

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 04TH OCTOBER 2021

Q.1 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to commit DCC to becoming a JAM (just a minute) card friendly authority. To provide staff training so there will be recognition and support for those who present the card. This simple concept is already used in public transport, banks and supermarkets to inform others that extra assistance or time is needed by those with a range of disabilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive can confirm that Dublin City Council are committed to becoming a JAM Card friendly Organisation. The Customer Experience Coordinator in Corporate Services has initiated contact with the organisation responsible for the JAM cards and discussions are underway to develop a training programme for staff. It is expected that the training will commence within the next month.

Dublin City Council is committed to becoming a JAM card friendly local authority. Our Corporate Services & Transformation Department is working to progress this and is liaising with the Belfast-based NOW not-for-profit organisation who developed the idea in relation to rolling the JAM card out in the Council, including the provision of staff training.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Tom Clarke's house on Richmond Ave please. What is the status of this building and what plans have DCC to protect / conserve / restore this important historic building which is in a very advanced state of decay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No. 31 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3 is a Protected Structure, Ref. No: 7348 on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS), Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

The building is in private ownership and it is the duty of each owner and each occupier of a Protected Structure to ensure the structure or any element of it of special interest is not endangered (Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)).

In this case, the owner has been issued with a notice under Section 59 of the Act to prevent the protected structure at No. 31 Richmond Avenue becoming endangered. The matter is ongoing and progress has been delayed by complexities in this instance, including property title and legal issues.

The building is being monitored regularly by the Buildings-at-Risk Officer in consultation with the Council's Conservation and Planning Enforcement Sections.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question: The trees on Brookwood Road need to be pruned – is this scheduled to take place soon?

Further: The tree in front of 64/66 Brookwood Road is lifting and cracking the pavement. A large chunk of the kerbing has broken off. Furthermore, there is a problem with street lighting. The front gardens/ doorsteps of 66 and 68 are very poorly illuminated...probably due in part to overgrown trees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will ask the Parks Department to examine the trees on Brookwood Road and to prune any trees that may be interfering with the public lighting here.

With regard to Public Lighting, it is Dublin City Council's responsibility to ensure that public roads and footpaths are adequately lit where public lighting is provided.

While there may be some spill light from the public lighting into the private gardens and doorsteps of people's homes, these areas are private areas and it a matter for the owners themselves to provide lighting for these private areas.

Road Maintenance Services inspected this location and scheduled a repair of the pavement for when works crew is available in the area.

The trees on Brookwood Road have been recently examined and apart from a very small number which require a light crownlift above the public footpath the majority are in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time.

Repair of the kerb is a matter for road maintenance.

Street lighting is provided to illuminate the street rather than private property. Improving lighting overspill onto private property is not considered a valid reason to prune an otherwise healthy tree.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question: To give an overview of any consultation that took place before the agreement with Eir regarding their phone boxes/advertising space on the public footpath. Who is expected to use these phones given the fact that 96% of the adult population own a mobile phone?

In particular, can the CEO advise if the voices of wheelchair users were heard in this process as the additional clutter on the footpath impedes them significantly?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The planning applications for the replacement telephone kiosks were submitted by Eircom Ltd in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Each application was supported by a newspaper and a public site notice, providing members of the public with an opportunity to make a written submission and setting out their observations. Only one observation was received during the consultation period for the 22 sites.

In relation to street clutter, it should be noted that the new kiosks replaced existing single or double telephone boxes on each of the 22 approved sites. These new kiosks are similar in scale to the old telephone boxes and hence do not take up any more space on the public footpath. Furthermore, each application was assessed by the Transportation Planning Division to determine that the new kiosk structures would not impede pedestrian permeability and to ensure that sufficient footpath space would be maintained to provide for safe and easy movement for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with buggies/prams etc.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the DCC land on **(details supplied)**, Dublin 3 for housing development.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following an expression of interest process, FOLD Housing were determined to have submitted the most successful proposal to develop this site for Social Housing for Older Persons.

A detailed design was worked up by Architects engaged by FOLD. These designs are now being further assessed by DCC technical teams to determine whether this proposal can move forward to the next stage of development.

The initial indication is that this site may deliver between 30 to 40 units. Heights have yet to be finalised however the initial sketches suggest that the site maybe laid out in four separate blocks with heights ranging from one storey to a potential four or five story building on the **(details supplied)** side. The Area Committee will be notified when completed drawings are available.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when works will commence at the playground on **(details supplied)** East Wall, Dublin 3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Funding has already been approved for works to this playground through the discretionary fund. Commencement was delayed due to changes in the extent of works and additions of new equipment. Works to be completed are listed below and should commence around week commencing 18/10/21. In the interim, the contractor has fenced off any area considered a hazard due to vandalism.

Works

- Full Resurface of all soft safety surfaces
- Replacement of peddle roundabout with new accessible 'nest swing'
- Maintenance of all remaining equipment to include chain replacement, fixing/bolt replacement, replacement of missing safety caps etc. where required, Replacement of rope net.

There was a delay in works beginning due to the eruption of off shoots of the old poplar trees removed previously. This entailed significant work to remove both the off shoots and the remaining root system.

Works on the Eastwall Playground are due to begin no later than 6th October 2021. The works will be in 3 stages, and as each stage is completed, will be available for use.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would consider to place a Xmas tree at the green space on **(details supplied)**, Dublin 3. The residents group in the area carry out great work in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Manager would like to acknowledge the great work that is being carried out by local residents in **(details supplied 1)** and the area office will continue to engage with and fund local community initiatives here. At present the North Central Area facilitates and funds the placement of Christmas trees across ten sites covering village centres, shopping districts and main junctions. This is at a considerable cost (over €100k per annum) and the money is sourced through the local discretionary fund. There are currently no additional resources available in 2021 to place a Christmas tree

on **(details supplied 2)**, however the community team will engage with the residents to explore alternative ways to light up and decorate the area this Christmas.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what plans DCC have for **(details supplied)** depot when the works are moved out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing and Community Services Department are presently liaising with the acting Area Manager and her staff to review and finalise the feasibility study for **(details supplied)**. The approximate number of housing units anticipated for the site is currently 37.

Once completed, the Housing and Community Services Department endeavours to submit a Stage 1 application for initial approval and appraisal to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Upon receipt of Stage 1 approval, a design team will be appointed and consultation will be arranged with the local community and elected members.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the current number of Employees and shortages in the Dublin Fire Service

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The agreed staffing level for DFB is 965. The current number operational is 930, with 35 recruits in training and a commitment to train an additional recruit class in Feb 2022 to compensate for predicted retirements.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what additional resources the DFB are given in regards to the Increase in Housing Supply in Dublin City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade is currently undertaking a strategic review of Fire Cover requirements for the greater Dublin Area. As part of this review Housing supply will also be considered.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Pedestrian Crossing on the Jamestown Road Roundabout.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Preliminary design of the solution to the pedestrian crossing of the Jamestown Road Roundabout is being finalised (Mid October). The detailed design will then commence.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the closure of the Abigail centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE met with local area Councillors and management in August, to set out a time frame for the proposed closure. The plan is gaining momentum and John Durkan, Deputy Director DRHE, intends to meet the Councillors in late September to update the area committee members on progress in relation to the decant process.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the decision process whereby the Seabank House Pub on East Wall Road was allowed to construct an outdoor drinking/dining area on the main road which has resulted in the pathway to the local school being reduced considerably. Can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, the local school (which is 50 meters from the pub, and on the same busy road) was consulted on this and if the safety of the children walking to school was taken into account. Finally, can the Chief Executive confirm that an application to acquire this piece of footpath by the owners of the pub was rejected by the Central Area Committee because of, inter alia, the child safety concerns now apparently ignored by DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Street Furniture Unit has not received any application for outdoor seating from the Seabank House Pub and no Permit has been issued. This will be investigated and the owners advised that they must apply for a Permit.

The Central Area Office has not received correspondence for a third party to acquire the referred parcel of land. An application to extinguish the public right of way for the same parcel of land, was received by the Central Area Office but the proposal to initiate this procedure was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I note in the answer to last month's Q47 (Cllr. Joe Costello) that although on-street car parking income was down €11.33m between 2019 and 2020 the Chief Executive informed the councillor that "additional Exchequer funding was received to off-set this loss". Firstly, can the Chief Executive confirm how much funding was received to off-set this €11.33m loss. Also, given this confirmation that the exchequer was and is willing to off-set these losses, could I ask the Chief Executive to now revisit the issue raised by me in c. 10 questions since November 2014 and inserted into our last development plan as a result of the passing of my motion on the subject (notwithstanding the Chief Executives recommendation to reject the motion), namely the permanent loss of c.€1.8m per annum resulting from the removal of c.400 parking bays in the city to facilitate Luas Cross City. As the Chief Executive is aware my questions were always answered to the effect that "ongoing discussions are taking place with NTA and the RPA on a compensation package to include a number of items including loss of paid parking revenue". Given the severe Covid related loss of income to the city, does the Chief Executive agree that it would be timely, prudent and reasonable to readdress this issue now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council received €23.6m from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for lost income from Goods & Services. This funding covered the loss of income from a range of corporate income streams, of which parking meters was one.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail (annually) how many social and affordable housing units were provided (by DCC) under the original Part V provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 from inception until the 20% requirement was reduced to 10% under the Urban Regeneration Act 2015. Also, to detail the number of units provided (annually) since the foregoing Act did away with the requirement to provide affordable units. Although quite easy for us all to calculate, can the Chief Executive also confirm the number of affordable units foregone by DCC as a result of the 2015 Act.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines the units provided under the original provisions of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 from inception to the introduction of the Urban Regeneration Act 2015:

Year	Affordable	Social	Total
2004	6	0	6
2005	241	3	244
2006	233	2	235
2007	215	57	272
2008	109	123	232
2009	164	101	265
2010	42	91	133
2014	0	36	36
Overall Total	1010	413	1423

The table below outlines the social units provided since the introduction of the Urban Regeneration Act 2015:

Year	Social
2016	25
2017	72
2018	66
2019	123
2020	81
2021 (to date)	111
Total	478

The overall total of units provided under Part V to date is 891 social units and 1,010 affordable units, totalling 1,901 units.

The Housing Policy Statement of June 2011 announced the standing down of all existing affordable housing programmes as part of a review of Part V. Therefore the Urban Regeneration Act did not provide for an affordable housing option. If the legislation had remained in place, the City Council would have potentially achieved double the amount of units from 2016 to date for both social and affordable housing.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of staff retirements/resignations under each grade for the past 6 years and to indicate, under each category, whether, or not, each vacant position was filled. also, to ask the Chief Executive what steps he is taking to ensure that service levels are maintained notwithstanding the ongoing retirement of officials with vast knowledge of, and experience in, DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As there are more than 550 different grades in Dublin City Council it is not possible to present the information in the exact format requested in the question. The following is an overview of the staffing levels over the last 6 years on a year by year basis.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Year start	5797	5680	5673	5798	5904	6014
Exits	286	305	345	386	387	294
New starts	169	298	470	492	497	232

Year end	5680	5673	5798	5904	6014	5952
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There is continuous engagement with departments and service owners across the organisation in relation to resourcing and workforce planning to ensure that the workforce levels and skills required to ensure quality service delivery are maintained.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have this very decorative lamppost (and the one in close proximity to it) at Vergemount Hall (off Clonskeagh Road) repaired and repainted as part of the current work plan or if not possible to have it included in the 2022 Work plan. Photographs supplied.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will examine the column in question on Vergemount Hall to determine what repairs are required to the column, and all columns in Vergemount Hall will be added to the list for inclusion on the 2022 painting programme, subject to available finances.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for raised mine roundabout at junction of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7022879) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this **(details supplied)**: to have the tree and roots removed from this location – it is causing a serious hazard, especially as a great number of elder residents dwell on this road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree has been examined and has been found to be in acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time. The damaged tarmac is off the public footpath on a verge area used as a parking area allowing adequate safe passing for pedestrians.

