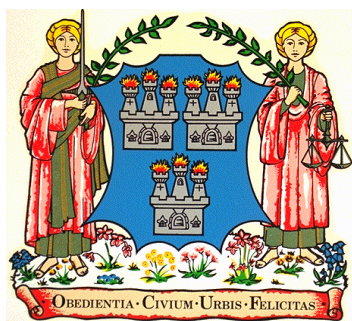


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Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 1 Samhain 2021 sa Seomra Cruinn ag Teach An tÁrdmhéara agus físchomhdháil cianda ag 6.15 pm , an tÁrdmhéara Alison Gilliland sa Chathaoir.

**Comhairleoir:**

Daryl Barron  
Tom Brabazon  
Claire Byrne  
Hazel Chu  
Caroline Conroy  
Joe Costello  
Daithí de Róiste  
Kevin Donoghue  
Anne Feeney  
Mannix Flynn  
Alison Gilliland  
Janet Horner  
Darcy Lonergan  
Briega MacOscar  
Paddy McCartan  
Declan Meenagh  
Sophie Nicoullaud  
Cat O'Driscoll  
Larry O'Toole  
Noeleen Reilly  
Catherine Stocker

**Comhairleoir:**

Racheal Batten  
Christy Burke  
Danny Byrne  
Anthony Connaghan  
Deirdre Conroy  
Daniel Céitinn  
Tara Deacy  
Daithí Doolan  
Declan Flanagan  
Mary Freehill  
Deirdre Heney  
Vincent Jackson  
John Lyons  
Tina MacVeigh  
Eimer McCormack  
Carolyn Moore  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Damian O'Farrell  
Cieran Perry  
Nial Ring  
Michael Watters

**Comhairleoir:**

Janice Boylan  
Dearbháil Butler  
Mary Callaghan  
Keith Connolly  
Donna Cooney  
Hazel de Nortúin  
Máire Devine  
Pat Dunne  
Terence Flanagan  
James Geoghegan  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Dermot Lacey  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Ray McAdam  
Séamas McGrattan  
Darragh Moriarty  
Claire O'Connor  
Colm O'Rourke  
Michael Pidgeon  
Patricia Roe

**Oifigiúgh**

Dave Dinnigan  
Michael Gallagher  
Natalie Leonard  
Coilin O'Reilly  
Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh  
Ruth Dowling

Oliver Douglas  
Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan O'Brien  
Eileen Quinlivan  
Richard Shakespeare  
Martin Donlon

John Flanagan  
Yvonne Kelly  
John O'Hara  
Kathy Quinn  
Sandra Walley

1 Lord Mayor's Business

**In Memorium:**

The Lord Mayor extended her sympathies on behalf of the City Council to the family and friends of former Councillor Paddy Byrne, son of former Lord Mayor Alfie Byrne who died on 19th October 2021. Paddy attended the Mansion House 300 celebrations in 2015 and gave a fascinating history of the works done to the Mansion House prior to the 1932 Ecumenical Congress and his memories of living in the Mansion House as a child.

**Halloween:**

The Lord Mayor expressed her sincere thanks to Dublin City Council Area Offices, Waste Management and Housing Maintenance Sections, Dublin Fire Brigade and the citizens for helping the city have a relatively safe and incident free Halloween weekend.

Hundreds of members of the public reported stockpiles of bonfire materials that allowed DCC staff from across the city to collect them and prevent burning and damage on green spaces.

The Lord Mayor invited Chief Fire Officer, Dennis Kiely to give a brief summary of events. He reported that that Dublin Fire Brigade received 186 Fire Calls from midnight 31st October to midnight on 1st November. Of these 133 were fires related to Halloween. The Emergency Ambulance service received 483 calls during that period. One person was injured by a firework exploding. One fire appliance in the South City suffered damage to its windscreen and none of the crew were injured. The Waste Management Section reported a drop of reports of bonfire material from 729 in 2020 to 468 in 2021. They also thanked all their colleagues around Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána for their collaboration.

**COP26:**

The Lord Mayor acknowledged the immensely important COP26 discussions taking place in Glasgow over the next fortnight. She confirmed that Dublin City Council was ready, willing and able to play its role at local and city level in reducing emissions, protecting biodiversity and making Dublin more environmentally friendly and climate resilient. She asked that the City Council is included and supported in doing this by central government.

**Staff Changes:**

The Lord Mayor informed Members that Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh was leaving her position in the Chief Executive's Office to lead the roll out of the Voter.ie project at national level. Ruth Dowling will be taking over from Deirdre and will be joined by new staff members Natalie Leonard and Prajwal Annibabu. The Lord Mayor and representatives from all the political groups thanked Deirdre for her hard work and support and wished her well in her new role.

**Management of Council Business:**

The Lord Mayor proposed that item 7 Oscar Traynor Lands Report 302/2021 and item 8 a) the S183 Disposal Report 303/2021 be dealt with at an adjourned meeting Council to be held immediately after the Budget meeting on Monday 22nd November. This would allow Members to have additional time to analyse the implications of the reports and to seek clarification on certain elements of the proposals. If this proposal is accepted the discussion and subsequent vote will go ahead on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and no further adjournment or deferral will be acceded to. The Members agreed to the Lord Mayors proposal.

**2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 18****12 - 65**

It was moved by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 126 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** to these minutes.

- 3 Correspondence was received from the following Local Authorities;

It was moved by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of all correspondence listed. The motion was put and carried.

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the Annual City Council Meeting held on 28th June 2021 and the City Council meeting held on 4th October 2021.

The minutes of the Annual City Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the monthly City Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 5 Report No. 306/2021 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Renewal of Dublin City Centre Business Improvement District Scheme

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.306/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 6 Report No. 305/2021 of the Executive Manager ( F. D'Arcy ) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 12 premises.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 305/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 302/2021 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (D. Dinnigan) - Oscar Traynor Road Housing Land Initiative.

It was agreed that Report No. 302/2021 would be deferred to the adjourned City Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

At the adjourned City Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 it was proposed by Councillor John Lyons and seconded by Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud that the Members submit a Section 136 request to the Chief Executive for information regarding the financial model of the developer and a full breakdown of financial costs and margins. The motion was put to a vote and was defeated. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix B** to these minutes.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 302/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Disposal of Property:

- (a) Report No. 303/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Dublin 5 to Glenveagh Living Limited.

It was agreed that Report No. 303/2021 would be deferred to the adjourned City Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

At the adjourned City Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 two amendments to report 303/2021 were submitted. Amendment 1 was submitted by the Fianna Fail Group and amendment 2 was submitted by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Donna Cooney and Cllr Hazel Chu. Full details of these amendments are contained in **Appendix C** to these minutes.

Amendment 1 as proposed by the Fianna Fail Group was put to a vote and was defeated. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix D** to these minutes. Amendment 2 as proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Donna Cooney and Cllr Hazel Chu was put and carried.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 303/2021 as amended and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put to a vote and was agreed. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix E** to these minutes.

- (b) Report No. 327/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the disposal of a plot of land at Tonlegee Manor, Donaghmede, Dublin 13 to Clanmil Housing Association Ireland CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 327/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried

- (c) Report No. 329/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the front of 35 Pigeon House Road Ringsend, Dublin 4.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 329/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried

- (d) Report No. 330/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the front of 42 Pigeon House Road Ringsend, Dublin 4.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 330/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried

- (e) Report No. 331/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear 56 Carleton Road, Marino, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 331/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried

- (f) Report No. 332/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear 20 Saint Eithne Road, Cabra, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 332/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

9 Granting of Licenses and Leases:

- (a) Report No. 319/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a licence of a portion of the Waste Management Depot at Aldborough Parade and three Railway Arches adjoining the Depot to Sunflower Recycling Limited, Shamrock Terrace, Five Lamps, North Strand, Dublin 1.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 319/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried

- (b) Report No. 320/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit 2, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1 to Akina Dada Wa Africa CLF.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 320/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 321/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the premises known as OLV Building (part of) Cathedral View Court, Dublin 8 to David Kessie (on behalf of 61st Merchant Quay Scout Group).

Councillor Dermot Lacey informed Council that he had a conflict of interest in relation to this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on the matter.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 321/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 322/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the grant of a further lease of part of ground floor and first floor of Bridgewater Hall, 19/24 Summerhill Parade, Dublin 1 to Tusla, The Child and Family Agency.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 322/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 323/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed Surrender and Grant of New Lease of Retail Unit at Drury Street & Stephen Street Lower , Dublin 2 to Deenish Restaurants Limited, T/A Masa.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 323/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 324/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Kiosks 1 & 2, Liffey Boardwalk, Dublin 1 to Cruises Coffee Kiosks (Dublin) Limited.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 324/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (g) Report No. 325/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the premises known as OLV Building (part of) Cathedral View Court, Dublin 8 to RADE CLG (Recovery through Art, Drama and Education).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 325/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (h) Report No. 328/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed assignment of a lease of a site at 51A Old Kilmainham, Dublin 8 to Arlington Novas Ltd Approved Housing Body.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 328/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (i) Report No. 333/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of Units 1 and 2 The Turnpike, Santry Cross, Dublin 11 to Dublin North West Area Partnership CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 333/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (j) Report No. 334/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed grant of a 5 year license of 11 Mellows Court, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Support Meals-on-Wheels Company Limited.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 334/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (k) Report No. 335/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 5 year license of 46/47 Mellows Court, Finglas, Dublin 11 to Finglas Support and Suicide Prevention Network.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 335/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (l) Report No. 336/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed grant of a 5 year license of 31 Mellows Road, Finglas, Dublin 11 to St. Michaels House CLG.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 336/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

- (m) Report No. 337/2021 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of land at All Saints Park, Raheny, Dublin 5 to Raheny Shamrock Athletic Club.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 337/2021 and hereby approves the proposals set out therein. The motion was put and carried.

#### 10 Record of Protected Structures:

- (a) Report No. 307/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Addition of No. 19 Capel Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 307/2021 and approves the addition No. 19 Capel Street, Dublin 1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 308/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Addition of No. 45a & 46 Capel Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 308/2021 and approves the addition of No.45a and 46 Capel Street, Dublin 1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 309/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Addition of No. 56 Capel Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 309/2021 and approves the addition of No. 56 Capel Street, Dublin1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 310/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Addition of No.26 Kings Inn Street, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 310/2021 and approves the addition of No. 26 Kings Inn Street, Dublin 1, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 311/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Addition of No. 16 Halston Street, Dublin 7 to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 311/2021 and approves the addition of No. 16 Halston Street, Dublin 7, to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 299/2021 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (D. Dinnigan) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 299/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 326/2021 of the Directory of City Recovery (C. O'Reilly) - Office of City Recovery - Update and Medium Term Action Plan.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 326/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 301/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Covid Mobility Measures and Major Walking and Cycling Projects.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 301/2021. The motion was put and carried.



- 14 Report No. 312/2021 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 312/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 294/2021 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 294/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 338/2021 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on 15th October 2021, Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 338/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 297/2021 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 20th September 2021, Councillor Cat O'Driscoll, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 297/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 300/2021 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 13th October 2021, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

Due to an administrative error this report was withdrawn and will be listed at the December City Council meeting.

- 19 Report No. 314/2021 of the Planning and Urban Forum Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 29th June 2021, Councillor Ray McAdam, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 314/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 295/2021 of the Area Committees - Breviates of Area Committee meetings held in the month of October 2021.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 295/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 298/2021 of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 21st September 2021, Councillor Daithí De Róiste, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 298/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 296/2021 of the Joint Policing Sub Committees - Breviates of Area Joint Policing Sub Committees meetings.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 296/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 313/2021 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 21st October 2021, Councillor Anne Feeney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 313/2021. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Topical Issues

No Topical Issues were submitted.

**Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to take Emergency Motions at 8.50pm and to extend the meeting to 9.45pm**

- 25 Motions on Notice

**Motion No. 1** in the name of Councillor Hazel Chu:

*“This council will prepare an inventory of all the vacant and derelict properties in the city to identify opportunities for adaptive re-use and to engage with property owners with a view to developing suitable new uses for the properties, with particular reference to buildings that were submitted for inclusion on the Derelict Sites Register but didn’t meet the standard for inclusion.”*

Cllr. Chu amended her motion to include a timeframe of 6 months. The motion now reads as follows:

*“Within six months, this Council will prepare an inventory of all the vacant and derelict properties in the city to identify opportunities for adaptive re-use and to engage with property owners with a view to developing suitable new uses for the properties, with particular reference to buildings that were submitted for inclusion on the Derelict Sites Register but didn’t meet the standard for inclusion.”*

It was proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and seconded by Cllr. Ray McAdam that the motion be referred to the Planning and Urban Form SPC for greater consideration. The motion was put to a vote and was defeated. Full details of the vote can be found in **Appendix F** to these minutes.

The motion as amended was put and carried.

