

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 05TH JULY 2021

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how much Dublin City Council sought from the EU Covid Relief fund, who set those requests and how much the Council is expected now to receive.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) aims to mitigate the economic and social impact of the pandemic and make European economies and societies more sustainable, resilient and better prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the green and digital transitions. The RRF is the key element of €750bn Next Generation EU / Recovery Plan Package agreed by EU and accounts for €672.6bn of Next Generation EU - €360bn loans and €312.5bn in grant.

Ireland has drafted a National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) for approval by EU, which sets out priorities for funding to a total value of €915m in grants that will be used to support investment between now and 2026. The draft plan was published on 1st June 2021 along with the government's Economic Recovery Plan.

Dublin City Council made a submission under the consultation process led by the Department of An Taoiseach in February 2021, a copy of the full submission was circulated to all Councillors. Our submission prioritised Capital projects that could fall into the various flagship areas identified and set out key priorities for the city with details of policy alignment. For example Green and Digital are two of the priorities that are common to Dublin City Council's submission and those identified by the Commission.

The full DCC submission followed the format set out below, with recommendations made under the six pillars and seven flagship areas, for inclusion in the NRRP.

The NRRP six EU pillars:

1)	Green transition
2)	Digital transformation
3)	Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development and innovation, and a well-functioning single market with strong SMEs
4)	Social and territorial cohesion
5)	Health, and economic, social and institutional resilience, including with a view of increasing crisis reaction and crisis preparedness
6)	Policies for the next generation, children and youth, including education and skills

NRRP's were also required to address seven EC flagship areas [identified for reforms and investments by the European Commission](#) namely: Power Up, Renovate, Recharge & Refuel, Connect, Modernise, Scale-Up and Reskill and Upskill.

Dublin City Council made its submission to inform Ireland's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) as per [the invitation from the Department of the Taoiseach](#) published on 2nd February 2021.

The submission outlined a number of practical proposals which Dublin City Council considered would significantly contribute to these target areas. This submission also spoke to some of the key actions needed to keep the Dublin economy performing as the engine room of the Irish economy and to ensure its recovery and long-term resilience.

URDF Submissions: This submission also included some Dublin City Council projects that were originally submitted for the Urban Regional Development Funding URDF scheme. The Council was awaiting an announcement of URDF projects at the time of this submission. A number of these have since been successful in obtaining funding.

The submission addresses challenges and identified opportunities to reimagine the city and its neighbourhoods and identified how key parts of the city could be regenerated, through investment, city greening and improved connectivity and quality of living.

Policy Guidelines and Criteria: The Council’s goals and objectives articulated in the [Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 of Dublin City Council](#) provided a framework to realise these opportunities. The type of actions identified to deal with the main challenges in the Dublin economy and for social cohesion in the city were furthermore addressed by the [country-specific recommendations from the European Commission](#) for the post-Covid19 recovery in Ireland. These can be summarised as follows:

- Support employment through developing skills.
- Increase the provision of social and affordable housing.
- Support SMEs through measures ensuring liquidity.
- Frontload mature public investment projects and promote private investment to foster economic recovery.
- Focus investment on the green and digital transition, in particular on clean and efficient use of energy, sustainable public transport, water supply and treatment, research and innovation and digital infrastructure.

In each of the above mentioned areas, Dublin City Council is a key provider. The following six areas were prioritised and used to assess which proposals to include in this submission.

- Energy efficiency
- Digital transformation
- Greening and biodiversity
- Flood defences (digital and nature-based solutions)
- Public realm
- Wellbeing

The following six proposals were included in the submission seeking a total of €376.4M:

Project	Ask
a. Energy efficiency – District Heating	€89.5M
b. Retrofitting	€95M (Phase Two and Three)
c. Low Carbon Construction	€20M
d. 5G Digital Transformation	€69.7M
e. Greening and Biodiversity	€43.7M
f. Flood Defences & Resilience	€23.9
g. Public Realm	€34.6
Total	€376.4M

If supported by national government and the European Union via the Recovery and Resilience Facility, Dublin City Council sought to demonstrate with this submission how the grant funding of a set of specific practical proposals would significantly contribute to the recovery and resilience especially in Dublin city centre. The Council was confident that these interventions would be a catalysts and create positive momentum in the Dublin economy to the benefit of local residents, local businesses, the large population in the metropolitan area as well as the country as a whole.

The National Plan falls under 3 priority areas with investments & reforms identified under each.

- The NRRP has 16 investments & 9 reform commitments to the value of €915 million.
- The main focus is on Green, Digital & Skills development.
- Cork Commuter Rail; Peatlands; Irish Water River Basin Management; Science Foundation Ireland; Solas; Public Sector Office Retrofit; Enterprise Sector; Shared Government Data Centre; Schools; Census; eHealth initiative; Tus Transformation; SláinteCare; Social & Affordable Housing all get specific mention.
- The draft NPPR makes no reference to the role that local authorities will play in the NRRP process. It is not evident if any of the content contained in the DCC submission has been incorporated into the draft national plan.

Next Steps

Ireland's draft NRRP will now be assessed by the European Commission which will, within two months make a recommendation to the Council of the European Union, on the basis of which implementation of the plan will commence, and EU financial support will start to flow.

A NPPR Implementation Body will be established by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to oversee implementation of the Plan. Reporting to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Body will act as the lead authority for Ireland and as the single point of contact with the European Commission.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive why the Council does not employ people in a combined role of Litter Warden/Dog warden/ Community warden.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services currently have thirteen litter wardens to service the Dublin City Council administrative area with regard to investigating and deterring illegal dumping. There are no current plans within Waste Management Services to have a combined litter, dog and community warden. Your suggestion will be taken into account in any future realigning strategies.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the total number homes that could be provided on land currently owned by Dublin City Council if the Department of Housing was to supply the funding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council arranges for the construction of public housing projects in accordance with the "CWMF" (Capital Works Management Framework) as operated by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government. The CWMF process is divided into 4 stages as follows:

- Stage 1 – Capital Appraisal & Project Review (approval to appoint consultants/Design Team).
- Stage 2 - Pre Statutory approval (pre Part 8 commencement)
- Stage 3 – Pre tender approval
- Stage 4 – Tender approval and award of contract

As outlined in the monthly Housing Delivery Report the City Council currently has 7,145 homes in the pipeline, at various stages of Departmental approval (under construction/at tender stage/regeneration projects/at planning and design).

Included in the 7,145 are plans for approximately 2,707 homes on City Council-owned land which do not yet have Departmental funding approval. Stage 1 applications will be made following completion of the appropriate feasibility studies.

Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status
DCC	Dominick Street West	Regeneration	90	Feasibility ongoing
DCC	St. Finbar's Court, D.7	Regeneration	46	Part 8 granted April 2021
DCC	St Bricin's Park,	Regeneration	10	In-house single stage process being pursued
DCC	Dunne Street	Regeneration	130	Stage 1 application being prepared
DCC	Oliver Bond, D.8	Regeneration	48 Ph 1	Stage 1 application being finalised
DCC	Donore Avenue-(Former Teresa's Gardens)	Regeneration	210	LDA developing a planning application for 700 units (30% social 70% cost rental)
DCC	Tyrone Place, D8	Regeneration	96	Feasibility underway
DCC	Lissadell Maisonettes	Regeneration	70	Feasibility being finalised
DCC	Mount Dillon Court, D.5	Regeneration	45	Feasibility underway
DCC	Gorsefield Court, D.5	Regeneration	44	Feasibility being finalised
DCC	Grove Road, D.6	Regeneration	30	Feasibility being finalised
DCC	Rathmines Avenue	Regeneration	87	Feasibility being finalised
DCC	Glovers Court, D2	Regeneration	38	Stage 1 application being finalised
DCC	Russell Street, D.1	LA Housing	35	Acquisition of two adjoining sites underway to maximise the development potential of the site
DCC	Bannow Road (2.8 Acres), D.7	LA Housing	60	Ongoing engagement with Transport Ireland regarding their requirement for a portion of the site
DCC (Depot)	Stanley Street, D.7	LA Housing	275	Feasibility study completed
DCC (Depot)	Davitt Road, D.12	LA Housing	70	Potential Social Housing Development
DCC (Depot)	Forbes Lane, D.8	LA Housing	78	Feasibility study underway and on completion will be assigned to an AHB for development
DCC (Depot)	Collins Avenue, D.9	LA Housing	115	Feasibility studies underway
DCC (Depot)	Portland Row, D.1	LA Housing	35	Feasibility study being finalised

Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status
DCC (Depot)	Gulistan Terrace, D6	LA Housing	100	Feasibility study completed Housing for Older persons and some cost rental.
DCC	Mellowes Road, Finglas	LA Housing	30	Feasibility study underway
DCC (Rapid)	Darndale Spine D.17	LA Housing	70	Stage 1 application being compiled for DHLGH
DCC (Rapid)	Belcamp Site E D.17	LA Housing	41	Feasibility study completed and being reviewed in light of the Jack Nolan report
DCC (Rapid)	Church of the Annunciation, Finglas, D.11	LA Housing	100	Design development underway.
DCC (Rapid)	Ballymun LAP Site 5 Santry Cross South Main Street West	LA Housing	50	Scheme being devised for a Senior Citizen development, Rapid build
DCC (Rapid)	Ballymun LAP Site 13 Silloogue Road	LA Housing	50	Scheme being devised for a Senior Citizen development, Rapid build
DCC (Rapid)	Grand Canal Basin, D.8	LA Housing	80	Design team appointed
DCC	Ballymun LAP Site 19 St Joseph's site	LA Housing	100	Feasibility study being finalised to determine development options
DCC	Ballymun LAP Site Carton lands	LA Housing	100	Site rezoned for housing and full review of development potential underway
AHB	Gardiner Street D.1	CALF	45	Early stages of consideration
AHB	Clonmacnoise Grove, D.12	CALF	29	Determining development options
AHB	Ravensdale Close, D.12	CALF	16	Determining development options
AHB	Kilmainham, D.8	CAS	11	Section 183 approved
AHB	Berryfield Drive D.11	CALF	10	Resubmit planning application
AHB (Depot Site)	Broombridge Road, D.7	CALF	15	Consider AHB to carry out the development.
AHB	Orchard Road, D.3	CALF	32	AHB selected and assigned to scheme
AHB (Peter Mc Verry Trust)	Halston Street, D.7	CALF	11	Design development underway
AHB	Dolphin/SCR Site	CALF	20	Expressions of interest received from a number of AHB's
DCC AHB	Ballymun LAP Site 8 -Coultry Gardens	CALF	45	To go out to the AHB protocol
DCC AHB	Ballymun LAP Site 11 -Silloogue Ave	CALF	100	To go out to the AHB protocol

Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status
DCC AHB	Ballymun LAP Site 18 - Balcurris	CALF	40	To go out to the AHB protocol (possible cost rental scheme)
		TOTAL	2707	

Q.4 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive to state the job description for the position of Head of the EU Office in DCC, also what experience of European Operations funding and how the EU operates is required. What is the method of recruitment and where the job is advertised?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In line with the commitment made to the Senior Management Team and to the members of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, work is underway to implement the EU Programme Participations Strategy 2021 to 2027. In the past few months a presentation on the strategy has been made to members of each of Dublin City Council's Strategic Policy Committees. The creation of the EU Programmes Office is the first critical step in implementing the strategy and will ensure that a dedicated resource is in place. The office will work to improve co-ordination and project participation and assist in clarifying the application and submission procedures, while also improving communication on the benefits and outputs from project participation, which is designed to improve the lives of citizens and local communities.

I have approved a structure for the staffing of this office and work is progressing to ensure that each of the key posts will be filled in the coming months. The job description for the position of the head of the EU office will require a candidate who has the skills and experience to manage the office, to lead and direct the staff assigned to this office and to implement the EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 to 2027. As you are aware relationship building and capacity building are key recommendations of the strategy. In line with the strategy recommendations a training needs analysis will be carried out when the new team is in place, and will be implemented with inputs from external experts to guide the skills development process.

A report on progress on the EU Programme Participation Strategy will form part of the agenda of the next Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee in September. The Human Resources Department are advising on the best methods of recruitment to ensure that we attract strong candidates to fill each of the roles and that will facilitate the establishment of the office in the coming months.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number and location of public seats and public benches in the city between the two canals and to outline any plans the city council has to transform, enhance and expand the public spaces and public places in which Dublin City citizens and visitors alike can enjoy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no centralised record of seating in the city as it is provided in several ways. Our Parks provide a wide range of seating, which has been increased significantly in recent years. Where appropriate public domain projects include seating, including ones attached to large planters, which can be added or removed depending on location. Our age friendly walkability studies also identify locations for age friendly seating, which is designed for ease of use, including the provision of arms, which assist

older people's use of the seating. Waterways Ireland also provides seating in areas under their control, as does the OPW. We continue to add seating as opportunities arise, but also frequently receive requests for seating to be removed from households and businesses where it is perceived as contributing to anti-social behaviour.

There are multiple public realm projects in various stages of development and delivery, all of which are intended to transform, enhance and expand the public realm for the enjoyment of all. In designing each of these public realm schemes, the provision of public seating in appropriate locations is considered as an integral part of the design process.