The tarmac at this location appears to have been significantly displaced by parking on the verge. Repair of the tarmac is a matter for road maintenance.

An inspection has been completed at this location and a repair has been scheduled. As **(details supplied 1)** is on the annual works program, this location will be scheduled for completion along with others localised repairs on **(details supplied 2)**.

These works are planned for 2021, however due to the pause in works at the beginning of 2021 due to Covid restrictions, it may be delayed until early 2022. The defect in question was most likely caused by illegal parking on the footpath and the tree roots from the tree at this location pushing up the asphalt covered verge.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are currently any embargos on recruitment in place within the local authority and if so, whether it is a general embargo or which areas of the local authority it applies to.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The embargo on recruitment in the local authority sector was lifted in 2015, however, the filling of vacant posts is regulated under Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Circular EL 02/2016. While the Chief Executive has delegated sanction for the management of employment numbers in the City Council, all posts at Grade 8 level and above and new posts require sanction from the Department.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the local authority has any influence to make the case to the Herberton Gymnasium in Rialto that it is in the interest of the local community that the swimming pool be reopened now that the restrictions are lifting. In my understanding as a part of planning permission for this building complex was a condition of a swimming pool facilities. Due to Covid restrictions the gym was closed for a period and since reopening the pool area has been covered with a deck and used as an exercise area to facilitate social distancing. Gym members who have inquired have been informed that there are no plans to reopen it at all. This pool was important to the local community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Herberton Gymnasium is privately owned. The South Central Area Office has been in touch with Planning Department who have confirmed that there is no requirement within any planning permission granted for the development for owners to reopen the gymnasium.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the procedures by which our by-laws which govern parking and resident permit parking ballot procedures can be opened for review to include timelines and whether it is possible to re designate a zone from green to red without having to open the by-laws for review.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Zone tariffs are set out in the Dublin City Council parking control bye-laws and to change a tariff or to widen the zone for which a particular tariff is applicable requires these by-laws to be updated. This is a reserved function, and as such requires a public consultation and full council approval. Parking Enforcement are not proposing that the bye-laws be updated within the next 12 months, however when doing so a public consultation will be conducted and a submission may be made at that stage and will receive full consideration.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to list the entities that received the ten largest payments in 2020, please provide name, the amount paid, and services provided.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below a list of the Vendors that received the largest payments in 2020, along with the date they were paid and a description of the service provided.

Vendor Name	Paid Date	Description	Invoice Total
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY	24-Jul-20	HFA LOAN REPAYMENTS	17,278,639.59
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY	24-Jan-20	HFA LOAN REPAYMENTS	15,507,008.10
RESPOND LTD	20-Nov-20	CALF FUNDING - VOLUTARY LEASING PROJECTS	9,080,000.00
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED	13-Mar-20	INSURANCE ALL RISKS	7,836,809.53

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED	05-Jun-20	INSURANCE ALL RISKS	7,836,809.53
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED	04-Sep-20	INSURANCE ALL RISKS	7,836,809.53
GARTLAN FUREY SOLICITORS	16-Oct-20	LAND PURCHASE, BANNOW ROAD HOUSING DEV	4,950,000.00
IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED	04-Dec-20	INSURANCE ALL RISKS	4,886,092.54
RESPOND LTD	13-Nov-20	CALF FUNDING - VOLUTARY LEASING PROJECTS	4,833,000.00
MAPLES AND CALDER SOLICITORS	19-Jun-20	HOUSE PURCHASE (LA HOUSING STOCK), MOUNT ARGUS, HAROLDS CROSS	3,877,090.08

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of any procurement contracts which are up for renewal in the next 12 months and the service they provide.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

See attached spreadsheet detailing Procurement Contracts.

Travellers:

For the single party framework agreement for the supply, delivery and installation of sanitation units for traveller Halting /Temporary accommodation sites.

Loans:

Loans Management System – Cygnus. This is annual maintenance contract for maintaining Cygnus, which is a Loans Management System that facilitates all information on borrowers in relation to their Mortgages. It's renewed in April each year.

RAS:

There are five contracts in RAS section.

The contract for Garda Vetting Inspector is based on an annual contract and will be renewed on expiration at year end.

Service Level Agreements will be renewed with all Approved Housing Bodies for the upkeep of Unsold Affordable properties. Renewals will likely be based on a one year rolling contract, subject to the findings of the Departmental Working Group for Unsold Affordable Units.

Maintenance:

The following are due to be renewed in the next 12 months:

- Term Maintenance Contract (Refurbishment of vacant properties)
- Minor Works Contract (Repairs)
- Supply of Paint
- Supply of Steel

ContractDetails.ID	Contract Name	Contract Type	Department	Contract Start Date	Contract Finish Date

4970	Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Energy Efficiency Retrofitting in Dublin City Council Housing Stock in 12 Lots.	Works	Housing & Residential Services	02-Jul-20	01-Jul-22
4734	Dublin City Council (DCC) invites responses to this Request for Tenders (RFT) from Economic Operators (Tenderers) for the Provision of the SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF GAS BOILER SERVICES.	Services	Housing & Residential Services	01-Sep-17	31-Aug-22

City Architects:

Contract Name	Contract Start Date	Contract Finish Date	To be Renewed Yes/No
Volumetric Contractors Framework Lot 2 (In Excess €15m) RFT 139154 - MULTI-PARTY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN & BUILD CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH THE USE OF 2D PANELISED AND/OR 3D MODULAR OR VOLUMETRIC CONSTRUCTION METHODS IN TWO LOTS	July 2019	Expected July 2023	Renewed 2021
Integrated Design Team Framework Lot 1 RFT - 142472 -Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services for projects within Dublin City Council's Administrative Area in 2 Lots - Lot 1 (8 Suppliers) -Lot 1: For projects with an estimated construction value up to €15million.	27/09/2019	26/09/2023	Renewed 2021
Integrated Design Team Framework Lot 2 RFT - 142472 -Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services for projects within Dublin City Council's Administrative Area	27/09/2019	26/09/2023	Renewed 2021

in 2 Lots - Lot 1 (8 Suppliers) -Lot 1: For projects with an estimated construction value in excess of €15million.			
Establishment of a Framework agreement for the provision of Civil and Structural Engineering Design Services for projects of an estimated construction value in excess of €5m (ex. VAT).	14/03/2018	13/03/2022	Yes
Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Civil and Structural Engineering Services for Projects from €0 to €5million in Value.	22/05/2018	21/05/2023	Yes
Multi Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Demolition Works for Dublin City Council.	14/05/2019	Dec 2021 value limit	Yes
Multi Party Framework Agreement for Quantity Surveying Services	September 2018	September 2022	Yes.

Dublin Region Homeless Executive:

Procurement for a programme of inspections of Homeless Facilities. [New]

Procurement to provide Management Services including Case Management and In Reach Services at Homeless Facilities owned or leased by Dublin City Council. [New]

Procurement process for companies to provide emergency accommodation for persons experiencing homelessness. [New]

Procurement for the provision of sleeping bags, mattresses and bed frames to the DRHE. [Renewal]

Housing First/Outreach Services [Renewal]

Q.25 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a report outlining the total budgets for street cleaning for each of the city's administrative areas for the past five years, to include an outline of the schedule for each area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have the following budgets assigned to the Operation of Street Cleaning.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Operation of Street Cleaning Expenditure Budget	€24,331,409	€26,972,264	€28,615,898	€30,784,513	€31,574,384

Services are carried out through depots across the city, budget is not separated into city administrative areas, as depots can cover more than one area.

Dublin City Council's administrative area is divided up into six Waste Management areas. In the City Centre, all streets are categorised as *Category A*. All streets are cleaned and litter bins are serviced on a continuous basis 24 / 7 supplemented by a regular wash programme carried out at night. In the remaining five areas, *Category B* (main thoroughfares, places of high importance and high footfall) are serviced daily 7-days a week consisting of mechanical and manual sweeping, servicing of litter bins and removal of illegal dumping. *Category C* is residential areas where cleaning takes place in accordance with our online cleaning schedule. We also have an on-demand Bulky Household collection schedule and an in-house graffiti removal team. Customers can also request an additional service through our customer service CRM platform where requests are responded to within 24 Hrs.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to complete a programme that was requested in 2016 for the restoration and upgrade of Herzog Park, Rathgar.

The information provided from the local area Residents Association states:

"...the failure of Dublin City Council to complete its plan for the renewal of Herzog park. As you know a plan was agreed in 2016 for a complete overhaul of Herzog. The plan consisted of the installation of a children's play area, a multi-use games area and the relaying and extension of the green areas. As well, a reorientation of the public carpark was to be put in place. Over the following number of years, the playground and the games area were put in place.

But regrettably, the work has now stalled. We have been informed by officials from the southeast area office that no engineers are available to complete this work; although we understand that the necessary funding is available...The Association seeks your assistance to expedite and find a resolution. We suggest that if there are no in-house staff to work on completion then outside staff should be retained to do so."

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved by the South East Area Committee in January 2015. One of the main objectives that emerged during the formation of the plan was the redevelopment of Herzog Park. The South East Area Office undertook local consultation and worked with Redscape and Park Services to create a plan which was brought to Part 8 and approved at the January 2017 meeting of the City Council.

Phase 1: Consultation was carried out during 2017 with three local primary schools in relation to providing a nature play area in the woodland area. The Nature Play Area was completed in summer 2018 and officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018.

Phase 2: Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green were completed in 2018. Some associated planting was carried out by Parks Services. Works to re-align the bring centre were carried out by Waste Management Section and were completed in 2019.

Phase 3: The final phase of the works include the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. There is discretionary funding in place for these works. However, to date we have not been able to get access to engineering resources to prepare a tender for the works. We are currently pursuing this with Roads Construction Section. When this work is carried out,

further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to finish the project.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive when the VEC sports grounds on Templeogue Road in Terenure can be taken on by the City Council and provided for young sports players including the Ranelagh Gaels. As a councillor I am receiving constant long, detailed issues about the pitch in Dartry Park, due to its proximity to people walking through the park. It is understood that a pitch is needed for the Ranelagh Gaels GAA and I have requested Department of Defence to provide the pitches in Cathal Brugha Barracks. I would appreciate if the City Council could inform us when the VEC grounds and the Brugha Barracks will be available for children's sports.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The opening of the CDET B lands in Terenure to wider public use is a matter for the CDET B. Dublin City Council did approach them in recent years with a view to achieving this and with the potential for improving recreational facilities in the future for this part of the South East area but the CDET B were not willing to open their lands to the public.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report explaining why Dublin city council pulled and stood down the Pigeon House Power Station development which had been awarded to a developer? This report to include what administration errors took place within Dublin city council in relation to the tendering process in the first place. Were there any legal threats by others regarding the tendering process? When did DCC take the decision to withdraw and close down the entire process? What costs have DCC incurred? What is a rough estimate of the cost to the 5 developers who tendered for the process? What was the cost to the developer who was awarded the process? Is DCC open to legal challenge for the reimbursement of such funds bearing in mind that DCC withdrew the process? What is the future for this project now? Will it be re-tendered? Can DCC make a full public statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council had identified a Preferred Bidder. In the interim High Court proceedings were instituted by an unsuccessful bidder.