- 26 Emergency Motion(s)

**Emergency Motion No. 1:**

*“That this City Council requires the CEO to make a statement at the November 2021 monthly Council meeting explaining why the manager’s proposed land use zoning amendments were neither listed nor highlighted for the attention and consideration of members so that we could submit relevant corresponding motions to the Draft Dublin*

*City Development Plan Special Council meeting(8th Nov); that the CE also clarify in his statement, that all his amendments were not made on the direction of members, and whether or not there are any implications for the forthcoming public consultation phase.*

*That this City Council requires the CEO to immediately furnish Councillors with a written report detailing all proposed Land Use Zoning amendments made by management, and included in the Draft Maps for the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 thus far; the list to include the planning reason for each amendment, the analysis behind the proposed change and the source of the request e.g. Members, DCC officials, developers or their representatives, national government or others.”*

**Submitted by Councillors Damian O’Farrell, Naoise Ó Muirí, Deirdre Heney and Cieran Perry.**

Assistant Chief Executive Richard Shakespeare made a statement addressing the issues raised in the Emergency Motion and confirmed that the matter would be referred to the Group Leaders meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November with a view to agreeing a mechanism to deal with the land zoning amendments. The Chief Executive assured Members that all efforts would be made to address their concerns on this matter.

The Emergency Motion was unanimously agreed.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with **(details supplied)** from Liberty Food Bank in advising and assisting them find premises for this much relied upon service. They are due to close their doors soon unless accommodation can be sourced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a limited number of premises which are made available (either by licensing or leasing) to charities, community groups and other organisations. The Council also lets suitable premises to commercial businesses, often where there is a knock-on community benefit or regenerative impact.

The above organisation can approach Dublin City Council Property Disposals Section for information on any suitable premises which may be to let at this time. Enquiries can be made to [propertydisposal@dublincity.ie](mailto:propertydisposal@dublincity.ie).

It is not the remit of Dublin City Council to assist organisations to find privately-owned premises.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail what is exactly covered in the protected status accorded to **(details supplied)** and what additional responsibilities are placed on the owner arising from this. To further request the Chief Executive to detail what supports and grants etcetera are available to the owner for the purpose of works to ensure the upgrade and protection of the property and to add any additional information which the Chief Executive may believe could be of assistance to the owner.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied)** is on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) Vol. 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022; RPS Ref. No. 1502 and the description reads 'House'.

In general, protection under the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) extends to all significant internal and external elements of the building, including all original historic fabric or any later fabric deemed to be of special significance. For example this may include but is not limited to all historic facades, the roof, chimneys, joinery, plasterwork, windows, ironwork, masonry, rainwater goods, finishes, fittings and floor plans.

Furthermore, by statutory definition, a protected structure also includes the land lying within the curtilage of the protected structure and other structures and features within that curtilage and their interiors (such as mews houses, outbuildings, boundary walls, railings, steps, etc.).

To determine what exactly is covered under the protected status, Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), enables an owner or occupier of a protected structure to apply to the planning authority for a declaration as to the type of works which it considers would or would not materially affect the character of the structure or any element of the structure. The Section 57 Declaration will clarify which works (in general) would be considered exempted development or not. There is no fee for this declaration and it requires a detailed site inspection, both internal and external, to be carried out by the Conservation Section.

Under Section 5 of the Act, a person may request a declaration from the planning authority as to whether specific development/works are considered exempted development (requiring planning permission) or not. A Section 5 Declaration application may be made in writing to Dublin City Council, to determine whether a specific proposal to a Protected Structure requires permission or is considered exempted development; details of the application process and the particular requirements regarding Protected Structures are available online at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/planning-applications/find-planning-application/exempt-development/exempted-development-section-5>  
The applicant may appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanála, accompanied by the relevant fee.

The national Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) is an annual grant scheme that aims to lever private investment for a significant number of small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects across the country and also support the employment of conservation professionals, traditional craft skills and specialist contractors in the repair of historic buildings. The BHIS is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and administered by the Conservation Section in Dublin City Council. Match funding is required from the applicant/property owner. Under the Scheme, each individual grant must be drawn down and the grant-aided works completed within the calendar year. If the owner of **(details supplied 2)** wishes to be added to DCC's BHIS notification mailing list in order that they can be advised when the next scheme is announced by the Department (usually in December for the forthcoming year), an email requesting same with contact details should be sent to [conservation@dublincity.ie](mailto:conservation@dublincity.ie)

Online application forms for Section 5 and 57 Declarations, along with details of the qualifying works for the current BHIS 2020 (for information purposes only) are available at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/archaeology-conservation-heritage/conservation-built-environment>

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if I can get detailed data, in excel or .csv format, of the Dublin City Council Dublin Housing Task Force returns for the past 5 years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All reports related to the Housing Supply Coordination Taskforce are available on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage website: <http://www.housing.old.gov.ie/housing/construction-2020-strategy/dublin-housing-supply-task-force/housing-supply-coordination-task>

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the area at **(details supplied)**, that was reinstated some weeks back, be power cleaned as residents wish to place flower boxes on the patch.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment Liaison Officer has requested this area to be power washed by waste management services.

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned location power washed and cleaned on 15th October 2021.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that a traffic plan be put in place for residents outside the cordon around **(details supplied)** when concerts take place next year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The two approvals granted by Dublin City Council for concert events in **(details supplied)** for 2022 were approved subject to a very stringent condition in respect of traffic management and transportation in the area. The approvals granted to date are for 2 proposed Ed Sheeran concerts on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 and 3 concerts for an as yet named artist on Friday to Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. The application for an Outdoor Event Licence relating to concerts proposed for Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 is still under consideration.

The condition applied to the approvals is as follows. "An updated draft traffic/transportation management plan shall be submitted as part of the updated final Event Management Plan referenced under requirement 4 associated with this compliance approval, for the approval of An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council. In this regard consultation meetings should commence with the NTA, An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and **(details supplied)** Venue Management within 8 weeks of the date of this approval, in order to further discuss and finalise both the overall traffic management/transportation plans associated with these events."

The first meeting of this group has already taken place. Meetings will continue until a final plan is completed and agreed by all parties.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding family's reporting to homeless services from Jan this year to October 2021.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table below shows family presentations from January to August 2021. The figures for September will be published at the end of October and circulated to the Councillors in the monthly report thereafter.

Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021
54	47	53	79	62	78	64	78

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that a plan by DCC be put in place to remove leaves in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have commenced the leaf collection programme as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2021. This activity operates throughout the city over the autumn and winter months. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaf removal is a labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around all parts of the city. Also some residents group get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their area and we remove the bagged leaves for them. These collected leaves are then processed for composting purposes.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report outlining details of green corridor plans for Cork Street, whether these plans have progressed in any way and whether timelines have been set down. There is a significant amount of construction on going on Cork Street and certainly advancing the green corridor plan would mitigate for residents much of the impact of noise, dust and construction traffic along this major traffic artery.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

It remains the ambition of the South Central Area Office, in the context of the Liberties Greening Strategy and the investment in public realm being supported by funding from the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF), to undertake environmental improvements and greening interventions along Cork Street and St Luke’s Avenue. However resources are not currently available to progress a Cork Street Greening Plan at this time. The Area Office has made representations to the NTA Busconnects programme to ensure that tree planting and additional greening are considered in the development of Core Corridor 9 as it passes along Dolphin’s Barn Street, Cork Street and St Luke’s Avenue.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether any affordable housing schemes are currently available within the council’s administrative area and if so, how one would go about making an application.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

There are no affordable housing schemes available at the moment in Dublin City Council’s administrative area, however, there are currently eleven schemes in the pipeline about to provide almost two thousand homes, see the table below:

Affordable Purchase Homes							
Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Finish Date
Central	Housing Land Initiative	O Devaney Gardens	DCC borrowing	165	Planning lodged by Developer to ABP	Planning approval	2023
North Central	DCC/AHB	Belcamp/Newtown land	TBC	300	Feasibility	Selection of design team- decision on development options	N/A
North Central	Housing Land Initiative	Oscar Traynor Road	DCC borrowing	171	Selection of design team	Planning permission	N/A
North West	DCC	Balbutcher-Site 12	DCC borrowing	105	Design Team Appointed	Part 8 Q4 2021	Q4 2024
North West	DCC	Silloogue – Site 14	DCC borrowing	101	Design Team Appointed	Part 8 Q4 2021	Q4 2024
North West	O Cualann	Ballymun-Site 21	Private Co-Op	12	Ready to commence	Go on site	2023
North West	O Cualann	Ballymun-Sites 22/23	Private Co-Op	37	On Site	Completion	Q 4 2021
North West	O Cualann	Ballymun-Site 25 Parkview	Private Co-Op	80	Pre Planning	Planning application	2023

**Affordable Purchase Homes**

Committee Area	Provider	Schemes	Funding Stream	Units	Status	Next Milestone	Finish Date
North West	DCC	Other sites in Ballymun	TBC	200	Pre Planning	Decision on development method	2024
South East	DCC/AHB	Poolbeg SDZ	DCC borrowing	500	Pre Planning	Submission of Planning application by developer-Phase 1	N/A
South Central	DCC	Cherry Orchard	DCC borrowing	164	Design Team appointed	Part 8 for Q3 2021	2024
		Total:		1,835			

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the street cleaning budget (as per answer to question from October meeting of council) for 2021 of €31,574,384, by depot/area or an outline of how it is allocated across the various city areas, by specific task/operations; whether direct labour/depot budget or outsourced to contractor.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A breakdown of the budget by depot/area is not available and not financially reported in this way. Direct labour is a significant part of this street cleaning budget at 80%. Other large costs relate to fleet and waste disposal and are payments to the relevant service providers.

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.11 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the maintenance/repair of lighting on the Liffey bridges in the city centre. Many have a high proportion of broken lights, and it is unclear which area office has responsibility.

A non-exhaustive list of affected bridges includes:

- c. 50% of lights on the Rosie Hackett Bridge;
- c. 30% of lights on the Samuel Beckett Bridge;
- c. 25% of lights on the Séan O'Casey Bridge;
- the median lights on the Millennium Bridge.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With regards to the Millennium Bridge, all public lights are operational on the bridge. However, the small uplighters in the centre of the bridge are not maintained and will never be repaired. These were supplied by fibre cables and are beyond repair.



With regards to the other bridges Public Lighting at present are not responsible for maintenance of these lights. A meeting is being set up with the Roads Department Bridge section to discuss how the lights can be repaired and maintained in future.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR TINAMACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether DCC owned and/or swimming pools give any priority or weighting to community groups in the allocation of group swimming times and if not whether this could be considered as an objective and included in the operational protocols.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Sport and Fitness Centres and the stand alone pools welcome community groups to book into all its facilities. There are booking procedures in place to facilitate community groups in the swimming pools, studio or use of the gym in the sport centres. There are also community rates available to try to make the facilities more accessible for community groups. DCC considers all requests for the use of its facilities on a fair and transparent basis and has no plans to alter this policy.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of prank phone calls to DFB from 2015-2021.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade does not record Prank Calls with respect to fire service incidents. It classes calls, to which it has been mobilised but not required, on the following basis

- **Malicious False Alarm (MFA)**
- **False Alarm Good Intent (FAGI)**

The following are the number of calls recorded as MFA or FAGI since 2015 including a provisional figure for 2021 to date.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
MFA	242	223	81	99	126	203	76
FAGI	1062	930	436	1031	1210	1102	652

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what supports are in place for DCC tenants in terms of Fire protections and have all of our properties been supplied with fire blankets and Fire Alarms.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade engages with communities across the city to advise and provide information on Fire safety in the home. This is ongoing throughout the year with an emphasis on Fire Safety Week in October.

In some instances we have provided a small number smoke alarms to communities and community groups as part of a fire safety advice promotion/campaign.

In 2018 Dublin City Council carried out surveys of all of our housing units with respect to carbon monoxide, fire alarms and fire Blankets. Between 2018 and 2019 we installed more than 7,000 fire alarms and fire blankets in our housing units. All of our properties that we know of have fire blankets and fire alarms installed. If a property doesn't have

a fire alarm or fire blanket or if it has become damaged since we installed it, please get back in touch with Housing Maintenance and we will arrange a replacement.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of evictions from DCC properties for Anti-Social behaviour from 2015-2021.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to the Supreme Court decision "DCC V Donegan" the mechanism to terminate a tenancy under section 62, of 1966 Housing Act was repealed.

In the 2014 Housing Act a new mechanism to terminate a tenancy was introduced, but the court rules that accompanies new legislation was drafted in 2018.

The new procedure requires the serving of a Tenancy Warning, which is the first step in the legal procedure, and then a Possession Application to seek a court order for eviction.

Due to the restrictions of Covid 19 and the reduction in court availability no Possession Applications have been lodged but Twenty Eight Tenancy Warnings have been served for Anti-social Behaviour to date.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the average cost and time to turning around a VOID unit.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The average time taken from vacancy until occupancy of voids units is 20.9 weeks. This includes an average of 11 weeks for the refurbishment works to be completed by the contractor. The average cost of these works was €27,170.88.