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have been designing seating opportunities into all of its projects to enhance and up-grade the parks in the city. Examples of designed insitu seating is evident in the Peace Garden, St Audeons Park and the grounds of Christchurch. Bespoke extra-long benches were designed for Merrion Square Park in additions to the boles of trees which have been arranged as opportunities for sitting. Similarly, in Croppies Arce Park, cut stone has been arranged as opportunities for sitting and this has proven popular. Thirty new benches are being installed as an initiative of the Lord Mayor over the next number of weeks as a Covid 'memorial'. This is in addition to the scores of traditional park benches which are available in all public parks.

The Heart of the City; Public Realm Masterplan sets out core objectives to increase seating and provide lingering spaces or small spaces of respite in the city core. These provide greening and seating as well as playful elements to enhance the individual's experience of the city. All public realm projects include greening, seating, enhanced sustainable drainage, all of which are intended to transform, enhance and expand the public realm for the enjoyment of all. Examples include Clarendon Street Chatham Street, St Audeons, the Millenium Garden and Part 8 already in place for Wolfe Tone Square, Liffey Street, Temple Bar Square.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repair of a very dangerous pavement outside 136-137 Charlemont, Dublin 9 please. There is a very dangerous lip / trip hazard at this location. I understand there may have been accidents previously at this spot but in any case a young girl had a nasty accident very recently solely due to the condition of the pavement and I'm requesting its urgent repair please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled. This will be repaired when a works crew is available in the area. As things stand, we would plan to have a repair crew in Charlemont in the coming 8-10 weeks.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many dog wardens are employed by DCC for the city of Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is in the process of employing two temporary dog wardens to work with the Animal Welfare Unit. It is envisaged that this number will be increased to four once the Dog Shelter Service Framework has been completed.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when will DCC install the medium on **(details supplied)?**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Central Area Office is not aware of any plan to install a Central Median on (details supplied).

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been an increase in family's presenting to homeless services in Dublin over the last 6 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below shows family presentations for the previous 6 months. The average number of families presenting monthly over this 6 month period is **58**.

Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021
56	60	54	47	53	79

699 families entered emergency accommodation for the first time between January and December 2020.

This compares to 1,112 for the same period in 2018, and 1,031 in 2019.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will employ apprentices when health restrictions are eased.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to our apprenticeship programme and will continue to keep it under review.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary report of all of the illegal dumping measures that have been tried and which have proven to be successful with a view to implementing some initiative at St. Nicholas Place in Dublin 8 where there is a perpetual problem of dumped bagged waste on an almost daily basis now and where none of the usual methods applied by the Area public domain officer - leaflets re obligations on bagged waste, council signs, searching bins for identification - have provided any solution. Residents are under siege from this illegal waste which is a public health hazard, an eye sore and extremely frustrating for them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In blackspot illegal dumping areas the following measures can positively impact on abatement:

"No Dumping" & Collection Day Signage. Distribution of flyers containing important information for residents on how to manage their waste.

Regular Monitoring by Litter Warden Service.

Door knock campaign provided by Litter Warden Service in conjunction with Public Domain with follow-on Compliance and Enforcement Programme.

Education and awareness is key in changing attitudes and behaviours around managing domestic waste and appropriate compliant waste storage and disposal. To date Flyers have been distributed to residents in the immediate vicinity and Bye Law Compliance Letters have been sent to the occupiers. Many residents have already made contact with Public Domain to discuss how they can demonstrate compliance. Residents want to be active in addressing the local illegal dumping.

The Public Domain Officer has offered to meet residents to discuss the issue and to highlight the importance of reporting illegal dumping. The Litter Warden Service are monitoring Saint Nicholas Place and John Dillon St. The supervisor is working with the Public Domain Officer on implementing a Covid Compliant door knock campaign.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive who is responsible for testing the quality and safety of the Liffey water between the M50 and Dublin Bay, the regularity of said testing and the results.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The water quality monitoring of the River Liffey waters is undertaken by Dublin City Council staff under two programmes, namely;

- Monthly sampling on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and;
- Bi-monthly sampling for Dublin City Council monitoring under our Water Framework Directive operations.

The over-riding objective of the monitoring programme is to achieve the objectives of the Water Framework Directive (WFD). The DCC WFD Office carry out the water sampling for both programmes, at approximately a dozen locations along the river. The Central Laboratory analyse the DCC bi-monthly samples while the EPA analyse the monthly sampling. Further information about EPA monitoring can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.epa.ie/our-services/monitoring--assessment/freshwater--marine/> - [LINK](#)

For further information regarding river quality, please visit the following webpage:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/environment/water-and-wastewater/water-pollution-control/river-quality>

If you have any issues related to surface water pollution, please email waterpollution@dublincity.ie.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the proposed Linear Park at Rialto Dublin 8 to include: Confirmation of the scope of the project including a map, who the main stakeholders are and how is their input being coordinated in terms of design & funding; any blockages to progressing the project as a result of action/ inaction from other state agencies; the project budget - please provide details of project budget including funding streams from stakeholders and value and extent of works in lieu of funding as part of adjacent development e.g. entrance works at Fatima & Rialto Luas stops which are included in the scope of works and budgets for MISA and NCH; the draft programme and proposed phasing for the works.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The last iteration of the Masterplan for the Linear Park from the Grand Canal to Basin View went to public consultation using Civic Space, DCC's online tool on the 18th of November 2020 and ran for 6 weeks. The outcome of was reported to the February

South Central Area Committee. The following are updates in relation to specific elements of the masterplan that will be implemented in phases.

Fatima Station environs: Works within the park adjacent to Fatima station will commence in September 2021 based on the planning granted for the MISA entrance. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are managing this project.

Basin View – MISA Entrance: The detailed design of this area of the park will be developed in Q4 2021 based on the consultation feedback received on the masterplan, with a view to implement in 2022 by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Fatima Station – Rialto Station: Following the National Children’s Hospital (NCH) works completion, BAM will reinstate the full park lands from the hospital boundary to the edge of the LUAS line as per intention of the masterplan. St. James’s hospital have been in contact with DCC to extend the current wayleave agreement that expires in March 2022 to mid-2025. This request will be dealt with by Planning and Development Department in consultation with Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services.

Rialto Station - Rialto Bridge The design for the NCH entrance and park environs that includes parks lands from Rialto Luas station to Rialto Bridge was agreed as part of the hospital planning. The NCH have sought an extension to the license to mid-2025 for use of the lands within Parks boundary. As part of the license and planning agreements, the NCH will reinstate these lands as per the planning drawings and for the park environs, as per the intention of the masterplan.

Rialto Bridge – Suir Road This section of the parks sits along the proposed 7B cycle route in the NTA’s ‘Cycle Network for the Greater Dublin Area’. We are working with Environment and Transportation Department to develop the detail of how this cycle route can be integrated into the park while ensuring that the park is retained as a safe space for walking amenity and children’s play. The Environment and Transportation Department advises that they intend to prioritise the design development of this route in order to minimise delays to the development of the linear park.

A report on this will be brought to the SCAC in due course.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what the options are for providing outdoor furniture to provide casual seating and/or outside dining within the village of Inchicore, in particular in the vicinity of the junction/area of Tyrconnell/Emmet Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

As elsewhere in the city, businesses which wish to use the public realm for outdoor dining should apply to streetfurniture@dublincity.ie. Applications are assessed on an individual basis and are subject to meeting various criteria including adequate space remaining for pedestrians. Parking bays may also be reassigned in areas of indented parking or loading bays in 30k zones, subject to there being adequate remaining provision. There is no such space at the junction of Emmet and Tyrconnell Road. However, a tree planter with benches has been installed by DCC at this location.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please. I assume the Lord Mayor of Dublin has been a patron of the Artane Band for quite a number of years (decades even). I know a motion from Cllr Mannix Flynn mentioning the ongoing collective suffering he and many abuse survivors endure when they see the band marching was

first set down on the agenda for the October 2016 City Council meeting (received 11/09/2016). I would like a report please on when exactly the Lord Mayor of Dublin was appointed patron of the Artane Band / School of Music. The report to include whether or not it was invitation or request and how and by whom was this instigated please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Artane School of Music / Lord Mayor as Patron timeline

- 20th January 2016 - Letter from Keith Kelly General Manager asking if the Lord Mayor would consider becoming Patron of the Artane School of Music.
- 28th January 2016 - Request for the Lord Mayor to be patron of the Artane School of Music agreed by Protocol Committee and recommended to Council.
- 7th March 2016 - Agreed by Dublin City Council at their monthly meeting.
- 14th March 2016 - Letter from Lord Mayor Criona Ní Dhálaigh confirming the decision of Council and that the Lord Mayor of Dublin would be Patron of the Artane School of Music.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive if the following traffic and pedestrian matters in the Kilmainham area, which have been raised by local residents, can be looked at in detail:

a) The South Circular Road/Bulfin Road crossroads (picture supplied): This junction has pedestrian lights on two sides and would greatly benefit from full wraparound pedestrian crossings given this was already a particularly busy junction, which has now only become busier due to works at the NCH. As the road-markings are still visible across the junction in the picture supplied, it seems there previously was a pedestrian crossing here. Further, there is limited visibility for drivers turning left from Kilmainham onto to SCR towards St. James's. Could this junction be examined by local engineers for improvements, particularly the wraparound pedestrian crossing?

b) Traffic lights on SCR, Kilmainham (outside Natural Bakery – picture supplied): These traffic lights are partially obscured by trees and local residents report seeing motorists regularly driving through red lights because they cannot adequately see the lights. This poses a danger to local pedestrians and needs to be addressed, possibly by introducing lights that appear overhead rather than being hidden behind the trees?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The junction of South Circular Road / Bulfin Road will be assessed by the Area Engineer for the installation of a full wrap around Pedestrian Crossing. The junction of South Circular Road / Bulfin Road currently has signalised pedestrian crossings on three arms of the junction. There is also a separate signalised pedestrian outside the shops 60 metres to the north of the un-signalised arm of South Circular Road. This location will be assessed along with other capitol works requests for consideration for the 2022 TAG works programme. The councillor will be advised of the findings by the Traffic Advisory Group in due course.
- b) In relation to part (b) please note that our Traffic Officers visited the site last week and confirmed that the traffic signals are within standards from a visibility point of view. Overhead traffic signals are deemed to be not feasible due to the lack of space overhead required for installation. The management/maintenance of the trees is an issue for the parks department and this has been referred to them by our traffic officers.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline and provide the following:

- a) the proportion of DCC's annual budget which has been spent on addressing dereliction from 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021;
- b) the number of derelict sites inspectors employed by DCC; and
- c) how the allocation for addressing dereliction in different areas is determined.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) The Derelict Sites Section is managed and operated by 1 shared Administrative Officer, 1 shared Senior Staff Officer, 2 Staff Officers full time, 1 Assistant Staff Officer full time and 1 inspector shared. This equates to 0.08% of the annual budget for this period 2015-2020.

b) There is one dedicated Inspector carrying out inspections/ investigations for Property Management, Derelict Sites and Vacant Sites Sections. There is also currently a vacancy for another investigation officer in the department. However, all of the staff in the Derelict Sites Section are appointed as Authorised Persons in accordance with Section 30 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Therefore all of the Authorised Persons may enter on the land and at all reasonable times for any purpose connected with this Act to carry out inspections and investigations.

c) The Derelict Sites Section engages with Area Managers, councillors and the public in identifying derelict sites and dealing with same.

Derelict Sites Section has a three step approach in dealing with dereliction:

1 When a complaint is received the property is inspected. If following the inspection action is required, ownership details are established through the Title and Research Section of the Law Department. Following receipt of same an informal letter is written in accordance with Section 9 & 10 of the Act, requesting the owners to carry out works to render the sites non derelict and reminding them of their obligations under the Act. This often has a very successful outcome as works are undertaken and no further action is required.

2. Formal action is taken if the owner of the site has failed to render the site non derelict. Appropriate Notices served and the sites are entered on the Derelict Sites Register. All sites entered on the Register incur a levy of 7% of the market value of the site plus interest @ 1.25% per month for as long as the site remains entered on the Register.

3. As the eradication of dereliction in the City is a key priority for the City Council and to achieve this objective and to ensure that properties are redeveloped and returned to active use, the Council exercises its legislative powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to acquire sites on the Derelict Sites Register in circumstances where all efforts to secure the carrying out of improvement works by property owners have been exhausted.

The Council is pursuing an ongoing acquisition strategy and since 2017 twenty five derelict houses were acquired under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. All but four of these sites are under the control of the Housing and Community Services Department and are being refurbished and used for social housing purposes. One was sold at auction and has been rendered non derelict, two are under consideration by the Housing Department and one site is with Housing and Community Department who is working on a re-development scheme. This site consists of an unfinished development which had planning permission for the construction of 48 apartments.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to insure that all street furniture licenses and outdoor permits for dining are properly displayed in the public domain so as to give transparency for the public and also to ensure that the public can, if necessary, make complaints about the blocking of footpaths and the unlawful extension of dining areas. Like all planning applications which are placed in the public domain it is extremely important that public displays of such licenses which constitute adhoc planning should be on public display during the lifetime of the license and the permit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is a requirement of all Street Furniture Licences and Permits that they are displayed in a prominent position for the public to view. The Street Furniture Licensing Section will write to all licence and permit holders reminding them of this requirement. Street Furniture Inspectors will also check that this requirement is being fulfilled when they inspect a business. All complaints with regard to Street Furniture can be made to streetfurniturecomplaints@dublincity.ie.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full breakdown of costs for the umbrellas and seating that were supplied by DCC in the Smithfield area. This report also to include the cost of the public lighting boxes that were used to advertise the Hugh Lane Gallery. Further, the cost of all seating of DCC that were recently initiated in various parts of Dublin city, the cost, and their procurement process to be included in this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Smithfield: Prior to reopening for hospitality in Summer 2020 the businesses in Smithfield came together and requested Dublin City Council's support in assisting them reopen in the public realm. This intervention supported approximately 50 jobs. The agreement was that Dublin City Council would supply umbrellas and other infrastructure while the businesses provided the seating themselves. The umbrellas for 8 premises had a total cost of €63,543. This included wooden base covers, ballast, lighting, heaters, covers and other elements.