Dublin City Council rejects the claims made in said proceedings, however, the existence of said proceedings would likely cause significant delay to the advancement of the Project.

After careful consideration a decision was made not to proceed with the process in its current format – such a decision is provided for in the tender documents.

There were 2 tenders received. The costs of submitting same are not known.

It is intended to commence a new Competition in the very near future.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to call on the NTA to reinstate the bus routes into Sandymount area that were withdrawn at the request of DCC with regards to their Sandymount cycling plan which is now not going ahead due to court findings. Many elderly residents of Dublin and general commuters are greatly inconvenienced with the lack of this bus service. Bearing in mind the High Court's findings regarding Strand Road it would be a contempt of court if the NTA and indeed DCC did not reinstate the bus routes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are not responsible for the regulation of bus services in the Dublin area, the NTA are the responsible agency and have been made aware of the request.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive the following: with the recent announcement of the potential for energy blackouts throughout the city and the rise in costs what contingency plans have DCC made in the event of such blackouts taking place in the city. Also, bearing in mind fuel poverty that will impact on many of our vulnerable tenants, have DCC created a program to alleviate fuel poverty for impacted tenants.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Electricity and fuel matters are a private matter between the tenant and their energy provider. The Councillor should contact ESB regarding contingency plans for domestic users.

'ESBN are the agents responsible for the provision electrical power in the state. DCC are not a producer of electricity and as such are reliant on ESNB'. Back-up generators are provided in the Civic Offices for essential services and it is being investigated if any other contingency measures need to be put in place.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full statement with regards how much of the BID levy Dublin city council has collected in the past year taking in account the pandemic and the fact that many businesses were closed it is very important, now more than ever, to give the businesses impacted by the BID levy a relief through a write off. It would be grossly unfair and inequitable to continue to make this unfair demand on business within the BID district and it would further exacerbate and slow down the city's economic recovery. Hundreds of businesses who are affected by this BID levy feel they are being unfairly treated by this levy and believe it is time to wind down the BID and put businesses and the rates of the businesses on an equal and equitable footing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has collected €1,080,000 in payments from BID companies up to weekend 18th September 2021. The commercial rates waiver scheme as applied to ratepayers in 2021 does not provide for the write off of BID charges and any proposal to write off such charges is a matter for the BID company.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 05/09/2012, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area E	3	76

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

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies

arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should make contact with the Allocations Section with income details for the previous 12 months where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

If the applicant is within 28 days of their notice of termination they should make contact with the Homeless Prevention team on 01-2226112 for assessment.

The applicant should submit an application form for Exceptional Medical Grounds to Allocations along with supporting documentation and this will be sent to the Medical Examiner for review.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing adaption matter (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has received an application from the address provided in relation to the insulation of a disability shower. The surveyor is due to call within the next six weeks to carry out an inspection.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ask the fire officer and SDCC to look into the large amount of waste furniture etc. currently stored in the back yard of the NCBI premises at Cherry Orchard Industrial Est Ballyfermot Dublin 10 residents from Cleggan Park are looking at piles of potentially flammable waste on their doorstep I have enclosed photos, they are terrified if a fire etc. happens here it will destroy their homes and the serious potential impact on human health. I am well aware the Cherry Orchard Industrial Est is out the city administrative boundary however DCC Civic Maintenances located in this Estate however it must rank as the dirtiest Industrial Est in Ireland with no maintenance etc. happening is there a management company in situ and if so can we ask through Civic Maintenance if they can clean up the Industrial Estate.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer inspected the premises on 23rd September. The Manager was very co-operative and has a robust system in place for disposal of unwanted donations mainly furniture items. The yard is secure and is covered by CCTV. Waste Enforcement has inspected the premises and will respond accordingly. The Public Domain Officer has contacted SDCC to arrange a meeting to discuss concerns regarding maintenance of the industrial estate.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive the following: A number of Residents recently contacted Local Councillors in relation to the serious butchering of trees in the Landsdowne Valley Park Drimnagh Dublin 12. Can the Parks Dept. confirm if this work was carried out on our behalf or if we did it ourselves. From what we have seen the trees were left in a very poor state. We need to start maintaining this beautiful linear Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Some areas of vegetation in Lansdowne Valley Park had become overgrown and thickets of briars had formed which were encroaching across footpaths, blocking sight lines across the park and along footpaths such that it constituted a public safety issue. There were numerous complaints from both residents and councillors in relation to this matter.

Flail mowers are not precise tools but offer an efficient mechanical treatment for thickets of briars. Previously these areas would have been treated with herbicide. The area was checked for nests before works commenced.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please get onto the new owners of the De La Salle National School and Monastery on Sarsfield / Ballyfermot Road since the School Closed in 2019 the grounds are left in a dreadful state with weeds, stingers all growing out onto the footpath. The once beautiful buildings are now left to wreck and ruin. Local residents cannot understand how a builder can leave a valuable site without any due care to the local community. What can DCC do to ensure the area is kept well and at what stage can it be entered onto the derelict site register?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site will be inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a report will be sent to the Councillor.

The Area Manager for South Central Area shall contact the owners of the site (Dwyer Nolan Developments Ltd) to determine whether or not the site is to be included on vacant sites register. As a priority they will be instructed to clean thoroughly and secure the entire site without delay.

REF: An Bord Pleanála case number TC29S.307087

Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please undertake a full traffic count on the Main Street / Maidens Row area of Chapelizod Dublin 20. Over the past few years, the traffic situation has grown to the point you cannot ever see the village empty of traffic there is constant traffic congestion here with the resulting reduction in air quality and many quality-of-life issues for children and older persons trying to cross roads etc. I am looking for some solutions for over 20 years here without success can the traffic engineers look at before more changes happen in the Phoenix Park which will make things worse.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An independent Traffic Assessment Study on Chapelizod Village is underway at present and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The recommendations of this study will be reviewed by Dublin City Council to determine what measures may be required in Chapelizod and how to proceed.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive what steps have been taken to protect the public health after Irish Water neglected to inform the EPA or the City Council until two weeks after the incident that left 877,000 customers in the Greater Dublin Area with unsafe drinking water for a period of 10 hours.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1800 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.39 QUESTION WITHDRAWN

Q.40 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state what measures he is taking to ensure that the integrity of City Council public consultations is protected against multiple submissions from the same person; that mass email campaigns from certain interest groups cannot skew the results; to state what weighting is given to a submission from a residents' committee representing over 100 residents in comparison to 100 mass emails with similar wording as part of an email campaign; to ensure that the people participating in the public consultations are residents of the City; and if he agrees that crude counts on levels of support for an initiative based on the number of submissions are neither scientific nor objective assessments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two main areas where public consultation engages with the planning process a) through statutory plans such as the Development Plan or LAPs and b) through the planning application process.

In both processes there are strict requirements under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Planning Guidelines to ensure the integrity of the system is maintained.

For e.g. Section 11 of the Planning Act requires the Chief Executive, in compiling reports on submissions, to summarise the issues raised in the submissions and consultations, and give an opinion/recommendation on the issues raised.

Similarly, the recent Guidelines on Development Plans from DHLGH recommends that given the sometimes substantial volume of submissions received, Planning Authorities should thematically group and summarise submissions, rather than respond to each individual submission.

The Development Management Guidelines (2207) also stress that with submissions on planning applications, every effort is made to assess the general thrust in the planning report. The professional staff in the Planning Authority are experienced in assessing the planning issues arising from public consultation and giving appropriate weighting to submissions from groups and individuals. People from outside the city who make a valid submission on planning ground will have that issue assessed and

given appropriate weighting also. It is agreed that crude numerical counts of submissions received is not the appropriate method to assess the planning issues involved in any given case.

Public consultations are held to gather feedback from the public on proposed or implemented measures. They are not a vote but are used to find out what the general public think about a proposal as well as to see if there are any issues or concerns by those most directly impacted. Consultations are checked to see if there are multiple submissions from an individual and when there are multiple identical submissions received these are highlighted in every public consultation report. The consultation serves to identify if further targeted consultation is required with specific groups which is then undertaken. Consultations usually request whether the respondent is a resident or business on or adjacent to the area in question or a member of the general public. However consideration will be given whether to expand that to determine if they live or work within the city or are based elsewhere.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will make provision for a series of autumn lunchtime and weekend concerts and performances to encourage footfall in the City Centre and provide employment for musicians/performers who have been unemployed during Covid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Councils Events budgetary provision for the remainder of 2021 will be focused on an animated lighting Halloween event in Smithfield Square 29th-31st Oct, Dublin Winter Lights for a six week period, Christmas at the Castle (in partnership with OPW), and New Year's Eve Festival (in partnership with Fáilte Ireland). It is intended that collectively these events will bring significant footfall in to the City Centre.

In terms of planning and delivery of an outdoor event for autumn, this would in general take an 8-10 week process timeline. Consequently it is not possible to facilitate this request in such a short timeframe.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the long requested works at **(details supplied)** to be carried out as soon as possible and to provide a report on the apparently under resourced Housing Maintenance Section.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Foreman called to the address provide and carried out an inspection of the front door. The door is deemed to be in good working order and not in need of replacing at this time, a new lock has been fitted.

The windows at the address provided have been inspected and are in good working order and not deemed in need of replacement at this time.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the dressing rooms for Brickfield Park and a timeframe for the work to commence.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The three year capital programme is being updated and will be brought to Council in due course. This will include the timescale and budget for the Brickfields pavilion project.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plan to manage the Halloween season, please include detail on coordination with emergency services, removal of bonfire material and allocation of staff.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are working with all relevant parties in DCC: Housing, Parks and Area Offices and DFB to form a Halloween Response group.

Additional services from all sections will be in place to support the safe removal of stockpiled bonfire materials. The parties will work closely with An Garda Síochána.

Reports of stockpiled materials form a major part of our plan/response and activity these should be logged via 01 222 2222 or via: <https://dcciservices.dublincity.ie>

Removals are currently taking place across all sections and dedicated a Waste Management Crew will supplement additional activity in the 10 days prior to Halloween.

Each year Dublin Fire Brigade participates in a Halloween fire and firework safety media campaign in conjunction with a range of emergency services and associated stakeholders.