So far in 2021 there has been 622 units refurbished under the void refurbishment programme.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the delays in bringing 19 and 21 Connaught Street into use as social housing and to make a detailed report.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The planning register has been investigated and to date no planning application or Part 8 (Local Authority Works) has been lodged with the Planning Department.

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks of the Council Meeting.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when this property (**details supplied 1**) will be ready for the tenant to whom it has been allocated to move in. The property has been allocated to (**details supplied 2**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This applicant has not been made an offer of alternative accommodation. She should make contact with the Housing Rents section and the Darndale Area Office to discuss her case.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query: have DCC bought back or intend to buy back the property at **(details supplied 1)**. **(Details supplied 2)** has expressed an interest.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has acquired the above property, when the property is ready to let it will be offered to the applicant who is at the top of the waiting list in this area and whose requirements match the property.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to renew the current service being provided in the Clonshaugh Area as the roads and paths along with the parks are not being maintained to an acceptable standard. The main Arch road between Belcamp College and the duel carriage- way is very over grown and unsafe to walk along at night.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Clonshaugh in itself is a large area of concern and we cannot prioritise this part in particular over the rest of the North Central Area. However if there are any specific parts of Clonshaugh you would like us to consider then we can indeed investigate further.

Also mentioned is the main Arch road between Belcamp college and the duel carriage-way is very over grown and unsafe to walk along at night. Can you please illustrate this location on a map or provide the road name so that this location can be inspected and if required, an advance notice will be issued to any property owners where trees or shrubs are protruding onto the public footpath.

The following strategy is in place in relation to the control of weeds on public roads. As part of Dublin City Council's commitment to eliminate its reliance on the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide for the control of weeds on its road network, an assessment of alternative products and methods for weed control has been carried out and a plan has been developed to cover the period 2020 to 2024.

This plan comprises three key elements:

1. Eliminate the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide.
2. Use of alternative weed treatments on all residential roads approximately 800km over a three year cycle.
3. The development of a strategy to involve local communities in the removal of weeds from 10% of the road network.

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes 1,200km of roads.

Note it is not possible to treat every road and footpath.

Waste Management Services send a sweeping machine into the above mentioned area at least once a week. The footpaths here are litter picked once a week. We will continue to make every effort to keep this area as clean as possible.

We believe that Belcamp Park being the main park in the Clonshaugh Area is being maintained to a high standard , however if the councillor has specific areas of concern in relation to parks and public open spaces in the area we would request that she contacts the undersigned .

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to renew the decision not to put in dog poo bins at the Clonshaugh park and ask that the area beside the walk way into the park be cleaned as it is full of dog waste and is a hazard.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services no longer provide dog foul specific bins. We will check whether there is a requirement or suitable locations for standard litter bins outside this park. The requirement for bins within this park is a matter for the Parks Division. We had the area beside the walkway into the park power washed and cleaned on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Parks service will review the situation with a view to finding a suitable location for the installation of a bin within the park.

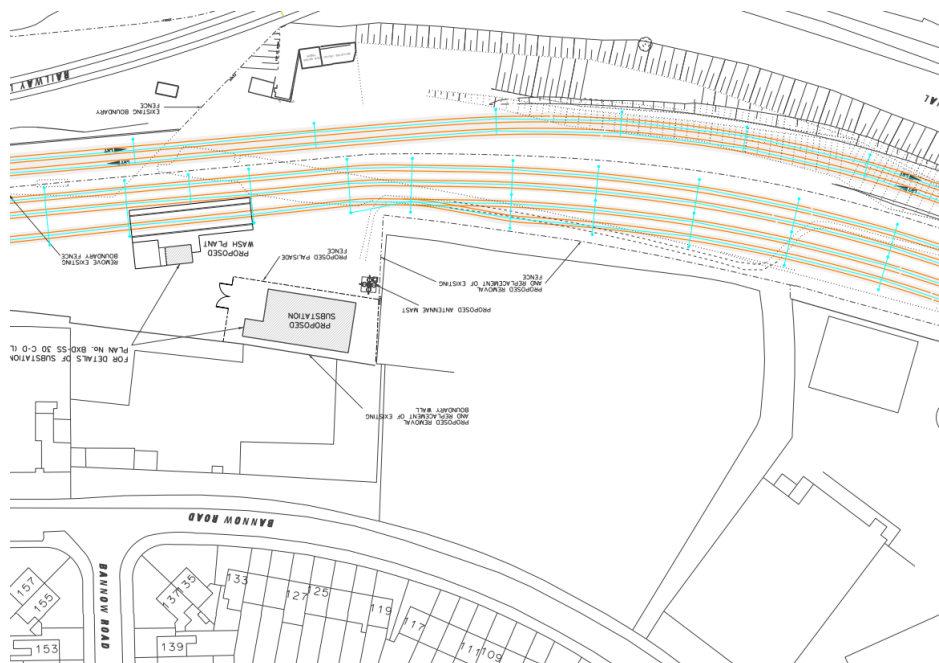
**Q.22 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for an explanation on why we spent so much on legal advice for buying land on Bannow Road and if he will make a comment on the reasons why. TII want to take some of this site now, what are TII proposing to do with the site and what is the impact of this on the speedy delivery of social houses on the site?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The acquisition was managed by an in house solicitor in the Law Department and has been completed. There were no additional costs for legal advice for the acquisition secured by the Law Department.

The Development Department has not been contacted by TII in relation to acquiring any portion of this site and the following extract from the Luas Cross City Map would suggest that the future infrastructure will not affect the site.



TII are proposing to use part of the site for Luas stabling. It is not possible to give a comprehensive assessment of the impact this would have on housing provision at this time but Housing and Community Services are engaging with TII in relation to this.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on alternatives to kissing gates which provide greater accessibility but also limit the damage done by quad bikes and scramblers?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In general parks and park entrances are open and not gated. However, 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 and we welcome meeting those affected on site to see how the issue can be resolved. Queries in this regard can be emailed to [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie).

The only alternative to the existing design is to widen the opening of the gate however this will open the opportunity for access by scrambler bikes to the open space. The only permanent solution for scrambler bikes is the passing of primary legislation to deal with the sale and use of these vehicles which are otherwise un-licensed. In due course it may be possible to incrementally remove all gates in favour of traditional park entrances.

The Sustainable Mobility and Projects Division in the Environment and Transportation Department is working with the Parks and Landscape Services Division in the Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department to develop and implement two works programmes under the Active Travel Programme;

- Replacement of Kissing Gates
- Public Parks Walking and Cycling Facilities

As part of these programmes, alternatives to kissing gates will be developed and implemented.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on any plans there are for the strip of land on Dangan Park, Kimmage, Dublin 12, directly outside 1A.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dangan Park is located within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on a representation with reference 7020084, regarding the implementation of further road markings and larger ramps on Walkinstown Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Raising the profile of speed ramps can lead to additional noise, vehicle damage and possible personal injury. We would therefore not recommend the raising of ramp heights that would be higher than our best practise standards. Currently Dublin City Council only use two types of ramps – 10m long ramps (generally used on bus routes) 4.5m long ramps (generally used on roadways where there is no bus route). All ramps have to be agreed with the Environment and Transportation Department of Dublin City Council and have to meet the Construction Standards for Road and Street Works in Dublin City Council – May 2016.

The Engineer will consider the implementation of further road markings such as 30k/ph road marking roundels on Walkinstown Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a numbered list of all disabled parking bays within DCC's remit and, in collaboration with the other 3 Dublin L.A's, to develop an APP that safely guides users?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 406 General Disabled Parking Bays in the Dublin City Council area, DCC has obtained the disabled parking data from the other LAs and is currently investigating how this information could be put onto an existing platform such as Access Earth.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive what recourse have residents when ownership of property, that is causing damage to their homes, is unknown? How can affected residents like the neighbour of **(details supplied)** obtain contact details?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)** is a private residence (i.e. it is not a DCC tenancy dwelling) and any issues between parties is a civil matter. It is recommended therefore that resident(s) seek legal advice in relation to ownership details.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is intention to provide more community "salt bins" in the Dublin 8 area to assist in icy weather?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of The Winter Maintenance Plan 2021-2022, salt bins are provided at 25 locations throughout the city to treat roads in specific high risk locations. Road Maintenance Services is required to prioritise the treatment of the road network. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to provide additional salt bins for the community in Dublin 8 as the salt allocated to DCC is a limited resource.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what legal interests the Council currently holds in the unused public toilets on the west side of Infirmary Road Dublin 7 adjoining the Phoenix Park and beside the entrance off the North Circular Road, and whether the Council might consider replacing the toilets with a cafe (as well as toilets) overlooking the Phoenix Park playground and whether he might consider engaging with the Office of Public Works on this issue?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has no legal interest in the public toilets building on Infirmary Road which are in the ownership of the O.P.W. We will engage with the O.P.W. to ascertain their plans if any for these unused public toilets and inform them of your suggested use.

We will revert to the councillor when we get a reply from the O.P.W.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise, as a matter of urgency, pedestrian crossings at the following two busy crossroad junctions, which have seen accidents involving pedestrians recently.

- a) KCR junction – crossing between KCR shops and Fortfield Road/Kimmage Road Westmost recently at the KCR junction where a child was knocked down. This point on the junction is shared between Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council and as a result no pedestrian crossing has been installed, despite previous requests by me to Dublin City Council. The crossing is heavily used by school children.
- b) Terenure Village – crossing on Terenure Road East between Vaughan’s Pub and Doyles Auctioneers. Again this is a heavily used crossing with pedestrians running the gauntlet of traffic coming to and from Terenure East, West, North, Templeogue Road and Rathfarnham Road. Again, this is a pedestrian crossing that has been requested by myself and others over the years for safety purposes and in line with our Council policy of pedestrians first.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Both of the traffic junctions above are included in the BusConnects Core Bus Corridors with the KCR junction as part of the CBC route 11 Kimmage to City Centre and the Terenure Village junction are part of the CBC 12 Rathfarnham to City Centre.

The proposals include the extensive civils works to enhance pedestrian safety at these crossroad as in the proposals below.

KCR junction



Terenure Villlage Junction



But in consideration that The BusConnects Proposals are in the planning process of the project and understandingly it may take a certain time period prior to the construction stage, thus DCC will consider short term traffic calming measures for these two areas.

DCC will review these two junctions to consider to put in place traffic calming measures via the traffic signal operation by introducing a complete pedestrian phase where all traffic movement will come to a stop and the existing pedestrian facility will then operate. There will be no parallel traffic movement allowed while this pedestrian phase is in operation. This will be similar to having a wraparound pedestrian phase provide via the traffic signal operation and in the absence of requiring the extra civils works for the physical crossings as it is planned that this will be delivered via the BusConnects construction program.

DCC Traffic Control Room monitors the day to day traffic movement in the city and will respond to any areas of safety and congestion in order to keep sustainable transportation progressing.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to update members on how much Dublin City Council has spent to date on the provision of free period products across DCC buildings? In November 2019, €100,000 was allocated for the rolling out of free period products across all DCC buildings and as of February 2021, just €1033.20 (incl. VAT) had been spent to date on this scheme. Two years on, what is the current figure, and can you provide a list of all the buildings where free period products are provided?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Free sanitary products are currently being made available across all Dublin City Council facilities and offices. The full roll out was due to begin in March 2020 following a pilot programme in 2019, unfortunately at that time all Dublin City Council offices and facilities were closed due to the pandemic. Previous and current restrictions has and will impact on the cost of the provision of sanitary product.

As the full roll out is in its initial stage, the cost to the Sports and Recreation Section is approximately €9,000 to date. As purchasing of product has begun to supply all



facilities, the amount of product required will be impacted on by current and future restrictions. Access and use to facilities and buildings by the public has changed, and a more accurate analysis of the full cost of the provision of sanitary goods will be known when the access to all facilities are fully open.

Accurate figures should be available at end of 1st and 2nd quarter of 2022.

A corporate review of the referred to expenditure across departments is underway and contact will be made directly with the councillor.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all the planning permissions for housing developments where the provision of community/social/creative/arts and culture /recreational spaces were attached as a planning condition (similar to Poolbeg, for example).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Poolbeg SDZ Planning Scheme contains an Objective CD8 requiring all developments over 200 residential units/ 10,000m<sup>2</sup> to provide 5% social, community, cultural, creative and artistic space as identified in an updated cultural and community audit. The Planning Scheme recognises that such spaces may be provided in different sizes and clusters in order to achieve viable economies of scale.

The 2016-2022 City Development Plan contains a development standard (para 16.10.4) that large scale residential plans, typically over 50 units/ 5000m<sup>2</sup> commercial, depending on local circumstances, must submit an audit of existing facilities in the area and demonstrate how the proposal will contribute to supporting infrastructure, including schools.