Light boxes:

Ten solar powered light boxes were purchased as a trial on Smithfield Square. The total cost for the ten light boxes was €25,000 + VAT. The cost included manufacturing and design, printing, delivery and installation.

Seating: The "A Seat for You" Dwell Zone initiative commenced on Saturday 12th June for 4 consecutive weekends and is open to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-9pm at the following locations

- Mansion House
- Dublin Castle
- Capel Street
- O'Connell Street

Due to the time constraints of the government announcement and the urgent requirement for a quick turnaround, it was not feasible to run a full procurement process. Dublin City Council sought competitive submissions to include a proposal and costings from three event companies for provision of Dwell Zones on per site basis. The total costs are as outlined below:

- Mansion House €22,531
- Dublin Castle €22,826

- O'Connell St €20,913
- Capel St €20,484

Q.20 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a directive in accordance with licensing laws that any seats that are supplied or seating areas that are supplied by DCC in recent times or indeed any pedestrianised areas, or semi-pedestrianised areas, that are designated for outdoor dining are made extremely aware of the liquor licensing laws and acts. Also, that they are made aware of the consumption of alcohol in the public domain. Given the recent public warning by An Garda Síochána that DCC ensure that these outdoor dining spaces that they have created are not used for the illegal consumption of alcohol while sitting in a public place. In conclusion, can the CEO initiate a full review of street furniture laws with regards the consumption of alcohol and outdoor dining initiatives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A bill Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 to address the issue is currently before the Seanad and may be found at the following link <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/bills/bill/2021/95/>. The bill is stated to “make provision, on a temporary basis, for the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor in certain circumstances in seating areas located outside licensed premises in order to allow, in the public interest and having regard to the manifest and grave risk to human life and public health posed by the spread of the disease known as Covid-19, the businesses of licensees of such premises to operate in a manner that mitigates the spread of that disease; to provide for the application of certain enactments to those outdoor seating areas; to provide for additional enforcement measures in respect of those outdoor seating areas to ensure compliance with those enactments; to provide for additional bases for objection to renewal of licences and, in the case of clubs, certificates of registration, in respect of such premises, and provide for related matters”

DCC intoxicating liquor bye-laws state that “*It shall not be an offence under these bye-laws to consume intoxicating liquor while seated at tables and chairs provided on a street or a public place immediately adjacent to a hotel, restaurant or public house where the consumption of such intoxicating liquor is in strict compliance with the liquor licence attaching to such hotel, restaurant or public house or any occasional licence (within the meaning of the Intoxicating Liquor Acts) granted in respect of such premises and is in strict compliance with the general laws concerning the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor and where the arrangements for such tables and chairs are strictly compliant with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963-2000 or as these are amended from time to time or pursuant to any regulations made there under or made under the provisions of the Roads Act, 1993 and where the tables and chairs aforesaid have been provided, for patrons only, by the proprietor(s) of the hotel, restaurant or public house aforesaid and where the consumption aforesaid occurs within the hours of trading permitted under the general law relating to spirits retailers on-licences (i.e., publican’s licences).*”

There has been a well-publicised anomaly in policy in recent times with regard to the sale of alcohol into licensed street furniture areas to accommodate an outdoor summer. The law is in the process of being changed on a temporary basis and when passed it will address the issue.

The enforcement of legislation with regard to the sale of alcohol is a matter for An Garda Síochána. DCC will continue to work with the Gardai and stakeholders on all issues arising.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that all structures that are being built and installed for outdoor dining are in compliance with fire/health and safety regulations. See photograph attached of a wooden construction on Capel Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Street Furniture Guidelines clearly outline the fire safety requirements associated with the installation of street furniture. All Licences and Permits are issued in accordance with these guidelines. Dublin Fire Brigade play an active role in the licencing and inspection process. We are currently working through compliance issues with a few businesses in the City. Where a Fire Safety concern is identified in a premises, this is prioritised and addressed relative to the risk identified.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the attempted removal of building materials that appear to contain asbestos from the SCR Garage, SCR, Kilmainham Dublin 8 over the weekend of 18/06/21.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Enforcement are currently investigating this complaint. The investigation is ongoing.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to re commence discussion with residents of Ash Street, Dublin 8 with regards to the use of the Lane at the rear of their homes? Residents in similar situations in surrounding areas have negotiated a long term lease and have used the space for greening and leisure purposes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The laneway in question is not in charge of Dublin City Council Roads Department.

Dublin City Council is no longer the owner of the land in question which originally formed a laneway to a community hall which no longer exists. In the early 2000's Dublin City Council agreed to dispose of portions of the laneway to the owners of Nos. 10-13 Ash Street and Nos. 61-63 Meath Street for no monetary consideration.

This proposal did not proceed due to disagreement between the parties over the way the land would be apportioned with some claiming adverse possession. The dispute resulted in a legal case and in 2007 the President of the Circuit Court made an Order in respect of the individual claims to the property and in order to allow the matter to conclude Dublin City Council raised no objection.

Unfortunately, there is no record on the Property Register of the manner in which the land was apportioned on foot of the Court Order but the Council is no longer the owner of it.

The vacant plot of land which now exists to the west side of the former laneway was never in the ownership of the Council.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recent installation of Eir Telephone Kiosks. Please refer to DCC planning ref 4397/19 in respect of an installation at Annesley Bridge Road, Fairview. This application was primarily for a telephone kiosk yet the planning assessment / report only refers to DCC's Appendix 19, Outdoor Advertising Strategy DCC's City Development Plan 2016-2022 and makes no reference

whatsoever to the fact telephone kiosks are categorised as 'street furniture' in our current development plan (please see below) and should also be assessed as such too. I note every new telephone kiosk has been treated similarly by DCC planners.

City Development Plan 2016-2022
16.30 Street Furniture

Certain uses in the public realm, including elements of street furniture, can lead to problems of visual clutter and to obstruction of public footpaths for pedestrians, in particular people with disabilities. These elements include newspaper stands, telephone kiosks, traffic and bus signs, tables and chairs, taxi and bus shelters as well as unauthorised A-frames and spinner stands erected by retailers. It is an objective of Dublin City Council to control the location and quality of these structures in the interests of creating a high-quality public domain.

All outdoor furniture provided by private operators including retailers, publicans and restaurateurs, etc., and utility companies should be to the highest quality, preferably of good contemporary design avoiding poor historic imitation and respect the overall character of the area and quality of the public realm and be so located to prevent any obstruction or clutter of all footpaths and paved areas including landings.

Also,

It is The Policy of Dublin City Council:

SC20:

To promote the development of high-quality streets and public spaces which are accessible and inclusive, and which deliver vibrant, attractive, accessible and safe places and meet the needs of the city's diverse communities.

On what basis does DCC feel that the kiosk at Annesley Bridge Road is planning compliant considering it is clearly in contravention of DCC's City Development Plan 2016-2022 (street furniture) and also the Irish Wheelchair Association's Best Practice Access Guidelines (see below). Also the report to include whether or not there is a financial consideration due to DCC and if so please furnish me with all details please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted for the replacement of the existing telephone kiosks with a new telephone kiosk with integral communication unit and a 1.53sq.metre digital advertising display located on the public footpath at Annesley Bridge Road, (outside Eurospar) in Fairview under plan ref. 4397/19. The site is on the public footpath adjacent to land zoned Z4 and no observations or submissions were submitted within the 5 week public consultation period.

The cover letter submitted with plan ref. 4397/19 indicates that: public payphones still fulfil an important public function in providing access to emergency services; to charity services; to report emergencies and by the vulnerable to access support services; public payphones provide connectivity for users who do not have access to a mobile phone or where mobile service is interrupted; there has been a significant reduction in the number of public payphone kiosks across Dublin City Council; the proposal will be part of a project to modernize the kiosks and to consolidate the network in Dublin City and includes an interactive digital screen Wayfinding / Mapping system that is suitable for both visitors and residents; the open design of the kiosk offers unfettered access to all users including wheelchair users; the design includes assistive technology for those who wear hearing aids and the telephone controls are located within 1.05m of floor level which accords with the National Disability Authority Guidelines for Telecoms Accessibility.

The relevant Transport Planning Division report which was taken into account in the assessment of this proposal stated that “The footprint of the new kiosk is slightly larger than the existing, in terms of width but will not impede on pedestrian permeability with approximately 2.49m wide footpath maintained. The applicant has shifted the footprint of the new kiosk closer to the kerb line in order to provide a wider pedestrian space on the footpath. The proposed kiosk in regards to location, orientation and design is considered acceptable to this division in this instance”.

Condition 2(f) attached to the grant of permission requires that ‘All costs incurred by Dublin City Council, including any repairs to the public road and services necessary as a result of the development, shall be at the expense of the developer’.

Taking the planning officers report for plan ref. 4397/19 and the above into account, it is considered that the proposed development complies with the relevant provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why he only applied for 30k of funding for the Playground scheme this year. For a city the size of Dublin to apply for the same amount as Carlow seems strange. Surely we should have gotten more?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

This grant is provided by the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration & Youth (DCEDIY) which is a Capital Grant Funding Scheme for Play and Recreation 2021 for local authorities. The guidance for applicants with regard to funding amount stated the following and therefore Dublin City Council could only apply for €30,000 as the maximum amount as set out below. Full application form can be provided if required.

Guidance for Applicants for DCEDIY capital Funding:

- A Maximum of three projects per Local Authority is allowed. If you wish to apply for more than one project, please indicate clearly the name of each project. Also please note funding of 25% of awarded amount must be provided by Local Authority for each project.
- A maximum total grant of €30,000 will be allocated to successful Local Authorities.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive which regulations cover use of bus lanes and why can’t the vans which replenish Dublin Bikes use the bus lanes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

S.I No. 527/2011 – Road Traffic (Bus Lanes) (Exemption) Regulations 2011 does not permit the use of bus lanes by Dublin Bikes vans.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on the current state of play regarding the provision of a 15-year lease to Innovate Communities, which will deliver a Social Innovation Hub in the Liberties in Bridgefoot St. Can the Chief Executive clarify what the hold-up has been since this was adopted by Elected Members in December 2020, outline a timeline for when the lease will be signed off on and make a comment on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Order of the Executive Manager D357 dated 11th December 2020 approved the grant of a lease to Innovate Dublin Communities CLG and the Law Agent was instructed to prepare the legal documents. A draft lease was prepared and issued on 27th April. A number of pre-lease enquiries were received from the solicitor acting for the proposed lessee on the 8th June.

Planning and Property Development Department is liaising with the Housing Department, the management company of Bridgefoot Court and City Architects to obtain the necessary documentation to enable a response to the pre-lease enquiries. This will be completed shortly and a revised lease will be issued to their solicitor for execution.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of rent arrears in area D & E based on amount and length of time in arrears.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Table below shows arrears for Areas D and E as of Monday 21st June 2021.

Number of Weeks in Arrears	Number of Accounts	Total Arrears €
1 – 4	1267	142,561
4 – 6	351	110,817
6 – 12	588	377,366
12 – 24	582	799,459
24 – 52	667	2,040,972
52 +	729	6,018,708
Total	4184	9,489,883

Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the PPP for Shangan Ballymun.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A DCC site on Shangan Road, Ballymun has been approved by the DoHLGH for development as part of Bundle 3 (B3) of the Social Housing (SHB3) Public Private Partnership (PPP) Programme.

As noted in our last update, a design team has been appointed and work is ongoing to develop a design for the site. The site investigations on the site that are required in order to develop the most suitable design for the site are now at an advanced stage.

It is currently envisaged that the proposed development will deliver approximately 74 senior citizen apartments, primarily 1 bed units, and 20 houses for people with particular medical needs. It is not currently proposed that any general needs social housing will be provided at this location.

The target date for lodging the Part 8 planning applications is Q3/Q4 2021. Consultation with the Elected Members on the proposed design for the development will be arranged prior to its finalisation.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what is the process for the Master plan for Jamestown Road lands following the recent rezoning.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Variation No. 33 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, includes a requirement that a masterplan be prepared for the entire Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA) by all major landowners, which complies with the guiding principles set out. There is no definitive timeline for the preparation of this masterplan.

DCC will work proactively with the landowners on the preparation of the masterplan for the SDRA lands once they commence this process. It is a requirement of the SDRA that consultation on the masterplan takes place with key stakeholders to ensure that supporting infrastructure delivery for these lands and the immediate surrounding area is coordinated sustainably and comprehensively. Such consultation would be required prior to commencing public consultation.

Having regard to the nature of the required consultation, and the requirements of the SDRA, DCC anticipate that the masterplan process will involve (but not necessarily be limited to) a number of stages prior to public consultation commencing. The first stage will involve the Preparation of Baseline evaluation of studies on transport, drainage, urban form, housing needs etc. The preparation of the masterplan will also include Environmental screening – SEA, AA, SFRA, in the context of the Variation Assessment. The Draft Masterplan will be presented to the North West Area Committee and made available for public comment, following which the final Masterplan will be agreed with the Planning Authority.

