were invalidated

One application is pending a decision by DCC.

An Bord Pleanala granted one SHD.

Three SHDs are pending a decision.

No commencement notice has been lodged for the developments that were granted to date.

A decision issued by Dublin City Council or An Bord Pleanala cannot be withdrawn retrospectively nor can DCC refuse to accept a properly lodged commencement notice.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, in noting that the Franchise Section of DCC is responsible for the preparation and publication of the Register of Electors for Dublin City each year and that the current system is being assessed by the Department of Local government and Heritage as a national voter registration scheme, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, DCC has been asked for an input into the set-up and/or operation proposed new system. Furthermore, would the Chief Executive consider it appropriate for DCC to call for/advise on a new system whereby a voter's Personal Public Service Number is also required as part of the registration process, as this unique number would prevent (mistaken) duplication of registration.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I can confirm that Dublin City Council has provided information to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHPLG) on the potential roll-out of Voter.ie

nationally. The information supplied included an estimate on the resources required to support and operate a national voter registration service.

The Voter.ie system currently uses the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection's MyGovID service to verify an applicant's identity (online applications only). Any decision on the inclusion of the applicants Personal Public Service Number in the registration process will be for the DHPLG however Dublin City Council would be happy to work with the Department on this if required.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if a transfer can be facilitated for **(details supplied)** as the tenant is experiencing anti-social behaviour and wishes to move.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with a Welfare Priority, with an application date of 10/04/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area	1	8
Area E	1	13
Area J	1	6

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive about the housing position of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant referred to is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 11/10/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area L	1	64

The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet his household need becomes available and according to his position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

It may also benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available via phone (Monday – Friday 2pm – 5pm) to discuss options with the applicant should he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if the area noted below can be cleaned up. The attached photo shows the current extent of littering at the very tip of the Irishtown Nature Park overlooking the Shelley Banks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I wish to advise that the area in question has been cleaned and the material removed.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if the traffic light issue outlined below can be rectified ASAP. The traffic light located at the corner of City Quay and Lombard Street has been faulty for a number of weeks. The interval is extremely short and causes long delays, backing up traffic on City Quay to Talbot Memorial Bridge. This is quite dangerous particularly in rush hour traffic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The operation of signalised junctions across the city have been revised during COVID in order to reduce the wait time for pedestrians waiting for the green man to cross the road resulting in shorter phase times (green time for cars). The reduced cycle lengths result in shorter phase times for vehicles however, this also means that drivers do not have to wait as long for the next turn of the lights. The lower cycle length measure is to stop the build-up of pedestrians at junctions and to reduce the pedestrian wait times, which assists the public observing social distancing guidance. Further details can be found in the link below:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/covid-mobility-measures>

Following your query, minor alterations were made to increase the minimum green times for vehicles during the AM peak at this location. We will continue to monitor this junction and make changes where appropriate.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for all correspondence between Dublin City Council and Glenveagh Homes Living/Glenveagh Living Limited/Glenveagh Properties PLC for period August 2020 to the present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All of the above correspondence is tracked through etenders and is currently considered commercially sensitive

Q.42 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full progress report in regards to the order for protected structure on Henrietta Street, Henrietta Lane and its environs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full update and progress report with regards the pending order for the protection of structures within the grounds of the RTE campus.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are a number of structures in the grounds of the RTE Campus, as follows:

- Television building (1962) and extension to that building (1979)
- Scene Dock Building (c1965)
- Restaurant Building (1965)
- Administration Building (1967) and later extension
- Radio Building (1973)
- Television transmission tower (1961)
- Montrose House (c 19th Century Protected Structure)

A report on the initiation of the proposed addition of late 20th Century buildings at the RTE Campus, was prepared for the South East Area Committee meeting in May 2019. The Report was withdrawn to enable further research and examination into the special interest of each of the buildings and to provide clarity regarding the architectural details of the buildings proposed for protection including the implications of RPS designation on the changing communications requirements of the National Broadcaster. It was also considered appropriate to meet RTE to explain the process involved. The Planning Department subsequently had a preliminary meeting with RTE in this regard.

On completion of this further research and clarification, a revised report will be brought to the South East Area Committee on whether to initiate or not to initiate the statutory process for the proposed addition of certain buildings to the RPS.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the costs for the hire of the Round Room for Council meetings at the Mansion House?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

MHL Event Management Limited operate the Conference Facility at the Mansion House. They have generously provided the use of Round Room to the City Council for Council meetings at zero rental cost. However, there are incidental charges in relation to the provision of security, sanitation, Audio/Visual support and furniture which do incur a cost.

Set out below is a breakdown of the costs involved in facilitating a Council meeting in the Round Room of the Mansion House:

1) Cleaning	€80
2) Security	€125
3) Bottled Water	€132
4) Lighting	€360
5) Audio/Visual Technical Support	€2,700
6) Provision of additional Furniture	€230
7) Provision of Linen	€300

Total: €3,927 Exl. Vat.

The cumulative cost since June for the support of Council Meeting is €29,361 inclusive of VAT. This excludes the costs of SPC or Area meetings that may have taken place in the venue. The Chief Executive's Department is currently reviewing the arrangement for 2021 with MH Events.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to what efforts are being made by Dublin City Council to switch the Lord Mayor's car to an all electrical vehicle? It beggars belief that the present Lord Mayor who is a Green Party member and whose party are constantly warning us of the dangers of petrol vehicles on the environment and the impact on human health, is still being driven around in a petrol engine vehicle. Can the management ensure that all vehicles going forward that are supplied to the Lord Mayor are electric powered vehicles.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The serving Lord Mayor had no involvement in choosing which car is supplied. The Lord Mayor's official car is currently sponsored by Volvo Ireland and has been since 2012. There is no cost to Dublin City Council in the provision of the car.

The Lord Mayor's Office make the arrangements regarding the Lord Mayor's official car annually and the car is used for the calendar year. Since 2019 the Lord Mayor's Official car has been a hybrid car and there is an electric charging point at the Mansion House for charging when the car is parked on the forecourt or at the relevant depot. The car for 2021 will also be a hybrid car. We have discussed the option of having an electric car for future years depending on the models then available.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive when the insulation retrofit of **(details supplied)** will be completed as the tenant has been on the list quite some time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site survey and pre BER have been carried out on the aforementioned property above however, The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is temporarily on hold while we await further funding confirmation from The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Once funding is confirmed, this property will be prioritised for upgrade works.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive when will **(details supplied)** will have a shower installed, applied for in 2017?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have approved this level access shower and have informed tenant of this decision. The level access shower is likely to be installed in the 2nd quarter of 2021.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive when will the roof of **(details supplied)** will be fixed to stop the leak into the house which has been a problem left unaddressed since 2016?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have carried out the repairs to the leak in the roof. The ceiling will be plastered and painted in the coming weeks.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive when the shower will be installed in **(details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance received this application for a level access shower in January 2020. It is on the waiting list for medical assessment and it is likely that this will be assessed within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the road signage at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will examine the road signage on **(details supplied 1)** in order to adequately cross-reference the two contiguous straight roads at each junction end (with **(details supplied 2)**) and also delineate with back-to-back road signage and arrow where the road changes its name.

However, the use of street signs erected on poles is not in the remit of Road Maintenance Services.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to expedite the housing case of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant on the Senior Homeless Priority List with an application date of 10/07/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area D	1	9
Area E	1	32

The applicant's interest in Hampstead Court has been noted on her file. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Pyrite Remediation of houses at **(details supplied)**.

- A) Why was a second report needed?
- B) How were the findings of the second report different from the first?
- C) How will the works change?
- D) When will the works be completed on these properties ?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A) Why was a second report needed?

The provisional assessment at no. 45b, based on samples tested indicated that it would be necessary to remove the ground floor concrete slab to eliminate all contaminated aggregate.

However, following further consideration the level of pyrite was lower than originally thought and a 2nd set of tests were carried out. The analysis of these tests deemed it unnecessary to remove the concrete ground floor slab of 45b. The same applies to no. 45a. However, the ground floor slab at no. 45c has been removed as pyrite levels were deemed to be higher than those found at 45a & 45b.

DCC has not yet taken 2nd aggregate samples from no. 45. These samples will be taken in January 2021.

B) How were the findings of the second report different from the first?

The second report indicated that the material tested had negligible potential for future heave due to pyrite degradation and therefore it was not necessary to remove the sub-ground floor aggregate does not need to be removed at no. 45a or 45b.

C) How will the works change?

As outlined in A) & B) above, the pyrite remediation design was amended as it was now deemed unnecessary to remove the slabs at no's 45a & 45b. Structural wall-stitching works will be carried out at all properties where cracks have manifested. The ground floor slab has been replaced at no. 45c only.

Depending on the test results, when carried out in Jan 2021, it may or may not be necessary to remove the ground slab at no. 45

D) When will the works be completed on these properties?

The works to numbers 45a, 45b and 45c will be completed before the end of the year. Works at No. 45 will not commence until January 2021.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the DCC housing stock insulation scheme and if an update can be provided on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date we have upgraded circa 900 properties at a cost of approximately €15 Million under Phase Two of The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Works have commenced in **(details supplied 1)** with works carried out in the following areas; **(details supplied 2)**. A site survey and pre BER have been carried out on the aforementioned property above however, The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is temporarily on hold while we await further funding confirmation from The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Once funding is confirmed, this property will be prioritised for upgrade works.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what plans he has to collect the outstanding debt of some of our tenant base please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Targets:

The 2021 target for rent collection is 100% of the projected annual rent charge of €91,500,00.

The target for the recovery of rent arrears for 2021 is to recoup an additional 25% of the total arrears accrual in 2020 - this amounts to approximately €1.25 million.

Management of Arrears Recovery:

All 24,844 accounts are monitored by Executive Housing Officers, whose primary role is to reduce debt by agreeing a fair and reasonable repayment plan with tenants.

Targeted intervention for the following:

- Early intervention will be improved through the introduction of a new facility to text/e-mail tenants as soon as a payment is missed.
- The highest 300 arrears cases are being kept under review by management.
- Households with high incomes and high arrears will continue to be monitored closely.

Payment methods: Household Budget and Direct Debit are the optimum collection method for Dublin City Council. The target is to move 20% of customers from Bill-pay to those payment methods. Each new/transferring tenant must sign up to Household Budget or Direct Debit in advance of signing for the property. All repayment agreements must include agreement to sign up for Household Budget/Direct Debit. Direct debits are monitored weekly and rejections followed up by telephone calls and correspondence.

Rent Assessment:

2021 target to review 4,000 accounts with assumed incomes as well as routine assessment.

Enforcement/Legal Action:

Where there is no engagement on behalf of tenants in arrears, legal action will be pursued up to and including eviction. All tenancies that are not engaged in a repayment plan will be pursued through the rent recovery process, the measurement being the number of warning letters, tenancy warnings and Orders for Possession secured.

A pilot debt collection project has been initiated to pursue legal action for the recovery of rent arrears. Tenancies are being reviewed at present to select test cases. Dependent on access to the courts, this pilot project will be completed in 2021.

Other measures: New transfer applications for tenancies in arrears will be cancelled. Where there are existing transfer applications in the system and arrears accrue, no offer of accommodation will be made until the arrears are cleared in full.