Dublin Fire Brigade will liaise with An Garda Síochána in advance of and during the Halloween season. DFB also work with colleagues across the Dublin Councils with respect to any identified stockpiling of bonfire material.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive does he agree that Dublin Fire Brigade requires extra staff to compensate for retiring personnel and will help ensure those on the panel are brought in to the service and trained as a matter of urgency?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade currently has 35 recruits in training, these recruits will complete training in December this year.

There is a commitment to train an additional recruit class in Feb 2022, to compensate for predicted retirements.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive the following: DCC have played a central role in drawing up plans for the Sons of Devine Providence lands, Sarsfield Road, can the CE give an update on progress made with the development this site and ensure that there is a senior DCC rep attending the working group meeting?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in accordance with its 4 stage approval process.

In March 2021, a Stage 1 application was submitted to the DHLGH for approval. However, a Strategic Assessment Report is required to meet the requirements of the Public Spend Code before a decision on project approval can be reached. The Housing and Community Services Department (DCC) endeavour to submit this report shortly.

There are feasibility and delivery challenges that need to be resolved before proceeding with the project. We recognise the need for DCC to provide leadership on this development and we have assigned a senior official who will now focus on delivering the optimum solution for all involved.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to assess the condition of the Eastlink road (R131) as it runs along York Rd and Pigeon House Road. Potholes etc contribute considerably to the noise pollution from traffic in the area and many residents are struggling with this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements are being made to have repairs carried out to this section of Toll Bridge Road. These works are scheduled to take place in October 2021.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive why the safety islands on Sean Moore Road had been removed and if they had been replaced by alternative infrastructure to keep pedestrians safe when using the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These island were removed to make the crossing a straight across crossing rather than the previous staggered arrangement which required the pedestrian to cross in two different movements. There will also be cycle tracks either side with separator islands and this will narrow the road and so help to reduce speed and the time that pedestrians will need to cross the vehicular lanes. In the current temporary arrangement the crossing times for pedestrians has been substantially increased and the straight across crossing is in operation.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding the use of the railings around Mountjoy Square by local artist's to sell their work. Similar to the current set up on St. Stevens Green.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location is not designated for casual trading as per the current casual trading bye laws, so the bye laws would need to be reviewed and amended to include that location before we can allow trading to take place there. There will be a review of the bye laws in the near future which will go out for public consultation.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the plans for Ashington Park. Specifically, a timeline for any proposed improvement works to the lighting and provision of extra bins and the installation of extra benches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lighting programme at Ashington Park agreed with Iarnród Éireann has been completed. There are no plans for the installation of extra benches or bins in the park. Supply chain issues are causing a delay with the installation of the basketball hoops on the hard surface. We will carrying out the planned tree planting here in the coming dormant season.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current situation at the "Matts of Cabra" site on Fassagh Road/Avenue. Specifically if any monies are owed to DCC by the current or previous owners of the site, what actions have been initiated by DCC to have

this eyesore attended to and when local people can hope to see some progress on the site?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site at 2A Faussagh Avenue, Cabra, Dublin 7 was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 26th August 2019, as it met the criteria, as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (As amended). A Demand for Payment of a Vacant Sites Levy based on 7% of the market value of the site, was served on the owners in January 2021 in respect of the period from 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020. The Act does not give the Council power to force the owner to clean up the site.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of having the tree at the end of Dunard Avenue, Cabra, Dublin 7 removed as it is being used by young people to scale a dangerous wall and is a serious Health & Safety risk. Photo included.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks Service has been in touch with the Councillor to determine the exact location of the tree in question. We will arrange an inspection of the location and any works deemed necessary will be carried out.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will compulsory purchase order the Drake Inn site, Finglas which has been vacant for over a decade.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site was published on the Vacant Sites Register on **16th April 2019** as it met the criteria, as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (As amended). As the site remained on the register throughout 2020 and under its current ownership, a demand for payment of Vacant Sites Levy was served on the owner in February 2021 for that period. The demand was based on 7% of the market value which equates to €28,000.00. The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 does not provide for the compulsory acquisition of property.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of the traffic calming measures at **(details supplied)** Finglas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) is on a bus route, speed cushions rather than ramps have been provided on such roads to facilitate emergency vehicles and the comfort and safety of bus passengers.

A speed survey carried out on **(details supplied)** shows that the resultant 85% percentile speed did not exceed the speed limit of the road. It is therefore not recommended to introduce other traffic calming measures, as they do not meet the warrant.

It is also noted that **(details supplied)** is currently traffic calmed with six speed cushions. The speed cushions and are placed appropriately at specific distances apart to achieve optimum traffic calming. The traffic calming is also aided with the presence of on street parking which reduces speeds and improves driver caution, and the tree lined appearance of the road also creates an enclosed nature to the area which further enhances traffic calming.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the €250,000 allocated for works on the 5 arm junction in Finglas Village.

- A) What works and planning has taken place to date?
- B) Can an updated timeline be provided?
- C) Are there plans to further funding for this junction?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A) The consultant to design the scheme has been appointed. A scoping/options report is currently being drafted.
- B) The report is expected to be complete in a month. A more extensive timeline will be available after its completion.
- C) The scheme is jointly funded by the Area office and the NTA

Q.56 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to expedite the housing adaption grant of **(details supplied)** who is terminally ill.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has received an application from the address provided in relation to the insulation of a disability shower. The surveyor is due to call within the next six weeks to carry out an inspection.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how many LEIPs has been implemented out of the 31 on the list of proposed LEIPs in the 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan. Which ones have been implemented.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Section 2.2.8.1 Area-Specific Plans, of the Dublin City Development Plan lists a total of 31 areas from which a number of local environmental improvement plans (LEIPs) or village improvement plans, or other appropriate plans will be prepared in conjunction with the local area committee, in so far as priorities and resources permit, with the objective of preparing up to 3 LEIPs for each city council administrative area. The list of areas as set out in the Development Plan is detailed below, along with an update on local plans carried out for each area.

North Central Area	
Listed in the DCDP	(i) Artane, (ii) Clontarf (iii), Donnycarney, (iv) Donnycarney, including Malahide Rd and Collins Avenue, (v) Killester Village, (vi) North Strand, (vii) North Strand/ - North Strand Road/ Ballybough/ Clonliffe, (viii) Gracepark Area.
Update on new plans, Sept. 2021	Draft Belmayne Belcamp Masterplan 2020, prepared by the Planning Department. Finalised version to be published this month.

North West Area	
Listed in the DCDP	(i) Cabra, (ii) Finglas, (iii) Glasnevin, (iv) Navan Road, (v) Whitehall.
Update on new plans, Sept. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finglas Strategy 2021, prepared by DCC Planning Department, it provides an area wide detailed analysis and series of recommendations.• Variation No. 33, 2021, including a new SDRA Framework for Jamestown lands in Finglas, prepared by DCC Planning Department.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phibsborough LEIP, 2016, prepared by DCC Planning Department (also listed in the central area, as straddles both).
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Central Area	
Listed in the DCDP	(i) Drumcondra Village, (ii) East Wall Area, (iii) Liffey Quays, (iv) Phibsborough, (v) Sheriff Street / North Wall, (vi) Stoneybatter.
Update on new plans, Sept. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phibsborough LEIP, (2016), prepared by DCC Planning Department. • North East Inner City Greening Strategy,(2018), prepared by ait urbanism for DCC Parks Department and Central Area Office. • Market's Green Strategy, prepared by ait Urbanism for DCC Parks Department and Central Area Office. Draft Plan produced June 2021. • Green Stoney Batter Strategy, 2020; prepared by DCC Parks and Landscaping Services in conjunction with Urban Agency and ecologist Mary Tubridy. • North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ: Draft Water Animation Strategy 2018 (& south central) • URDF application for the North East Inner City. Funding approved for various projects including the following public domain works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit & Vegetable Market & public realm study • Broadstone to Grand Canal: pedestrian & cycle route • Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Phase 1, and public realm works • Mountjoy Square conservation plan • Five Laps public realm works • 14-17 Moore Street & Moore Street public realm works • Charlville Mall public realm works (& library)

South Central Area:	
Listed in the DCDP	(i) Ballyfermot (ii) Bluebell (iii) Crumlin (iv) Dolphin's Barn (v) Drimnagh (vi) Inchicore / St. Michael's / Kilmainham, (vii) Walkinstown.
Update on new plans, Sept. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluebell: A Framework for Renewal, 2019, Bluebell Community Council with DCC, Urban Agency and Avison Young • Kilmainham Inchicore Development Strategy, 2021, prepared by Avison Young (in association with Urban Agency and Systra, for DCC (URDF funded) • Dolphin's Barn, (2018) Public Ream Improvement Plan, by Haslam & Co Architects • Environmental Improvement Scheme for Crumlin Village (2017), DCC Environmental & Transport Department. • North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ: Water Animation Strategy 2018 (& central area) • Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme, 2017, prepared by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Ltd for DCC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newmarket Square Environmental Improvement Scheme, 2017. • Liberties Greening Strategy, prepared by DCC Parks Department. • URDF application for the South Inner City. Funding approved for various projects including the following public domain works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Public realm improvement plans for (i) Meath Street (ii) Cork Street, (iii) Werburgh Street/ Ship Street. • Implementing the Francis Street Improvement Plan, the Newmarket Square environmental enhancements, Dolphin's Barn Environmental improvements and the Liberties Greening Strategy.
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South East Area	
Listed in the DCDP	(i) Camden St/ Wexford St/ Redmond's Hill/ Aungier St and George's St area, (ii) Irishtown, (iii) Little Camden, (iv) Ringsend, (v) Terenure.
Update on new plans, Sept. 2021	Ringsend Irishtown LEIP, 2017, prepared by Mitchell Associates for the Area Office.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive the cost breakdown of all works done by contractors on behalf of the Parks Department in the Ballyfermot-Drimnagh area. To list the breakdown of all jobs with their costs. To list what DCC had asked contractors to do in Lansdown Park this September.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are two separate questions above. The first relating to contractors and cost has no time frame and given the volume of works carried out by the Parks Service a summary of is listed below for the last 2 years in the Drimnagh-Ballyfermot Area.

Walkinstown Green: Top up bark mulch playground, playground repairs.

Bunting Park: Resurface of existing paths and construction of new path, wildflower meadow seeding x 2, picnic benches x 3, new goalposts to GAA pitch, flail work to hedges.

Mourne Road Roundabout: Planting bulbs and wildflower.

Galtymore Park: Filter drain construction.

Benmadigan Green: Tree and wildflower planting, new path section.

Liffey Valley South: Bulb planting, herbaceous planting to bank, Removal of diseased trees and windblown trees, new tree planting, flail work to undergrowth. St. Laurence's Road- bulb planting along road verge

Kylemore Park: New Playground installation, bulb and wildflower planting, new granite coping to boundary wall, new hoggin to paths.

Ballyfermot Park: New park design, construction ongoing

Le Fanu Park: New skate and Play Park, tree planting, landscaping works and fencing.

Drumfinn & Markievicz: Removal of weeds from cobbles using mechanical means

Markievicz Park: New wildflower meadow sown, new goalmouths, flail work to hedges.