DCC will be involved in all stages of the masterplan process when this commences. This masterplan must be agreed with the Planning Authority before the lodgement of any planning application.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the vacant lands at Parkview.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

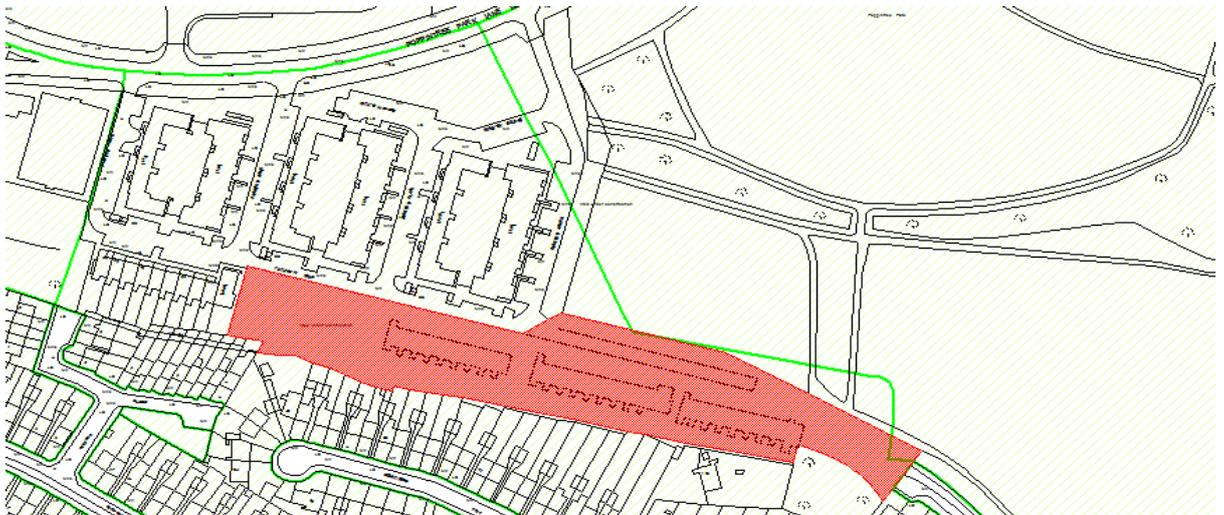
Site A VS0380

This site was published on the Vacant Sites Register on 28th November 2017. The site was removed from the Vacant Sites Register on 11th December 2019 as it was the subject of legal proceedings. The proceedings have concluded and the site is now under the control of the Housing Department. It is currently being considered for development by an Approved Housing Body.



Site B VS0383

This site was published on the Vacant Sites Register on 28th November 2017. The site was removed from the Vacant Sites Register on 11th December 2019 as it was the subject of legal proceedings. The proceedings have concluded and the site is now under the control of the Housing Department. It is currently being considered for development by an Approved Housing Body.



Q.32 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and report on the current number of voids in the housing stock of the Dublin North Central area and any plans to re-introduce same to use by the council's housing department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a summary of the current vacancies in the North Central Area (54 properties)

House	No. properties	Apartment	No. properties	Senior Citizens'	No. properties	Total
2 bed	5	1 bed	6	0 bed	7	
3 bed	20	2 bed	6	1 bed	4	

4 bed	4	3 bed	1			
5 bed	1					
Total	30	Total	13	Total	11	54

The above properties will be returned and made available for letting within eight weeks. In addition, 67 properties have been refurbished and re-let so far in 2021:

House	No. properties	Apartment	No. properties	Senior Citizens'	No. properties	Total
2 bed	2	1 bed	2	0 bed	27	
3 bed	18	2 bed	5	2 bed	9	
4 bed	4					
Total	24	Total	7	Total	36	

Q.33 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate report on whether it might be possible to allow those with a street performers licence be allowed an extension of same to reflect the fact they have been largely unable to perform and therefore earn during the pandemic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All Street Performers who held a permit pre Covid who renewed their licence from March 2020 to date received an extension of 6 months on their permit.

Street Performers permits were suspended from midnight on 21st October and have now returned on a pilot basis. Once their permit was in date in October they can now apply for an eight month permit free of charge.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on any feedback received from the pedestrianisation trial on Capel Street and Parliament Street and give any indication if these trials will be extended to encompass the entire weekends, Friday midday to Saturday 06:00, Saturday midday to Sunday 06:00 and Sunday midday to 06:00 Monday.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Feedback has mostly been positive on the Capel Street and Parliament Street weekend traffic free streets and there has been a good balance in terms of the different businesses. Extending the hours is not under consideration at this stage.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and report on the possibility of any funding that may be available to the roof restoration project at St. Patricks' Cathedral. An iconic landmark in the North city in need of financial assistance.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no provision in the City Council's Capital Programme 2021 to 2023 to provide assistance for St. Patricks Cathedral towards the cost of this worthy project.

The only conservation grants that would be available through the City Council are under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund, both of which are financed by Central Government and administered by the City Council. The grants provided under both these schemes are very modest relative to the cost of this

project. In addition, the application deadline has passed in respect of the 2021 grant schemes.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, one of the most important and historically significant buildings in Dublin. Enquirer states:

"In August 2019, after many years of discussion and planning, the Cathedral undertook a major roof conservation project to re-slate its higher roofs, which were last replaced in the Guinness restoration of the 1860s, and were in a perilous state. In fact about six years ago a number of slates was blown off in storm force winds exposing two large holes into either of which a small car could have been inserted. Such roof damage put the 12th century roof timbers beneath, not to mention the fabric of the ancient cathedral, at huge risk.

Despite being a registered charity, the Cathedral, largely by itself, has to fund the enormous cost of this conservation project which is currently at €9.5 million including VAT and fees. It was never our intention that the responsibility for completing this project should devolve to the State; it had been our plan, and our hope, to finish the work mostly from money raised through tourism and events, as well as by a special fundraising initiative which to date has provided more than €1 million. We are also extremely grateful to the Department of Heritage for its most welcome funding of €200,000 in 2018, and €1 million in December last year. However, for the last fourteen months, due to Covid-19, we have experienced a complete loss of income which has significantly affected the budget for the project, and financial assistance is urgently required.

Prior to the onset of the dreaded coronavirus Covid-19, Saint Patrick's Cathedral was welcoming in excess of 600,000 visitors annually, proving to be a catalyst for very significant investment in the tourism and hospitality sectors in the immediate environs, and a major boost to the economy of the city. The Cathedral has also played a major role in contributing to the educational, community and voluntary life of The Liberties, Dublin 8, and beyond. This work, which lies at the heart of our charitable aims to provide much-needed help for the socially deprived, has been recognised in recent times by many community service awards.

It is our greatest wish that in addition to completing the roof project by the late summer or early autumn this year, we will be able to open our doors to what we trust will be an increasing number of tourists. As well as this, with the Cathedral roofs secure, we shall be able to reinstate our community development programme by offering help to those whose need is greatest, while at the same time boosting the economy by attracting visitors to Dublin."

Please ask.... Dublin City Council to help us financially to complete this roofing project. We have approximately €3.5 million still to raise. By doing so, we could build upon 800 years of history and give hope to this city, and to Ireland, as it emerges from this pandemic."

As a local councillor I would require that this funding would have to be incorporated with local communities having access for a variety of events.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no provision in the City Council's Capital Programme 2021 to 2023 to provide assistance for St. Patricks Cathedral towards the cost of this worthy project.

The only conservation grants that would be available through the City Council are under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund, both of which are financed by Central Government and administered by the City Council. The grants provided under both these schemes are very modest relative to the cost of this project. In addition, the application deadline has passed in respect of the 2021 grant schemes.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to request Housing Maintenance to address issues in Markievicz House and Pearse House, where many units have damp problems and there is a water damage overflow from the rainwater goods. I am notified that City Council Tenants have notified the Council about this over a year ago, investigation has taken place, but work has not been carried out.

Many local residents have brought up the issue and I will forward names at a later date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have inspected both complexes in relation to these maintenance issues. The problems are related to the soil pipes that are located within the walls of the flats and run up through the buildings. Dublin City Council has rolled out a programme of works to address these issues. The week beginning the 21st June 2021 works were carried on two soil stacks pipes in Markievicz House.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to ask City Council to provide support and funding for Markievicz Learning Centre, a tuition program for all children in 3rd and 6th year secondary school in D2 and D4. The tuition is based in a small room in the Markievicz House and this Inner City program is to be launched in September 2021.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Manager will arrange to meet the group in Markievicz House to discuss the matter.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to request the Parks Department to provide specific pitches for Ranelagh Gaels.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following many consultations between the club and DCC, Ranelagh Gaels have been allocated pitches and access to facilities in Bushy Park, Dartry Park and Herbert Park in 2021 in accordance with their requirements.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and resolve this 'extremely' dangerous pedestrian traffic signal anomaly that exists at the pedestrian crossing where Vernon Ave meets Clontarf Road. I will describe the issue which I have witnessed myself and separate incidences have been reported to me also.

There are two sets of Pedestrian lights that work independently of each other. One set at the slip road for the traffic from Vernon Ave turning left onto Clontarf Road and the other set for Pedestrians on the traffic island intending to cross onto the prom.

The danger arises when the first set of Pedestrian lights displays the green man and makes the sound that indicates it is safe to cross. As this sound is made so loudly and

so close to the second set of Pedestrian lights it seems to indicate it is safe for the people waiting on the island to cross Clontarf road towards the Prom also. This is not the case as the red man is displayed at this second crossing.

For a child or a person whose sight is impaired the consequences of stepping out into the road in response to this signal could be catastrophic. I have witnessed a father pulling his son back from a certain fatal accident and a mother has contacted me regarding her own experience of pulling her child back from in front of a car travelling through a green light in the Howth direction. The children in question reacted to the 'cross now' pedestrian signal bleep directly behind them (a couple of feet) and proceeded automatically to cross the road in front without looking.

I would appreciate if this issue can be addressed as a matter of extreme urgency please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ITS Section have evaluated the pedestrian signals in question.

Audio signals are specifically designed for use by visually impaired pedestrians who have difficulty viewing a visual 'green man' signal. Visually Impaired pedestrians are instructed in how to recognise audio signals and also to use the haptic vibration on the push button unit.

For the majority of sites the audio buttons are placed where possible more than 3 metres apart. In agreement with the NCBI for locations where this distance cannot be observed directional audio unit are installed.

The pedestrian signals at junction of Clontarf Road and Vernon Ave additionally have directional audio units installed to further assist visually impaired pedestrians in recognising which pedestrian crossing is running.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many reports have been commissioned and procured by Dublin City Council SPCs or SPC sub groups since 2011?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report Title	Consultants	Date Report Presented to the Finance SPC
Submission on behalf of Dublin City Council's Finance SPC regarding the Review of the Local Property Tax	PMCA Economic Consulting	March 2018

There have been no reports carried out by external consultants on behalf of the Housing SPC in the past three years.

There have been no reports commissioned and procured by Dublin City Council on behalf of the Planning and Urban Form SPC in the last three years.

There were no reports commissioned or procured by Dublin City Council on behalf of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC or SPC sub-groups in the last three years.

The table below sets out reports commissioned and procured on behalf of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee over the last three years.

Date	Report Name
January 2021	Dublin City Council Energy review
October 2020	Litter Management Plan 2020 -2022
October 2020	Dublin City Council Climate Action Plan 2019 -2024. Annual Progress Report 2020
October 2020	Strategic Environmental Assessment Litter Management Plan 2020 - 2021
May 2019	Dublin City Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2019 - 2024

Over the last three years, no specific reports were procured on behalf of the Traffic and Transport SPC or sub-groups.

The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC commissioned five reports in the last three years. The first three reports relate to outcome reports from the Summit Series held on a different topic each year that is relevant to the Dublin economy and hosted by this SPC. The theme for the Summit in 2018 was on Apprenticeships, in 2019 was on Social Enterprise and in 2020 the Reset Summit addressed the challenges and opportunities for Dublin from Brexit, Covid 19 and the Climate Crisis. External expertise was sourced to assist staff in developing the outcomes reports from each of the Summit series. Two reports relate to the work of the International Relations and EU Affairs Working Group established in 2020 by the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC. External expertise was commissioned to work with staff and members of the Working Group to develop the EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 to 2027. The final report involved working with an external provider to develop a comprehensive submission on behalf of Dublin City Council to the Department of an Taoiseach, as part of the consultation process held in February 2021, to input to the development of the draft National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive:

- a) How much funding was made available to DCC to install traffic lights for years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & for 2021?
- b) How many sets of traffic lights were installed for each of these years?
- c) What is the waiting list for the installation of traffic lights in Dublin City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sustainable Mobility & Projects Reply: A) & B).