Transfer lists will be monitored and tenants nearing offer stage will be contacted by the EHO to inform them that no offer will be made once the account is in arrears and EHO will assist in making an arrangement to reduce the arrears.

Only emergency maintenance will be carried out on tenancies in arrears until such time as they have adhered to a repayment agreement for at least six weeks.

Communication/Engagement:

A publicity campaign is planned for 2021 which will highlight all the relevant information on rent payment and arrears. The Rent Section aims to reduce arrears through communication and engagement with tenants with a view to tenancy sustainment.

Review and reporting: Progress will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and reported on monthly.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much LED lighting has been installed throughout the city please and if he can issue a report on same please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are approximately 47,000 lights in Dublin City Council.

Of these **10,364** are LED lights broken down by administrative area below;

Central Area	1988
North Central Area	2722
North West Area	1630
South Central Area	1719
South East Area	2305

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if any council stock has been identified and piloted to improve its insulation qualities to an A or B standard please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Yes, where possible, we are targeting a holistic approach under Phase Two of The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme to upgrade housing stock to a minimum B rating. According to our records, to date we have achieved an A rating on 5 properties and a B rating on 209 properties.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive confirm if the poolbeg incinerator is being utilised to full capacity please, what inspections have been carried out on the plant in the last 24 months please, can I have an itemised breakdown of same please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Waste to Energy Facility has planning and a Waste Licence (now an Industrial Emission Licence), which were issued by An Bord Pleanlá and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) respectively, which allow the Facility to accept up to 600,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of non-hazardous residual municipal and industrial waste.

The Facility is currently accepting just under 600,000 tpa in line with the statutory consents, but has the capacity to accept and manage up to an additional 90,000 tonnes per annum of non-hazardous residual municipal and industrial waste, subject to approval by the relevant statutory authorities, without the need for

- any physical modification to the DWtE facility to cater for the additional throughput,
- any increase in the level of permitted emissions to air or water, nor any change to the current licence conditions,

As set out above the Facility is operated under an Industrial Emissions Licence issued by the EPA and the EPA undertakes regular inspection of the Facility, normally once per quarter. All information in respect of the EPA site visits and inspections are available at the following link:

<http://www.epa.ie/terminalfour/ippc/ippc-view.jsp?regno=W0232-01>

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many 'co-living' style sites were granted planning permissions in Dublin City for 2018, 2019 & 2020, what was the total number of units involved and what were the codes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Nine applications including one SHD were granted planning permission in Dublin City by D.C.C. & An Bord Pleanala to the 23/11/20. The application reference number and number of bed spaces for each are as follows:

App No: 3546/19 Granted Decision upheld on Appeal 132 bed-spaces

App No: 3567/19 Refused Decision overturned on Appeal to a Grant 102 bed-spaces

App No: 4238/19 Granted 203 bed-spaces

App No: 4423/19 Granted Decision upheld on Appeal 69 bed-spaces

App No: 4568/19 Granted Decision upheld on Appeal 110 bed-spaces

App No: 4691/19 Granted 121 bed spaces

App No 3019/20 Granted 11 Bed spaces

App No: 3061/20 Granted 21 bed-spaces

SHD 0014/19 Granted By An Bord Pleanala 200 bed spaces

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many 'co-living' style sites are currently seeking planning permissions in Dublin City for 2018, 2019 & 2020, what is the total number of units involved and what were the codes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since 2018 sixteen planning applications have been received by DCC for co living developments. In the same period An Bord Pleanala received 4 applications.

Seven applications were granted by DCC. Five applications were refused but one of these was overturned by An Bord Pleanala to a grant of permission. One application is pending a decision by DCC while three others were invalidated. One SHD was granted permission by An Bord Pleanala and three SHDs are pending the Bords decision

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SHD 0014/19 Granted By An Bord Pleanála 200 bed spaces

App No 3301/20 Pending 100 bed spaces

Three SHD applications are pending a decision from An Bord Pleanála

SHD 0019/20 Pending 232 bed spaces

SHD 0020/20 Pending 397 bed spaces

SHD 0020/21 Pending 506 bed spaces

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form how much has DCC spent on collection & disposal of illegal dumping year on year since 2010?

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	Tonnes	Total
2016	3115	€ 966,663
2017	3156	€1,100,424
2018	3932	€1,159,219
2019	3965	€1,170,728

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.61 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please address the problem of a HAP tenant not being covered by HAP payment when the landlord fails to submit relevant paper work, if the director is unable to do so please direct the councillor to the appropriate government department?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the national HAP scheme, a HAP payment will only be made from the date a valid and complete HAP application has been received by the local authority. An application is only considered valid and complete when both the landlord and tenant sections of the form have been returned, together with supporting documentation e.g. proof of ownership of the property, bank header (to set up payments), proof of how rent was set etc.

To assist landlords in submitting the relevant paper work there is a checklist on the application form outlining the documentation required. There is also an "FAQ for Landlords" document included in the HAP pack which sets out the types of documents

that will be accepted as proof of ownership. DCC's HAP staff also liaise directly with landlords in an effort to avoid delays.

HAP is a national scheme, administered under the auspices of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the city council's governance and oversight structures and arrangements of the Approved Housing Body sector involved in the management and maintenance of housing and tenants on behalf of the city council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Departments Voluntary Housing Unit liaise with Approved Housing Bodies operating in the Dublin City Area, all application for funding through the various funding streams are processed and managed within this unit, AHB's are required to comply with legal, governance compliance, regulatory and grant/funding requirements when submitting applications for funding through the Council. In addition to the Voluntary Housing Unit, all applications for funding are subject to oversight from Dublin City Councils Finance Department and all processes and procedures are subject to Internal Audit, all contracts including service level agreements with AHBs are subject to the scrutiny of our Law Department.

Service Level Agreements set out the legal contractual arrangements between an AHB and Dublin City Council for the management of Dublin City Council owned properties. AHB's are also subject to oversight from the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority. Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019.

The Regulator assesses and monitors compliance by AHB's in line with legislation, financial viability, and governance, property and asset management, tenancy management and compliance and performance standards..

To obtain Approved Housing Body status and to be considered eligible for funding AHBs must demonstrate commitment and engagement with both the Regulatory Authority Code and the Financial Standard and Assessment Framework.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate a potential planning breach at **(details supplied)**. Can the planning department confirm whether appropriate planning exists for additional habitable properties and, if so, furnish me with the planning documents and, if not, advise what action can be taken with regard to the planning breach.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement Section will investigate this matter and will revert to the Councillor. Appropriate action will be taken if the development on the ground is deemed to constitute unauthorised development and/or use.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake a traffic assessment of Grace Park Road with a view to improving pedestrian and cyclist facilities/accessibility. There are multiple schools and educational institutions on this road including Rosmini, Child Vision, DCU All Hallows' campus and Grace Park Educate Together and yet the road is treacherous for children and teenagers cycling in particular. Some of these educational institutions cater to visually impaired children also.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sustainable Mobility Projects will assess the requirements and submit a Report in March 2021. As part of our remit we have a programme called "Green Schools infrastructure". The request meets the criteria for it to be included in the programme for the year 2021.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to planning application ref **(details supplied 1)** and noting new planning application reference **(details supplied 2)** to say:

- A. Why junction development has not taken place
- B. What stage of preparatory planning has been done
- C. If there are differing views in Dublin City Council regarding these proposed works, if the Planning Department has found it difficult to impose its will on other Departments
- D. If Planning decision as approved by Bord Pleanála would not be the approved policy decision to be implemented and if the implication that other Departments are not fully on board can be commented on
- E. If CEO can explain fully developments over the last 5 years since approval given, if the new planning application has come as a surprise or has at least some City Council knowledge and approval and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The planning application submitted under plan **(details supplied 1)** sought the removal of financial contribution condition no.25 previously applied to a grant of permission by An Bord Pleanála for a residential development at **(details supplied 2)**. Condition no.25 required the applicant to make a financial contribution for the provision of a right hand turning lane at the junction of **(details supplied 3)**.

There has been extensive engagement with DCC Transportation Planning Division since the grant of permission for the right turning lane. However to date, it has not been progressed to project stage. Most recently, the developer undertook pre-application consultation between April – August 2020 with the Transportation Planning Division and the Planning Department prior to the submission of the application under plan **(details supplied 1)**.

The provision of the right turn lane would involve the removal of a significant portion of mature trees along **(details supplied 4)**. Since the granting of permission for the subject site, there has been significantly more development permitted in this area, including the development of Bus Connects proposals and therefore the wider context of how the area functions has changed.

The proposal to provide this right turning lane is not a project that is being pursued by Dublin City Council in the short to medium term and therefore it was considered reasonable to permit the removal of condition no.25 which was affecting the sale of the dwellings within **(details supplied 5)**.

The Planning Authority has regard to all inputs received as part of the assessment of a planning application. In this case the Planning Authority considered the Transportation Planning Division's recommendations as part of the decision making process having regard to changed circumstance.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to entrance to **(details supplied)** and say if he will arrange to have the double yellow lines which have worn away at this point, reinstated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. All markings that have worn away will be reinstated during the month January 2021. (Weather Permitting).

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to tree at location (**details supplied**) and say if he will agree to remove same as the roots are growing up through the tarmac and the situation for vulnerable pedestrians at this point has become treacherous;

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While there appears to be some up lift of tarmac in the vicinity of trees in the extended tarmac area the concrete footpath at this location appears intact and provides for the safe passage of pedestrians. It is not possible to remove roots from the tarmac parking areas as this would undermine the trees at this location.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to my Council questions of 20 June 2020 and October 2020 (see attached) regarding my constituent's concerns about the property to the rear of (**details supplied**) and confirm that, as well as having the shrubbery maintained, he will arrange to have the large trees pruned as referred to my in question of June 2020 (and is what is at the core of my constituent's communications with City Council since February 2020) as these trees are having a massively negative impact on the quality of life of my vulnerable constituent who is terrified they will blow down onto her property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It has been established that this section or roadside planting was taken in charge with the carriageway, cycle lane and footpath approaching the school. A commitment has been given to cut back the shrubbery from the footpath as part of this winter's shrubbery maintenance programme.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a response in relation to the on-going planning breaches that have been reported and are taking place on the site at Swiss Cottage, Swords Roads. This week the path is blocked by rails and means those wheelchair users and pram users are focused out on the main road. There has been a number of breaches of the planning regulations on this site since it started, what action has the council done to tackle these breaches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The developer of this site was convicted in the District Court in October for breaches of the planning permission granted in respect of this development. The Planning Enforcement Section will investigate the issue of the rails on the footpath that the Councillor refers to in her question.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to make directions that any Dublin City Council cycling promotions taking place will include safe equipment. There has been a number of media promotions this year that have been ran by the council and the basic road safety equipment has not be wore by the participant such as helmets or Hi Vi jackets. As an organisation we should be promoting safe cycling and we need to role models it's important to lead by example we would not have photo of a car driver without a seat belt.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unlike seatbelts, it is not mandatory for cyclists to wear hi-vis clothing or helmets. A recent article published by RTE highlights a potential adverse effect from visuals showing cyclists in full safety gear, which is we subconsciously consider cycling as more dangerous when viewed in this manner. If people perceive it to be unsafe to cycle, less people will choose to cycle.

(<https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/1124/1180079-how-hi-vis-clothes-make-us-think-that-cycling-is-dangerous/>).