California Hills: Bulb planting, new goalposts to GAA pitch

In relation to the second question, in 2020 the flail mower was hired and worked in the following parks to carry out hedge cutting, meadow grass cutting and cutting back of undergrowth/briars that were encroaching along footpaths and obstructing sightlines: Bunting, Longmeadows, Le Fanu, Brickfield, Liffey Valley South, Markievicz and Cherry Orchard. In 2021 the flail mower worked in the following parks: Lansdowne Valley, Willie Pearse Park, Longmeadows and Liffey Valley South. The work carried out was the same as that detailed for 2020.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for a plan to be drawn up by the Parks Department to protect nature in the South Central area. Wild flower meadows funded DCC community services and other planting done by local environmental groups have been cut in Drimnagh and Crumlin. Tree roots, collars, trunks and branches are permanently damaged by lawnmowers every time grass is cut. Young trees are permanently damaged because they are tied to tight. This September, trees in Lansdowne Valley Park in Bluebell have been wrecked. Freshly planted fruit trees have been deliberately and permanently damaged by the lawnmower riding over them. That the plan lists action Parks will take to stop damages to trees and to protect environmental group's active contribution to enhance biodiversity in the South Central Area. That the plan be distributed to local environmental groups and local councillors.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services have a number of plans and strategies in place which guide our policy and practice in relation to the natural environment including the City Parks Strategy, the Biodiversity Action Plan and the Tree Strategy which are available from the Dublin City Council website:
www.dublincity.ie/residential/parks/strategies-and-policies

We welcome the effort and participation of environmental groups in the care of local parks and the environment and any local plans should be prepared in consultation with the community and local interest groups.

We will arrange a meeting with groups which are known to us so that a dialogue can be arranged with a view to agreeing local plans.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive when will the residents in Chapelizod be presented with the much needed presentation for Chapelizod residents detailing future traffic improvements and plans in the near, medium and long term. The village is going through a lot of major changes: Phoenix Park plans, Springvale with 71 units, Bus Connects and other housing constructions. A presentation/report including resident's narrative feedback on their experiences with traffic in the village was supposed to be planned for the September SCAC meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An independent Traffic Assessment Study on Chapelizod Village is underway at present and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The recommendations

of this study will be reviewed by Dublin City Council to determine what measures may be required in Chapelizod and how to proceed.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what the plans are to increase footfall and economic activity in the City Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Office of City Recovery has undertaken several actions in recent months to increase footfall and increase economic activity in the City Centre. All of these completed actions as well as proposals for future actions are included in The Office of City Recovery update 4 and medium term action plan. If the Councillor wishes to discuss any of these actions in more detail, he should contact the Director of City Recovery.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what is being done to reduce and eliminate antisocial behaviour in the City Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The primary authority for the management of people on City streets and the reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour is An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council can and does play a secondary role in this regard including such matters as public realm design, traffic management and provision of infrastructure. Dublin City Council has been working closely in support of An Garda Síochána in recent months with regard to this topic. Meetings have been held between Dublin City Council officials and An Garda Síochána at the highest level with commitments received, which have been implemented, regarding additional Garda resources on City streets. Dublin City Council is also facilitating the meeting of 2 separate committees, High Level Street Issues and City Business Forum, tasked with better coordinated solution delivery and stakeholder engagement respectively.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if commercial rates are being collected in a timely fashion or if there is backlogs due to Covid etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The percentage cash collection of commercial rates for week ending 26th September 2021 is 74% which compares favourably with the same period in 2019 (pre-Covid 19) which was at 76% taking account of the current economic environment and constraints imposed during 2021 on businesses due to Covid.

The Rates Office monitors the arrears of the commercial rate categories on a weekly basis to identify any variances in performance. Rate collectors are fully engaged with ratepayers in making the necessary arrangements to ensure rate liabilities are being discharged.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if tenant's rents are being collected on time and what is the current bad debt figure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To follow is a breakdown of rent accounts with credit/clear/arrears balances:

Tenancies in Credit/Clear/Debit	Number of Tenancies	% of total (24,999)	Tenancies
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Tenancies in Credit	9960	39.84%
Tenancies Clear	347	1.38%
Tenancies in Arrears	14692	58.77%

It is projected that Dublin City Council will collect €93m in rent in 2021, this compares favourably to the collection of €81,548,171 in 2018; €86,085,697 in 2019 and €90,896,920 in 2020. €60,408,996 has been collected to end of August 2021. This represents a collection rate of 92.66% (90.54% for the same period in 2020) when based on the collection of the weekly rent charge/debit. Basing the collection rate on the projected annual debit plus the total arrears, the collection rate is 63.45% (61.37% for same period in 2020). The amount of debits added to rent accounts on foot of assessments in 2021 (€1,115,604) exceeds the increase in rent arrears for the same period ((€1,048,674) by €66,930.

As of the 30st August, the balance of arrears on rent accounts was €37,862,991. This figure is the sum of all arrears accrued since the commencement of all live tenancies. Credit on accounts is €4,087,816.99.

At present all arrears are treated as recoverable and are only written off on the death of a tenant, on application of a hardship clause or when a tenant is granted a Debt Relief Notice in the District Court.

Below is a profile of aged debt.

Number of Weeks in Arrears	Number of Accounts	Total Arrears €
1 – 4	5060	555,507
4 – 6	1255	368,049
6 – 12	2023	1,246,555
12 – 24	1996	2,737,936
24 – 52	2351	7,082,347
52 +	3056	25,927,855

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he thinks it is acceptable for the council to lease build to rent apartments for social housing. Can he make a statement on how the standards differ, and if he thinks it is good enough to have sub-standard units as social housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The "Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments – Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (2018 and 2020) were published under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Planning Authorities and An Bord Pleanála are required to have regard to these Guidelines and the specific planning policy requirements (SPPRs) contained therein when assessing planning applications for apartment developments.

The 2018 Apartment Guidelines introduced and defined the "build to rent" apartment typology as follows: -

'Purpose-built residential accommodation and associated amenities built specifically for long-term rental that is managed and serviced in an institutional manner by an institutional landlord.'

'**Specific Planning Policy Requirement 8**' of the 2018 Apartment Guidelines notes for proposals that qualify as specific Build to Rent (BTR) developments in accordance with SPPR 7 of the 2018 Apartment Guidelines the following applies: -

1. No restrictions on dwelling mix and all other requirements of these Guidelines shall apply, unless specified otherwise.
2. Flexibility shall apply in relation to the provision of storage, private amenity space and communal amenity space as set out in Appendix 1 of the Guidelines, on the basis of the provision of alternative compensatory communal support facilities and amenities within the development. This will be at the discretion of the Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála. In all cases the obligation will be on the applicant to demonstrate the overall quality of the facilities provided and that residents will enjoy an enhanced overall standard of amenity.
3. There shall be a default of minimal or significantly reduced car parking provision on the basis of BTR developments being more suitable for central locations and / or proximity to public transport services.
4. The requirement that the majority of all apartments in a proposed scheme to exceed the minimum floor area standards by a minimum of 10% shall not apply to BTR schemes.
5. The requirement for a maximum of 12 no. apartments per floor per core shall not apply to BTR schemes, subject to overall design quality and compliance with building regulations.

Any residential schemes which the Local Authority leases from private entities must comply with the pertinent statutory planning and developments standards. The long-term leasing scheme has made an important contribution to social housing needs in Dublin City and this contribution will significantly increase in the coming years. We consider that it will be a very important part of the stream of delivery options necessary to allow DCC to respond to the housing crisis in the city.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many companies outside Ireland the council is in negotiation with, and if checks are made on whether they can legally trade or not.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The award of public procurement contracts are governed by EU Public Procurement Directive. Revised Directive 2014/24/EU transposed into Irish Law in May 2016.

The core principles of EU Procurement are transparency, equal treatment, open competition and sound procedural management. The Directive contains strict rules around the principles of treating all economic operators equally, without discrimination by acting in a transparent and proportionate manner.

DCC procurement policy, in accordance with EU and Government procurement policies, requests the following information from economic operators;

1. Declaration of compliance with Article 57 of the Public Sector Directive 2014/24 EU (copy attached). Article 57 provides specific grounds for exclusion of economic operators including, for example;
 - *Participation in a criminal organisation*
 - *Corruption or fraud*
 - *Terrorist offences*
 - *Money laundering or terrorist financing*
 - *Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings (Non-exhaustive list - see Article 57 for full list of exclusion grounds)*
2. Declaration re: Statutory Obligations (copy attached)

3. Tax Clearance Certification (including use of proposed sub-contractors)
4. Economic and Financial Standing including; Turnover levels, Profitability, Bank Details and Insurance Details
5. Technical and Professional Ability including previous comparable projects
6. Other project specific mandatory requirements including; Architectural, Legal, Health & safety etc.

Alternatively an economic operator may submit a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD). The ESPD shall consist of a formal statement by the economic operator that the relevant ground for exclusion does not apply and that the economic operator will be able, upon request and without delay, to provide supporting documentation.

The ESPD confirms that the economic operator it is not in one of the situations referred to in Article 57 in which economic operators shall or may be excluded

All economic operators, whether submitting an ESPD or not, must provide evidence of all declared information prior to being awarded a contract or being accepted onto a Framework or panel.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the numbers of companies the Council is currently in negotiations with relating to housing from the following tax havens?

Cayman Islands

United States

Switzerland

Hong Kong

Singapore

Luxembourg

Japan

Netherlands

British Virgin Islands

United Arab Emirates

Isle of Man

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We presume the Councillor is referring to the Long Term Leasing process.

When acquiring units under LTIs it is practice for developers or institutional investors to submit proposals for lease to the City Council for consideration. All financial and legal due diligence is carried out in advance of leases being exchanged which, if involving over four units, are considered by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government. It is not practice for relevant companies to provide information on the source of their funds.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the rezoning for paid parking on streets adjacent to the Mater that acts to deter all day parking by those accessing the hospital. Furthermore that the manager rezone the Rialto area and its environs to the highest paid parking zone/tariff so parking costs exceed those charged at St James Hospital Campus -includes the NCH?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Zone tariffs are set out in the Dublin City Council parking control bye-laws and to change a tariff or to widen the zone for which a particular tariff is applicable

requires these by-laws to be updated. This is a reserved function, and such requires a public consultation and full council approval. Parking Enforcement are not proposing that the bye-laws be updated within the next 12 months, however when doing so a public consultation will be conducted this matter can then be considered.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an urgent traffic audit in the neighbourhoods adjacent to, and affected by, the National Children's Hospital and that a Traffic Masterplan be developed as a matter of urgency?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2015 an Environmental Impact Statement (EIA) was submitted by National Paediatric Development Board (NPDB) as part of the planning application for construction of the National Paediatric Hospital Project. The EIA describes the existing roads, traffic & transportation network in the context of the proposed development and also examines the various aspects of the construction & operational phases of the development which have the potential to impact roads, traffic & transportation, and the magnitude of the impact is considered and mitigation are described. The EIA advises that Mobility Management Plan (MMP) has been prepared and that a Smarter Travel Programme is being implemented with the support of the Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport (DTTAS). The MMP includes an agreed set of principles that includes limiting car parking spaces within the Hospital Campus. The EIA recognises that limiting parking on Campus has the potential to increase parking demand on neighbouring roads & Streets. The EIA recommends the extension of pay parking zones & increase of parking fees in the immediate vicinity of the Campus and that the St James's Hospital Campus Smarter Travel Programme will work with & support local communities who wish to see an extension of the on-street controlled pay parking areas. In 2020, the National Transportation Authority (NTA) commissioned to Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd to provide a proposal for a movement options study within the St James's Hospital Campus, required as part the New Children's Hospital (NCH) development as well as the BusConnects bus network re-design and Core Bus Corridor projects. Also, Jacobs were previously commissioned by NTA to progress Core Bus Corridor 7 to the north of the Hospital Campus. The initial interventions suggested as part of Core Bus Corridor 7 were considered likely to impact traffic routing and mobility around St James's Hospital. The BusConnects Project is a work in progress. In addition, Dublin City Council Transportation are progressing design of Kilmainham to Thomas Street Cycle Track.