Where community/social/creative/arts and recreational spaces are included in large schemes, it becomes part of the approved plans, and as such it is not necessary to impose a specific condition. Given the above there is not a standard condition so a query of the APAS planning system cannot be run to generate the information requested.

**Q.33 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how long the Chivers site in Coolock currently owned by Platinum Land has been on the vacant sites register and how much in levies have been paid or are accruing with respect to the site?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chivers Site in Coolock is not entered on Dublin City Council's Vacant Sites Register and there are no vacant site levies owing to the Council in respect of this site.

The Vacant Sites Unit is currently assessing this site's suitability for entry on the Vacant Sites Register as per the criteria outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

**Q.34 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline of the key mile stones completed with regard to the DCC development of 70% cost rental/30% social housing residential development at Emmet Road and to indicate outstanding timelines that would bring this development to the allocation stage.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Q3 2019	Development Framework Plan
Q2 2021	Appointed Design Team
Q2 2022	Lodge Planning (subject to statutory approvals)
Q4 2022	Planning Grant (assuming no appeals or JR)
Q4 2023	Commencement on Site (subject to funding, grant of planning & procurement)
Q4 2026	Completion / handover (subject to funding & phasing)

**Q.35 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the amount of monies outstanding from the HSE with regard to the funding of DFB ambulances?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Ambulances are supplied directly to DFB by the HSE since 2015. We no longer purchase our own and seek reimbursement, so there are no monies outstanding from the HSE to DFB for funding of ambulances.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the following: that Dublin City Council clear out the full back garden of **(details supplied)**. Prior to re-allocation of this house which is currently being refurbished following the tragic death of the former tenant. I am asking the large tree in the rear garden be removed or at least be seriously it back as it is taking over the adjoining rear gardens and will be more difficult to remove following the tenanting of the above house in addition can the whole garden be cleared and fencing be erected to give neighbours privacy.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This property **(details supplied)** is currently being refurbished under the voids refurbishment program. The fencing will be assessed, the tree will be taken down and the whole garden will be cleared of any rubbish.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the law department look at issuing a new lease to the **(details supplied)**. The centre provides vital community-based services to the local communities and has an excellent relationship with Dublin City Council in responding to local needs. The lease is up next month and the management committee of which I am chairperson are anxious this is sorted out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is agreeable to the continued occupation of this premises by the community group and is prepared to offer a further 10 year lease. The Chief Valuer has been instructed to contact the group to enter into negotiations and to agree the relevant terms and conditions.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a clean-up of the **(details supplied 1)** as the area is subjected to high levels of waste from time to time. In addition, **(details supplied 2)** is interested in meeting with the public domain officer to organise weekly clean-up's in this neighbourhood some equipment from DCC would assist this local project to instil a sense of Civic pride in the neighbourhood.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services clean the **(details supplied 1)** on a weekly basis and will ensure that it is kept as clean as possible.

The Public Domain Officer will inspect and monitor the **(details supplied 1)** and Liaise with Waste Management and the Litter Warden Service to abate any illegal dumping in the environs. The Public Domain Officer will engage with **(details supplied 2)** and provide support as requested to facilitate Community Clean-ups going forward.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City become a strong advocate for the expansion of the Luas system from College Green up towards bluebell, Ballyfermot and out into the County towards Lucan as envisaged a few years ago. The West of the City and County are starved of quality transport and as all the real housing growth in the future will happen here it is vital that LUAS be directed through the densely populated areas of West Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council works with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and relevant transport agencies to deliver key projects and it is policy of the City Development Plan to support the principles set out in the national transport strategies. It is stated policy of DCC to promote and facilitate the expansion of Luas through the western part of the City to Lucan (see 8.5.3). This is particularly important in the context of the City Edge Regeneration Project for the Kilemore to Ballymount area. The expansion of the Luas system is outlined in the NTA's Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 and its forthcoming review which is due to go on public display in early November.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

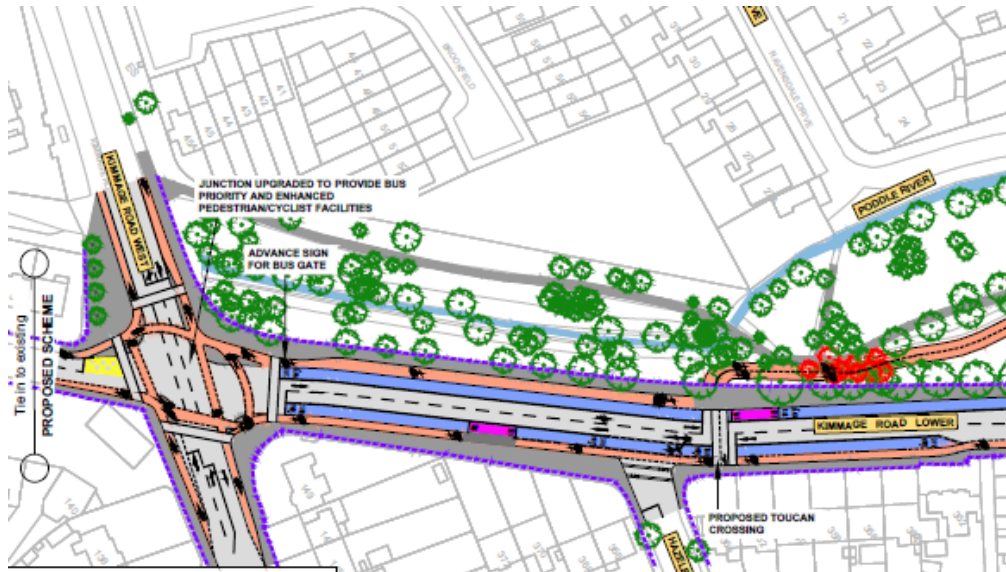
To ask the Chief Executive if large junctions in south Dublin areas can be investigated by the Traffic Department and provided with necessary pedestrian crossings, considering more people are walking and bringing children to school. In particular, the Kimmage Cross Roads [KCR] which has been addressed by local residents to two local authorities for several years and on 14 October a child was hit on the road, as I was advised. Stannaway and Sundrive Road also has a large junction without pedestrian crossing. I am aware that Traffic Department want Councillors to plan and explain where the pedestrian crossings should be located, I am giving the information by email. I am not an engineer. Please take this on with the maps and details that are provided.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic junction above is included in the BusConnects Core Bus Corridors with the KCR junction as part of the CBC route 11 Kimmage to City Centre

The proposals include the extensive civils works to enhance pedestrian safety at these crossroad as in the proposals below.

KCR junction



But in consideration that The BusConnects Proposals are in the planning process of the project and understandingly it may take a certain time period prior to the construction stage, DCC will consider short term traffic calming measure for this area.

DCC will review this junction to consider to put in place traffic calming via the traffic signal operation by introducing a complete pedestrian phase where all traffic movement will come to a stop and the existing pedestrian facility will then operate. There will be no parallel traffic movement allowed while this pedestrian phase is in operation. This will be similar to having a wraparound pedestrian phase provide via the traffic signal operation and in the absence of requiring the extra civils works for the physical crossings as it is planned that this will be delivered via the BusConnects construction program.

DCC Traffic Control Room monitors the day to day traffic movement in the city and will response to any areas of safety and congestion in order to keep sustainable transportation progressing.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City Council has any role in the regulation and licensing of the barbering and hairdressing trade in the city and, if not, who has an oversight role for traders?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a requirement to apply for a Fire Safety Certificate in the following situations:

- When converting a premises to a barber/hairdressing premises that was in some other use
- When building a new premises
- When carrying out significant alterations to a premises in this use

There is no requirement for a licence from a Dublin Fire Brigade perspective.

As with all premises the owner/operator has a duty of care under Section 18(2) of the Fire Services Act to guard against the outbreak of fire and maintain good fire safety housekeeping measures.

It is my understanding that the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is the statutory body responsible for oversight of hairdressers and barbers.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive the current position regarding the establishment of the cross boundary forum as set out in Objective SANTRY 6 of the Fingal County Development Plan, Page 121 whether relevant Elected Representatives from both Council's will be invited to join the forum?"

**Additional Information:**

Objective SANTRY 6 - Continue to support and facilitate a cross boundary forum, which includes Dublin City Council, to co-ordinate development between Dublin City's North West Area (which includes parts of Santry, Poppintree and Ballymun) and the adjoining areas in Fingal which include Santry, Meakstown and Charlestown and lands to the north of Ballymun.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This Objective of the current Fingal Development Plan has not been communicated to the North West Area by Fingal County Council. Certainly it's a desirable Objective as the boundary between Dublin City and Fingal County Council at Finglas-Ballymun does not serve the citizens of either Councils well. The initiation of such a forum would be a good starting point for local public representatives and officials to debate the key boundary issues concerning both Councils, and develop an action plan for delivery in the years ahead.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the rationale, the legislation and the policy that underpins the giving away of a large section of Dartry Park to a GAA club without any proper public consultation, or any proper tendering process. This 'giveaway' is meant to be a temporary measure for a year yet there are permanent goalposts in this small public amenity which seems to be evading Dublin City Council's own planning process. Surely there is a change of use here in terms of planning law?

It's important to note that these are public amenities and parks and are not sports grounds. They were never designed as sports grounds. Also, can the manager provide confirmation whether any other sports entity, company or club request the private use of this park to facilitate their club in this manner?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Public parks and open space are provided and set out for passive and active recreation. They are also an important resource for biodiversity. With the pandemic, the importance of parks, green space and being close to nature for the mental health and well-being of the community has been widely acknowledged.

It is essential therefore that all parks are open and accessible to all age groups and abilities and it is a strict policy of the Parks Service that no playing pitches are enclosed or given to any groups to the exclusion of the public. Playing pitches are allocated as an annual letting which requires clubs to make an application to the Council setting out their need for all age groups.

In the case of Dartry Park, Ranelagh Gaels GAA Club made a strong representation to the Council for additional playing pitches as a result of their access to Cathal Bruagh Barracks being terminated. In the absence of any other location being available Dartry was selected as there had been a pitch there in recent years.

DCC is working with the club to ensure that any inconvenience to local residents with regard to traffic and car parking is minimised.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the policy documentation and the Governance process whereby containers are used as coffee shops or coffee outlets in Dublin Parks. Further, that the CEO provide a rationale that warrants the commercialisation of public parks and amenities bearing in mind that the city is awash with Cafe outlets and cafes the public parks are the only respite from this over commercialisation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There has been a container café located at the North Bull Wall for a number of years which is located in the Nature Reserve. This has been well received and supported both by the local community and councillors.

More recently the Parks Service advertised for temporary/mobile outlets for Eamon Ceannt Park and Fairview Park to facilitate the supervision of toilets located in existing pavilions in those parks which could be opened to the public under the supervision of a café operator. The successful tenderer for Eamon Ceannt Park is a container café and this will be in place in the next few weeks.

The Parks Strategy 2019-2022 sets out the policy in relation to "Visitor Facilities" as follows;

"The provision of cafes/tearooms and restaurants (with public toilets) will be promoted and expanded following consideration of their financial viability and character of the receiving park."

"The provision of toilets will be considered within parks as part of other built facilities where active management and monitoring is present"

In April 2021, as part of the City Recovery initiative Dublin City Council went out to tender for provision of Public Conveniences in conjunction with Retail Units following unprecedented requests for assistance from local businesses, public representatives and residents to provide public conveniences across the city. The key objective was for the provision of toilets to be cost neutral to the City Council.

Four of the sites chosen were in public parks and all four will provide a café with toilet provision in a temporary container. The sites are;

- Albert College Park (which is now operational)
- Griffith Park
- Sean Moore Park
- Clontarf Promenade

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full press statement that the office of the Lord Mayor is no longer patron of the Artane Band and the Artane School of music. DCC need to make this important and significant announcement which is in keeping with its

policy of transparency and openness. Further, it is important that the public, including those that attend sports events in the grounds of the GAA as well as many of the Arts community who would be aware of the Artane School of Music, be informed by a public or press statement from Dublin City Council that the Council and the office of the Lord Mayor have disconnected themselves and removed their patronage from this entity. The public have a right to know and the local authority have a duty to inform them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Motion was debated publicly and at length over two Council Meetings. The debate was webcast. That webcast, minute of the meeting and vote of the councillors is available for inspection on the Council website and forms part of the public record. Therefore all aspects of this decision are available for inspection by any interested party. This meets all requirements for openness and transparency of Council decisions. It is not the practice of Dublin City Council to press release individual motions carried at council meetings. The original decision for the Lord Mayor to become a patron of the Artane School of Music was not press released. The motion as put and passed at the October Council meeting, did not request that the item be communicated in the above manner. Therefore the Chief Executive will not be issuing a press release on this matter.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to supply me with a full breakdown of all expenditures throughout the city of Dublin with regards social distancing measures and cycling infrastructure temporary or otherwise. This report to include all tendering process for each of the works. Where the tendering process was advertised? Where is the money coming from that is underpinning these projects? Who has control of the budget of these projects? Who decides on these particular projects? Finally, who is in charge of the accounting of these projects and the financial oversight of these projects and sign off? Can these accounts be made available to me with all correspondence be it with the NTA, Central Government, or any others regarding the financial drawdown of monies for these projects.