That said, Dublin City Council wishes to strike a balance and therefore we ensure that a proportion of adults and all children featured in our cycling promotion material are wearing a helmet.

The Covid Mobility Team has recently purchased some hi-visibility vests to distribute to schools to encourage children to wear on their active route to school.



Q.71 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report as to how many people it is expected that the proposed 2021 homeless budget will serve given its very large increase of spend expected. Given the decrease in the homeless figures year on year for 2020 it is concerning that there would be such a large increase and it is important that those funds are put into long term homeless solution and not temp accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, it is not possible to state with certainty the number of people who will access homeless services in 2021. The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), through its Research Team, are constantly gathering data to inform decisions such as sourcing additional accommodation and support services to ensure that there is sufficient capacity for future presentations into homelessness. The budget for 2021 is estimated and when it is revised in August 2021, there may be a decrease/increase in expected spending, as homelessness is volatile and the demand can change over a 12 month period.

The estimates for 2021 are calculated based on current capacity and services and based on recent trends in exits and presentations. It is true to say that the number of families in homelessness has been decreasing steadily but, unfortunately, that is not the case for single households.

The reduction in families in homelessness is due to the increasing supply of permanent social housing, the long term leasing of properties, the provision of family hubs and, in more recent times, the movement of families from hotels into self-contained apartments sourced by the DRHE on short-term (12-month) contracts has ensured better value for money.

However, it is important to point out that the adopted budget for Section 10 expenditure for the DRHE for 2020 expenditure was **€184,882,481**. The revised expenditure, under S.10 for 2020, is **€160,667,950** (a reduction of €24m).

Therefore, for 2020, the DRHE reduced its anticipated spending under Section 10 by **€24,214,331** but this saving has been negated by unexpected expenditure because of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the amount of €35m.

While the availability of temporary facilities is indeed welcome, we are obviously very keen to maximise the number of long-term housing units that may become available for Dublin City Council to acquire or lease over 20/25 years. That would mean that we would be in a position to offer permanent/long term housing and to exit more households out of homelessness. Dublin City Council's Acquisitions Section is open for business and is seeking out opportunities to purchase, as is our Long Term Leasing Section who are currently negotiating a significant number of leasing possibilities. All of these scenarios would have an impact on what the DRHE will spend in 2021.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if there was any bed accommodation paid out by the council in 2020 that was not utilise particle emergence accommodation and if so what was the total cost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) recorded 5634 empty available beds; over 321 nights up to 16 November 2020, in DRHE funded emergency accommodation. An average of 17.6 beds were empty each night at an estimated total cost of €226,374.12.

To respond to the varying needs of persons requiring homeless accommodation, there are different categories of homeless accommodation services funded via DRHE:

1. Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA): stable placements for up to 6 month for persons/ families with higher support needs, with staff competent to respond to and manage higher support needs, and support people into housing.
2. Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA) stable placements for up to 6 month for persons/ families with lower/ accommodation-only support needs, with staff who are competent to respond to and manage lower support and needs and support people into housing.
3. Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) (either hotels or non-hotels): provides accommodation placements with lower support levels, either visiting or on-site.

The estimated cost above is based on an average cost of €40.18 per bed per night across all types of emergency accommodation provided. The cost of some support services and keyworkers is included in this estimate.

The full costs associated with support services have not been taken into account, as some are funded by other agencies and the costs associated with rental of a building

are not reflected, DCC may own some buildings, the funded agency might own it and buildings may be rented via private providers.

Due to Covid-19, it would be difficult to give an accurate picture of what a unit/bed costs, as across all services bed numbers and facilities have had a reduction in capacity and the estimated cost was calculated based on full occupancy.

A full review is presently taking place between the Health Service Executive and the DRHE on the costs on all funded agencies. The findings of this review are not expected to be available until Q2 2021.

Bed capacity fluctuates on a nightly basis dependent on the demand for homeless services. The DRHE has to have some spare capacity available for contingency placements.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, a member of the board of the NTA, why the NTA refused to defer an online Public Consultation meeting at 6.30pm 26 November 2020 for Bus Corridor 12 Rathfarnham to City Centre presentation and questions, which clashed with the Dublin City Council Statutory Budget Meeting.

The refusal by the NTA Deputy Chief Executive to defer the meeting [which was deferred in 2019 due to the clash with DCC Local Property Tax meeting] meant that elected public representatives were kept out of the public consultation with community forum members who seek our assistance and representation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of their third round of public consultations, the NTA have put forward a schedule of their community forum meetings via a webinar format to facilitate two way communication with local communities. Unfortunately the time of a specific online webinar may not suit all parties but also under the NTA's Community Forum process, the webinars are in addition to the virtual rooms which are also created for members of the public and public representatives to take part in the consultation process. These virtual rooms provide to access the drawings/information and there is a 'call back' facility to allow members of the public to talk to the engineer designers regarding their queries.

Thus members of the public and public representative that may not be available to attend the schedule webinar could avail of the 'call back' facility that provides a means to discuss their queries and concerns with the BusConnects Team.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if the new Greenway bridge into Bushy Park will have a nearby carpark, as in the construction workers parking area on the opposite side of the road. I understand that the road is a boundary between South Dublin County Council and ask if Dublin City Council are aware that this area will be a public carpark set up by SDCC and DCC for visitors to Bushy Park. As the Rathdown Avenue, Rathdown Crescent and Rathdown Park residents are concerned about the over parking on their roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dodder Greenway Bridge is being developed by South Dublin County Council. The matter as to whether a car park will be provided in the location will be investigated and a reply prepared for a future council meeting.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive Executive [a] Why the new Dodder Greenway Bridge #3 which has a new cycle route through Bushy Park on to Templeogue Road and Terenure Road North to City Centre, is not accepted by the NTA as a cycle route from Rathfarnham and [b] Why the NTA propose a massive cycle route second bridge within 400m of the Greenway, on a 9 meter high level through a garden in Rathdown Park to defect a cul-de-sac in order to bring cyclists from upper Rathfarnham Road through the bridge, through Rathdown Park and back out on to Rathfarnham Road to Terenure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Regarding the proposal for the new Dodder Greenway Bridge #3, we are awaiting the Environment Impact assessment report and the Traffic Impact Assessment Report for that area in order to make an informed assessment of the proposal. We are aware that the NTA are currently running their third round of public consultations and engaging with the public via their web site, online community forums meetings, email, calls and digital media. There are also virtual rooms to access the drawings/information which also provides a 'call back' facility to allow members of the public to talk to the engineer designers regarding their queries, via the cbc@busconnects.ie or also to their postal address.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council Finance Department can provide the date on which the 'clarification' on the interpretation of the criteria governing the ReStart Grant was issued to DCC; and is it acknowledged who issued the 'clarification' and when did Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment issue their final confirmation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Clarifications on the interpretation of the criteria governing the Restart Grant have been issued from the start of the scheme in May 2020. They are updated every time a new clarification is sought. The clarification on shared spaces referred to was received on 6th November 2020. All clarifications are issued by the LGMA on behalf of the Restart Grant Working Group and/or The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE). Upon receipt of this clarification, Dublin City Council sent in a clarification request on 9th November 2020 to the LGMA and received a response on 10th November. An email was sent to LGMA on 11th November seeking DETE's advice and following an exchange of emails we received a final reply on 20th November 2020.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to put traffic measures in place at the entrance to Plunkett / Clonturk schools on the Swords Road where a number of accidents have already occurred and where more than 800 students attend daily.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Covid Mobility Team is currently prioritising Primary Schools for interventions. To date we have received 92 requests at primary school locations, with approximately 20 installed to date. Once we have completed the primary school roll out we will assess requests at other facilities. This request will be added to the 5,000+ requests we have received for Covid Mobility Measures to date.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of categories of housing lists; the number of applicants on each list; the weighting/ratio of offers on each list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:Band 1 Housing Lists Priority Cases;

Medical Priority
 Welfare Priority
 Traveller Priority
 Older Medical Priority
 Older Welfare Priority
 Homeless Priority
 Homeless Priority Older persons
 Financial Contribution

Band 2 Housing List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Housing
 Band 2 Housing Older

Band 3 Housing List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Housing list
 Band 3 Housing List Older Persons

Total 12

Band 1 Transfer Lists Priority Cases;

Surrendering Larger Priority
 Transfer HAP Band 1
 Transfer HAP Band1 Older
 Transfer Medical Priority
 Transfer Medical Priority Older
 Transfer Welfare Priority
 Transfer Welfare Priority Older

Band 2 Transfer List; *All overcrowded cases and those with previously awarded medical or welfare points.*

Band 2 Transfer
 Band 2 Transfer Older

Band 3 Transfer List; *All remaining qualified households.*

Band 3 Transfer
 Band 3 Transfer Older

Total 11

Please find attached the Housing Allocations Quarterly Report for October 2020 outlining the number of applicants on each list.

The ratio of lettings for 2019 by band set out below:

Band	% Of Overall Lettings 2019
Band 1 – Medical	8%
Band 1 – Welfare	8%
Band 1 - Surrender larger	1%

Band 1 - Detenancing/ Regeneration	5%
Band 1 - Homeless & THAP	33%
Band 1 - Miscellaneous Band 1	2%
Band 2	24%
Band 3	19%

Q.79 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on establishing a wide range of apprenticeships and internships across DCC Departments; to link up with the CDET, Solas, the OPW, TUD Dublin and the Docklands to provide a supportive network; and to examine the availability of EU Funding for such programmes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council currently has 26 apprentices progressing through its Junior Apprenticeship Programme. The number of employees undertaking the various apprenticeships is detailed below.

Apprenticeship	Number of Employees
Brick and Stone Laying	5
Carpentry	9
Plumbing	9
Electrical	3

4 of the 26 apprentices entered the programme by way of the TU Dublin's "Access to Apprenticeship" programme which is a 12 week programme which aims to support the transition of students (16-24 years old) from disadvantaged backgrounds into an apprenticeship scheme.

Dublin City Council is in continuous contact with Solas and the various Educational Training Boards as the apprentices move through the various phases of their apprenticeships.

It is envisaged that additional apprentices will be recruited in 2021 through both the Junior Apprenticeship Programme and TU Dublin's "Access to Apprenticeship Programme."

Q.80 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the actions being taken to reduce the €37 million in rent arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Targets:

The 2021 target for rent collection is 100% of the projected annual rent charge of €91,500,00.

The target for the recovery of rent arrears for 2021 is to recoup an additional 25% of the total arrears accrual in 2020 - this amounts to approximately €1.25 million.

Management of Arrears Recovery:

All 24,844 accounts are monitored by Executive Housing Officers, whose primary role is to reduce debt by agreeing a fair and reasonable repayment plan with tenants.

Targeted intervention for the following:

- Early intervention will be improved through the introduction of a new facility to text/e-mail tenants as soon as a payment is missed.
- The highest 300 arrears cases are being kept under review by management.
- Households with high incomes and high arrears will continue to be monitored closely.

Payment methods: Household Budget and Direct Debit are the optimum collection method for Dublin City Council. The target is to move 20% of customers from Bill-pay to those payment methods. Each new/transferring tenant must sign up to Household Budget or Direct Debit in advance of signing for the property. All repayment agreements must include agreement to sign up for Household Budget/Direct Debit. Direct debits are monitored weekly and rejections followed up by telephone calls and correspondence.