Therefore, DCC Transportation will continue to liaise with NTA, NPDB & stakeholders, and update Council on progress of traffic management & transportation measures to ensure effective access/egress to the St James's Hospital Campus and also mitigate the impact of the National Children's Hospital on surrounding neighbourhoods.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive when a revised tenancy booklet will be published and that it includes information on damp/mould and acknowledges that DCC, as landlord, has a responsibility for?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Housing & Community is aware of issues with mould in our properties. In the past number of years the City Council has taken a large number of measures to try and prevent mould issues occurring in our properties. The responsibility to tackle mould in the units is a shared one between landlord and tenant.

As background to this, mould will grow where moisture is present on surfaces of the structure. This moisture can come from outside, leaks, rising damp etc., or the moisture can originate inside the dwelling by moisture that is held in the air condensing onto surfaces within the dwelling, generally this begins in the corners of rooms, at the junction of a wall and ceiling and around window reveals.

DCC is fully aware and appreciates the nature of damp and condensation issues which affect a minority of units in the overall housing stock. Its causes are multi-dimensional and require thorough investigation in each case (re both internal and external factors) to identify the solution(s) required. DCC Housing Maintenance shall call to tenants to investigate the causes of mould and condensation.

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance is always looking for new solutions in trying to reduce or combat condensation. In the past number of years we have installed thousands of mechanical ventilation devices in our units which help circulate air and reduce humidity in our properties.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if dcc will be providing any charging units for electric cars in the Cabra/Glasnevin area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no known plans to install charge points in the area at present. However, Dublin City Council is aware of the transition to electric vehicles as set out in the Climate Action Plan as we prepare to respond to the needs of the citizens of the City by providing a sustainable urban mobility strategy. The Council is also aware that technology is changing rapidly and that a range of different solutions will be required to successfully address current and future mobility demand, not only in the City, but also across the wider Dublin Metropolitan Area.

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

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

The study sets out modelled EV uptake and consequent grid capacity requirements (ESBN are looking to pilot a number of new technical innovations). It also details numbers and recommended types of chargers required together with suitable business models, capital costs (including anticipated leveraged private sector capital), and areas more suited to Charge Points. However, there remains some key items that require additional work and consequently the strategy has not as of yet been fully finalised and agreed.

Some of the remaining key items relate to collaboration across the four Dublin Authorities to ensure interoperability for the citizen and resourcing requirements. In addition, engagement with key stakeholders (Charge Point Operators, Government Bodies, Car OEMs, EV owner groups and Forecourt Operators) is commencing end

September, to inform key implementation strategies as the study is finalised. Discussions are continuing as a pressing matter and are ongoing with ESNB, the Department, the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and internally in this fast evolving space, with a view to finalising and agreeing a way forward (to include presentation to Council) at the very earliest opportunity.

In addition, variations to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 introduced new objectives such that all new parking for new (or extensions to) housing, apartments and places of employment that provide car parking shall be electric charge enabled.

Dublin City Council shall work closely with the ESB and other stakeholders to increase the number of EV charge points across the city. All new (or upgraded) commercially operated car parking developments shall be required to provide a minimum of 50% of spaces with EV charging facilities in compliance with SI393.

The preparation of the new City Development Plan 2022-2028 will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the revised objectives from the previous plan and incorporate the relevant outcomes of the above-mentioned study.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how much funding has been provided for the insulation of houses and when this programme will recommence in the Cabra area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Departmental funding for 2021 for The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme is €6.589 Million. This funding allocation also includes Energy Efficiency Retrofitting works under our voids programme. COVID has had a significant impact on the roll out of The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme as we are working in occupied properties. We hope to recommence the programme in the Cabra area in late 2021 however if not, the programme will recommence early 2022 subject to confirmation of Departmental funding for same.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the loan arrears for **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued directly to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on how many traffic accidents have been reported at the junction of **(details supplied)** and if DCC has any plans to make this junction safer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The accident data is being compiled at the moment for the junction of the **(details supplied)**. As soon as we have this data we will send it through.

The Traffic Advisory Group will await the findings of the report from the Road Safety Section which will inform us on how to proceed with the matter.

Q.75 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive, with regard to the response to Q.33 at the September meeting indicating that we need to request that EIR remove individually their redundant pay phones that are causing a blight on our city public realm, I ask that the CEO

demands of Eir that they, not us, take proactive responsibility for such 'assets' on our public realm and remove those that are redundant, starting with the redundant payphones outside the RSCI on Stephen's Green west (see attached image), outside No 25 St. Stephen's Green North (see attached image) and the payphones outside 10 Camden St (see attached image). Their removal should not have to wait for any re-purposing plan nor for anyone to report anti-social behaviour associated with them given their dire physical aspect that in itself is anti-social to otherwise well maintained aspect of our public realm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request has been submitted to EIR to remove the payphones at RSCI/ 25 St Stephen's Green and outside 10 Camden Street.

Q.76 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the advertising conditions associated with the permission granted to EIR for their new digital phone kiosks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission has been granted for 22 new digital kiosks – 2 were refused permission. The kiosks are smaller than the traditional phone boxes which they replace on the 22 sites. It should be noted that a 170 payphones have been removed in their entirety from another 96 sites across the city, in order to reduce impediments to the public realm overall.

Each permission is subject to a number of conditions. The conditions relating to advertising are typically as follows:

- a. Final finishes and colours of the proposed kiosk shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
- b. The maximum luminance of the advertisement display between dusk and dawn shall not exceed 300 candelas per square metre. The applicant shall be required to review the luminance level with the planning authority within 12 months from the final grant date.
- c. Only static images without movement shall be permitted, i.e. no animation, flashing, three dimensional effects, noise, smoke or full motion video shall be permitted without a prior grant of planning permission.
- d. No more than one advertisement shall be displayed every ten seconds.
- e. The mechanism of changing the digital advertising display hereby approved shall be by means of a fade transition of the display at intervals of 10 seconds or more. Any change to the nature of the advertising display including to a flick or scroll transition between advertisements, shall be subject to a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To ensure the signs do not have any adverse effect on the amenity of the area or road safety.

Q.77 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair of the ceiling and floors at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Maintenance Officer called to the above property on Tuesday 28th September 2021 and carried out an inspection of the floors and ceiling. Following on from this arrangements have been made to carry out these works during October 2021.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that speed ramps be introduced at **(details supplied)** due to the ongoing speeding of vehicles at this location and due to the large number of children that live and play in this area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regards to the installation of ramps, Dublin City Council outlines the below criteria in terms of the consideration of ramps:

- The road should have a straight run of at least 200m.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.

Due to the road not being a straight run of 200m, and with the majority of **(details supplied)** being a cul-de-sac, it will not contain enough traffic to generate 60 vehicles per hour qualify for consideration for ramps. In addition to this, the road is naturally traffic calmed with the provision of on street parking which narrows the carriageway and effectively acts as traffic calming and reduces forward visibility.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the planting of trees at **(details supplied)**, Cabra, Dublin 7. The trees at these locations were felled in June 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have these locations listed on our 2021/2022 Tree Planting Programme (Nov-Mar). The Roads Maintenance Division are currently carrying out repairs at this location. It was agreed that tree planting would take place following these scheduled works.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that action be taken at **(details supplied)** to make it safer for pedestrians and road users:

- A) At this location, there is traffic lights no longer in use. If they cannot be turned back or are not owned by DCC, can DCC request their removal or cover them up as they are causing confusion at times to road users and could be dangerous if left this way.
- B) At this location, it is dangerous for pedestrians as some of the footpath has been fenced off due to work at a development, Can measures be out in place to make it safer for pedestrians?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area where these traffic signals are located are not in charge, we advised the developer in relation to the operation of the traffic signals at the location but it was only advice at the time of installation.

Until the road is taken in charge we will not be able to make any changes to the traffic signals.

(Details supplied) is not in-charge to Dublin City Council. Therefore, Traffic Section have notified Ballymore Group of the safety problem and requested a report on action to address the matter.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the blue and white street signs at the public roads at **(details supplied)**, Ashtown, Dublin 15 be repainted as someone painted over them in one color but they have been left this way for months and are hard to read, especially for those with visual impairments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This road is private & not in the charge of DCC.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please outline what are the delays in providing safe, secure bin storage in our housing complexes and can he outline what measures are being taken to overcome these barriers and to ramp up the roll out of this initiative across our complexes as the trials have already been in place for over 2 years now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are fully committed to providing secure bin areas across all our housing complexes. Initially it was tried on a trial basis and this has proven to be very successful. It will now be rolled out across all our housing complexes. As Dublin City Council has over 191 complexes it will take some time to complete all these works.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive when the pilot scheme for communal food waste bins for communities with no wheelie bin storage capacity will commence and can he provide the details of where these trials will take place'

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is committed to ensuring waste is disposed of in the correct manner at all Council owned housing complexes. In 2019, a joint Housing Maintenance / Waste Management Services project team was established to introduce segregated waste collections at all Dublin City Council housing complexes on a phased basis, dictated by the volume of complexes in each local area.

As the largest volume of housing complexes are located in the South East Area, this was chosen as the pilot area and was successfully completed in early 2020. Work then commenced in the South Central Area but unfortunately the project was paused due to the impact of Covid 19 and the initial lockdown of society. Sporadic attempts were made to restart the project in the latter half of 2020, but it was again put on hold when Level 5 restrictions were introduced in January 2021. It is anticipated that work will commence on the project again in Q3 2021. It will then be rolled out to the remaining areas.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the current trial of the public mix dry recyclables bins in the City centre come to an end and when can we expect a report on this success of the trial, and can the CEO outline what other steps are being taken to increase public recycling facilities in the City, in particular for food waste and compostable packaging.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under phase 1 of the "Circlecity" scheme, 25 Plastic and Can "recycling on the go" bins went into operation in the city in October 2020. With Covid 19 and lack of footfall in the city, review of performance paused. Interim measures have all been positive as reported by RPS (Dec 20/ June 21/ August 21) and a report is in process ahead of phase 2.

Phase 2 of the scheme will commence in October 2021 this will increase bin numbers by 30 units and increase public awareness of the scheme. Measurement of success through additional audits by RPS will take place over the coming months as City footfall volume increases.

Waste Management Services are currently attempting to address the provision of food and compost waste facilities in the city centre, particularly in areas where no brown bin collection is available.