Can the CEO also, confirm whether DCC or the NTA or others are paying for the High court case in relation to Strand Roads unlawful temporary cycling measures? Who foots that bill? Is the money coming from Dublin City Council's own budget to finance this case? Or is it being taken from the NTA stimulus mobility package?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The information requested will take some time to put together as it requires coordination across the different departments who have undertaken any of the measures specified in the question and once the relevant information from the different departments has been assembled it will be shared with the Councillor.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what actions have been taken by Dublin City Council Law department to tackle the scourge of serious anti-social behaviour which emanates from a small number of our tenancies, to include the number of cases taken before the courts and reasons why cases are not brought before the courts.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is working very closely with the Housing Department providing assistance and training with the service of tenancy warnings in antisocial behaviour cases. A tenancy warning is the first step in the legal process and offers an individual 12 months in which to cease the behaviours associated with anti-social

behaviour/breach of tenancy. If, within the 12 months, there has been no serious additional breaches, the warning will expire and not proceed to the legal route. No cases in this category have been entered in court lists during 2020 and 2021 due to in part to the pandemic and due to the complex issues surrounding anti-social behaviour. A number of cases have been referred to the Law Department for initiation of legal proceedings and they are under consideration with the Housing Department. It is incumbent on the Council to seek alternative solutions to legal proceedings where possible.

Dublin City Council will investigate all complaints of Anti-social behaviour as per our ASB strategy,

Due to the Supreme Court decision "DCC V Donegan" the mechanism to terminate a tenancy under section 62, of 1966 Housing Act was repealed.

In the 2014 Housing Act a new mechanism to terminate a tenancy was introduced, but the court rules that accompanies new legislation was drafted in 2018.

The new procedure requires the serving of a Tenancy Warning, which is the first step in the legal procedure, and then a Possession Application to seek a court order for eviction.

Due to the restrictions of Covid 19 and the reduction in court availability no Possession Applications have been lodged but Twenty Eight Tenancy Warnings have been served for Anti-social Behaviour to date.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full and comprehensive report on the Maintenance of traveller accommodation to include details of:

- a) Is there a service level agreement in place?
- b) Total spend on Housing Maintenance for Traveller Accommodation and can a breakdown be provided also?
- c) How many service requests were made per year for last 3 years?
- d) Is the service provided a 24 service or Monday to Friday 9 to 5?
- e) Number of companies that are in receipt of funding to provide maintenance services and how many staff are employed by these companies to provide this service?
- f) What checks are made to ensure that appropriately qualified people are carrying out tradespeople's work?
- g) What inspections are carried out afterwards to ensure the work carried out is of a suitable standard?
- h) What certifications are in place i.e. Garda Clearance, Covid training etc.?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) A framework is in place in the Traveller Accommodation unit to provide maintenance services to all sites
- b) Total spend on maintenance for Traveller Accommodation for 2020 amounted to €5,050,253.08. Breakdown of spend per site attached.
- c) From 2018 to this day (21st October 2021), we have received a total of 3,123 maintenance requests.
- d) General service is provided Monday to Friday 8am-5pm & tenants have access to a 24hrs callout service contact number for emergencies
- e) There are currently 3 companies, providing this service.
- f) It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that all staff are qualified in order to provide DCC with the necessary maintenance works. It is also the



Clerk of Works responsibility to ensure all maintenance works are completed and signed off.

- g) There is a fulltime COW who inspects all works completed & only signs off on works that have been completed to the correct standard.
- h) All staff directly employed by DCC are Garda Vetted, when & where required, prior to taking up their specific role. All DCC staff are in receipt of regular updates & required training in relation to Covid – 19. All Contractors engaged by DCC are responsible for providing evidence that their staff have been Garda Vetted as required & that they are all up to date on Covid- 19 requirements.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the provision of caravans/mobile homes for traveller sites. What is the process in payments by tenants and what is the procedure for recoupment of costs from the Department for these traveller homes?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With regards to Caravans provided via Emergency Caravan Grant recipient/s are required to pay 20% or 1/5<sup>th</sup> the total cost of the caravan/mobile home via bank draft to Dublin City Council's Housing Finance Unit. Recoupment requests are made directly to the Department by TAU's Manager. Maximum loan amount available is €15,000.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the water at **(details supplied)**. I reported this in early 2021 and thus far nobody has called out to get samples to test. The family have been having this problem for approx. 4 years. They have resorted to drinking purchased water bottles and are having issues with skin due to showering in the water which they have reported has a smell from it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Foreman called to this property on Friday 22nd October 2021 and carried out an inspection of the water. The Foreman could find nothing wrong with the water supply. He advised the tenants to contact Irish Water and have them analyse the mains water supply entering the property.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will state the number of units of accommodation in each of the past five years which have been acquired by DCC on long-term leases; the average length of time of each lease; the average annual cost of each lease; and if it is intended to stop this expensive practice of acquiring social housing in future.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Long Term Leasing Response:**

Standard leasing arrangements were first introduced in 2009 and are delivered under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme. The scheme allows local authorities and approved housing bodies to lease suitable properties for periods of between 10 to 25 years. Standard leasing arrangements can cater for new builds or second-hand homes.

To ramp up the scale of delivery in social housing supply, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage introduced the Enhanced Long-Term Social Housing Leasing scheme. This scheme is coordinated by the Housing Agency on behalf of local authorities and the Department. The terms of this lease is 25 year and each proposal must include a minimum of 20 homes.

The table below sets out the number of long term leases executed by the City Council over the past 5 years and indicated the lease term times and the average cost

Lease Term	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 to 26 <sup>th</sup> October
2 Year			1		
5 Year		1	8		
7 Year				1	
8 Year					
10 Year	17	13	21	11	3
15 Year			3	4	2
20 Year		6	9	8	4
25 Year			59	188	261
Total	17	20	101	212	270
Average Annual Cost per Lease	€16,796	€16,567	€17,597	€19,171	€18,684

The 2021 *Housing for All* plan has announced a managed phasing out of new long term leasing projects and has set annual targets for leasing delivery through to 2025.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will list the number of Planning Information Meetings which have taken place each month since the beginning of this City Council term in May 2019 and the number that have taken place in each Local Electoral Area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The number of Planning Information Meetings which have taken place each month since the beginning of the City Council term in May 2019 is as follows (Months where no meeting took place are excluded):

- May 2019: 3
- July 2019: 1
- October 2019: 3
- November 2019: 1
- December 2019: 3
- January 2020: 2
- August 2020: 1
- October 2020: 1
- May 2021: 1
- July 2021: 2
- October 2021: 2

The number of Planning Information Meetings that have taken place in each Local Electoral Area since the beginning of the City Council term in May 2019 is as follows:

- Artane-Whitehall: 1
- Ballyfermot-Drimnagh: 0
- Ballymun-Finglas: 1
- Cabra-Glasnevin: 5
- Clontarf: 4

Donaghmede: 1  
Kimmage-Rathmines: 0  
North Inner City: 4  
Pembroke: 1  
South East Inner City: 1  
South West Inner City: 2

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to establish a process with residents of heavily tree-lined streets across the City, such as Griffith Avenue and North Circular Road, for the collection and mulching of leaves.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management began the process of removing fallen leaves from pavements, cycle lanes and road surfaces on Griffith Avenue and North Circular Road at the beginning of October.

Our 6am North Central Waste Management team remove fallen leaves daily, Monday to Friday in accordance with a comprehensive street cleaning service for the entire area.

In addition, Waste Management are providing a dedicated leaf removal team to assist *All Hallows Area Association* with a planned leaf collection weekend on Griffith Avenue on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The introduction of protected cycle lanes in some areas have been a challenge for Waste Management. Existing fleet previously deployed to removing fallen leaves from channels are unable to gain access. To address this, new sub-compact mechanical sweepers have been introduced. These sweepers mechanically clean protected cycle lanes across the city.

Waste Management have introduced compostable green leaf bags that are available through our area offices to community groups. Bags and pick-ups can be arranged to support residents associations collecting leaves. Waste management can collect in a segregated way to add to our recycling efforts. In autumn 2020 we recycled 791.12 Tonnes through segregation.

We are encouraging public to learn how to compost themselves and have shared "How to" guides on our social media and created a display area in Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider piloting a project for developing communal underground bins in DCC housing estates to reduce litter, dumping, broken glass and burned material, as operates in housing estates in Denmark.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply will be issued to the Councillor in the next fortnight.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding the continuation of the leaf mulching work currently underway? Will it continue until Christmas? Area's like Griffith Avenue with it large number of deciduous trees would obviously require more attention than most. Is this in DCC plans?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management began the process of removing fallen leaves from pavements, cycle lanes and road surfaces throughout the city at the beginning of October and this will continue into the early months of next year.

In addition, Waste Management are providing a dedicated leaf removal team to assist *All Hallows Area Association* with a planned leaf collection weekend on Griffith Avenue on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Q.56 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the current whereabouts of the six boxed trees long promised for the Cabra Road, Dublin 7? This has been ongoing since July 2019 and residents are waiting a long time.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An order has been placed for three high quality planter units planted with mature trees. The area office are expecting them to be delivered to the Cabra road before December 2021.

When the budget has been agreed for 2022 the area office will consider the purchase of additional planter units for the Cabra Road.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive what would be the cost of linking water from the Naas Road designated site for Traveller accommodation to the main on the other side of the LUAS? This option has been explored by DCC and was said to be too costly.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council do not have figures for the various connection costs at this time. We sought to find cost effective solutions such as alternative connection points and other effective waste management solutions without success. The connection at the Nass Road site is not seen as a high priority for Irish Water particularly over the last 18 months. The connection must be taken in charge by Irish Water before Dublin City Council can make an application for connection.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when can we expect the community shared composter for the project financed under the discretionary fund from the Ballyfermot Drimnagh constituency to be built. A group of residents on Sarsfield Road are eager to get started with theirs and the organisation to build it has been contacted and given the plans.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have provision in budget to progress this project. We are seeking agreement with regard to insurance, maintenance with the residents involved at Sarsfield Road and a plan on how it will be managed.

Dublin City Council are keen to progress this project and would call on all interested parties involved to meet with urgency.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive what implementation will be taken to make Sarsfield road safer for all, to lower the speed limit? Could speed bumps be introduced at the local of the 2 traffic accidents within 18 months.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are currently liaising with An Garda Síochána regarding this accident and based on their findings Dublin City Council will consider appropriate measures. It should be noted that lowering the speed limit is a reserved function of the elected members, Dublin City Council await further information.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the plan to make the Mourne Road roundabout a pedestrian friendly place to access the new coffee hut in the middle of the roundabout and to walk from one street to the other at the roundabout. Uplifted footpath of the likes of the ones at the Wellington Road and Templeville Road roundabout.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above request has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and will be reported to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref No: 7023420.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the work of vacant homes officers in Dublin City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has one vacant homes officer who was appointed in 2017 as part of the Pillar V of the Rebuilding Ireland Initiative.

The primary function of the vacant homes officer is the reduction in the level of long term residential vacancy rates in the City.

As part of this process the City Council has to date recorded 725 potential long term vacant properties in the City. It is currently working through these records to correctly identify the number of long term vacant properties and confirm their respective owners. Once the owner of the property has been identified the City Council will engage with them to have these properties returned to use in a timely manner either by them or alternatively by the City Council acquiring same.

The City Council has to date acquired 54 long term vacant properties under the Buy and Renew Scheme. A total of 30 properties have been refurbished and returned to housing stock and the remainder of the properties are currently undergoing refurbishment works to return them to use in the very near future.

The City Council continues to record and identify properties that are long term vacant and engage with the owners of same to return them to use in a timely manner. The work of the vacant homes officer is only one process in helping the City Council reduce the level of vacancy in the City. The other is the Planning Department which

implements matters pertaining to the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (amended as part of Planning and Development Act 2020).

This process may be used to help reduce the level of vacancy in the City by requiring owners of derelict properties to undertake the necessary works to have the properties deemed non derelict.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to a roundabout or traffic lights at the exit of Stella Gardens onto the Irishtown Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

From further details supplied by Cllr. Byrne the location in Stella Gardens appears to be Dermot O'Hurley Avenue at the junction with Irishtown Road.

The area engineer will carry out a site inspection at this junction in the coming weeks. Based on this site visit the area engineer will make a decision on whether traffic calming measures are necessary at this junction.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR DATHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive will he please confirm that Dublin City Council are proceeding with the redevelopment of the Lissadell Maisonettes, Lissadell Rd D12. Please outline a timeframe for this and can he please confirm that residents will be fully consulted before and during the process?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing and Community Services Department can confirm the regeneration of Lissadell Maisonettes is very much a priority for the Housing and Community Services Department.