Rent Assessment:

2021 target to review 4,000 accounts with assumed incomes as well as routine assessment.

Enforcement/Legal Action:

Where there is no engagement on behalf of tenants in arrears, legal action will be pursued up to and including eviction. All tenancies that are not engaged in a repayment plan will be pursued through the rent recovery process, the measurement being the number of warning letters, tenancy warnings and Orders for Possession secured.

A pilot debt collection project has been initiated to pursue legal action for the recovery of rent arrears. Tenancies are being reviewed at present to select test cases. Dependent on access to the courts, this pilot project will be completed in 2021.

Other measures: New transfer applications for tenancies in arrears will be cancelled. Where there are existing transfer applications in the system and arrears accrue, no offer of accommodation will be made until the arrears are cleared in full.

Transfer lists will be monitored and tenants nearing offer stage will be contacted by the EHO to inform them that no offer will be made once the account is in arrears and EHO will assist in making an arrangement to reduce the arrears.

Only emergency maintenance will be carried out on tenancies in arrears until such time as they have adhered to a repayment agreement for at least six weeks.

Communication/Engagement:

A publicity campaign is planned for 2021 which will highlight all the relevant information on rent payment and arrears. The Rent Section aims to reduce arrears through communication and engagement with tenants with a view to tenancy sustainment.

Review and reporting: Progress will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and reported on monthly.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for detailed clarification on what specifications Dublin City Council use to determine whether a housing estate is entitled to a footpath at a certain location. Specifically, some estates have a green area with an adjacent footpath built by DCC alongside the road, while other estates do not have a footpath at such location even though requested by residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Design and Construction will review this query and revert to the Councillor O'Rourke upon the completion of this review.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed clarification on the legal definitions Dublin City Council follow regarding when it is recommended to install single white lines versus double yellow lines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Transport Engineer has reported that Dublin City Council refer to the Department of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual and the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997 when determining road markings.

In terms of single white lines, this line is officially referred to as a Continuous Centre Line. This line marking can be used in a number of circumstances but in terms of the context of this question, it is assumed that it is being referred to with respects of preventing parking opposite to this line.

The Continuous Centre Line is normally used when accompanied with a stop or yield line, the line can extend longitudinally back from a junction for at least a minimum of 20m. This helps prevent parking close to junctions and/or entrances to residential areas. The length of this line can vary from case to case depending on various site conditions and may be extended where appropriate. The line can also be used further away from junctions to prevent overtaking and parking on the side of carriageways where traffic-flow may be potentially impacted. Instances of the use of this road marking in those cases are also treated on a case by case basis.

The main difference between a Continuous Centre Line and a Double Yellow Line is that a Double Yellow Line, as per the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, allows for the provision of parking to actively load and unload for a duration of up to thirty minutes. This can create ambiguity in some circumstances where some motorists may interpret that they can load close to a junction or along a stretch of roadway where there may be an impact on traffic flow. The use of a Continuous Centre Line removes this ambiguity.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that action is taken to improve the cleanliness and safety of Annamoe Parade laneway in Cabra, Dublin 7 and to request:

- A) DCC to review the frequency of cleaning here.
- B) The laneway to be deep-cleaned/power-washed throughout from one end to the other (residents have noticed that sometimes only a portion of the laneway is cleaned).
- C) It was brought to the attention of DCC previously that the wires were cut on the CCTV at this location – is there an update as to the repair of this?
- D) That signage regarding dumping be erected.
- E) Is there an update as to when the overgrowth here may be cut back?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A) Waste Management Services monitor this laneway on a regular basis and arrange cleaning when necessary.

B) Waste Management Services had this laneway fully cleaned on the 26th November 2020. There is some building material in the laneway which will be investigated by our litter warden. This laneway is too long and busy for power washing.

- C) The camera on the lamppost in Annamoe Parade laneway is not a DCC camera and we did not put this camera on the lamppost.
- D) Arrangements have been made to install signage at Annamoe Parade laneway in Cabra, Dublin 7.
- E) Road Maintenance Services will investigate the matter of the overgrown bushes/trees and will advise the residents/owners of the properties concerned to cut back the growth.

A request has been sent to Waste Management's lane cleaning crew to sweep the lane and scrape the weeds from the surface of the lane. A call will be made to the supervisor to get a timeline on when it will be done.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the following issues at Quarry Road in Cabra be resolved:

- A) That the footpaths be repaired (residents have reported that there are numerous locations on Quarry Road where the footpaths are a trip hazard)
- B) That traffic calming measures be put in place on this road (An Garda Síochána are aware of the issue and often monitor the road).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for footpaths repairs has been added to the Confirm database for repairs.

With regards to part b of the question. Traffic calming measures have been recommended by TAG for Quarry Road and has been included in Capital Works Programme Package 7 which is currently in design stage. It is anticipated that a design will be finalised this year with expected construction of works in February/March of 2021.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for clarification on the following: 40 Transit vans were purchased for refuse work in 2017 despite being unsuitable for such a purpose. 28 of these 40 have never been used and lie idle in Walker's Yard. What cost this brings to DCC in tax, insurance and storage, and why diesel vans were purposed this way in the first place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fifty-One (51) Transit side loading vehicles (comprising forty (40) Transit 350 vehicles and eleven (11) Ford Transit 310 vehicles) are on lease hire from Walker Vehicle Rentals Ltd. These vehicles are Euro VI emission standard vehicles and all of these vehicles are in daily operational use.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for clarification on the following: 40 vehicles are being regenerated or refitted in Walker's yard. The staff are worried that they will be affected by Carbon Monoxide emissions from these vehicles, citing the example of the nearby ambulance service, who were told that refits were not to be carried out in areas where staff were working.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Fifty-One (51) Transit side loading vehicles are on lease hire from Walker Vehicle Rentals Ltd for Waste Management Services. These vehicles operate at low speeds doing stop/start work collecting waste. The nature of the work (low engine speeds) leads to premature clogging of the diesel particulate filter which requires periodic regeneration. This regeneration is carried out outdoors in Council Depots in accordance with safe operating procedures. The regeneration of the vehicles has been risk assessed by Health & Safety and is carried out in line with the recommended guidelines.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive what recommendations are given from the biodiversity department on best practice for grass management, including mowing (or not) to preserve biodiversity?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Biodiversity Officer works with the Parks District teams to consider green spaces that can be improved for biodiversity by changing mowing practices, planting bulbs and perennials and allowing grasses and wildflowers to grow to provide habitat and food for pollinating insects as part of our commitment to biodiversity enhancement and the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. The use of glyphosate has also been eliminated from green space management.

To promote this work, public information 'Leave Them Bee' signs will be placed on green spaces in the spring of 2021.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of grass management on public land by DCC staff. The council has circulated the requirement to that regards for the existing private contract. How often the council requires green lawn to be mowed, specification on grass height and weather conditions?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

For open spaces the requirements are;

A minimum of one visit is required to each site every week (7 Calendar days) and if necessary the contractor must increase the frequency of visits to achieve the standards laid down in the specification

Specification:

During the grass growing season the maximum time between cuttings should not exceed one week (7 calendar days).

Maximum height of growth after which grass is to be cut-	50mm
Minimum cutting height	- 30 mm

For grass verges the requirements are;

A minimum of one visit is required to each site every 2 weeks (14 Calendar days) and if necessary the contractor must increase the frequency of visits to achieve the standards laid down in the specifications

Specification:

During the grass growing season the maximum time between cuttings should not exceed two weeks (14 calendar days).

Maximum height of growth

after which grass is to be cut- 60mm
 Minimum cutting height - 25 mm

Typically we stop the grass cutting in the winter when the growth of the grass slows, however we normally do at least one winter cut, soil (rather than weather) conditions permitting, to tidy all areas up before the end of the year. If an area is too soft for the grass cutting machinery to drive on without damaging it, than that area will not be cut.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive what efforts have been made to stop the spilling of cement and gravel which has now occurred on multiple occasions along Bridge Street from Ringsend to South Lotts; what engagement there has been with the company responsible; if an arrangement has been reached with the company to stop this at source as this seems to be a problem with a particular company; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are many suppliers of ready mixed concrete that supply to private and public development works throughout the city of Dublin. Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services (RMS) for its part wrote to those companies that supply to us on the 11th March 2019 and on 18th June 2019 re spillages of concrete on public roads. Without firm proof of the Company/Reg No of the vehicle involved in depositing such waste on the public road there is little that can be done. If such proof is forthcoming the details can be forwarded to DCC's Waste Management Services to take appropriate action.

In the meantime RMS will arrange to have the locations examined and arrangements made to remove such spillages.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for a Pedestrian Crossing to be installed outside a school (**details supplied**) as a pupil of the school was recently struck by a car while trying to cross the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to current ongoing construction works, provision for an appropriate pedestrian crossing cannot be assessed at this time. The School has applied for a School Zone and this is planned for implementation once possible to do so.

It is illegal to park on the single yellow line on the south side of (**details supplied**) between 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday. School Crossing signs are located at either end of the street and children should be encouraged to cross at these point.

We will contact the school directly to discuss a further measures that could be taken in the current environment.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive the status of the Canon Mooney Gardens precinct improvement project which the department of housing noted as far back as 2011 it was awaiting the "submission from Dublin City Council of a cost benefit analysis as well as a full capital appraisal, which when submitted will enable my Department to make a full assessment of the proposal"; if DCC ever submitted any cost benefit analysis or capital appraisal to the Dept in relation to Canon Mooney Gardens; to confirm if Barrett Mahony Consultants were engaged by DCC between 2007 and 2010 and if they supplied various submissions after consultations with residents; the cost of this

exercise; if there are any plans to progress this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government used to fund precinct improvement works and the City Council availed of this scheme to enhance a number of its flat complexes. However, this source of funding is no longer available.

The Housing and Community Services Department will review the file and will commission a feasibility study for Canon Mooney Gardens. Once completed, we will discuss the findings with the local area office and elected members.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive why DCC social housing tenants have been discriminated against at the Marianella complex in Rathgar; why the council has not ensured that they have equal rights with private occupiers/owners; and what steps the Council has or will take to ensure equal rights for social housing tenants at the complex; and if he is aware of similar instances at other mixed tenure estates.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council purchased 19 units in this development under Part V and entered onto a service level agreement with FOLD Housing to manage and maintain these units on behalf of Dublin City Council. The tenants pay rent to Fold Housing this rent is calculated based on the Dublin City Council differential rent scheme, and tenants pay approximately 15% of their income in rent.

Dublin City Council pays services charges for the usual amenities when we purchase in a multi-unit development (e.g. waste or heating) but we do not pay service charges for amenities such as gyms or cinemas, which may be on offer in a very small number of developments.

Dublin City Council negotiated a reduction in the high annual management fees associated with this development and the reduced management fee negotiated did not cover use of the 24-hour concierge service and access to the private gym.

In line with Part V legislation, it is Dublin City Councils policy to acquire units on site in the first instance, and there is a balance to be struck between the delivery of mixed tenure development and the additional management fees associated with some developments.