Location	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Cost €	Part of Project	Project Manager
South Campshire	3							Yes	Perry Chitombo
Conyham Rd		1					184,561.63		Perry Chitombo
North Wall Quay		1						Yes	Perry Chitombo
Chapelizod By Pass		3						Yes	Perry Chitombo
College Green			5					Yes	Perry Chitombo
Reuben Street			1				75,770.30		Perry Chitombo
Location	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Cost €	Part of NTA funded Project	Project Manager
S2S Cycleway & Footway		3						Yes	Perry Chitombo
Finglas Area						2			Perry Chitombo
Grangegorman Road Lower						2	400K		Perry Chitombo
North Strand Road					1			yes	Adrienne Houghton
Charleville Mall							1	yes	Perry Chitombo
Broombridge Rd					1			Yes	Perry Chitombo

Please note that during the period 2016 -2021 there were 273 sites attended to by switching on & off signals to change/amend the personality of the signals. This includes additional work on pedestrian crossings, junction optimisation and upgrading of traffic controller equipment.

The waiting list for traffic signals will be significantly reduced in 2021 and 2022 by the installation of 17 new crossings as part of an NTA funded sustainable transport scheme.

Location	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021
Citywide TAG	6	5	4	5	6	
Cost €	720k	600k	480k	600k	720k	1.0m
Junction upgrades	36	37	48			21
New Junctions installed	2	8	10			4

C) The transport advisory group assess all requests for traffic lights / toucan crossings in Dublin City. A draft programme of works is then presented to members for discussion at the Capitol Works Programme meeting. This meeting is arranged by the area office, usually in the month of November / December. We await the feedback from members at the Capitol Works Programme meeting before we finalise the list for implementation on the following years Capitol Works Programme.

A detailed design, road safety audit and standard procurement procedures are then followed to appoint a contractor. The process typically takes from 3-6months following approval at the capitol works meeting, with works usually commencing in Q2 or Q3 of the subsequent year.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many families are on the waiting list to have extensions, on medical grounds and grounds of overcrowding, to their council houses; how many extensions were completed for years 2019, 2020 & so far in 2021; what is the budget to carry out these works?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Regarding the Overcrowding Scheme- There are currently 227 applications on the waiting list. Since 2018 we aim to provide 4 overcrowding extensions per year depending on funding.

The budget for DP scheme is 2.5 million. This is for adaptations and extensions.

- 6 Extensions in progress
- 7 Due to be appointed to an Architect
- 10 At various stages

Completed Extensions:

- 2019-15
- 2020- 10
- 2021- 6 to date

Q.44 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a review of the maintenance at **(details supplied)**.

Can:

A). A detailed clean-up be arranged including the removal of the weeds on the pathway and on a number of graves.

B). A breakdown of yearly costs on the maintenance of the graveyard for the past five years.

C). An assessment be made of the Church on the site and a cost of restoration.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have met recently with current contracted maintenance supervisor for **(details supplied)** and have arranged an interim strim of pathway/edges and trimming of entrance hedging and shrubs.

B. According to original Landscape Maintenance contract 2017-2020 an annual figure of €3,041.57 incl. VAT was provided to cover maintenance of **(details supplied)**.

C. The Dublin City Council Burial Places Strategy will now guide the development of future plans for the site, including the Church. Further details will be shared for further consultation and agreement.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of **(details supplied)**.

A. Is this building classified as a vacant site?

B. Can the council confirm how much has been paid in any levies for the past 4 years

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A: **(details supplied)** was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 16/04/2019.

B: On 26/2/21 a demand for payment of the vacant site levy for 2020 was made pursuant to Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act (as amended). The owner has submitted an appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full assessment and repair of the roadway at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A site inspection was carried out at this location to review the issues raised. The roads in **(details supplied)** were found to be in generally good to fair condition. However, there are a number of localised defects that do require attention. These have been logged onto Confirm, Road Maintenance Asset Management Database. Arrangements are being made for permanent repairs to be carried out, but in some instances immediate temporary repairs will be necessary.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full assessment and repair of the pathways at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services do not have the resources to carry out regular surveys of large estates in order to identify possible defects. Please identify particular defects that need to be addressed.

Once a defect is identified an inspection will be scheduled. Any issues will be logged onto Confirm – our asset management system for attention and repair. Time line for repair will depend on severity of defect and crew availability.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the following housing issue (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant (**details supplied**) is on the Older Person's Housing Waiting List, with an application date of 26/01/2015. The applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
DCC, Area J	1	61
Fingal County Council	1	Details unavailable
South Dublin County Council	1	Details unavailable

The applicant will be considered for an offer when suitable accommodation becomes available, and he has reached the top of his list.

If the applicant wishes to pursue a priority under Exceptional Medical Grounds, he is advised to contact Housing Allocations to request an application form which should be completed and returned along with the relevant supporting medical documents.

In the event that the applicant receives a valid Notice to Quit from his landlord, I would request that he submit a copy of the notice to the Allocations section for follow up.

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.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide him with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, he should make contact with the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the provision of proper housing for (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant (**details supplied**) held a housing application with South Dublin County Council which included a crossover interest in one of Dublin City Council's housing areas dating back to 2017. In 2019 the applicant was housed through Homeless HAP at that address (**details supplied**) and as part of the HAP tenancy process his crossover interest with Dublin City Council was cancelled. The applicant is advised to contact South Dublin County Council in relation to his housing need as the applicant should now hold a transfer application with that local authority.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at why the Junior Football Clubs in Ballyfermot at the lawns Park are now being charged €600 for the group of teams where they previously paid nothing. The past year was a very difficult one for all clubs imposing charges prevents participation by many kids on the margins is the management aware all the trainers are voluntary hence with no sponsorship they have to pass on their charges to the children and youths.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While there is no charge for junior football clubs for the use of pitches there is a charge for using changing rooms which is a contribution towards the utility and maintenance costs of the facility. The fee is €200 per changing room without showers and €400 per changing room with showers.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look into the following housing case for this homeless person (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant (**details supplied**) has not been withdrawn from the housing list but is currently deferred for 6 months on estate management grounds.

Section 11.13 Consideration of All Applications on Estate Management Grounds

– Dublin City Council will examine all applications on estate management grounds before an allocation is finally made, in accordance with Section 14(1) and 15(2) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997. It is also policy of Dublin City Council to have applications from persons to reside in a Dublin City Council rented accommodation examined on estate management grounds.

A written notification of this deferral was issued to the applicant on the 19th of April 2021, the date that the deferral was applied to the application which included details of the process of appeal. If he wishes to appeal this decision, he is advised to contact the Anti-Social Policy Unit, Dublin City Council, Housing & Residential Services, Block 1 Floor 1, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8; phone 01-2222604.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive the following: "The recent fire at Donore Community Centre Dublin 8 has devastated all the groups who use it as their base to facilitate essential community projects that include the Drugs and Alcohol Task Force among many. To ask the CE to urgently provide alternative premises so that this crucial work continue?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has contacted and will continue to communicate with the user groups and discuss their requirements to provide services to their clients in a safe environment. It is understood at this time that the projects situated in the Donore Youth and Community centre, the Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, TRY Youth Project and Feroige are currently actively looking for alternative accommodation.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on areas that would benefit by the provision of secure collapsible type containers for resident use when disposing of bagged waste. Areas like Watkins Square and Pimlico in Dublin 8 are subject to "visiting" illegal dumpers as well as litter debris scattered due to the poor flimsy quality of the bags provided by the waste companies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have issued an invitation to tender, seeking pre commercial procurement of a solution for the on street storage and presentation of waste in bagged areas that is not currently commercially available, in order to trial the effectiveness of such solutions.

Any innovative solution proposed must be capable of being adopted and implemented by the existing waste industry and its impact on current waste collection methods clearly identified.

Tender is progressing and we would be hopeful a pilot on the successful solution in an agreed location will commence in September 2021.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out speed surveys on **(details supplied)** and carry out any necessary traffic calming measures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Engineer will arrange a speed survey on **(details supplied)** and revert back with any recommendations following receipt of the survey findings. Ref: 7021343.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out the necessary repair works to prevent rain water lodging on the path outside **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division will inspect the path at this location and if a defect is identified, it will be logged onto Confirm, our Asset Management Database. The timing of a repair would be dependent on other competing defects priorities and when a crew would be available in the area.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the timeline for the traffic management scheme for **(details supplied)** and if any preparatory work has commenced yet.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied 1) will receive a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme (NTS) following completion of the **(details supplied 2)** scheme. The Traffic Dept. are currently awaiting feedback from our elected members on the **(details supplied 2)** and following a review of this feedback, DCC will continue to develop the plan. The timeline for completion of the **(details supplied 2)** scheme will depend on the agreed plan with our elected members, however, it is anticipated that the development of a plan for the **(details supplied 1)** can commence in Q3/Q4 2021.

A preliminary review of **(details supplied 1)** was carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Transport Scheme (NTS) process to identify transport issues in the area. This involved reviewing previous/current service requests and councillor requests, a workshop with our elected members held in the Central Area Office on the 30th Oct 2019, and an engineer's assessment of the area. The outcome of this review is that a number of action items were identified including: **(details supplied 3)**.

Notwithstanding this, any requests for specific traffic measures at specific locations in **(details supplied 1)** are welcome and can be submitted to the website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

I trust this information is satisfactory but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to contact the HSE in relation to parking provision for staff working with at risk youth in **(details supplied)**. Many staff have to commute long distances to this facility and parking close by is essential for them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council's position is that where employees need to access on-street parking in the course of their employment, then it is the responsibility of the employer to deal with any issues that arise including payment for on-street parking, where this is appropriate.

The City Council's Parking Control Bye Laws make no provision for favourable treatment of particular occupational groups or of employees of particular agencies. If a concession is made to one worthy group, the Council will be inundated with requests from other groups for similar concessions. This in turn will undermine the benefits of our parking control regime and reduce the income of the City Council from parking. It will also undermine the objective of encouraging a switch to sustainable modes of travel.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: can the 'green man' be readjusted back facing the pedestrians at this location **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Traffic Signal maintenance contractor visited the pedestrian signals on **(details supplied)** on 23 June and realigned a damaged signal head. The contractor confirmed that the signals are now operation correctly.

Please note that DCC operate a 24 hour traffic control centre where any faults with traffic signals can be raised by phoning Freephone number 1800 293949. This will ensure that any faults can be fixed promptly.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have repairs carried out on the public footpath between **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services have inspected this location. A number of repairs have been identified. These will be completed when a works crew is available at this location.

Q.60 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for works on the park area in Beaumont Woods to address the water logging of the green area & the paths, to trim the very overgrown verges on the paths so as to recover the 2m path with and to ensure more regular grass cutting and rubbish collection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will inspect this location with regards to trees/ shrubs overhanging the public footpath. If any private trees are causing an obstruction Road Maintenance Services will issue a hedge cutting request to the owners.

The grass is cut weekly similar to other parks and open spaces in the area. Litter is collected prior to each cut. Local volunteers have begun this work of cutting back the grass overgrowing on the footpaths and the Parks Service will support their efforts and cut back other areas in the park over the summer months as resources allow.

Q.61 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the turnaround time of all acquisitions since 1 Jan 2020 by DCC from time of closing purchase & handing over the keys to a tenant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details of acquisitions from Jan 2020 to date, and breakdown of the number of units tenanted, under refurbishment, due to go to contractor. Average time from closing to allocation five months.

Properties closed since January 2020	138	
Tenanted	82	
Under offer	19	
With contractor	24	
Due to go to contractor	7	
Other circumstances	6	
Average wait from closing to keys	5 months	

❖ *This table does not include tenant in situ acquisitions*

Q.62 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any correspondence from central government arising from our submission to the EU Recovery & Resilience Fund and the Urban Development and Regeneration Fund.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On the 5th March 2021 notification was received from the Department of Housing local government and Heritage, that Dublin City Council projects in the North Inner City and South Inner City had been approved for Urban Regeneration and Development Funding of €121.3 million and €53 million respectively.

Dublin City Council made a submission under the national consultation process established as part of the drafting of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) led by the Department of An Taoiseach in February 2021, a copy of the full submission was circulated to all Councillors. The draft plan was published in June 2021.

Our submission prioritised Capital projects that could fall into the various flagship areas identified and set out key priorities for the city with details of policy alignment. For example Green and Digital are two of the priorities that are common to Dublin City Council's submission and those identified by the Commission.

The submission outlined a number of practical proposals which Dublin City Council considered would significantly contribute to key target areas. This submission also spoke to some of the actions needed to keep the Dublin economy performing as the engine room of the Irish economy and to ensure its recovery and long-term resilience. This submission also included some Dublin City Council projects that were originally submitted for the Urban Regional Development Funding URDF scheme. The Council was awaiting an announcement of URDF projects at the time of this submission. Dublin

City Council has received no correspondence from central government arising from the submission made under the NRRP consultation. However a number of the URDF applications have since been successful in obtaining funding.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the multi-media phone boxes being installed throughout the city and to ask why these were granted planning permission as they run contrary to the development plan and accessibility best practice. These are problematic for the disability community and violate the Irish Wheelchair Association Best Practice Assess Guidelines (below). They also violate the DCC development plan which commits to improving accessibility and removing obstacles and unnecessary clutter for pedestrians on footpaths. Further, to ask the Chief Executive, given that these are quite obviously a front for advertising, whether there is any financial arrangement in place between Eir and DCC with regard to them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was sought in November 2019 for the replacement of 24 traditional style telephone boxes with new telephone kiosks incorporating digital advertising panels. Individual planning applications were submitted for 24 sites and assessed on their merits. Each proposal for a replacement kiosk met the statutory requirements for a planning application including the requirement for a site notice and newspaper notice and were included on the weekly planning lists.