A feasibility study examining redevelopment proposals which will deliver the best housing scheme for the site is currently being finalised.

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.

Once the feasibility study has been completed and costed, an application for initial project approval and funding (Stage 1) will be submitted to the DHLGH. The Housing and Community Services Department anticipates that a Stage 1 application will be submitted in early 2022.

When the feasibility study is completed, the Housing and Community Services Department will discuss the proposals with the local elected members, residents and community.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR DATHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in actioning the October motion concerning Dublin Fire Brigade? Can he outline to the Councillor what recruitment and training programme is in place to ensure there will be a full complement of fire fighters in DFB?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The existing firefighter recruitment campaign began in September 2019 and culminated in the creation of a firefighter panel

- The first class of recruits from that campaign began training in April 2020 and have since taken up Firefighter positions in stations across the brigade.
- A second recruit class began training in June 2021 and will finish this December to take up positions across the brigade in January 2022.
- A further third recruit class will begin training early in February 2022 with a start date for a fourth and final class of the remaining panel of recruits currently under review.

All recent fire brigade recruit training has taken place in the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has placed considerable additional challenges on the process; notwithstanding these challenges training has continued according to plan.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much does DCC spend on employing private contractors to cut grass and maintain green spaces in Dublin City, how many different contractors are involved and please include a breakdown for each of the 5 areas?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Contractors are engaged to carry out litter picking, grass cutting and other such maintenance in social housing schemes, along roads and on some open spaces. Contracts are not organised in accordance with the five area committees. There are three contractors involved and the total value of the contract work for 2021 will be €1,244,548. A new tender for this service is in the process of preparation and it is hoped to have a new contract in place early in 2022.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the removal of weeds blocking the drains at Clontarf Road between 'The Oaks' and Dollymount Ave please. I'm referring to the residential side of Clontarf Road at this location please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The weed spraying season for Dublin City Council's administrative areas has been completed for 2021. However, Waste Management remove weeds as and when resources and schedules allow on an adhoc basis. The Public Domain Team will be happy to add this location to the weeding list for the North Central Area.

The removal of weeds is managed by the local Area Office using a contractor. This is financed by Road Maintenance Services.

The following strategy is in place in relation to the control of weeds on public roads.

As part of Dublin City Council's commitment to eliminate its reliance on the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide for the control of weeds on its road network, an assessment of alternative products and methods for weed control has been carried out and a plan has been developed to cover the period 2020 to 2024.

This plan comprises three key elements:

1. Eliminate the use of 'glyphosate' based herbicide.
2. Use of alternative weed treatments on all residential roads approximately 800km over a three year cycle.

3. The development of a strategy to involve local communities in the removal of weeds from 10% of the road network.

Dublin City Council Administrative Area includes 1,200km of roads.

Note it is not possible to treat every road and footpath.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise 'AED Defibrillator' location signage for the Fairview area please. There is a similar signage attached to the 'Raheny, You Are Here' sign in front of Raheny Church. There is a 'Fairview' sign at the bottom of Philipsburgh Ave and a similar attaching AED Defibrillator sign would be suitable at this location please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The local area office would be happy to facilitate this request and will engage with the councillor directly to progress this initiative.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a copy of the draft management plan for the proposed Discovery Centre on Bull Island please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is proposed that the Discovery centre would be managed by Dublin City Council or a company set up by Dublin City Council on a not for profit basis. However the ambition is for the operation, maintenance and scheduling of education and interpretive programmes to be cost neutral. This would be achieved in part by utilising existing staff and resources already in place. While access to the building, the reception, the general exhibition area and toilets will be free there will be a charge for education programmes in line with other primary science education centres and a charge in line with OPW centres for access to the more immersive and interactive part of the interpretive area. There will be a concession for local community groups and schools.

A detailed business plan will be published in the next couple of months and will form part of the final project documentation.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the current Dublin City Development Plan oversight protocols in DCC's Planning Dept. please e.g. what checking and review procedures are in place in our Planning Dept. to ensure consistent compliance with our Development Plan please. A recent example which came to light was the lack of reference to section 16 (Development Standards / Street Furniture) of our current Development Plan in planners reports in respect of Eir telephone kiosk planning applications.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning and Property Development Department of the City Council assesses in excess of 3000 planning applications per year. Each planning application is allocated by the Senior Planner responsible for the respective areas of the city. The Area Planner carries out a full assessment of the planning application, which includes the relevant site history, referral to other Agencies and Departments and assessment of submissions received from the public, taking into account national planning guidance, the City Development Plan and the overall proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The Planners report and recommendation is submitted to the Senior Executive Planner and, in the case of non-domestic applications to the Senior



Planner for oversight. The decision of non-domestic applications is then made under the Executives delegated powers by the Deputy/City Planning Officer.

In relation to the planning applications to replace a number of telephone kiosks, the proposals were assessed having regard to the City Development Plan in the round, including Section 16.30, Appendix 19 and Section 4.5. Amongst the wider considerations taken into account was the overall reduction of 170 phone shelters to 22 kiosks in order to help declutter the public realm. It is also of note that the applications were referred to the Road Planning Division to ensure the proposals did not impede pedestrian permeability.

The Planning Department has appropriate procedures in place to ensure applications are assessed in a consistent manner, in accordance with planning policy, notwithstanding the different circumstances pertaining to each application.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive following on from question 50 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 to provide an update on the following: There has been no progress on the issue of Signage on **(details supplied 1)**, despite first being reported 10 months ago.

- a) There has been no progress on changing the signage/additional signage on **(details supplied 2)** as promised, when will this be put in place?
- b) Can the manager assist with the purchasing of a cast iron sign in conjunction with the environmental group.
- c) Can a site visit be arranged to review the signage on the road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will investigate this matter and report back directly to the Councillor.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a speed survey to be carried out at **(details supplied 1)**. The area is very close to a nearby second level school and cars are constantly speeding and using the road as rat run through to **(details supplied 2)** onwards.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A speed survey will be carried out around **(details supplied)** in the coming weeks to assess the level of excessive vehicular speeds on those roads. Following the survey, Dublin City Council will revert to the Councillor with a report on the matter. Ref: 7023062.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the windows at **(details supplied)** which are still single glaze and are in need of replacement.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Foreman carried out an inspection of these windows on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. The tenants installed their own windows, therefore they are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of same.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of the traffic light sequencing at **(details supplied)**. I have received reports that very few cars are getting through and backlogs are being created as a result.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The vehicle loop detectors at this junction, embedded beneath the road surface, were damaged following road resurfacing. Temporary detection has now been added to control the traffic signals whilst re-cutting of new loop detectors is awaited. The traffic signals and vehicle detectors are now operating correctly.

The junction is being continually monitored and amendments made where necessary to ensure reduction in any delays to traffic movements.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the two loose bollards at the same spot as the traffic calming ramp close to the entrance into **(details supplied)** and arrange to repair them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has completed an inspection of this location. The bollard defect has been noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. A repair has been scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange cleansing of laneway at **(details supplied)**, which is full of overgrowth, rubbish with lots of rotting apples (attracting rodents including rats).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have scheduled an inspection of the laneway for Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will attend to the illegally dumped items following on from the inspection.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the application of the National Quality Standards Framework (NQS), insofar as it relates to homeless accommodation, which applies to all NGO and which is monitored overall by the DRHE, to premises operated and managed by private operators. Also, to ask the Chief Executive if an independent body, such as the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), has or will be chosen by the DRHE for the inspection of public and private providers.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE began working in April 2021 on the reframing of the NQS to include private emergency accommodation. The draft standards were presented to the Strategic Management Group and Consultative Forum in September 2021 and the reframing of the standards to include private emergency accommodation was endorsed by these two groups. The DRHE Property team is currently working on the completion of service level agreements to capture the application of the NQS standards to PEA's where applicable.

The senior management team in the DRHE agreed to tender for an independent entity to inspect all homeless facilities and this process began in March 2021 and the DRHE is in the final stages of this process and will report back on a recommendation in Q4 2021.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to address the specific queries raised by me in my question (No 14) last month. Firstly, I specifically asked how much Departmental funding was received to offset the €11.33m loss of parking income but was informed that “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”. For clarity, was the FULL amount of €11.33m covered by this or what amount of the €23.6m was allocated to this income category?

Secondly, I asked “given this confirmation that the exchequer was and is willing to offset 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?”

This part of my question was not addressed or answered at all. Could I have an answer please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council faced total non-rates income losses of €23.6m in 2020 which was fully funded by the Department. The detail of Dublin City Council’s non-rates income losses and additional Covid related expenditure was part of a national funding submission.

Total income reimbursed by the Department for Parking was €18.4m, of which €13.1m relates to parking fees as queried above. The table below gives detail across the constituent elements. Funding provided included income forgone on two parking related price increases, which were provided for in the 2020 Budget, being:

- Parking meter €1.6m (from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020)
- RTB Toll €1.9m (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020)



The operation of LUAS Cross City brings significant benefits to transport users, businesses, residents and Dublin City Council by increasing the City’s connectivity. In strategic terms, LUAS Cross City is a huge asset to Dublin and assists greatly in mobilising people, whether as workers, shoppers or residents, across the City. There is undoubtedly a direct financial loss to the City Council in respect of road space previously dedicated to parking meters now used to facilitate the operation of Luas

Cross City. At the same time there was significant betterment in infrastructure services renewed to facilitate Luas Cross City and very significant improvements in the public domain – all at no cost to the City Council. It is believed that the broader benefits to the city and the City Council far outweigh the loss of parking meter funding.

Practice thus far has shown that the loss of a small number of parking meters around the City does not deter users, instead such changes result in the remaining parking bays being used more extensively. The City Council remains mindful of the need for parking arrangements for motorists.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following details regarding public liability and employee liability claims against Dublin City Council for the past five years:

- a. Number of all claims under each category.
- b. Amount claimed under each category.
- c. Number of claims settled and value thereof.
- d. Number of claims outstanding and claim amount or estimated claim amounts.
- e. Number of claims deemed fraudulent and action taken, if any, against these claimants.

Could the Chief Executive also provide a brief overview of the operation of the Claims Liaison Section of DCC, including staffing levels, risk strategy, claims defence policy etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The gathering and collating of the information is on-going and a detailed response will issue before the December Council meeting.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I note the expansion of the market stalls and offerings at St. Anne's Park at weekends, which is proving very popular and has added to the offering in this wonderful park. Could the Chief Executive consider expanding this type of offering to other parks in the vicinity and, in particular, could a similar market, on an appropriate scale, be considered for Fairview Park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Fairview park is a densely developed park and we consider that there is not a suitable space in the park that lends itself to the holding of a market there, consequently there are no plans to hold a market in Fairview Park at the present time.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please investigate why **(details supplied)** has not received the discretions funding approved in 2020 and why there has not been action by the heritage department.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The local area office has been in contact with the group in **(details supplied)**. They have been supplied with paint to paint the railings surrounding the **(details supplied)**. An application form to apply to the Heritage Council to adopt the monument was also forwarded to the group. The Heritage Department are looking to employ a conservation architect to examine **(details supplied)**. However, as **(details supplied)** is not on Dublin City Council land, all works will depend on our liaisons with the land owner.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what progress is being made in recent months to deal with tenant rent arrears and whether there are plans to increase DCC staffing in this area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below are the collection rates as of payment period 41 2021 (w/e 18<sup>th</sup> October), which compare favourably to the same period in 2020.

Year	Collection rate (ex arrears)	Collection rate (inc. arrears)
2021	93.37%	67.45%
2020	91.72%	65.78%
Increase	+ 1.65%	+1.67%

Cumulative rent payments for the year to date are €73,441,991, up from €71,789,495 in the same period in 2020. It is projected that Dublin City Council will collect €93 million in rent in 2021. €37,939,711 is owed in rent arrears as of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. There was a 62% reduction on the increase in rent arrears for the period January to October 2021 (€1,096,798) when compared to the same period in 2020 (€2,879,535).

Covid presented significant challenges for arrears recovery staff as, in the absence of the ability to make house calls, it was difficult to make contact with tenants. However, despite these challenges, every effort was made to engage tenants and recover rent arrears. House calls recommenced in June 2021 and the following actions have been taken to date this year:

Number of Tenancy Warnings Issued	83
Number of Files with the Legal Dept	63
Number of Court Hearings Scheduled	43
Number of Orders for Possession Granted	10
Number of repossessions	3

The formal legal process of issuing letters to tenants up to, and including notification of application for possession proceedings is complemented by telephone calls, e-mails and house visits. The objective is to prevent tenants from falling into arrears, and where arrears accrue, the priority is to agree a fair and reasonable repayment plan to recover the debt.