There is a lack of social housing in this area and it is the view of the Housing Department that on-site delivery was preferable in this case. Dublin City Council will continue to pursue the delivery of Part V units on site, and will negotiate reasonable sustainable management fees.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a detail breakdown in tabular form and explanation re: COVID related expenditure (**details supplied**) for 2020/21.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The explanations for COVID related expenditure are as follows;

Dublin Fire Brigade

The increase in COVID related expenditure is due to the following factors:

Increase in overtime due to the unavailability of staff to work for COVID related reasons which has generated a requirement for additional overtime

Increased use of PPE equipment and sanitisation on the ambulance service

Structural adaption required in Fire Stations, Training Centre and Control Room for safety reasons.

Homeless

The unfunded expenditure on Homeless is due to the fact that the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage only recoup 90% of expenditure with the balance of 10% unfunded and is a cost to Dublin City Council.

Central Management Costs

The main costs in this area are;

Computers
Printing
Cleaning
PPE
Web Services

Q.94 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in table form the amount of arrears outstanding from Tenants of council houses for the past 5 years and to outline the plan in place to deal with these arrears and to advise of what targets are in place to reduce the arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Table Rent Arrears 2015-2020

Year ending	Total arrears	Prepays	Net arrears	Annual variance	% annual variance
2015	23,668,944.44	2,375,228.55	21,293,715.89	96,721.38	
2016	24,445,805.78	2,596,031.14	21,849,774.64	776,861.34	+3.3%
2017	26,253,932.60	2,835,042.38	23,418,890.22	1,808,126.82	+7.4%
2018	28,911,042.37	3,052,563.14	25,858,479.23	2,657,109.77	+10.1%
2019	33,729,993.77	2,801,532.03	30,928,461.74	4,818,951.40	+16.7%
to 23/11/2020	37,132,503.19	3,490,439.63	33,642,063.56	3,402,509.42	+10%

Targets:

The 2021 target for rent collection is 100% of the projected annual rent charge of €91,500,00.

The target for the recovery of rent arrears for 2021 is to recoup an additional 25% of the total arrears accrual in 2020 - this amounts to approximately €1.25 million.

Management of Arrears Recovery:

All 24,844 accounts are monitored by Executive Housing Officers, whose primary role is to reduce debt by agreeing a fair and reasonable repayment plan with tenants.

Targeted intervention for the following:

- Early intervention will be improved through the introduction of a new facility to text/e-mail tenants as soon as a payment is missed.
- The highest 300 arrears cases are being kept under review by management.
- Households with high incomes and high arrears will continue to be monitored closely.

Payment methods: Household Budget and Direct Debit are the optimum collection method for Dublin City Council. The target is to move 20% of customers from Bill-pay to those payment methods. Each new/transferring tenant must sign up to Household

Budget or Direct Debit in advance of signing for the property. All repayment agreements must include agreement to sign up for Household Budget/Direct Debit. Direct debits are monitored weekly and rejections followed up by telephone calls and correspondence.

Rent Assessment:

2021 target to review 4,000 accounts with assumed incomes as well as routine assessment.

Enforcement/Legal Action:

Where there is no engagement on behalf of tenants in arrears, legal action will be pursued up to and including eviction. All tenancies that are not engaged in a repayment plan will be pursued through the rent recovery process, the measurement being the number of warning letters, tenancy warnings and Orders for Possession secured.

A pilot debt collection project has been initiated to pursue legal action for the recovery of rent arrears. Tenancies are being reviewed at present to select test cases. Dependent on access to the courts, this pilot project will be completed in 2021.

Other measures: New transfer applications for tenancies in arrears will be cancelled. Where there are existing transfer applications in the system and arrears accrue, no offer of accommodation will be made until the arrears are cleared in full.

Transfer lists will be monitored and tenants nearing offer stage will be contacted by the EHO to inform them that no offer will be made once the account is in arrears and EHO will assist in making an arrangement to reduce the arrears.

Only emergency maintenance will be carried out on tenancies in arrears until such time as they have adhered to a repayment agreement for at least six weeks.

Communication/Engagement:

A publicity campaign is planned for 2021 which will highlight all the relevant information on rent payment and arrears. The Rent Section aims to reduce arrears through communication and engagement with tenants with a view to tenancy sustainment.

Review and reporting: Progress will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and reported on monthly.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive re: commercial rates for the following company (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The original circular Fin 11/2020 issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government excluded vacant properties from receiving the rates waiver. This was subsequently reviewed by the Department on 9th November and a note was issued to confirm that if a "property owner is not availing of or doesn't apply for a vacancy refund this year, then a local authority may apply the waiver".

Vacancy properties are liable for rates and there is a vacancy credit of 25% applicable in respect of 2020. However as the rate payer had not availed of the vacancy credit the rates waiver was applied to the account.

The rates waiver (in the sum of €4,122.81) was applied to the account on 25th November in respect of the period 27th March to 27th December. There is a balance of € 1,344.39 on the account in respect of the period 1/1/20 – 26/3/20.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update re: housing grant for older people application (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The application for (details supplied) was received in this office on the 12th November 2020. The application has been processed and our building inspector will be contacting (details supplied). On receipt of our building inspector's recommendation the application will be further processed.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of development contributions that have not yet been paid. Is there a mechanism to figure out which ones are overdue, is there a collections process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently €50,004,827 due in development contributions broken down as follows:

€27,253,300 is due on 130 planning applications where a phased agreement is in place to pay the contributions over the build period of the development. These agreements are being adhered to.

€22,751,527 is due on 270 planning applications where either no payment has been received or a phased payment has fallen into arrears.

Dublin City Council operates a debt recovery procedure to recover all development contributions which are due. Planning compliance is only issued when development contributions have been paid in full.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate a) how many property owners have sought the support of the Living Cities One Stop Shop b) the breakdown of these support requests between commercial and residential c) the success of such support in bringing under-used or unused spaces back into i) productive commercial use ii) productive residential use.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A How many property owners have sought the support of the Living Cities One Stop?

To date the Living City Initiative has received approximately twenty queries in respect of the One Stop Shop service offered. Several multi-disciplinary team meetings were arranged with applicants, which were attended by representatives from the Fire Brigade, Building Control, Conservation and Planning Departments. These meetings usually concerned the refurbishment of protected structures. Following engagement with the remaining querists, it transpired that most were single-issue queries such as a planning query. In these instances, a representative from the relevant Department contacted the querist to offer advice. The one stop shop continues to be advertised on the Living City Initiative webpage and on all promotional literature.

B The breakdown of these support requests between Commercial and Residential

The majority of requests submitted were residential queries. Other requests referred to converting a property to residential use and to properties which had retail and residential uses.

C The success of such support in bringing under-used or unused spaces back into i) productive commercial use ii) productive residential use.

To date Dublin City Council has received 71 owner occupier and 59 rented residential applications for the Living City Initiative scheme (total 130 applications). Of these, 66 applicants have completed their conversion/refurbishment works and were issued with a Letter of Certification by Dublin City Council. Applicants must submit this Letter to the Revenue Commissioners as part of their application for tax relief. All commercial applications are made directly through the Revenue Commissioners. The Revenue Commissioners has provided the following information on the numbers of Commercial Applications received to date:

Information on the numbers claiming tax relief under the commercial element of the scheme is obtained from tax returns. However, due to the low number of taxpayers claiming tax relief under the LCI, and Revenue's obligation to observe the confidentiality of taxpayer information, it is not possible to provide the figure requested. Information in relation to the number of claimants under the scheme, the amount actually claimed and the cost to the Exchequer for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (the most recent year for which data is available) can be found on the Revenue website at the link below. The data on the Revenue website represents aggregate data for each year (i.e. it encompasses all three elements of the scheme, where relevant).

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/information-about-revenue/statistics/tax-expenditures/property-reliefs.aspx>

The LCI team is committed to promoting the scheme and the number of enquiries have increased greatly since the recent advertising campaign that was instigated following the announcement that the closing date for the scheme has been extended to the end of 2022. This advertising campaign was targeted within the area designated under the Living City Initiative. Advertising took place on Digi Screens in early September and on Bus Shelter advertising platforms in the middle of September/early October. A Facebook and Twitter advertising campaign took place in November, which generated a greater awareness of the scheme along with a greater number of applications submitted.

A final advertising campaign for 2020 will take place through the Irish Property Owners Association (IPOA) later this month. The IPOA is a membership organisation of approximately 5,000 private residential landlords. The LCI Team made a presentation at an IPOA meeting last year and will continue to work with them to promote the LCI.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail a) the number of households on the housing waiting list for 4 and 5 bedroom or larger properties b) the length of time these households are on the waiting list c) the number of 4 and 5 bedroom or larger properties currently in our housing stock and d) the number of 4 and 5 bedroom or larger properties acquired/purchased by DCC over the last 3 years.

Please find below table setting out the figures requested above.

October 2020 Housing List Figures by Bedsize requirement and Time on List										TABLE 5 (a)		
Size	Years	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Four Bed	0 to 1 year	4	1	1	1	3	1	3	2	1	1	18
	1 to 5 years	9	3	6	10	1	4	6	3	4	1	47
	5 to 10 years	10	2	7	3	2	11	2	1	5	3	46
	over 10 years	10	3	16	2	7	18	5	1	5		67
Four bed Total		33	9	30	16	13	34	16	7	15	5	178
Five Bed	0 to 1 year	1	1									2
	1 to 5 years	1	1	1			2	2				7
	5 to 10 years	2	1		1	1				2		7
	over 10 years			2	1	3	2	1	1			10
Five Bed Total		4	3	3	2	4	4	3	1	2		26

The number of 4 and 5 bedroom properties acquired by DCC in the last 3 yrs.

Since 2017 Dublin City Council has acquired following larger properties;

45 X 4 Bedroom properties

3 X 5 Bedroom properties

The Acquisitions team are currently engaged in negotiations on the purchase of the following;

7 x 4 Bedroom

3 X 5 Bedroom

Number of 4 and 5 or larger properties currently in our housing stock

	4 BED	5 BED	6 BED
Apartment	46		2
Bungalow	1		
House	1256		21
Total	1303		23

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the following with a view to taking steps to alleviate. The residents of the first house on **(details supplied 1)** on the right hand side as you enter from **(details supplied 2)** are finding impossible (20 min delays are not unknown) to exit their driveway on to **(details supplied 1)** in the morning. This is due to a line of traffic using **(details supplied 1)** to enter **(details supplied 2)**. I would appreciate if DCC traffic can look into this situation with a view to coming up with a solution. The residents in question have suggested a yellow box outside their driveway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not recommended to install a yellow box at the junction of **(details supplied)**, as Dublin City Council does not place yellow boxes, at individual entrances.