Twenty two of the twenty four applications were granted planning permission, the remaining two were refused permission. All the approved kiosks are located on the sites of established telephone boxes and are evenly distributed across the city council's administrative area. Over and above the upgrade of the telephone boxes at the approved 22 sites, 170 operational payphones have been decommissioned and removed in their entirety from another 96 sites across the city and will not be replaced with new kiosks.

The approved kiosks are the same or smaller in size than the traditional telephone box in terms of height and width, thus ensuring there will be no additional encroachment onto public footpaths. It should also be noted that 19 of the 22 kiosks will replace double telephone boxes, and hence will have a smaller footprint than the original telephone boxes, freeing up space for the pedestrian.

The kiosks are contemporary in design and provide a range of functions, including access to public services, public events and tourist information by means of an interactive digital screen and wayfinding/mapping systems. The design includes assistive technology including volume control and inductive coupling for those who wear hearing aids. The key pad is well lit with large embossed numbers that contrast virtually with their background. The telephone controls are located within 1.5m of the ground which is within the comfortable range as published by the National Disability Authority and the interactive features of the wayfinding screen are within 1.4m, the recommended maximum height in the Guidelines published by the National Disability Authority. The kiosks are also designed to be vandal resistant and are fitted with remote monitoring device systems that will allow for the notification of damage or faults and hence will facilitate their speedy repair. The partnership between Eircom and Clear Channel and the incorporation of a digital advertising panel will ensure that the kiosks, in contrast to the older telephone boxes, will be properly maintained and operational at all times. The open nature of the kiosks will also help minimize anti-social behavior.

The incorporation of digital advertising display panels and their impact on local amenities and on traffic safety was also assessed as part of each planning application

and planning conditions were included to control the maximum luminance and intensity of use of the panels, including a review of the luminance level with the planning authority within 12 months from the grant of planning permission. There is no financial arrangement between DCC and EIR in relation to the replacement of old payphones with digital units.

Having regard to the significant reduction in the number of telephone boxes located across the city, the quality of design of the approved kiosks, the incorporation of a range of accessible public service functions and the careful consideration given to their location so as not to impede pedestrian movement, it is considered that the new kiosks comply with all the relevant provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan. Therefore, in light of the above, it is not considered that there is any justification for their removal.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to implement a collection process for green waste in the city. Bags being issued for community clean ups now only accept litter. Many communities, in their clean ups, clean greens in their area and remove weeds and there needs to be a mechanism for them to dispose of these as where the quantities are large and come from public spaces we cannot simply expect community groups to use their personal brown bins.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services provide blue bags to community groups to assist them in their clean ups and remove the filled bags for them from agreed locations when requested to do so. As green spaces and weeds are part of these clean ups, we don't exclude green waste from being placed in these bags.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to take all necessary measures to prevent parking on the newly developed Griffith Avenue cycle track. Cars are parking there consistently, forcing cyclists out onto the road and resulting in a less safe situation than previously (see recent photos attached). I'm sure the Chief Executive will agree that we cannot allow the time, money and effort that has gone into the development of this route to be made meaningless by a lack of enforcement with regard to parking. Furthermore, there are 9 new cycle tracks planned for the North Central area in the coming years and again these must be protected from misuse. I would ask that the Chief Executive arrange a leafleting of all houses on the route to explain the new situation with regard to parking and thereafter to engage with all necessary bodies to rigorously enforce an anti-parking policy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on Griffith Avenue cycle track. Both clamping and the issue of fixed penalty charges or fines can be used for this enforcement.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for funding to be made available for some picnic benches to be provided in Maypark, Dublin 5. This is a busy park with a playground and MUGA with many families and children visiting. Given the shift to greater provision of outdoor facilities across the city this would be a welcome move and an asset to the local community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site has been a locus for congregation after dark in the past leading to not insignificant littering of bottles, cans and takeaway food containers. The Parks Service

does appreciate the intention here but is concerned that the installation of such picnic benches might act to make the site even more attractive to such behaviour. Consideration could be given to the temporary installation of perhaps one picnic bench as a test case and if successful further benches could be added next year.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure the back wall at **(details supplied)** is fully repaired as soon as possible. It was damaged over 2 years ago and is now becoming a health hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per the Tenant's Handbook the maintenance and repairs of walls fall under the tenant's responsibility.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of Council owned car parking in the city, including free parking to staff members - to detail the numbers, location and whether on or off street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The South Central Area provides at present staff parking in Crane Street, Dublin 8 and in an area to the rear of Ballyfermot Civic Centre which is shared with other user groups of the Centre.

This Finglas Civic Centre is a shared complex.

The rear car park is used by staff only which is shared with The Youth Centre, Mellow Spring Crèche and the Leisure Centre. There are 37 spaces available on a first come first served basis. In this area we also have 3 additional spaces for buses and 1 Disabled Bay.

The front car park is for Public use. It has 65 spaces including 5 which are Disabled Bays.

The Ballymun Civic Centre is shared between a number agencies, organisations & businesses. The underground car park has 134 spaces shared between DCC, HSE and eight other organisations/business. DCC staff & visitor have an allocation of 24 spaces.

Multi Story Car Parks:

Car Park	Operator	No of Spaces Off Street
Drury Street	Park Rite Lease expires October 2024	c. 465 car spaces Bike Park c.360 bicycle spaces
ILAC Centre	Park Rite Lease expires October 2022	c. 1000 spaces includes 100 DCC staff spaces
Dawson Street	Q Park Lease Expires March 2023	360 spaces

Free Parking – Off Street:

Swords Road/Whitehall Church – free surface car park – 200 spaces.
DCC own two thirds of this site, the Church own one third.

The Dropping Well, Milltown – 50 spaces (Leased to the Pub, but with a condition that members of the public can use it to avail of local amenities/walks along the river)

The Central Area Office has 45 off-street parking spaces. The parking spaces are accessed through 64 Sean MacDermott Street Lower, Dublin 1. 35 of the spaces are used by staff from the Central Area Office including the Council's commercial vehicle fleet used by the Public Domain and Housing Maintenance sections. 2 parking spaces are designated for the Council's electric vehicle fleet. The remaining 10 spaces are included in lease agreements for the adjoining Council owned properties.

The Cabra Area Office 97 Cabra Road, Dublin 7 has 3 spaces to the rear of the building.

There is limited car parking in park depots for staff.

The North Central have use of parking for staff in two complexes. The Northside Civic Centre, Bunnary Road is owned by the Office of Public Works. It is shared by DCC, Citizens Advice, HSE, DSP among others. There are 81 car parking spaces and these are shared on a first come first served basis. The second space is at the Bell Building in Darndale which is leased by the DBVC board. There are 65 parking spaces and these are shared by a number of organisations on a first come first served basis.

There are a total of 309 off street car parking spaces in the Civic Offices, this includes parking for fleet vehicles, disabled parking bays and ecar pooling scheme and there are approximately 280 spaces for staff.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive the rationale for the decision to allow Eir to install advertising boards (/public phones) on the streets around Dublin, what DCC is receiving in exchange for this and why permission was not contingent on Eir removing derelict phone boxes currently cluttering the footpaths and adding to the dereliction of our streets?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Proposals for the upgrading of 22 sites from single/double telephone boxes to kiosks incorporating digital advertising panels were considered in the context of an overall rationalization of the public payphone network in the administrative area of Dublin City Council. In this respect, it can be confirmed that 170 operational payphones have been removed from 96 locations including 56 at the behest of Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána. The removal of such a substantial number of telephone boxes will make a significant contribution to the decluttering of our streets and eliminate an opportunity for anti-social behavior. Furthermore, it is considered that the open nature of the kiosk will reduce the risk of anti-social behavior arising in the future. Since the approved kiosks are located on the sites of existing telephone boxes and are similar in size, there will be no additional encroachment onto public footpaths. Furthermore, each application was subject to an assessment by the Transportation Planning Division to establish that a clear footpath would be maintained at each location ensuring they would cause no impediment to pedestrian movement.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of the 1,393 issues identified on the 63 city streets audited by the city recovery taskforce and for the details of how the prioritisation of these will correlate with the TAG system?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This database will be provided directly to the Councillor. The issues on this database are not being dealt with through the TAG system but through a working group of Area Offices, City Recovery and relevant Sections within the E&T Department on an assigned task basis.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive why tarmacadam was used for the footpath extensions several years ago on O'Connell Bridge and whether it is still the policy of the city Council to allow tarmac to be used in places where granite stones would be more appropriate?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

O'Connell St Bridge is a considerably more complex structure than it would appear from the surface. There are actually 4 separate bridge structures that are separated by 3 subways that act as Utility corridors through the bridge. The widest of these is in the central median and extends across the entire bridge. The subway is covered/spanned by a complex metal plate with upstands at intervals that vary across the bridge. This plate has a span of almost 3m and covers all of the central median except where the granite kerbs can be seen. There is little more than 70mm of cover over this plate and hence it's covering in a particularly impervious Asphalt mix. There has always been this type of material on the footways on the bridge for this reason. Indeed the tactiles used in the central median at the pedestrian crossings could not be constructed in stone as there was insufficient cover/depth to bed them in over the plate. A series of specialist plates were fabricated to deal with this issue. The Luas Cross City project did no work on the Eastern footway and as such the black asphalt was to be left as is. There was a discussion with TII/NTA and the various divisions of DCC involved in the bridge and it was decided to use a similar material on the extension of the footway on the Western side of the bridge for continuity and as the most suitable material to protect the bridge. If the Councillor wishes to discuss this further I am happy to go through the various stages of the works on the bridge.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have **(details supplied)** resurfaced. Some parts of the road are in very poor condition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A number of areas were identified where there is subsidence and cracking in the concrete slab. This location will be considered for works as part of the 2022 Major Works Program for localised carriageway repairs and bituminous joint sealing.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive the status of the application for the development of glass bottle site and negotiation for social and affordable housing, and to update on any discussion around the front loading of social housing on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Developer is preparing to lodge a planning application for this site. The City Council has had initial discussions with the developer in relation to the delivery of social

and affordable housing on the site. When the planning application has been lodged, the Housing Department will commence detailed discussions with the developer. Costs and valuations will be assessed post planning approval with the objective of a Part V agreement being in place within 8 weeks of commencing on site.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the City Council's efforts to tackle the rat problem in inner city flat complexes, in particular complexes in the York Street area such as Mercer House, including the number of people employed by the Council for this task and the number of referrals made to the HSE.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Housing Maintenance Section actions all reports of rats in City Council dwellings from our tenants. Requests are dealt with both directly by the Council and by agreement with the HSE. Common areas in City Council complexes and void units are treated by Housing Maintenance pest control staff.

We have a dedicated and professionally trained team within Dublin City Council that bait common area in complexes and void units. We are increasing the visibility of our staff, as often our complexes are baited and staff are mistaken for other Housing Maintenance Staff. To combat this, we are improving the visibility of our Pest Control staff within Housing Maintenance, by branding vehicles with Pest Control and ensuring staff wear high visibility branded tops.

The HSE Pest Control Team handle individual requests for pest control in units/houses on behalf of Dublin City Council's Housing Maintenance. Housing Maintenance staff have met with their counterparts in the HSE to improve our relationship and co-ordinate how we jointly respond to pest control requests in the Dublin City Council area.

Secure bin areas have been installed in several complexes across the city to help combat rodent issues. Dublin City Council are aware of a number of issues regarding the presence of rats in a number of our complexes in the city and acknowledge the distress this is causing to residents. Local Estate Management in each complex actively work with residents, caretaking staff, housing maintenance and other parties to find a sustainable solution.

Housing Maintenance began a planned maintenance programme, whereby they would carry out drainage checks on our networks, instead of doing reactive maintenance. This work can entail the following:

- Inspecting Manholes for blockages
- Carrying out CCTV Surveys
- Cleaning out the pipe network with a Jet Vac
- Carrying out pipe repairs
- Rebuilding / repairing manholes and gullies
- Installing new pipelines, increasing pipe sizes and / or changing pipe runs

Due to the nature of the work, we have instances where pipelines have had very small issues and others can be quite problematic. We also have had instances whereby repair pipes can be damaged or blocked again in a short space of time.

In the last 12 months we have carried out various works at the following complexes.

Alfie Byrne House
Avondale House

Kilshane Court
Lorcan O'Toole Court

Beech Hill Villas
Blackhall Parade

Markievicz House
Matt Talbot Court

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if the bins in Marckievicz house will be caged and blocked off from birds and rodents as the current measures are not working to a satisfactory standard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance, along with the Area offices, has rolled out a programme of works to provide secure bins areas for all flats complexes, subject to funding. While Markievicz House is on our list, we do not have an exact timeframe at the moment. However, in the meantime, we will make sure that the bins are closed and plugged and the surrounding areas are kept clear of rubbish.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for works at a residence (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of the door will be carried out in the next three weeks. Following on from that, a decision will be made as to the feasibility of the work, and subsequently the tenant will be advised of the outcome.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the long term leak and damage to the ceiling at (**details supplied**). The leak is emanating from the bathroom upstairs and the ceiling was replaced some years ago but the leak was not addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council had no prior knowledge of this leak. The plumber called to this property on Monday 28th June 2021 to investigate this report and subsequently all necessary works are being carried out.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the surface in the front driveway of (**details supplied**) as the previous owners installed a cobble lock through which weeds are constantly growing despite the resident investing in weed spraying and scraping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per Tenant's Handbook Maintenance of driveways are tenant's responsibility.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the tarmac at the junction of (**details supplied**) as it has ravelled and is in need of repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection was carried out at this location to ascertain the current condition. There are two parking areas at this junction, either side of (**details supplied**). The Northern side of (**details supplied**) is in reasonable condition, with no major defects. The Southern side has begun to ravel, with some localised surface break up.