Potential solutions to this issue are being explored as part of the ongoing Segregated Bins Beta Project, details of which can be seen at: <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/Shared-Bins> Due to the ongoing stretching of resources in attempting to deal with the many problems caused by Covid 19, this project has unfortunately stalled for the time being. Waste Management Services will endeavour to find a sustainable solution to this issue in due course.

The Segregated Bins Beta Project was one outcome of the City Challenge. Further suggestions relating to composting and other waste problems can be submitted to this beta project via <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/DumpingWasteBETA>

Q.85 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what measures are in place to monitor compliance with 'SUP Directive that came into effect on 3 July 2021 by businesses in the Dublin City Council area'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to the SUP Directive, and due to the fact that will form part of existing Extended Producer Responsibility Initiatives, the EPA will be responsible for enforcement of the Regulations (Part III):

Enforcement

5. The Agency shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Regulations.

The focus of the Regs is the Producers and anybody putting such SUPs on the market.

Part III - Enforcement 5. The Agency shall be responsible for the enforcement of these Regulations. 6. An authorised person may exercise the powers conferred on such a person under section 14 of the Principal Act for the purposes of enforcing Regulation 4 of these Regulations and, accordingly, a reference in that Act to that Act includes a reference to these Regulations.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether there are plans to improve Dublin City Council water treatment plants and to advise what new procedures are to be introduced to ensure that there are no more 'abject failure's' in light of the recent incident at Ballymore Eustace.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1800 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: [@IrishWater](https://twitter.com/IrishWater)
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what measures are in place to ensure that illegal fireworks and bonfires are kept to a minimum as we get closer to Halloween.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In collaboration with the Department of Justice, the Fireworks Awareness raising campaign was launched at Dublin Fire Brigade's Training Centre in Marino on 22nd September.

An excerpt from this, demonstrating the danger of fireworks, was carried by RTÉ news and social media to ensure that the fire safety message reaches a wide audience. It is also being carried by articles online in the period up to Halloween, to highlight the issue.

Dublin City Council takes the matter of illegal and/or anti-social behaviour associated with Halloween extremely seriously. Every year Dublin City Council works in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to remove large amounts of material for Halloween bonfires that are stored in various locations across the city. Already this summer the Council has removed material from a number of locations under the responsibility of the Housing & Community Services department and we will continue to do this right up until Halloween has passed.

The Local Area Offices, Project Estate Officers and the Area Housing Managers need to be informed by the tenants or their Public Representatives about the anti-social behaviour whenever possible so that appropriate action can be taken to deal with these issues and the wellbeing of our tenants protected.

Waste Management Services are working with all relevant parties in DCC: Housing, Parks and Area Offices and DFB to form a Halloween Response group.

Additional services from all sections will be in place to support the safe removal of stockpiled bonfire materials. The parties will work closely with An Garda Síochána.

Reports of stockpiled materials form a major part of our plan/response and activity these should be logged via 01 222 2222 or via: <https://dcciservices.dublincity.ie>

Removals are currently taking place across all sections and dedicated a Waste Management Crew will supplement additional activity in the 10 days prior to Halloween.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what urgent measures he is taking to address the staff shortage in Dublin Fire Brigade.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The agreed staffing level for DFB is 965. The current number operational is 930. Dublin Fire Brigade currently has 35 recruits in training and these recruits will complete training in December this year.

There is a commitment to train an additional recruit class in Feb 2022, to compensate for predicted retirements.

There is currently a class of 35 recruits undergoing training in the O'Brien Institute and will commence operational duties in January 2022.

Preparations are underway to recruit a further 45 candidates for the next Firefighter class which will commence training in February 2022.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the plans for a Dublin City whitewater rafting project on the quays and to advise as to whether it will go ahead and if so, when.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no change in the status of the proposed white water facility. The tender process has been put on hold. The project will be reviewed in the context of the preparation of the Council's Capital Programme 2022 to 2024.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive if they are aware that number 11 Annamoe Terrace has been vacant for over 20 years. If he is aware, will he consider beginning the process of CPO so that this residence may finally become a home for a family in this housing crisis?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No. 11 Annamoe Terrace, Cabra, Dublin 7 has been declared derelict and was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 11th April, 2019 in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

This property is currently being considered for acquisition by DCC under the Derelict Sites legislation.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to address the rodent infestation that is currently in situ at the vacant private property no. 11 Annamoe Terrace, Cabra. This infestation is impacting the quality of life of, and creating a health hazard for, the entire community of Annamoe and needs to be addressed with urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this is private property the person making the complaint about rats in this property should contact the following email address pestcontrol.north@hse.ie. The HSE Environmental Officers have responsibility for dealing with rat infestations.

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This property is currently being considered for acquisition by DCC under the Derelict Sites legislation.

The HSE Environmental Health Officers have responsibility for dealing with rat infestations in property private property and they can be contacted at the following email address: Pestcontrol.north@hse.ie

Q.92 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive for his attention to be brought to the fact that the signage on Colmcille House/Teach Cholm Cille, Stoneybatter, Dublin 7 was to be bilingual as Colmcille House/Teach Cholm Cille, as adopted by the Central Area Committee in March 2019 but the current signage does not include the Irish name and will he arrange for this to be remedied.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The owner of the building is (details above) is currently arranging for the signage to be amended and will be installed as soon as possible.

The Developer has been contacted and the sign will be replaced in the next few weeks.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate the weekend market intended for Dame Street during the period before the pandemic. This would help generate much needed footfall into the city as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To facilitate regular commercial markets in College Green, could only occur if College Green was designated as a casual trading area, to be in compliance with the casual trading byelaws.

A market could be incorporated as a once off as part of an overall event, however this would take a minimum of 10 weeks planning, and considerable budgetary resources. As College Green is a main artery of traffic over the Christmas period in the City Centre, it would be very unlikely that statutory agencies would be in favour of a road closure in this area over the busy Christmas period.

The "Christmas at the Castle" event in Dublin Castle will be occurring again this year. Dublin City Council Events Section are a financial contributor to this event. In addition Dublin City Council Events intend to run its Winter Lights Festival for six weeks over the Christmas shopping period (as opposed to four), and will be increasing the number of light projections and installations for the event in order to attract higher footfall into the City Centre.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the refurbishment of the concrete outdoor shelters on the Clontarf waterfront, one of which is located between Fortview Avenue and Vernon Court, and the other just to the west of Clontarf Baths, including the repair of the timber benches. Can he also ensure that these works are carried out in a sensitive manner given the heritage value of these structures?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A conservation plan and dedicated budget line will be required to restore the structures in question. It is unlikely that this will happen in 2022 however the timber benches can be considered as part of the works programme for 2022. The responsibly sourced hardwood timber required for the benches which has to endure the marine environment is very expensive and will have to be costed.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if we can have all year 365 day, 24hr monitoring and real time reporting to HSE and EPA with online reporting for the public of our drinking water quality after the recent disinfection failures, it is important for public health and to reassure the public that tap water is safe to drink in our city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this issue is a matter for Irish Water it should be referred directly to Irish Water.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1800 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: LocalRepSupport@water.ie.

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone: 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578
Web: www.water.ie
Twitter: @IrishWater
Postal Address: Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive the timeline for the Clontarf Promenade multi-functional/cycleway sea flood defences, with the effects of climate change quicker than first anticipated by scientists, also any reports on other blue and green infrastructure needed in the Clontarf area, as Kincora Road and Seaview Avenue flooding or (near flooding) this Summer from increased flash flooding events.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No definite timeline available at present for Clontarf Promenade, flood alleviation, cycleway, water main and improvement works, but indicative one below. As advised to Cllrs at last steering group meeting various surveys are underway. Tree and environmental surveys. Existing promenade sea wall survey. Review of historic contaminated ground under promenade as well as existing underground services surveys. Development of a communications plan. An update meeting is planned in October 2021.

Very estimated timeline:-

A final line and level for flood defences is hoped to be achieved by Q4 2021.

Procurement of consultant to Planning Phase Q2 2022.

Public consultation on preferred option Q1 2023.

Application for Planning Permission to An Bord Pleanala Q2 2023.

Decision from ABP Q1 2024?

Detailed design drawings and documents for contractor procurement Q2 2024.

Procurement of Contractor Q4 2024.

Construction Q1 2025 – Q1 2027.

Handover Q2 2027.

Maintenance period Q2 2027 – Q2 2028.

Last month on 21st August an estimated 1 in 20 year, one hour rainfall event occurred in Sandymount and Clontarf. Drainage networks are not designed to take such an event and so some road and footpath flooding naturally occurred at a large number of locations. This was responded to on an emergency basis to keep roadways open as far as possible. Where this flooding threatens buildings this goes onto the City Council's priority list for flood alleviation measures. Any proposed works would be likely

to include blue and green infrastructure. This is also a requirement for any new development in the area in order to ensure that it does not increase flood risk and reduces existing flood risk where possible.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the repair of water damaged walls in the home of **(details supplied)**; following on from the flooding of the property two years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carried out an inspection of this property two years ago following a leak. As a result of this a number of works were carried out:

- Plastering and painting
- Insulation of new kitchen
- New radiators fitted
- New lino fitted.

Dublin City Council is not aware of any maintenance issues, however, will initiate a further inspection.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when he expects a decision to be taken as to when an application for the introduction of a 3.5 Tonne limit along **(details supplied)** will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regards to the request for a 3.5 Tonne limit on **(details supplied 1)**, a recommendation will be made to install the measure from the junction with **(details supplied 2)** at the next Traffic Advisory Group meeting.

Please note that the weight restriction does allow for exceptions as it is provided for in the legislation. Deliveries/services to the Dublin Fire Brigade maintenance depot, refuse trucks, and other vehicles accessing local businesses along this section would still be permitted under Section 17 of S.I. No. 182/1997 - Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997:

(2) Sub-article (1) shall not apply where it is necessary for a vehicle to enter a road solely for the purpose of gaining access to or egress from premises accessible only from that road.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation as to why kissing gates have been installed at the junction of **(details supplied)**; the decision to install such gates makes the paths inconvenient for cyclists and completely inaccessible for many people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Swing/kissing gates have been placed at some locations in response to concerns about unauthorised vehicles, quad bikes and scramblers gaining access to their local park. These gates were intended to still permit access for buggies and most wheelchairs, however some prams and motorised wheelchairs may have difficulty gaining access in some instances.

There are two kissing gate installed at this junction northwest and southeast corners. The kissing gates are the responsibility of Waterways Ireland.

DCC have an NTA funded scheme (**details supplied 1**) which is expected to have a contractor appointed by December 2021. As part of that project it is planned to remove the Kissing Gates on the south eastern corner and replace with a removable bollard system which will prevent general vehicle access but allow for maintenance access. Cyclists and pedestrians will be able to move freely between these.

The kissing gate to the Northwest does not form part of the (**details supplied 2**). However the Sustainable Mobility and Projects Division in the Environment and Transportation Department is working with other stakeholders to develop and implement for the replacement of kissing gates under the Active Travel Programme funded by the NTA. The second location will therefore be included in that programme for consideration.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to agree to prioritise (**details supplied 1**) for the provision of a ground floor apartment in (**details supplied 2**); given the medical circumstances involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical Priority Older Persons List with an application date of 14/10/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area P	1	11

When a suitable ground floor vacancy occurs within the complex we will examine the possibility of an internal move within the complex.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Dublin City Council has ever received a request from local residents for The Paddocks, Stiles Road, Clontarf to be taken in charge?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, Planning & Property Development Department, have not received a request from the residents of The Paddocks, Stiles Road, Clontarf to take the area in charge. According to our records an enquiry was made in October 2018, information on the Taking in Charge process was issued but no formal application was subsequently received.