Yellow boxes are intended to prevent blocking of junctions they are not recommended for individual entrances. Side road traffic flows should be significant and the side road should serve a minimum of fifty houses or a major traffic generating facility. This guideline is in place to avoid a proliferation of yellow boxes in the city.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that all DCC references to the community centre in Ballybough use the correct name of the centre i.e. The Tony Gregory Centre, Ballybough. The centre was opened on the 18th May 2010 by the then Lord Mayor of Dublin and was officially named after the late TD Tony Gregory in recognition of his valuable community work and contribution to Irish politics. It is my understanding that for whatever reason the correct name / title of the centre has gone out of use. I would appreciate assurances from the CEO that in the future the centre will be referred to as the Tony Gregory Centre, Ballybough on all DCC documentation, literature, development plan references and the DCC website please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I will advise the management and staff in the centre that all future correspondence and documentation issued by the centre should carry the correct title – The Tony Gregory Youth and Community Centre Ballybough.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a replacement roadside tree for outside **(details supplied)** Griffith Court, Fairview D3 please. The original tree fell a number of years ago and requests have been made in the past for a replacement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is an extreme small planting pit in a concrete footpath. As the previous small tree failed to thrive and was ultimately removed most likely due to the lack of rooting space the viability of any future tree here would have to be questioned. The site will be examined but it is felt that the most sustainable solution is to redirect the replacement tree towards the nearby open space.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for the streetlight outside **(details supplied)** to be repaired as it is not currently working. If a bulb replacement is required can the CEO ensure that it matches the existing public lighting in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The public light outside details supplied (pole no.7) was repaired on the 26th of November.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please comment on the issues raised in the correspondence below **(details supplied 1)** in relation to an empty property at **(details supplied 2)**. If Dublin City Council has no information in relation to the present ownership of this property is the CEO aware of a mechanism by which this can be formally established?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Derelict Sites Unit does not have an active file on this site so the ownership details are not known at this point. The Derelict Sites Section will arrange for an inspection of the site and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection will issue to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to consider increasing the skateboarding area in Fairview Park and installing lighting as set out in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are not many skatepark facilities around the city but Fairview is fortunate in that it has one which is well used. It would not be feasible to construct a 'bowl' as has recently been completed in LeFanu park, Ballyfermot because Fairview is a former landfill. Plans could be considered for an appropriate extension however there is no funding currently allocated in the capital programme. Provision will be considered in future years

The skatepark in Fairview Park is a small local and well used facility. Fairview Park is a relatively small park and already quite developed there is not adequate space to extend the facility here. To use such a facility after dark safely would require full floodlighting which would be expensive to install, operate, require full planning permission and would not be considered appropriate on such a small facility.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the leaves to be removed from the footpaths identified in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services operate a leaves removal programme throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding.

As leaves removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their area and we remove the bagged leaves for them.

We will ensure that the above mentioned footpaths are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress update on the grant application of **(details supplied)** for a downstairs bathroom.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The grant application for **(details supplied)** was approved. A letter of approval has been issued to the applicant. The applicant may now contact their selected contractor to commence the proposed works.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number of visitor parking permits purchased in 2019 and 2020 broken down by area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The records do not give a breakdown of where in the city visitor parking permits have been purchased in respect of. The following is an outline of the total number of visitor parking permits issued for the years 2019 and up until 26TH November 2020. The further breakdown into complimentary and purchased visitor parking permits is outlined.

Year	Total issued in the year	Complimentary	Purchased
2019	268,820	156,064	112,756
2020 until 26/11/20	189,688	144,136	45,552

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with the GP Surgery on Griffith Avenue to address parking concerns, raised by elderly and immobile residents and patients, resulting from the recent cycle lane installation. This matter is urgent as to comply with Covid-19 guidelines the waiting room is not available.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current parking provisions outside the GP Surgery were installed in consultation with the GP Surgery. We have commissioned a Road Safety Audit of the current arrangements. Once this is completed we will review the arrangements and make any changes that are considered necessary.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the planned use of **(details supplied)** senior citizen complex and maintenance depot when staff move into the new super depot.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A feasibility study has been carried out for this site and a number of development options are being considered. The City Council proposes to develop a senior citizen housing scheme on the site.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to erect speed limit signage along **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will investigate this request and provide a recommendation direct to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Currently, every Road in the DCC Area is deemed to be 50Km/h unless otherwise signed. In order to keep street clutter to a minimum DCC does not erect "repeater" signage/poles.

(details supplied) is designated as an arterial route through this neighbourhood and its Speed Limit has been maintained at 50Km/h.

All of the side roads off the **(details supplied)** are deemed to be residential and subsequently show 30Km/h as you leave the **(details supplied)** and 50Km/h as you enter the **(details supplied 2)**.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a programme of planned upgrade works on Pathways & Roadways in the **(details supplied)** ward in the coming months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2021 Road Maintenance Services Annual Works Programmes for road resurfacing and footpath construction will not be finalised until next year's budget

allocation has been confirmed. In the meantime, if the Councillor has any specific locations in mind these can still be considered for inclusion in next year's programmes.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what has been the total spend to date on Covid mobility works across the City and for a breakdown per Area Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total Covid Mobility spend €2,175,642 to date (last tallied on November 26). Covid Mobility is a citywide programme and therefore we do not have a breakdown per area.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that works in the home of **(details supplied)** are completed by the time he responds to this question, given that several reports have been made about the water damage to the property, yet no works have been undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange to get a hoist this week to repair the down pipe which is causing the water damage. Once this is addressed, we will paint the ceiling for the tenant.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that repairs to the windows and balcony door are completed by the time he responds to this question, given that the tenant had repeatedly raised the issue with the Housing Department, yet, nothing has been done to rectify the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will arrange for a contractor to re-inspect this balcony door and windows and based on his findings, we will make decision on whether to replace these.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report the following issues raised with me by residents of **(details supplied)** and to outline what steps he will take to rectify these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

1. Broken road access, it's literally broken with holes and not tarmac, where people trip over, why not tarmac?
2. Drug addicts using drugs outside our homes and in the lane way, kids all round, why no electric gate?
3. Cutting of the grass is rare
4. No yellow lines so people park from outside and home owners cannot access their houses. Why no pay and display put in?
5. Regular cleaning of the council drains, why have they had to face a sanitisation crisis?
6. Dumping of rubbish.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Road Maintenance Services will arrange to have the potholes repaired.
2. Residents can apply for an EPROW (extinguishment of public right of way) for any laneway. The area will be then taken out of charge and the residents will have to maintain the area going forward. Application will have to be sought by written notice to the Area Manager and petition from the residents. The cost of

the gates will have to be covered by residents in the location if EPROW is adopted by City Council.

3. The grass is cut on a weekly basis during the growing season and as required during the dormant season, as such is maintained to a satisfactory condition.
4. With regards to part 4 of the question. **(details supplied)** is a narrow road and due to the width of the carriageway it does not meet the minimum requirement of 4.6m for one sided parking in a Pay & Display & Permit Parking scheme. This minimum width is required in order to allow a vehicle pass a parked vehicle and maintain traffic flow and as a result a residential permit parking cannot be facilitated.
5. Surface Water is responsible for the cleaning of Gullies in Dublin City. On Friday the 27th November gully cleaning crews cleaned three of the four gullies at this location. The grid on the fourth gully was unable to be lifted to check. We have requested that a repair be made to the grid by the relevant department.
6. Waste Management Services cleaned and removed any dumped rubbish from **(details supplied)** on the 26th November 2020. We will continue to do all we can to keep this location as clean as possible.

Incidents of dumping can be reported to litter.central@dublincity.ie for investigation by a Litter Warden.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of a housing application submitted by **(details supplied)**; when does he believe it likely that the applicant will receive an offer of alternative accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 14/05/2015, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	2	248
Area E	2	293
Area H	2	157

Based on the applicant's position it may be considerable time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing. The applicant will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her household need becomes available and according to her position on the list.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the

HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what provisions will be made for rough sleepers over the Christmas period, particularly given the RDS Christmas dinner is not scheduled to take place this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) now provides people who are homeless with long-term (rolling) placements in emergency accommodation facilities that operate 24 hours a day, with full meals being provided in each facility. This minimises the need for homeless men and women to be outdoors during the winter period. The DRHE has never had any involvement with the RDS Christmas dinner.

The Dublin Simon Outreach team and the Peter McVerry Trust Intake team work on behalf of the DRHE 365 days a year from 7am to 1am daily. They will be working proactively on the streets throughout the holiday period including Christmas day engaging with people sleeping rough to encourage them into emergency accommodation, where their needs can and will be met.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress made in implementing the public sector duty action plan under the DCC Corporate Plan?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

“Due to the size and complexity of Dublin City Council it is intended to use our corporate Public Sector Duty (PSD) Framework to work with individual departments to draft specific action plans tailored to their functions. This will ensure the most meaningful and effective outcomes for our members, employees and those who use our services. Although the process was delayed by the unprecedented public health situation that unfolded earlier this year, an equality specialist has now been engaged and the process has begun in Dublin Fire Brigade in the first instance. A number of meetings have been held between the equality specialist, DFB senior management and the Equality Office, a Working Group is being established and it is anticipated that a DFB action plan will be finalised in the 2nd quarter of 2021. The process will then be implemented across the Council, with a particular focus on large customer-facing departments.

It is also intended to develop a PSD action plan for the Human Resources department at an early stage. In the interim the Equality Office has advised the Business Continuity Team on applying the principles of the PSD when revising their current plan. The Equality Office is also currently equality-proofing all City Council Human Resources policies and procedures.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what measures have been taken to encourage staff walking and cycling instead of driving into the offices in line with city policy and public health advice since the start of the pandemic? And to confirm, in line with same, that no additional incentives for driving will be offered to staff in the lead up to Christmas as has been the case in previous years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC is a partner on the National Transport Authority's Smarter Travel Workplaces programme which encourages and supports staff to use sustainable transport. As part of this initiative we run active travel challenges for staff three times a year, in March, July and October, to encourage more staff to walk and cycle. These challenges continued this year, despite the pandemic.

Bike and e-bike users of DCC's Smart Mobility Hub were permitted to use the bikes and e-bikes to commute during Covid. Normally these vehicles are only used for work-related trips during working hours.

Phase Two of DCC's Smart Mobility Hub will see e-bikes available at 4 new DCC locations (external to the Civic Offices). Staff members at this locations will be encouraged to use the e-bikes rather than their private cars for short work trips. At present, no additional incentives for driving have been made for staff in the lead up to the Christmas period.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress in the implementation of the temporary Liffey Cycle route as agreed by the Council in March and the timeline for its full completion?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

North Quays

Interim Measures have been implemented on Parkgate Street, Frank Sherwin Bridge, Wolfe Tone Quay, Sarsfield Quay, Ellis Quay, Arran Quay, Inns Quay, Ormond Quay Upper, Grattan Bridge, Ormond Quay Lower and Bachelors Walk. Designs for Eden Quay are at an advanced stage and implementation will commence in Q1 2021.

South Quays

Tenders for the reconfiguration of two major junctions on the South Quays as part of the interim Liffey Cycle Route have been issued, Dublin City Council intends to appoint contractor(s) to carry out the necessary construction works in December 2020 with construction works commencing in Q1 2021. Designs for Burgh Quay and Georges Quay are at an advanced stage and implementation will commence in Q1 2021.

It is anticipated that the interim Liffey Cycle Route will be fully complete by the end of Q1 2021.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report on the Santry Greenway. Is there a completion date?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Work has commenced to procure a design team for the Santry River Greenway. Further updates will be provided in March 2021.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can a covered area be put in place in Parks to enable outdoor meetings & exercise classes (with social distance) to continue during the wet months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To provide a weather independent shelter to accommodate outdoor meetings or exercise classes while observing social distancing would require a sizeable structure.