Dublin City Council makes the process of payment of rent as easy as possible for tenants, including accepting cash, direct debits, household budget, postal orders, by debit/credit card over the phone or online, Revolut, and Payzones.

The Housing Rent Collection and Arrears Recovery Unit works closely with MABS to encourage and assist tenants in financial difficulty with the agreement of and adherence to reasonable repayment plans.

Early intervention calls are made when a regular payer is flagged as having missed payments.

A new Housing IT system is in development which will facilitate text messages and e-mail services. This can be used to “nudge” tenants towards better payment habits.

Access to income details in real time via the Local Authority Verification Application (LAVA), will reduce the amount of retrospective debits on accounts.

All Executive Housing Officer posts are filled at present. Each EHO is assigned a patch of approximately 1,200 accounts.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of housing at the Oscar Traynor road site and what the next steps are to be taken by the council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

A full update on the development of the Oscar Traynor Road site was circulated today (28th October 2021) to all Councillors in advance of the next step which is the Section 183 Disposal going before Council on Monday afternoon next, 1st November.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of building control inspectors there are & the number of inspections that have taken place in the past 3 years and to list out in table format the actions taken where there was non-compliance.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The Building Control Division of the Planning & Property Development Department is staffed by an experienced professional, technical and administrative team. The professional and technical team are made up of;

- 1 x Senior Building Surveyor
- 2 x Senior Executive Building Surveyors
- 4 x Executive Building Surveyors
- 2 x Building Inspectors
- 1 x Engineering Technologist

Since November 1st 2018 there have been 2,249 inspections carried out on active construction sites. Compliance with all parts of the building regulations, including fire safety requirements, are inspected.

Compliance issues discovered on site are normally addressed promptly and voluntarily but in the same period the following enforcement actions have been taken;

Action taken for non-compliance	Number
Warning Letters Issued	90
Enforcement Notices Served	4
Enforcement Notices appealed to District Court	3
Prosecutions Taken <sup>1</sup>	2

Currently there are two enforcement notices awaiting a court hearing for their appeal and summary prosecutions relating to one site are awaiting a trial date which is set for February, 2022.

Further information on the work of Building Control may be found at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/building-control>

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise whether there are any capital works planned for improving Fr Collins Park, Clongriffin and can he ensure that the number of entry/exit points is reduced immediately as recommend by the Gardai to prevent anti-social behaviour.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Father Collins is a Green Flag park, and as part of the conditions of the award a two year management plan has been lodged. In the coming weeks the adult exercise equipment will be replaced, repairs carried out to the wet pour play surface and repairs to the steps at the pavilion. Parks have not received any requests from the Gardai in relation to reducing the number of entrances and are happy to liaise with local Gardai.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of what interest DCC has in housing on the site of the old Chivers factory in Coolock and whether the council has signed/ or in the process of signing a contract to enter into a long term leasing arrangement.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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 the part V agreement is with the current owner for sign off in advance of progressing with an Agreement for Lease/Lease.

Any new owner will have to comply with the Part V obligation and engage directly with DCC in advancing a lease for 30% of the units.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the 15 minute city document published by Dublin Chamber and what action has been taken by DCC to date to implement it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The concept of the 15 minute city and compact development forms part of the next development plan 2022 – 2028 and the draft development plan specifically addresses this.

Dublin Chamber's 'Dublin: A 15-Minute City' document was published in September 2020 and provides Dublin Chamber's urban vision for Dublin as a 15 Minute City to significantly enhance the liveability of the city. It echoes similar approaches in other European cities, including Paris. The Strategic Issues Paper published for the pre-draft public consultation on the new draft Development Plan also discussed the matter of the 15 Minute City for Dublin

Dublin Chamber's vision is that within 15 Minutes of active transport from their home, Dublin residents should have access to a key public transport hub to commute around the city to access work or higher-level services; be connected to their local community through safe, accessible, and well connected footpaths and cycle paths; have access to an open greenspace and high quality public realm and have facilities and services that promote local living and a local economy.

The 15 Minute City vision aligns closely with the National Planning Framework (NPF) which focuses on compact growth and brownfield regeneration and that the current Dublin City Development Plan identifies the three distinct urban spaces of Key District Centres, District Centres, and Neighbourhood Centres which are critical to compact growth and the sustainable consolidation of the city and provide for the economic and community support of local neighbourhoods.

Dublin Chamber's document makes a number of recommendations to deliver their vision including consideration of the guiding principles of the 15 Minute City vision in the upcoming review of the Development Plan, use of the Local Area Plan and Strategic Development Zone models to deliver the 15 Minute City vision, a review to identify parts of Dublin that have a particular shortage of the facilities essential to creating a 15 Minute City, particularly greenspace and public transport and a focus on mixed-housing developments, increasing population density and embracing the principle of compact growth and brownfield regeneration. The 'mixed use' approach in the current City Development Plan is part of the 15 Minute City vision.

The review of the Development Plan considered the guiding principles of the 15 Minute City vision. The careful alignment of new development, sustainable transport modes and social infrastructure provision is an essential focus of the Draft Development Plan in order to coordinate and phase development in line with the availability of essential social and community infrastructure, services and amenities.

The vision of the Draft Development Plan integrates the concept of the 15 Minute City and is informed by the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. If the draft Development Plan is approved Dublin City Council will actively pursue the 15 Minute City approach for Dublin city.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to list the streets in the city centre that are deep cleaned on a daily and weekly basis and to outline whether there are plans to increase the staff in the cleansing department and the level of cleaning that takes place in the city centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management have a number of teams dedicated to providing a focused street cleaning service in the city centre. All litter bins are serviced a number of times each day, pavements are manually and mechanically swept and all streets are mechanically swept 7-days a week. Our night shift continue this service, maintaining the high standards of cleaning throughout the night, six nights a week, Sunday to Friday. We also have a comprehensive street wash programme provided by the night shift that focuses on high profile streets such as Grafton Street, O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Moore Street. This service also responds to changing patterns of public behaviour by targeting other locations as required such as South William Street during the summer months when this location experiences high levels of outdoor activity.

The interior and exterior of all litter bins in the city centre are power washed every quarter and our in-house graffiti removal team responds to requests from the public via our CRM platform.

Waste Management have recently introduced a *Street Cleaning Schedule* that identifies service levels across Dublin City Council's administrative area. All streets in the central commercial district are classified as Cleaned Daily.



All city centre teams have the optimum number of staff to provide the service level required to achieve a *Grade A* standard of cleaning.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail what measures are being taken to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour in the city centre and can he provide this councillor with minutes of the High Street Issues Group meetings and to comment on what its focus is to be for the coming months.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Garda Síochána are the primary agency in the City for dealing with anti-social behaviour. Dublin City Council through the Lord Mayor and senior officials are engaging with An Garda Síochána on an ongoing basis with regard to these matters. A significant additional Garda presence has been evident on City streets in recent months and this is to be welcomed. The level of anti-social behaviour in the City Centre has also declined on a constant basis since initial reopening.

Key elements in the upcoming work programme for the High Level Street Issues Committee include:

- Street Safety
- On-street substance misuse
- On-street homelessness
- Public Realm issues

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what plans he has, if any, to secure and build a modern swimming pool and gym to replace the Markievicz Pool in advance of its potential closure and demolition to facilitate the building of the Dublin Metro Project. In his answer could he cover the following issues: site selection, available lands, estimated costs, proposed funding, delivery dates etc.?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is the intention of CRES to undertake a feasibility study in 2022 to examine potential locations, facilities, costs, timeframes etc. for an alternative facility in the event of the need to replace Markievicz Pool due to the MetroLink Project. A report will be brought to the Area Committee and Council in 2022.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive tell me how much energy (in Kw/h) was used by the Markievicz Leisure Centre in the last full year for which figures are available and provide the source (gas or electricity etc.) and provider(s) of same?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Codema (Dublin City Council Energy Agency) access and analyse the energy performance of the building on an ongoing basis, Sports & Fitness Markievicz overall energy consumption over the last year was 1,320,782 kWhs producing 285.7 carbon tonnes, **electrical consumption 241,820 kWhs** and **gas consumption 1,078,962 kWhs..**

Energy is provided by two suppliers electrical by **Energie** and gas by **Bord Gais**.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following schemes:

- Fitzwilliam Cycle Route - can the CEO outline what the delays are and provide a timeline for completion of the works
- Clonskeagh to City Centre - can the CEO provide details of the scheme, a timeline and barriers to delivery
- College Green Plaza

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Fitzwilliam Cycle Route is in the detailed design stage. The scheme has been subject to delays while the team has been resolving complex design issues relating to utilities which may be summarised as;

- Minimising the number of new gully connections to the historic brick sewer.
- Lowering existing traffic chambers due to the lack of space underground as a result of congested utilities and services.
- Reviewing the traffic junction design to ensure consistency with the protected junction in Balbutcher.

It is anticipated that these items will be closed out in Q4 2021 and tender documentation will be issued in Q1 2022.

The Clonskeagh to City Centre Scheme is a proposed 4 km cycle route from Clonskeagh (DCC boundary) passing through Ranelagh Village to the Harcourt Gyratory. The Preferred Option has been arrived at, which is now being developed into a Preliminary Design. The appointment of the current designer is being closed out, with the NTA Cycle Design office, progressing the preliminary design of the scheme. It is estimated the preliminary design will take 7 months. An update to this timeline will be provided by the newly assigned Design Team.

College Green Project

The review of this project is ongoing and all relevant matters are being considered in advance of the preparation of a new College Green proposal and the intended submission of a planning application as soon as possible. The revised proposal is intended to include the section of Dame Street up to South Great Georges Street.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an intention to establish a committee in relation to the Poolbeg West SDZ development given this is the most significant development in the City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Government designated Poolbeg West as an SDZ in 2016, and the City Council as Designated Development Agency was given the responsibility of preparing an SDZ Planning Scheme. Following extensive public consultation the SDZ scheme was approved by the City Council, and by An Bord Pleanála on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

The Planning Scheme is essentially a masterplan. All planning applications are assessed as to whether they are consistent with the scheme or not.

The scheme is subject to a number of modifications imposed by ABP, including No 3 which states that

“Prior to commencement of development, subject to confirmed funding and value for money considerations, a commercial agreement shall be entered into between Dublin

City Council, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the owners/developers of the residential element of the Planning Scheme for the delivery of 15% of the residential units approved on the lands included in this Planning Scheme for social and affordable housing purposes. These units shall be additional to the housing provided for social housing purposes as required above”.

Any Variations to an existing SDZ Planning Scheme must go through a statutory process set out under Sections 168-170 of the Act.

It is not readily apparent that a committee could assist in any of the statutory processes outlined. However, the Chief Executive will keep the matter under review and if a committee with the appropriate brief would assist in the process, we will come back to the Councillor.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on whether the City Council has any legal interest in 47 Middle Abbey Street, and what plans are in progress for the building, and whether any legal notice have been issued in the last five years under the Planning Acts or other legislation regarding the building, a Protected Structure?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council at one time held the fee simple title in the premises but disposed of same in 2014 and currently holds no legal interest in the property.

No. 47 Middle Abbey Street is a protected structure, Ref. No. 10 on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures. The Conservation Section understand that some limited repairs have been carried out in the past, but further repairs are likely to be required. A request for an internal and external inspection by the Buildings-at-Risk Officer and a Conservation Officer has been sent to the owner's representative (caretaker) and their conservation architect. We await a response.

In terms of planning history, the property was the subject of a recent planning application Reg.Ref. 4006/20, lodged on 22/12/20, seeking permission to make changes to a previous permission (Ref. Ref.2010/16) to renovate and refurbish 47 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1. The applicant was stated on the application form as Ultan Bradley, the owner with a freehold interest. A request for additional information issued on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 but a response was not received within the appropriate period and therefore the status of the application is declared to be withdrawn.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what legal interests the Council currently holds in the 'Amory Grant' lands on the North Quays and what plans the Council has in regard the sell-off, rental of, or development of these lands?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to the historic nature of the Lease granted to Jonathan Amory, for a term of 299 years from 1675, and the ambiguity in the lease on the exact extent of certain parts of the leased lands the records now held by Dublin City Council are not definitive and the subject of ongoing title research.

It is the case however that a significant proportion of the lands are no longer in the ownership of Dublin City Council and those that it retains an interest in are the subject of lengthy leases granted to existing occupants when the Lease terminated in 1974.

Consequently, the properties in question are not available for letting or development and there are no plans to dispose of the Council's fee simple interest in the properties held under lease.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of the amount of vacant sites levy collected in each of the local areas over the past five years? And the amount of vacant sites levy unpaid or outstanding in each local area over the past five years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Vacant Sites Unit is compiling this information which will be directly forwarded to Councillor Horner.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of staff assigned to waste collection in each of the local areas and the details of any changes in staffing levels over the past five years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services currently have 16 inspectors and 481 general operatives including 34 supervisors.

Break down of staff in depots.