Information on the procedure for taking in charge of estates is attached for your records and residents can be advised that, should they wish to make an application for Taking in Charge they can contact the Planning Department, details below.

Dublin City Council,
Planning & Property Development Department,
Taking in Charge,
Block 4, Floor 3,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive if he was aware that there was pluvial flooding in Kincora Park this summer. Can he provide an updated report on the incident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pluvial rainfall on the 21st August 2021 was estimated to be a one in 20 year, one hour rainfall event in the Clontarf area, which naturally will cause some road flooding. We have no report of severe flooding on Kincora Park during this event. If the Councillor can give contact details to the email below it can be investigated further.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the installation of a replacement Celtic Park Avenue road sign for the one that was removed from outside 101 Celtic Park Avenue, Dublin 9.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location was inspected with the position of the missing nameplate easily identifiable due to the surrounding paintwork.

A new nameplate has been ordered. The typical lead time to receive new nameplates is approximately 12 weeks. Once received a job will be scheduled for installation.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to Variation 5 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 (Site at the former Chivers Factory, Coolock Drive, Dublin 17) can the CEO please provide the following information:

- Details of all meetings between Platinum Land (including their advisors/representatives) and city officials prior to initiation of the above Variation to include full meeting minutes
- Copies of all submissions/documents provided by Platinum Land (or their advisors/representatives) to city officials making/supporting the case for Variation prior to the public submission process
- A copy of the presentation delivered by Platinum Land representatives to the North Central Area Committee
- A copy of the submission made by Platinum Land as part of the public submission process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There were no meetings with planning in relation to the rezoning. A letter was received from planning consultants for Platinum Land Ltd dated 26th September 2017 requesting the rezoning. The letter and documentation submitted with it will be forwarded directly to the Councillor.

A copy of the presentation given by Platinum Land Ltd to the NCAC and a copy of the submission by McCutcheon Halley, Planning Consultants dated 1st February, supporting the rezoning proposal from Z6 to Z1 will be sent directly to the Councillor.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on plans to revitalised the Moore Street market as agreed by the Moore Street Market expert group set up on request from the Minister, (which I chaired), has a successful tender being selected and when will we see the immediate recommendations on improvements, promotion, historical signage, trader

toilet and wash facilities, street art, trial pop up events, licensed pram traders, coverings/umbrellas, revamped stalls, leading to increased footfall and vibrant market area, this was funded by the department but we have seen no progress so far in implementation of recommendations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The work of the Moore St Market Expert Group which reported to the Ministerial Moore St. Advisory Group has been complete since early 2021. The findings of the Expert Group can have a transformative effect on Moore St. in the short term. It is hoped that a tender for an operator to supplement the current offering on Moore St. and implement elements of the Moore St. Expert Group Report will be issued in the coming weeks.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for a complete list of Council owned properties and sites in the Dublin Central area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the large amount of lands and properties owned by and under the control of Dublin City Council this request will require a manual exercise which will take a period of time to carry out.

A report will be provided to the Councillor once the exercise has been completed.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the Royal Canal greenway phase 3 upgrade works including the expected timeline for availability of final drawings and commencement of construction work?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The construction tenders have been received for the scheme. They are currently being evaluated. It is expected that construction will commence on site December 2021. All drawings for tender were published on e-tenders on 21st March 2021 however if the councillor wishes to obtain either a full set of drawings or specific drawings then please let us know and we can arrange to furnish same directly.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for a report regarding fines issued under new powers of the parking enforcement services since June 1st?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Enforcement Division will collate the required information and report to the Councillor directly.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive the number of staff assigned to work on Traveller Accommodation specifically and any plans to increase human resourcing of this work?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are 26 staff currently assigned to the Traveller Accommodation Unit, as follows:
1x Acting SEO
1x Administrative Officer/Area Housing Manager
1x Acting Project Manager (Redevelopment of Labre Park)
1x Acting Project Estate Officer/Housing Liaison Officer
1x Clerk of Works
1x Quantity Surveyor

1x Senior Executive Architect
1x Executive Engineer
1x Housing Advisor/Office Manager
1x Clerical Officer
1x Inspector (outdoor staff)
1x Supervisor (outdoor staff)
9x Caretakers (outdoor staff)
5x Social Workers/Housing Welfare Officers

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to rezone the Rialto Cottages, Rialto Court and Rialto Street area and its environs to the highest possible paid parking zone/tariff. At the moment, it is zoned green, meaning it will be far cheaper to park here than in the National Children's Hospital itself, once completed. The Pay and Display parking being implemented was sought as a solution to an influx of construction traffic to the area, but instead it will act as an invitation for future hospital workers and visitors if not zoned higher.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Zone tariffs are set out in the Dublin City Council parking control bye-laws and to change a tariff or to widen the zone for which a particular tariff is applicable requires these by-laws to be updated. This is a reserved function, and such requires a public consultation and full council approval. Parking Enforcement are not proposing that the bye-laws be updated within the next 12 months, however when doing so a public consultation will be conducted and this issue can be included.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive (1) to provide an update on the delivery of public housing at the corner of Dolphins Barn/South Circular Rd. Expressions of interest have been submitted by AHBs, what is the estimated timeline for tendering, planning and completion? (2) Further, a motion adopted by the May South Central Area Committee (details supplied) called for a public, rather than a commercial, use at ground-floor level, what progress has been made on delivering this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department has been in informal discussions with various Approved Housing Bodies regarding the potential development of this site.

Construction projects of this nature, size and location can take approx. 36 months to complete, from detailed design development through to the planning process, tendering. Construction and allocation.

The use of the ground floor space is yet to be finalised, all options are under consideration such as a social enterprise, arts or cultural space.

The priority for the ground floor space to activate the street frontage and all options will be considered in this regard.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of 130-134 Emmet Rd (picture provided – 134 is now an Apache pizza!). Re: 130 and 132, have these sites been entered onto the derelict sites register and what efforts are DCC making to bring them back into use?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The sites at 130 and 132 Emmet Road are not currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register. Both sites will be re-inspected by the Derelict Sites Section and a report will be sent to the Councillor following the inspection.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to my question to the Chief Executive in April 2021, South East Area Committee in September 2021 if he can provide a copy (by email) of each of the filed court documents in proceedings bearing court reference number 2020/112 JR which have been opened in court and which have concluded in the delivery of a judgment; if he could also provide a copy of the Notice of Appeal filed to the Court of Appeal in respect of the appeal of these proceedings; if he continues to refuse to provide these documents, if he can justify why an elected member is being refused these documents requested which, with the exception of the Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeal have been opened in public court; if he continues to refuse to provide these documents, if he can also cite the relevant provisions of the Local Government Acts which permit this refusal to provide the documents to an elected member as requested.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It would not be in the interests of the effective administration of justice to release court documents in relation to live cases. The separation of powers means that it is the courts that are mandated to adjudicate on legal matters and it would tend to undermine the administration of justice and breach the principle of the separation of powers if court papers were to be released while the court was deliberating on the matters. The Council as an elected body is entitled to be furnished with information under Section 136 of the Local Government Act 2001. This does not mean that individual Councillors are entitled to request specific documentation such legal papers in live court proceedings. The Councillor can make an appointment to review the papers in the Law Department when the appeal has been concluded.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide the reasons why Dublin City Council have cancelled the tender to redevelop the Pigeon House site after a preferred bidder had been selected; if he can outline how much money Dublin City Council have spent on the process to date; if he can detail what future now holds for the development of this site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council had identified a Preferred Bidder. In the interim High Court proceedings were instituted by an unsuccessful bidder.

Dublin City Council rejects the claims made in said proceedings, however, the existence of said proceedings would likely cause significant delay to the advancement of the Project.

After careful consideration a decision was made not to proceed with the process in its current format – such a decision is provided for in the tender documents.

There were 2 tenders received. The costs of submitting same are not known.

It is intended to commence a new Competition in the very near future.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide the video of the monthly council meeting

dated 5th of March 2018 to me by email; if he can provide all of the written submissions referred to in Report No. 61/2018 of the Assistant Chief Executive which was item 15 of the meeting of the 5th of March 2018; if he can confirm when Dublin City Council first became aware that the old Chivers factory site on Coolock Drive was to be sold and what agreement it has with the current owners of the site in respect of social housing and the impact of such an agreement if the site is sold.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning & Property Development Dept. received a letter from McCutcheon Halley, 26 September 2017 requesting that the site be rezoned to residential use.

Copies of the written submissions will be sent directly to the Councillor.

The webcast is available on the following Sharefile link:

<https://dublincity.sharefile.eu/d-scd713ba65c3744c9b3191c6d92ee646c>

The relevant report is at 2.43 approx.

The Leasing Section has not been advised by the owner that the site is for sale. Currently there is no Agreement for Lease or Lease in place.

A submission was received under the enhanced lease initiative in 2018.

The Council indicated interest in an enhanced long term lease agreement for 30% of the entire scheme to include the part V units, subject to legal and financial due diligence.

The submission is on-going and market rents were agreed with the proposer in August 2021.

The Part V agreement is with the owner for sign off. Any new owner will have to comply with the Part V obligation.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to **(details supplied)** which was taken in charge over 16 months ago and say

A. when will road be resurfaced

B. when will footpaths be repaired

C. when will lighting upgrade be carried out

D. what was the result of the survey/examination carried by Dublin City Council drainage engineers

E. when he can arrange for a roads engineer to call to **(details supplied)**, examine the "drop down" driveways leading up to the houses and say what if any, remedial works can be carried out to them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A - Road Maintenance Services inspected the road and will consider resurfacing works at this location within the 2022 to 2024 work program for the North Central Area.

B - Road Maintenance Services inspected the footpaths and scheduled some defect repairs for when works crew are available in the area.

C. when will lighting upgrade be carried out - There are no plans to upgrade the public lighting at **(details supplied)** at present. However, the public lighting at this location will be upgraded to LED lighting under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project although an exact timeframe cannot be provided at this stage.

D. All drainage on site is satisfactory and complies with our Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works.

E. See answer B.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to application for a disabled person's grant/Mobility Aid Grant from **(details supplied)** and say when same will be awarded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Laneway between **(details supplied)**, Dublin 3. This area has only been cut once this year, and there has been a problem with vermin in the area. If he can arrange

- a. grass cutting in this laneway (as the cutting season will be closing soon)
- b. clearing of rubbish and dumped refuse

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a. The area was examined and was found to be in an acceptable condition with the grass cut and no evidence of dumping. At least 1 more cut will be scheduled before the end of the grass cutting season, weather permitting.
- b. Waste Management Services remove dumped rubbish from the above mentioned location when necessary, which is very infrequent.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to trees at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to remove same as both are rotten and in danger of falling down and injuring a pedestrian/resident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be carried out according to the priority recommendations of the tree survey.