Also to ensure that such a structure was robust enough to withstand the winter storms and wind events would pose a significant engineering challenge and no doubt a sizeable budgetary allocation. This would not be considered a priority in the context of the available Parks Improvements budget for 2021.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive is there a Development Plan in existence for Santry Village?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no specific plan for Santry village however it is covered by the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can speed ramps be put on Hampstead Avenue. Since Covid restrictions have been put in place the residents living on that road have seen a marked increase of traffic attending the park which is great but the speed by some has become a worry for the safety of their children playing in the vicinity. Also that road lacks a proper path for pedestrians heading to the Park or the Nursing Home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a previous speed survey on Hampstead Avenue it was noted that the 85th percentile average speed was under the road speed limit and traffic flow was less than 60 vehicles per hour.

For the most part, there is on street parking which is effectively acting as traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing driver's forward visibility. Hampstead Avenue is narrow and is a residential road by nature, also a cul-de-sac that is short in length and not conducive to speed.

Hampstead Avenue, therefore, does not meet the requirement for speed ramps at this moment however, Hampstead Avenue is included in Phase 4 Speed Limit Bye-Laws December 2019 and the speed limit of 30kph will be applicable in that area.

The new Speed limit and associated signage is being gradually installed in applicable areas and will include Hampstead Avenue. The signage will indicate the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children as a new traffic calming measure. The works are programmed to be carried out in early 2021.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the process for signing off on the removal of support for vulnerable senior citizens living in Dublin City Council senior citizen accommodation? Can he confirm who has the responsibility for the decision to remove such support?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently four services that offer supports to individuals and households that have exited emergency accommodation to tenancy. These are Support to Live Independently (SLI), Visiting Tenancy Sustainment Service (VTSS), Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL) Mental Health Visiting Service and Housing First supports. These services are offered by Focus Ireland, PMVT, Dublin Simon and HAIL.

The Support to Live Independently (SLI) Service

The SLI scheme provides visiting support to households who have moved out of emergency accommodation into long-term independent accommodation. Support is provided through case management and households transition into their homes and maintain their tenancies. The support focuses on the needs of the service user, as identified through the Support Plan.

Households exiting homelessness to social housing supports are encouraged to accept support through SLI. Support is provided by a Housing Support Worker for up to three months, however this timeframe is flexible and determined on a case by case basis.

Visiting Tenancy Sustainment Service (VTSS)

The VTSS is a needs-led service focusing on practical ways to sustain tenancies rather than seeking to solve all service user problems. This service offers a comprehensive in-depth assessment of needs including a risk assessment. Through this assessment process, key risk areas are identified and support offered to people who are vulnerable.

Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL) Mental Health Visiting Service

This is a specialist visiting support service provided by HAIL. Specialist mental health workers provide visiting support to individuals with a mental ill health diagnosis. This service is provided to households across the Dublin Region. The service supports households in their homes to maintain tenancies and links them in with community health supports, where appropriate.

Housing First Supports

The Housing First Support Team provide wrap around supports to individuals in Housing First tenancies. This service is not time constrained and the supports provide are dependent on the individuals need. The support team comprises social care workers, counsellors and addiction specialists.

The SLI Service, VTSS Service and the Housing First Service are funded by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). The HAIL Mental Health Visiting Service is funded by the HSE.

Dublin City Council Housing Welfare Supports

A Social Work Service is available to all tenants in the Dublin City Council area who have exited homelessness. Social Workers aim to support people to live more successfully within their local communities by helping them to find solutions to a broad range of issues. This includes supporting those with mental health concerns and making referrals to relevant mental health services as required.

A person who wishes to avail of the service may attend the duty service and speak with a social worker Monday to Friday between 9.15am – 12.30pm in the Social Work Section, Dublin City Council, Block 1, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Wood Quay or by phoning the Social Work reception on 222 2233 during normal office hours.

There are also weekly social work clinics, normally held in Dublin City Councils Local Area Offices. No appointment is necessary.

Dublin City Council Project Estate Offices

These offices deal with housing maintenance, anti-social and various issues and provide a more localised service for tenants.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the current housing list by bedsize for each area? Can he further breakdown the requirement for 1 beds by senior citizen and other?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below table setting out the figures requested above.

October 2020 COMBINED Waiting List figures by Bedsize Req								TABLE 3 (c)			
Bedsize Required	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
1 Bed	3691	698	2327	2087	1343	1190	1558	1104	1211	371	15580
2 Bed	3211	601	1767	725	1123	962	546	473	445	145	9998
3 Bed	1300	226	822	329	415	480	245	181	197	75	4270
4 Bed	108	24	82	38	52	82	35	23	26	11	481
5 Bed	10	6	11	4	10	5	6	1	2	1	56
Grand Total	8320	1555	5009	3183	2943	2719	2390	1782	1881	603	30385
Housing Older Persons List by 1 bed											
Bedroom Requirement	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
1 Bed	300	34	231	164	115	118	107	114	174	38	1395
Transfer List Older Persons by 1 bed											
Bedroom Requirement	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
1 Bed	226	60	253	187	145	89	149	124	117	39	1389
Grand Total	526	94	484	351	260	207	256	238	291	77	2784
Housing List by 1 bed											
Bedroom Requirement	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
1 Bed	2331	455	1291	1211	782	719	801	582	678	207	9057
Transfer List 1 bed											
Bedroom Requirement	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
1 Bed	834	149	552	525	301	264	501	284	242	87	3739
Grand Total	3165	604	1843	1736	1083	983	1302	866	920	294	12796

Q.128 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the resumption of the practice of including a Derelict Site report and a Planning Enforcement report to the monthly Central Area Committee?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sections propose to recommence the preparation of activity reports for the Area Committee on a quarterly basis, if this is agreeable to the Councillor. A monthly interval is a very short period and given the due processes that have to be followed there may not be a lot of changes from month to month. The practice of quarterly reports was introduced in more recent times and was well received by Councillors giving as they do a better representation of the activities of the Sections in their endeavours to deal effectively with dereliction and Planning Enforcement matters. The sections will continue to give updates on specific cases at any stage to Councillors.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the issuing of fines to the car owners identified illegally dumping at the Carnlough Road bottle bank between the 9th and 31st of August 2020?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In reference to Carnlough Road, three incidences of dumping were recorded between the 31st of August and 9th September 2020. (One member of the public on foot and two in cars). The first driver dumped rubbish on 31st August at 17:00. The second driver dumped rubbish on 9th September at 13:28. The camera was in place for two weeks. Evidence will be sent to Litter fines Office, Waste Management Section.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to widen and resurface the layby at **(details supplied)** as was done at a similar layby further up the same road as residents have insufficient space to park their cars and access their driveways, the surface is also in very poor condition and water pools in areas where the tarmac has worn, presenting a significant trip hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the laneway and informs that repairs are not required at the present time.

However, Road Maintenance Services will monitor the condition of the laneway and will consider to include the resurfacing of same in a proposed annual programme subject to budget limitations and other priorities.

In regard to the widening of laneway, please refer to Road Design.

The proposed widening of this lane is not on Road Design and Construction's works programme and it is not a priority for the Division. Funding and resources are allocated to other priority works at this time.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the rent to buy apartments in **(details supplied)** and whether the outstanding remedial work issues have been resolved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council can confirm that the receiver has completed the programme of remediation works to the development except for Block 2 **(details supplied)**. Documentation was forwarded to Dublin Fire Brigade.

The Housing Department will now contact all of the Rent to Buy applicants in the development to finalise their agreements with the City Council as regards these properties.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the pavement at **(details supplied)** Swords Road Dublin 9 as it is in very bad repair and several people have reported falling at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection at this location and if required, a repair will be scheduled when a works crew is next available in the area.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the request for adaptation works at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance received this application in September 2019. It is on the waiting list for medical assessment and it is likely that this will be assessed within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive report on each of the city council's cost-rental schemes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In May 2020, Dublin City Council appointed an Architect led integrated design team Bucholz McEvoy, to design, obtain statutory consents and deliver a new sustainable neighbourhood on the Emmet Road site in Inchicore. The project is currently at feasibility stage of the design process. The design team are evaluating the key aspects of the potential development through researching local site history, reviewing planning policies and assessing the overall condition of the site including the constraints and opportunities.

In September 2020, Dublin City Council with the support of Bucholz McEvoy and our consultation partners (Connect the Dots) began a four-phase public consultation process.

From September 15th until November 6th Dublin City Council ran a survey: online, by phone and hard copies available in Richmond Barracks and copies distributed to all schools in the area. This first phase of consultation will give the community the opportunity to share their insights and ideas.

Phase two consultation began on 21st November with a community exhibition on display in a newly designated project office at 6 Tyrconnell Road. The purpose of the exhibition is to display the progress of the design team to date using the research gathered and design principles being explored.

Due to the changing requirement brought about by Covid-19 the event organisers (Connect the Dots) recognise that not everyone will be able or comfortable attending an in-person workshop. We will be monitoring the latest public health guidance to ensure we can organise the event in a safe and socially distanced manner. The restrictions of Covid-19 have limited the options for public consultation.

Phase three and four of the public consultation are proposed for January and February 2021. An outdoor community exhibition/workshop to be located on the site of the former St Michael's Estate is planned for phase three in January 2021.

The development will be subject to the planning procedure as set out in Part 10, Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A Part 10 planning is the submission of a planning application to An Bord Pleanala and accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The proposed date for lodge of planning is April 2021.

At this early stage in the project programme, indicative dates for commencement on site is 2022 and completion of the development 2025. These milestone dates will be subject to a number of factors including approvals, planning timeframes, funding While subject to various approvals, the proposal is that funding will be provided by Department of Housing Planning and Local Government for the 30% social housing and by the European Investment Bank for the cost rental housing. Funding for the cost rental element of the project will be sourced by Dublin City Council at a low rate of interest directly from the European Investment Bank (EIB). The EIB has extensive

experience supporting cost rental housing developments across Europe. The cost of developing the project, including the cost of servicing the debt, will be directly linked to the rent paid by tenants. Engagement with potential funders will be accelerated once the project has obtained full planning permission.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive why is Mypex still being used on flower beds? It has been used at Harts Corner? Mypex doesn't allow movement of worms etc. which impacts the natural process of soil enrichment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Geotextile membranes such as Mypex are used in such civic planting schemes to reduce the number of weeds within the scheme thereby reducing the number of maintenance visits, associated vehicular movements and any necessity to use herbicides. The incorporation of organic matter into the planting area at planting time beneath the geotextile membrane allows for natural soil enrichment through the activity worms and other soil micro fauna.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the road on **(details supplied)**:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will consider both these streets for resurfacing when drafting the 2021 works programme.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail in tabular form the current number of households on the DCC housing list that have stated a first preference to live in the area the Oscar Traynor Road site is located in the format as provided below updated for December 2020; if he can note that the format below is taken from the report presented to the joint housing and planning SPC on the 9th of December 2016 representing the waiting list for that area at that time; if he can detail what the total number of households represent as a proportion of the overall Dublin City Council housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find attached the most up to date table available for people who have stated Area B as a first preference.

This represents 27% of all applicants we have on the Social Housing Waiting List.