There is currently no scope within this year's resurfacing budget to include this area. Consideration will be given for inclusion in the in the 2022 works program.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to assist the resident at **(details supplied)** who successfully applied for a grant from DCC in December 2019 to have a ramp installed outside her home and a downstairs shower room installed, however, the ramp has steps on it and the lady therefore cannot leave the house as she is 88 and wheelchair bound for the rest of her life and the shower room is not functioning due to a leak from the shower when used.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A grant was approved for **(details supplied)** in November 2020 for the revised work. **(Details supplied)** may contact her selected contractor and proceed with the proposed works. In relation to the shower room **(details supplied)** would need to contact the contractor she selected to install her shower to rectify any issues.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the foliage cut back at the median railed pedestrian crossing on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The locus will be inspected as local schedules allow and any vegetation interfering with the public footpath will be cut back. It must be noted that during bird nesting season it is only permissible to cut back the minimum amount of vegetation to remove the hazard.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will make a comment on staffing levels in Roads Maintenance and backlog of issues **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services Division was first contacted about **(details supplied 1)** on 17th June, but was contacted about a different location on **(details supplied 2)** last April. Footpath reconstruction on **(details supplied 2)** will be carried out in the coming months as part of this year's Road Maintenance Annual Works Programme. Following a recent inspection of the path at No 10, a localised defective section has been identified and it will be included for repair as part of the planned programme of work.

In relation to staff levels, Road Maintenance Services has approximately 160 staff, including Engineers, Technicians, Administrative staff, Inspectors, Stonecutters, Bricklayers, Fitters, Measurers, Drivers and General Operatives. These staff carry out both planned and reactive maintenance works including repairs and reinstatements in historic and specialist paving, repair of potholes in the carriageway and trips on footpaths, winter maintenance, incident response, collapsed manholes, oil spills, fallen trees, provision of vehicular dishing's and replacement of street nameplates. Road maintenance Services work closely with our Human Resources Department to fill vacancies as they arise.

Additionally, Road Maintenance Services appoint Contractors for the purpose of delivering the Annual Works Programme. This generally includes large sections of carriageway and footpath upgrade works. In 2020, for example, there were approximately ten contractor appointments for the purpose of carrying out these works.

Recorded defects and hazards on the road network receive a priority rating based on the severity of the defect and its location. In general, resources are targeted at the highest priority defects and hazards first. Lower priority defects are repaired after the higher priority defects/ hazards have been repaired and insofar as resources permit.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Proposed Masterplan for the recent rezoning of **(details supplied 1)**. I believe the **(details supplied 2)** Employer Group are eager to initiate public consultation. What is DCCs role in this regard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Variation No. 33 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, includes a requirement that a masterplan be prepared for the entire Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA) by all major landowners, which complies with the guiding principles set out. There is no definitive timeline for the preparation of this masterplan.

DCC will work proactively with the landowners on the preparation of the masterplan for the SDRA lands once they commence this process. It is a requirement of the SDRA that consultation on the masterplan takes place with key stakeholders to ensure that supporting infrastructure delivery for these lands and the immediate surrounding area is coordinated sustainably and comprehensively. Such consultation would be required prior to commencing public consultation.

Having regard to the nature of the required consultation, and the requirements of the SDRA, DCC anticipate that the masterplan process will involve (but not necessarily be limited to) a number of stages prior to public consultation commencing. The first stage will involve the Preparation of Baseline evaluation of studies on transport, drainage, urban form, housing needs etc. The preparation of the masterplan will also include Environmental screening – SEA, AA, SFRA, in the context of the Variation Assessment. The Draft Masterplan will be presented to the North West Area Committee and made available for public comment, following which the final Masterplan will be agreed with the Planning Authority.

DCC will be involved in all stages of the masterplan process when this commences. This masterplan must be agreed with the Planning Authority before the lodgement of any planning application.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for effective speed ramps to be installed at the entrance to **(details supplied)** as visitors in cars enter the cul-de-sac too fast while children are out playing. It is often used as a turnaround point for passing traffic. There are a lot of children in the Court and all of the residents want safety measures there so they can play safely.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) have been provided with a small raised table at the entrance in accordance with the best practice design standards.

No further engineering measures are recommended at this time.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed upgrade to maisonettes in the North West Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The maisonettes in question are located on Finglaswood Road. Dublin City Council currently has five vacant maisonettes on this road. Housing Maintenance is managing the refurbishment of these properties and can report significant progress:

- Works on two of these properties are now complete and the units are available for letting

- The contractor has requested a final inspection on one property and it is anticipated this will be available for letting on the week beginning 5th July 2021
- The contractor has given an estimated completion date of 31st July 2021 for a further unit
- Surveys and works orders have been completed for the outstanding unit and this has now been issued to a contractor. Works are expected to take eight weeks on this

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will prepare a food strategy for the City that takes cognisance of the impact of climate change and seek to engage the citizens of Dublin in an awareness of food production and consumption.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department will examine the feasibility of developing a food strategy for the city and report back to the councillor in advance of the September meeting.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the supports that are available to communities which wish to develop Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) is an SEAI sponsored funding and support programme, which helps communities to work together to become energy-smart and more sustainable. A range of supports are available for both residential and non-residential settings.

Grants:

Grants are available from SEAI to help cover the cost of the works including:

- Building fabric upgrades, such as insulation
- Technology and system upgrades, such as heat recovery systems
- Integration of control systems, e.g. full zone controls on your space and water heating
- Integration of renewable energy systems, such as solar PV panels.

The table below details the percentage grant available within a residential and non-residential setting:

Residential	Home Type	Funding %
	Private energy poor	Up to 80%
	Private non-energy poor	Up to 35%
	Local Authority homes	Up to 35%
	Private Rented Homes	Up to 35%
	Housing Association homes	Up to 50%
Non-Residential	Not-for-profit / community	30% up to* 50% (may be available subject to State aid rules and SEAI approval in advance)
	Private and public sector	Up to 30%
	EV charging points	Up to 30%

DCC Supports:

SECs need to have an Energy Master Plan (EMP) to guide the work to be undertaken and to avail of grants to help complete the actual works. To date the production of the

EMPs has proven to be problematic for many communities for reasons of procurement, administration and cash flow. DCC recognised these genuine barriers and has put in place a scheme to help. Working with CoDEMA as a regional Coordinator, DCC will procure a panel of experts for the region who will assist the SECs to prepare their EMPs. DCC will pay the experts for producing the plans and will then in turn clawback the funding from the SEAI, thereby eliminating the cash flow, procurement and administration difficulties encountered by SECs previously. The scheme also has expert coordinators appointed for each sub-regional area (one appointed already for Dublin City) who can work with the SECs to 'walk through' the necessary steps to get organised, plan and implement. Invites to Tender will be published late June.

Presentations have already been made to SPC outlining scheme and potential role for Councillors to help encourage action and organising on the ground.

Further details available from the SEAI Website:

<https://www.seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities/>

Q.88 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that a report is given to Councillors at the monthly City Council meetings on the progress of the COVID Recovery Taskforce.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A monthly written report is issued to Councillors on the same day as the Council Meeting every month. The Director of City Recovery is agreeable to engage with any Councillor or group of Councillors, on any City Recovery related matter, at any time. There is no plan to change this arrangement at this time.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide an update on the work of the Committee on the Remunicipalisation of Waste in the City, if he will state when the Committee is due to submit its final report and if he will circulate an interim report to all Councillors on the progress to date by the end of July.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I understand that the Re-Municipalisation of Waste Collection Service Subcommittee may have met on 4 occasions previous to my meeting with them on the 17th of June 2021.

The Subcommittee, with assistance from the Executive, is formulating the terms of reference for a report on the remunicipalisation of waste and following this finalisation will report back to the SPC for further action. Next steps will then be a matter for the SPC.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if a 4pm clearway can be temporarily suspended to provide a seating out area outside a couple of restaurants/cafes on the Clontarf road, the pavement is not wide enough and a robust build out is necessary due to 50km per hour speed limit to provide a safe attractive space in a couple of parking spots to facilitate outdoor dining for these local businesses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This Clearway on the outbound lane of the Clontarf Road starts before the Alfie Byrne Road and extends through Clontarf as far as St Lawrence Road. Construction of a build-out on even a short section of this stretch of carriageway will create a bottle-neck

in the immediate vicinity and will inevitably lead to delays for public transport and motorists particularly during the evening rush hours.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if the very frequent illegal parking of cars in the cycleway on Griffith Avenue which has yet to be fully protected can be addressed, with fines and quicker implementation of the rest of the protected cycleway, parents carrying children on bicycles have needed to cycle right out onto 50km per hour traffic to avoid the parked cars in the cycleway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Street Parking Services will be asked to enforce against illegal parking on Griffith Avenue cycle track. Both clamping and the issue of fixed penalty charges or fines can be used for this enforcement.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of deposit plastic bottle refund systems in Dublin City Council areas like the Clontarf promenade, entrances to Bull Island and parks similar to those recently installed in Howth.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services cannot facilitate a plastic bottle refund scheme on Bull Island.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if a park bench in memory of people we have lost to COVID-19 be installed each in Ringsend Park and Merrion square.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

6 benches have been allocated per electoral area. The South East locations are as follows:

Ranelagh Gardens Park
Irishtown Seaside Walk
Ringsend Park
Milltown
Elizabeth Farell Park
Stannaway Park

Q.94 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive what is the latest information on the Griffith Avenue Cycle Lane? Do we have a timeline for the completion of this track? When will the junction section at Mobhi Road and Griffith Avenue begin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have almost completed installing the protected cycle lanes along Griffith Avenue extending from Ballygall Road East as far as the entrance to Charlemont Estate (just east of Philipsburg Avenue), with the exception of the approaches and junction upgrades at Ballymun Road, St Mobhi Road and the Swords Road. At this stage we do not intend on proceeding any further east along Griffith Avenue until Cairn Homes have completed their drainage works which extend from their site as far as the Malahide Road. These drainage works are expected to be completed later this summer.

In the meantime we are in the process of awarding the contract for the modifications of the junctions of Griffith Avenue with St Mobhi Road and Ballymun Road. Works should begin on site in early July.

We have completed the preliminary design for the junction of Griffith Avenue and the Swords Road and will be shortly commencing on the detailed design with a view to completing these junction works later in 2021.

We have recently published proposals for upgrading the current bollards and road marking arrangement on Griffith Avenue on our hub and are now in the process of reviewing submissions we have received on these proposals.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can we have Sheffield stands put near the junction of Finglas Road and Tolka Valley Park. There are a lot of apartments near that area and residents use Bleeper bikes and have nowhere to park them in that vicinity when they return from work or college.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location near the junction of Finglas Road and Tolka Valley Park will be examined and if deemed suitable cycle parking will be included in a future batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive how much is being spent on the Schools Zones initiative, in respect of road painting (coloured spots) and provision of pencil shaped bollards?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cost of each School Zone varies widely due to the specific requirements at each individual location. An average School Zone costs in the region of €15-20,000. To date, we have installed 47 School Zones city wide.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive when the roads maintenance budget will allow for repairs to footpaths on Iveragh, Inishmaan and Iveleary Roads, Whitehall, D9, which are badly broken and uneven and are a serious trip hazard, with several falls having already happened.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will consider Iveragh, Inishmaan and Iveleary Roads for inclusion in the 2022 Major Works Program for localised footpath repairs. Inclusion in the program is based on the condition of the footpaths relative to others on the North Central Area.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline an indicative time frame surrounding the implementation of minimum standards Protocols within homeless services to include private operators.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

THE DRHE are currently re-framing the NQSF standards documents for both the NGO and Private Emergency Accommodation sectors.

The proposed standards for Private Emergency Accommodation, including a Service Level Agreement and relevant Key Performance Indicators will be presented to the

Strategic Management Group and Consultative forum in September, 2021. Subject to any substantial changes, implementation will begin immediately afterwards.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to request that road maintenance apply funding to Cannon Lillie Avenue to feature in the 2021 works program. It's been 10+ years since the road has been re-laid and has fallen into a state of disrepair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2021 Road Maintenance Services carriageway resurfacing works programme in the Central Area was compiled at the beginning of this year based on a defined budget allocation. Cannon Lillis Avenue has not been included in the programme. This year's Central Area carriageway resurfacing contract will commence shortly as arrangements for appointing a contractor are at an advanced stage. Therefore at the moment it is premature to be contemplating additional works to the contract.

Nevertheless, Road Maintenance Services Division will arrange for a site inspection and assessment of the condition of the carriageway at Cannon Lillis Avenue. Until this has been completed, we are not in a position to comment on the whether it would merit consideration for addition to this year's contract or inclusion in a future works programme.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to clearly outline the plans regarding the Portland Place & District section of the extension to the Royal Canal Greenway, and to request a copy of any drawings or architectural drawings for the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find drawings attached with outline the current plans for the area as part of the Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 Scheme. Two drawings give an overview of the proposals while the 3rd gives the landscape plans for the canal corridor and Portland Place Park.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to upgrade the children's play area in East Wall, it has fallen into a state of disrepair and sections are currently hazardous. The area should be enhanced to be disability user friendly for children.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A detailed assessment of all playgrounds and MUGA's under the remit of the housing department was carried out late 2020. From this, a programme of works was compiled to address the issues raised in said report. The programme of works covering 22 playgrounds and 12 MUGA's was compiled and procured.