Area B Waiting List October 2020						
Time on List	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	Grand Total
0 to 1 year	401	297	52	12	1	763
1 to 5 years	1876	1482	396	33	2	3789
5 to 10 years	901	893	415	32	6	2247
over 10 years	513	539	437	31	1	1521
Grand Total	3691	3211	1300	108	10	8320

Q.138 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm on what date Glenveagh Living Limited and Glenveagh Homes Limited (“preferred bidder”) were notified by Dublin city Council that they had been appointed as the preferred bidder on certain agreed terms; if he can detail whether the preferred bidder were notified that the contract shall no longer be awarded following the decision adopted by the elected members of Dublin City Council on the 16th of November 2020 not to assent the proposal outlined in Report 310/2020 on its agenda of the same date; in circumstances where the preferred bidder were not informed that the contract shall no longer be awarded, if he can set out the precise current status of this public procurement tender; if he can estimate the total man hours and money that has been spent by Dublin City Council on the Oscar Traynor Road site project since the decision adopted by elected councillors of Dublin City Council on the 9th of January 2017 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Glenveagh were informed via etenders of their status of Preferred Bidder on August 13th. 2020.

The Preferred Bidder has not been notified of any termination in the Procurement Process, as the 183 decision is not, in and of itself, a determination of any termination.

The procurement procedure is currently temporarily in abeyance until such a determination can be ratified.

Approximately 2,850 staff hours have been attributed to Oscar Traynor Road HLI since 2017.

The current total sunken costs for project is €440,458.12

Q.139 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide a copy of the precise item on the agenda of the Dublin City Council meeting of the 9th of January 2017 concerning the development of Oscar Traynor Road that was voted on including any amendments if any existed; if he can provide the precise voting record identified by name of each councillor in respect of this specific agenda item; if he can provide a copy of the webcasting of the 9th of January 2017 meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Development of Oscar Traynor Road was considered under Item No. 19 on the January 2017 City Council Agenda - ***“Report No. 39/2017 of the Joint Housing& Planning SPC - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December 2016.”***

The following is an extract from the minutes of the 9th January 2017 City Council meeting.

Lord Mayors Business:

The Lord Mayor then referred to Item No 19 on the Agenda Paper, Report No. 39/2017 of the Joint Housing& Planning SPC - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December 2016 and the three appendices to this report which were circulated to all Members on the previous Friday. He apologised to Members for the late circulation of these Appendices but said that as the topic was so relevant to the current housing/homeless situation, he was proposing that it be discussed under Lord Mayor’s Business to allow more time for discussion than might be available later in the meeting. The Members agreed to take Item 19 at that point.

Two amendments to this report were put forward – these amendment forms can be found in Appendix A to these minutes. Amendment No 1 below was proposed by Cllr John Lyons, Andrew Keegan, Tina MacVeigh and Hazel de Nortúin, and was defeated in a vote

“Noting the decision by the Assistant Chief Executive on Friday 6th January 2017 to withdraw the draft timescales for the three sites included in the Land Initiative Project due to the significant concern it caused for many Councillors and recognising also the following in relation to the Oscar Traynor Land Initiative Project:

- the consequences for future consultation, engagement and input by elected members and community stakeholders of allowing this project proceed to the procurement and tendering stage;

- the lack of clarity surrounding the establishment of the Local Consultative Forum, when it is to be established, its remit and its statutory power to inform and influence the future design stages of the project;

- the lack of consultation with the Gaelscoil Colmchille regarding its need for additional land for the provision of a two-stream permanent school with necessary amenity space;

this council calls for the Oscar Traynor Land Initiative Project report be set aside for one month to allow management to address the above issues satisfactorily”

Amendment No 2 below was proposed by Cllrs Gilliland, McAuliffe, Montague, Mahon, Reilly, Brabazon, O’Moore, Moran, T Keegan, MacDonncha, Doolan, Sammon, O’Farrell, Heney, Clancy, Carney Boud and approved by the City Council.

“To add the following to the last line of the Oscar Traynor Road Report, Appendix paragraph under the sub-heading Consultation on page - but will include representatives of Lorcan Estate, Castletimon Estate, Woodlawn Estate, Aulden Grange Estate, Santry Court Estate and Gaelscoil Cholmchille. This forum will be consulted by those drawing up the statutory Master Plan. The Masterplan will then be presented to the City Council for approval”

Consequently, It was then proposed by Councillor J Boylan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of submitted Report No 39/2017 of the Joint Housing & Planning SPC - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December, included Appendices A. B and C as amended” The motion was put and carried.

Attached to this response is the following:

- 1) Report No. 39/2017 of the Joint Housing & Planning SPC - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th December 2016
- 2) Report No. 39/2017 – Appendix C - Oscar Traynor Road Land Initiative Project
- 3) Item 04a Appendix A to the January 2017 City Council Minutes – Copy of Amendment forms to Report 39/2017 Appendix C.
- 4) Vote 1 – Vote No. 1 to amend Report No. 39/2017 - Appendix C. Amendment No. 1 as proposed by Cllr John Lyons, Andrew Keegan, Tina MacVeigh and Hazel de Nortúin.
- 5) Vote 2 - Vote No. 2 to amend Report No. 39/2017 - Appendix C. Amendment No. 2 as proposed by Cllrs Gilliland, McAuliffe, Montague, Mahon, Reilly,

Brabazon, O'Moore, Moran, T Keegan, MacDonncha, Doolan, Sammon, O'Farrell, Heney, Clancy, Carney Boud

- 6) Vote 3 – Vote to approve Report No 39/2017 and included Appendices A, B and C as amended.

A copy of the webcast of the meeting will be made available to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm that there will be a report authored by the traffic and transport division on the agenda of the 14th of December 2020 South East Area meeting concerning the Strand Road Cycle trial which shall include a mapping on specific roads of what measures shall be put in place on the most affected roads, and the village itself, if the projected traffic increases materialise; if he can note that it was previously pledged that such a report would be prepared for the South East Area committee in advance of the commencement of the trial.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Yes the information requested will be available for the meeting on the 14th of December.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive which projects Dublin City Council are applying to the EU for funding and which projects have we received funding for in the term of this council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(i) *What projects Dublin City Council are applying to the EU for funding:*

The Economic Development & International Relations Offices are currently progressing a preparation process in advance of the upcoming European Funding Programme 2021 – 2027, as outlined below.

In late September 2020, the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee Working Group on International Relations & European Affairs, sought to ascertain details on existing and past EU projects and EU funded national projects that Dublin City Council has participated in or applied to. This was in order to prepare for future EU funding and project opportunities and to gain ***an understanding of the level and scope of EU funded projects under the 2014 to 2020 EU budget cycle and to assist in raising awareness of funding opportunities in the new EU budget cycle (2021-2027).***

Progression to Date:

An external co-ordinator, Urban Mode Ltd, has been appointed to progress European project proposal potential. A project proposal has been developed to examine the Council's capability and capacity for developing European funding opportunities for the upcoming 2021 – 2027 European Funding programme.

The preparation process involves a 3 stage approach being carried out:

Stage	Process	Timeframe
Stage 1	Complete Internal Organisation Survey	October 2020
Stage 2	Develop & Deliver Staff Information Sessions	November 2020
Stage 3	Develop European Programme Strategy Document	December 2020

The Corporate Policy Group, which met on 25th September, has been informed of this approach,

Stage 1: Internal organisation survey: Complete

In the first week in October 2020, a survey questionnaire was issued to all departments and sections across the organisation. Submissions were received from 8 Departments and 14 sections. All data was collated, reviewed and presented to the SPC working group on 12th October 2020.

Stage 2: Information Sharing Events: Complete

European Programme Information sharing meetings were developed and scheduled to be held in collaboration with National Contact Points for various programmes. It is noted there has already been a seminar with Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly and the European Investment Bank on 29th July with the SPC Working Group. Four information sessions have been delivered for internal Dublin City Council staff in November and a full overview information session with the full council on 25th November 2020.

Stage 3: European Funding Strategy for Dublin City Council: Progressing

Following the data gathering and information sharing process stages, development of a strategy document for Future Funding for Dublin City Council has commenced.

**Which projects have we received funding for in the term of this council
Internal organisation survey:**

In the first week in October 2020, a survey questionnaire was issued to all departments and sections across the organisation. Submissions were received from 8 Departments and 14 sections. All data was collated, reviewed and presented to the SPC working group on 12th October 2020.

Survey response details of the projects which were successful in the current European programme 2014 – 2020 are outlined in attached document.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if more portable toilets can be provided in the city coming up to Christmas

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently providing 2 temporary toilet facilities at locations in the city centre. The units are located at Wolfe Tone Square and St Stephens Green. These units contain 7 toilet facilities in total, including a wheelchair accessible unit at each location. The reopening of retail activity in the city centre includes the continued provision of public toilets in the usual locations where such facilities are normally available within shopping centres and department stores.

Dublin City Council will keep the matter of providing additional toilet facilities under review and is pursuing the provision of more sustainable facilities within the city centre area.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive when the BETA project water fountains will be expanded after their successful pilot in St Annes Park, into Fairview Park, along the promenade and other city parks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The drinking fountains in St Annes Park were an initiative of the Parks Service which will be extended to other parks where there is an accessible potable and metered

supply of water. Fairview Park can be considered for such an installation in the vicinity of the changing pavilion as part of the Parks Improvement Programme for 2021.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if there is still a proposal to sell Tolka Park and considering that the Dublin City Development planners advise a need for increased sports facilities in local areas. Other clubs besides home grounds Shelbourne FC have also use these grounds for training that have no grounds, could we look at the viability of keeping Tolka park which has been the home of football for one hundred years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In June 2015, Dublin City Council purchased Dalymount Park for €3.8 million and in October 2016 Dublin City Council took control of Tolka Park at a cost of €500,000 which is a short distance from Dalymount Park. Both grounds, due to lack of investment have fallen into disrepair and are not near the standard that is expected of modern sports stadia for top level football. They also both suffer from a reduced capacity which hinders the clubs from attracting new spectators.

Dublin City Council has also incurred significant ongoing costs on both grounds to ensure that they can be continue to be used by Bohemian FC and Shelbourne FC in the short-term. It is expected that the maintenance costs will continue to rise over the coming years due to the condition of both stadia. Outside of Bohemian FC and Shelbourne FC senior teams neither stadium can accommodate much community usage or training due to the state of the facilities and they lie idle outside of match day.

Following a detailed appraisal, the consolidation of two crumbling stadia not fit for purpose will be replaced by a redeveloped Dalymount Park including the following:

- four-sided enclosed municipal stadium with a Hybrid Pitch
- new north, south, east and west stands
- new community stand (east) – 1,000m² at first floor level including library, flexible community space, meeting rooms etc. plus c.1,000m² of concourse space at ground level which will be used for community activities and events on non-matchdays
- new football stand (west) – UEFA Category 3 facilities plus club offices and meeting rooms incl. c250m² of hospitality/community space
- capacity: 6,000
- UEFA Category 3 compliant.

This modern municipal facility will be much more than a sports ground for two football clubs. It will have a variety of multi-functional facilities with a new public library at it centre all which will be available for the wider community of North Dublin seven days a week.

The expected cost of the redeveloped Dalymount Park is €35 million. Dublin City Council were provisionally allocated €918,750 via the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) for the design and planning stages of the project. Further funding will be required from stream 2 of the LSSIF for the construction stage of the project. However a significant amount of the funding for the redevelopment will have

to be provided by Dublin City Council and a substantial portion of these funds will be derived from the rezoning and sale of Tolka Park.

As the design of project progresses both clubs and the community will be consulted to get their view on the plan for the redeveloped Dalymount Park. Through this planned redevelopment, Dublin City Council now has the opportunity to deliver a unique shared sports and community hub and contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of Phibsborough and the surrounding communities.