East Wall playground works currently include replacement of chains, rope nets, fixings etc. The original spot repairs of the safety surface has now been extended to include a full safety surface resurfacing of the 3 separate areas.

The peddle roundabout was to be repaired however we are now pricing a new piece of equipment that could be installed at this location that would meet the requirements for fall distances. On foot of this question, the contractor has now been asked to assess the potential for this to be an 'accessible' piece of equipment.

There are arrangements in place for the cleaning and repairs of the soft surface and replacement of defective equipment. This will be facilitated through the Central Area Office.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive what are his plans to introduce a segregated cycleway along **(details supplied)** and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Some preliminary investigation of the design options for **(details supplied)** have been explored. However at present the city recovery program is occupying most of the time of the limited staff resources now in the Covid Mobility team and it will be some time before a full design is available.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the progress being made to date in the provision of new and better housing in **(details supplied)**, the indicative timeframe for completion of construction work; how long does he anticipate the fit out of apartments to take; and the likely timeframe for the allocation of same; to indicate the work undertaken to date by the housing apartment to advance plans for phase 2 of the regeneration project and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The substantial completion date for the new development at **(details supplied)** is expected for the end of Quarter 4 2021, with the allocations process anticipated to start in advance of that.

The new development will provide seventy two new homes, consisting of twelve 1 bedroom apartments, fifty 2 bedroom apartments and ten 3 bedroom apartments.

The Area Housing Manager and her office are in regular contact with residents and former residents who have expressed an interest in returning to the new development and are in receipt of Letters of Comfort.

The Housing and Community Services Department are currently considering how best to progress phase 2 of **(details supplied)** in the most expeditious manner.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive the progress that has been made to date in preparing a dedicated and protected cycle lane along **(details supplied)**; when he expects installation works to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently no designs developed for protected cycle lanes along **(details supplied 1)**.

At present the city recovery program is occupying most of the time of the limited staff resources now in the Covid Mobility Team.

There are also a number of protected cycle schemes in the process of being designed and implemented including **(details supplied 2)**.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a further update on the delivery of objectives of the **(details supplied)**; the measures to be completed this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The status of a number of flagship projects identified for implementation as part of the **(details supplied 1)** initiatives are as follows –

- Public Realm Improvement Works to the crescent space at **(details supplied 2)** have been completed
- **(details supplied 3)** Improvement works are well advanced and are programmed for completion by the end of 2021
- **(details supplied 4)** Public Realm Improvement Scheme is due to go to tender in the coming weeks with works to begin later in 2021

Other proposals being developed include, improvements to **(details supplied 5)**, the implementation of the laneways strategy and the development of proposals for the improvement of **(details supplied 6)**. These plans will be reviewed and developed in the coming months taking account of the changed circumstances over the past year or so and also the city recovery plan.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the traffic light sequencing at **(details supplied)** be investigated and the appropriate action be taken thereafter, as long traffic delays is resulting in some road users breaking through the red lights.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As both of these junctions are close together on the same stretch of road similar limitation apply to alterations to signals here, namely that **(details supplied 1)** is a major artery into the city and an extremely busy bus corridor. However, in both cases it was judged that due to the presence of an inbound bus lane it should be possible to increase the amount of green time given to side road traffic at these junctions in the morning without causing delays to bus services.

A. The signal timings have been assessed at **(details supplied 2)** junction and available green time has been increased for traffic exiting **(details supplied 3)** when congestion is detected by the traffic management system. It is expected that this will alleviate some of the delays for vehicles here.

B. The possibility of putting a filter light for traffic exiting **(details supplied 4)** has been previously assessed but not deemed possible due to the impact it would have on traffic on the **(details supplied 1)**. Even with the current signal timings the **(details supplied 4)** junction acts as a pinch point for traffic on the **(details supplied 1)** (especially for outbound traffic in during evening rush hour) and this would be exacerbated by the addition of a right turn filter. The lack of an outbound bus lane at this location means any delays at this junction negatively impacts bus services. With this in mind the signal timings have been changed to give additional green time to traffic exiting **(details supplied 4)** during the morning period to reduce delays to both general traffic and **(details supplied 5)**.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that **(details supplied)** be considered to have a pedestrian crossing introduced here due to the recent changes in traffic in this area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current measures are temporary and are due to be reviewed in August. Should the measures be extended or made permanent a pedestrian crossing will be considered at this junction.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for information regarding **(details supplied)**:

A – Could Dublin City Council confirm that the area supplied is in the public domain, the responsibility for upkeep of the area is that of Dublin City Council and that the estate was previously 'taken in charge' by the Council?

B – Could Dublin City Council work with Irish Water to ensure that the ongoing issue of malodorous from the shores on the footpath/roads is rectified. Residents have said that Dublin City Council were taking care of the issue but informed residents that they are not in a position to help with issue further as it may be the case that the estate is not public domain which residents believe is not the case.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A – The Area office have confirmed with Dublin City Council's Roads Department that **(details supplied 1)** has not been taken in charge.

The Road Maintenance Services records indicate that 36 metres of **(details supplied 1)** from its junction with **(details supplied 2)** is in-charge. The remainder of **(details supplied 1)** is not in-charge.

B - DCC drainage maintenance (DCC drainage) understand the estate is not 'taken in charge', and therefore the public sewers, both foul and surface water are not in public ownership either. As a consequence resolution of public sewer issues arising within the estate are not within the remit of DCC drainage, who also act for Irish Water vis-à-vis maintenance of the foul sewer network.

DCC drainage have carried out a without prejudice review of the estate drainage system. No odour issue was noted during the site visit. A potential foul sewage miss connection was noted, details of which have been passed to the DCC Water Pollution Control section for their consideration.

DCC's Surface Water & Flood Incident Management Division does not maintain the road gullies at **(details supplied 3)** as the road is not taken in-charge.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that signs be erected at **(details supplied 1)** informing the public where they can park their bike as many members of the public are continuing to lock their bike to public signs on the footpaths in this area. Many are not aware that Dublin City Council have provided on loan, three bike ports with the capacity for 30 bicycles to the **(details supplied 2)** carpark.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Section will arrange to either erect a sign indicating the location of the cycle parking or discuss with **(details supplied)** if they could provide this on their own site.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)**, please say if he can provide litter bins to cater for the large number of park users who frequent these green spaces/parks for recreational purposes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service does not provide bins at local greens and open spaces within residential areas rather residents are encouraged to bring their waste home and dispose of same in their own bins.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the tree at **(details supplied)**, agree to seriously prune or remove same as it is (a) lifting the tarmac surface on the path and (b) growing down so low that vulnerable pedestrians are hitting their faces off low growing branches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree and locus will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow with a view to crown raising above the public footpath to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)** say if he can provide either (a) An additional bin or (b) A larger bin

As the one that is there currently is insufficient and is constantly over-flowing, notwithstanding the fact that it is emptied daily.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will monitor the adequacy of bin capacity here to see if an additional bin is required. This location will also be considered together with all requests for Big Belly bins when allocating future budgets and planning for the provision of Big Belly bins. Big Belly solar compactors come at a significant cost which means that we are not in a position to fulfil every request to have existing bins swapped for Big Belly solar compactors.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to City Council tenancy at **(details supplied)**, please refer to the problem of a foul smell emanating from the w/c for the past 12 months or so, and take necessary steps to resolve the problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will investigate the matter reported and necessary works will be carried out as per findings.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the bathing shelter beside the slipway at the Clontarf Yacht Club can the CEO:

- Confirm that the use of this facility is governed by way of license or lease
- Confirm to whom the lease or licence has been granted and if it is still in force
- Provide a summary of the terms of the lease or licence
- Confirm when the lease or licence will expire.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no lease or licence arrangement on use of bathing shelter or slipway.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to recent activities relating to (a) attempted management of car parking in the area outside the Clontarf Baths and (b) installation

of tables on the green area between the Clontarf Baths and the Clontarf Road can the CEO:

- Confirm if this area is owned by DCC or privately owned
- Set out who is responsible for regulating these activities and what standards apply
- Outline if there have been any further discussions with the operators of Clontarf Baths in relation to implementing the measures required to keep cyclists & pedestrians safe when crossing the vehicle entry/exit points for the Baths – as I recall these measures were the subject of additional planning permission.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Dublin City Council is not the owner of the land between the Clontarf Baths and Clontarf Road.
- The other issues relating to the to the provision of tables and chairs outside the premises is currently under investigation, however any action that may be considered will have to have regard to the current Covid 19 Government Outdoor dining strategy for restaurants and cafes.
- The issues relating to parking and cycling and pedestrian safety are also under current investigation.

All of this area (beyond the Cycle Track at the Clontarf Baths) is Private Property.

In that regard, the following condition was attached to the most recent planning permission granted on the site (2355/20) regarding signage to be submitted prior to the completion of the project. There is no record on file as yet of a formal submission in this regard.

5. The requirements of DCC's Transport Planning Division shall be undertaken as follows:

c) The following shall be agreed in writing with the Traffic Management & Control and Roads Maintenance Divisions of Dublin City Council:

- i. The area of the site to be taken in charge and maintained by Dublin City Council shall be delineated on a drawing and submitted for the written agreement of Environment & Transportation Department prior to commencement of development. All areas to be taken in charge shall be constructed in accordance with DCC requirements.*
- ii. The entry and exit junction arrangements shall be designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). Revised proposals for the access points shall be agreed prior to commencement of development.*
- iii. Details of all signage and markings along the cycle route prior to completion of the development;*

d) All costs incurred by Dublin City Council, including any repairs to the public road and services necessary as a result of the development, shall be at the expense of the developer.

e) The developer shall be obliged to comply with the requirements set out in the Code of Practice.

Reason: In the interests of traffic safety

Any issues concerning attempted management of car parking or deviations from the permitted planning applications on site as outlined above can be referred to Planning Enforcement.

The area in question is not in-charge of Roads Maintenance Services.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the issues raised in the correspondence below (**details supplied**) regarding St Anne's Court can the CEO;

- Organise for the replacement washing machine to be procured and installed
- Confirm who the correct liaison person is for engagement between the residents and DCC and provide their contact details
- Request that that liaison visits the complex at least once every 2 weeks to deal with issues arising, particularly as some of the residents are very elderly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council installed a new washing machine at Saint Anne's Court last Thursday 24th June 2021. The Area Foreman carries out small maintenance works for the tenants while a gardener attends Saint Anne's Court every week, cuts the grass and tidies up the grounds. In recent months all balconies have been repaired and new guttering installed.

The Liaison Officer for this complex is Ms. Jennifer Hickey.

Jennifer.hickey@dublincity.ie. Ms. Hickey was off work for several weeks due to an accident, but has since return to work and has resumed normal working arrangement, and visited St. Anne's Court on a daily basis.

Normal working procedures were followed keeping in mind Covid 19, safety protocols for the time Ms, Hickey was out sick, Members of staff would make a phone call to all residents on a daily basis to ensure their wellbeing and take any maintenance requests.

Following the procurement and Installation of a new washing machine on 23/06/2021 there are currently two fully operational washing machine in St. Anne's court as requested.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the group of Holm Oak trees that are located between Vernon Drive and Vernon Rise can the CEO:

- Confirm if they have been surveyed/assessed by DCC recently and if so, the outcome of that assessment?
- If not, organise for them to be surveyed/assessed as a group in relation to their condition/health, any risks arising to properties nearby and any hazards to pedestrians
- Implement any measures recommended once the survey/assessment has been completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at this location have been recently surveyed and of the 17 trees inspected, 7 have been identified for replacement and 4 for significant reduction. This work is scheduled to take place later this summer/autumn.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a once off deep-clean of the graffiti on the balustrade of the Millennium pedestrian bridge and removal of the stickers on the accompanying lighting supports, and thereafter ensure that a weekly cleaning regime is put in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A contractor has been engaged to carry out a deep clean as per request. We will monitor this location and add to a list for routine cleaning when the Public Domain power washer is brought into operation.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility across Parnell Street at the west side of the junction with Jervis Street given that this junction is heavily used by pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will investigate the request for a pedestrian crossing at this location and revert back with any recommendations in due course. Ref: 7021344.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the details of any arrangement made between the City Council and others for private parking within the environs of the Dublin City Council Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market off Capel Street. In his reply can he state the amount paid for such parking and the name of those with whom any contract has been made.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Agreement was reached for the grant of an 11 month licence of Chancery Street car park to the south of the Market Building, Chancery Street, Dublin 7 to Securway at Risk Security Group Limited (SAR) shown below, for use as a carpark for up to twenty vehicles subject to a licence fee of €400 per week. The use of this carpark by SARs provides added security to the former Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market site and auxiliary buildings which are now closed to the public. The Law Agent was instructed and a draft licence was issued to the licensee's solicitor on the 13th January. The legal formalities are not yet completed.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR JOHNLYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the status of the established public right of way at the former central bank site on Dame Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no record of a through laneway at the Central Bank site from 'Cope Street to Dame Street. See map extract 1845 and OS map circa 1966 pre Central Bank development and copy of 'up to date' map below. The through lane from Cope St to 'plaza' and Dame Street was never 'in charge' of DCC. The plaza at the former Central Bank building is private property.