1. South East area Davitt Road = 35.
2. South Central area Davitt Road = 55.
3. North Central area Collins Ave = 48.
4. North West area Slaney Road = 46.
5. Central area North Strand = 30.
6. Public Domain North side Collins Ave = 29.
7. Public Domain Southside Davitt Road = 34.
8. Night shift Slaney Road = 13.
9. Night shift Slaney Road = 15.
10. Bring centres North side = 15.
11. Bring centres Southside = 13.
12. City Centre 7 over 7 Southside shift 1 = 24, 7 over 7 North side shift 1 = 16.
13. City Centre 7 over 7 Southside shift 2 = 22, 7 over 7 North side shift 2 = 18.
14. City Centre 7 over 7 Southside shift 3 = 25, 7 over 7 North side shift 3 = 14.
15. Maintenance and fleet Collins Ave/Davitt road = 15.
16. Litter wardens = 13.

There has been no great fluctuation in staffing levels over the past five years.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR DONNACOONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list for the Clontarf LEA of any proposed changes in zonings and recommendations for adding or removing buildings from the list of protected structures in the new draft development plan, as maps are small the scale makes it difficult to make out changes and as we have not had any physical meetings with the planners to go through local maps as yet, it would be easier review any proposed changes in advance of public consultation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Paper maps are available of the Draft Development Plan to Elected Members on request which allow those who prefer to view the Draft Plan maps this way. The pdf version was made available to all on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 as they allow viewers to zoom in on particular areas.

All of the maps for the City were comprehensively reviewed as part of the preparation process and multiple changes were made including updates/corrections to reflect the completion of estates etc. Each Development Plan exists independently of the previous Plan and as such, comparative maps are not produced.

It is anticipated that the Draft Plan, including zoning maps, will go on public display from the 25<sup>th</sup> of November to the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, and this will provide the opportunity for the public, including landowners, to comment on the proposed zonings as they pertain to their locality.

RPS additions to the Development Plan go through a specific legislative process, "Section 12" (Planning and Development Act, as amended). The Draft circulated to all Elected Members includes an excel sheet of the RPS; which when scrolled down to the end of the list, all additions, deletions and corrections are colour coded; with address and postal area listed, for ease of recognition.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive why wasn't traffic calming measures put in place when Gateway Crescent road was opened recently? Now that this road is open onto Silloge Road there has been a large increase in traffic both coming from and going to the main Ballymun Road. This road urgently needs traffic calming measures put in place as the local children play outside their own homes and they need to cross the road to get to the green area which is now busy road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The advice for Stage 4 road safety audits is that they should be carried out between 2 and 4 months from when the road opens, to allow users to get used to the new layout. We will arrange to get a Stage 4 audit carried out in two months' time, and will also ask TAG to get some traffic speed checks done at the same time.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the issues regarding late night/early morning waste collection in the Parker Hill/Rathmines Road Lower area as detailed in the email submitted with this question.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Managements, Litter Enforcement Manager has engaged with a representative of Panda Waste and the member of the public where the query originated.

Panda have assured that this collection will take place after 6am as per the Waste Collection Permit Regulations. Waste management will review and act of any further issues.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Stage 1 application has been made for Glovers Court regeneration and if not when it will be submitted.

**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.

The Housing and Community Services Department are currently preparing the Stage 1 application for initial approval and appraisal to the DHLGH for the redevelopment of Glovers Court.

Included in the Stage 1 application, is the requirement to submit a Strategic Assessment Report which is necessary to meet the Public Spend Code guidelines. We are currently progressing this report and once completed, we will be in a position to submit the full Stage 1 application. We anticipate this submission will take place before the end of November 2021.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive the status of plans for disc parking in Havelock Square following the favourable vote a number of months ago and when this will be installed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The statutory measures and process for this new Schemes still have to be completed by the Traffic Advisory Group which will take at least 4 weeks. The Parking Policy & Enforcement Section plan to have the new Pay and Display/Residents Parking Permit Scheme introduced on Havelock Square by Quarter 1, 2022.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm plans regarding the remaining works at the cabbage patch such as a playground and public lighting and to update on the progress and timelines for outstanding projects.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The South East Area Office continues to engage with a wide group of stakeholders for the betterment of the Cabbage Patch. We have plans for the installation of gym/calisthenics' equipment together with developing play opportunities for children. We hope to progress these plans in 2022

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the relevant officials and engineer will meet with residents of the new houses to iron out issues relating to the new cycle lanes on Sean Moore Rd.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Engineer can meet with a representative of the residents to discuss the scheme.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive if the cleaning and maintenance of public statues is the responsibility of the City Council and if so if there is a current contract in place for the above work to be carried out. Could the CE outline the process for identifying statues and /or monuments which are in need of cleaning and repair? If there is not a contract in place, could the chief executive make a statement in respect of the statue of Daniel O'Connell, in O'Connell street, stating how and when it is proposed to give this iconic monument a complete clean and repairs to a broken hand on one of the statues surrounding the main one, and how it is proposed to protect this, and other statues in the city, from the adverse effects of common gulls.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Background:

In 2004 the City Council carried out a survey of statues, which identified approximately 200 pieces of work. This extensive survey included works which are not in the care and ownership of Dublin City Council. Following the appointment of the Public Art Officer in 2008 a Public Art Register was developed which particularly focused on public sculpture which is owned by or is in the care of Dublin City Council. A professional cataloguing database system (TMS) was acquired in 2019 and over 100 public sculptures and heritage items have been catalogued on this to date. The intention of this register is to not only make information about the public sculpture and monuments accessible but also to enable a systematic approach to their care and maintenance.

### Conservation Maintenance of O'Connell Street Monuments:

The monuments on O'Connell Street were subject to a major conservation works programme in 2005 by Dublin City Council in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. Specifications for the treatment of the stone plinths, the carved stone sculptures and the bronzes of the O'Connell Monument, the Larkin Monument and the Parnell Monument were undertaken by specialist conservators of bronze and stone. Works were executed by specialist contractors over a 6 month period that year. The programme set a new standard for the careful conservation and maintenance of monumental public sculpture in Dublin. Based on the success of this work the conservation programme was extended first to Henry Grattan and Thomas Moore in College Green (in 2007), and later to the Battle of Mount Street monument (in 2009). On completion of the conservation works to the O'Connell Street Monuments a maintenance plan was developed in for both ongoing weekly maintenance of the plinths and a monitoring and maintenance regime for the stone and bronze monumental sculptures. The weekly maintenance of the plinths was undertaken successfully by the Central Area Office until the commencement of the Luas Cross City Works. The maintenance of the stone and bronze monumental sculpture was undertaken in the years immediately following the conservation works but later stalled due to the Metro North project which proposed the dismantling and storage off site of the O'Connell Monument, William Smith O'Brien, Sir John Grey and Jim Larkin, and then the Luas BXD, later Luas Cross City works, during which time it was not possible to undertake the maintenance of the monuments on O'Connell Street.

### Current Condition and Next Steps:

Micro-crystalline wax layers were applied to the O'Connell Monument bronzes in 2005 to safeguard the monument from the impacts of environmental and atmospheric pollution, including the presence of guano. This wax layer would appear to have deteriorated in recent years. Plastic is wrapped around the hand of the figure of Hibernia on the Drum of the O'Connell Monument. This is not a repair but rather an act of mischief and the hand remains in sound condition. Copper staining, limited amounts of graffiti and tagging, and grease stains disfigure the monument.

A tender is being drafted for the appointment of a conservation architect to lead a multi-disciplinary team to undertake a detailed condition assessment of the O'Connell Monument, and to produce a specification of works which will be tendered by the City Council. Part of the assessment will be to review the conservation treatment process carried out to O'Connell in 2005, and alternative treatments such as that carried out on Thomas Moore in 2017 and also current international best practice. It is anticipated that the conservation works will commence in Q2-3 of 2022.

### Care and Maintenance of other public sculpture:

In addition to the proposed cycle of works on the O'Connell Street statues and monuments, it is intended to establish a programmatic regime for the care and maintenance of the public art collection. Working with the Parks and Landscape

Services it is intended to establish a maintenance budget which will enable a systematic approach to conservation and maintenance of public sculpture but also to deal with emergency situations such as vandalism to artworks, in an appropriate manner. It is intended that a small interdepartmental working group will be established to programme and monitor this work.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the contract, presuming there is one, for the replacement of bulbs in the various light fittings that have been installed around the city in the past number of years. Many lights, in some of the more iconic and touristic areas of the city remain out of order on an ongoing basis. New light boxes along the former docks area are to be welcomed but an audit on currently installed lighting would be welcome to discover how many are not in service and have them replaced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Standard Street lights in Dublin City (e.g. lights generally mounted on lighting columns) continue to be maintained by DCC staff in Public Lighting Services and all these street lights are night checked on a regular basis (typically every 2/3 weeks). Generally routine repairs are carried out within 5 days for light outages reported by members of the public / local representatives and 10 days when picked up by the our scouts on night checks. Non-routine faults such as cable faults, loss of ESB supplies and lights on Luas Infrastructure can take a bit longer as these repairs may involve cable fault location and subsequent ground excavations, or permits from Luas for streetlights on Luas poles.

At any one time there may be typically around 0.5% of street lights out of order due to routine and non-routine faults.

The other form of lighting that may be referred to in the Councillor's question may be feature lighting such as ground up-lighters, strip lighting and so on. Some of these may be maintained by DCC and some of them may be privately maintained. Maintenance on the DCC-maintained feature lights is very occasional. There are no regular night checks and reliance is placed on reports coming in from members of the public with the locations.

Our primary concern is maintaining the street lighting in an operating condition at all times, as it is the street lighting that provides safety and security to the citizens.

If there are particular streets of concern, DCC would be happy to look at those more closely.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many sites have been added to the Derelict Sites Register over the past two years. Does he consider that the Register is up to date? As many more sites appear to have become derelict in the city centre, are there any plans to increase the staff numbers working in this area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council through the effective exercise of the legislative provisions in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, proactively strives to achieve the eradication of dereliction in the City and the return of derelict sites to active use. The pursuit of an ongoing acquisition strategy is a key part of the Council's Active Land Management Initiative, which aims to eradicate underutilised, vacant and derelict lands and buildings in the city. Twenty five derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily in the last four years. Twenty of the



properties have been retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Department to be used for social housing purposes.

There are 75 sites currently on the Derelict Sites Register of which 11 were added since the 1st January 2020. Despite Covid 19 restrictions there were 401 site inspections in the same period which included revisiting sites under review. The issue of staff resources is kept under review.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline Dublin City Council's current policy and approach to "pepperpotting" Part V public housing units in private developments. I appreciate this is not as straightforward as it appears due to difficulties surrounding maintenance and management costs but increasingly, private developers are locating DCC tenants in one block, usually isolated from the rest of the private tenants, which can lead to the prevalence of othering, stigmatisation and exclusion, when in my view, Part V should encourage social mixing.

Can the Chief Executive comment on the matter, state the local authority's current approach (whether that be blanket or case-by-case) and could the matter be referred to the Housing SPC for debate with the intention of arriving at an agreed and collective approach from City Councillors?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council's approach when negotiating on Part V housing, is done on a case-by-case basis while considering the [pragmatics of everyday management and the ideals of mixing tenures](#). Part V guidance does not specifically favour either pepper-potting or clustering of Part V properties.

References in guidance as to how a local authority should determine which homes to take in a development, direct the local authority to [section 96\(3\)\(c\)](#):

- i. *"( c ) In considering whether to enter into an agreement under paragraph (b) , the planning authority shall consider each of the following:*
- ii. *whether such an agreement will contribute effectively and efficiently to the achievement of the objectives of the housing strategy;*
- iii. *whether such an agreement will constitute the best use of the resources available to it to ensure an adequate supply of housing and any financial implications of the agreement for its functions as a housing authority;*
- iv. *the need to counteract undue segregation in housing between persons of different social background in the area of the authority;*
- v. *whether such an agreement is in accordance with the provisions of the development plan;*
- vi. *the time within which housing referred to in section 94(4)(a) is likely to be provided as a consequence of the agreement."*

Whilst (c)(iii) does require the local authority to consider "the need to counteract undue segregation in housing", it refers to "the area of the authority", rather than within a development.

Section 96(3)(c), subparagraph (ii) also requires the local authority to consider whether the agreement "will constitute the best use of the resources available to it".

While the pepper potting of social housing units may assist local authorities with achieving undue social segregation, it can be the case, with particular developments, that this method may result in increased acquisition costs and significant management and financial implications. Dublin City Council therefore aims to balance all of the factors on a case by case basis.

The delivery of Part V homes is a matter for the Housing Department with agreement from the owner/developer of the scheme. In each individual case the Housing Department seeks to achieve the best outcome for the Council taking the social housing needs and the specific opportunity and associated costs that the relevant Part V presents. This being the case, it is the Housing Department's view, that retaining flexibility on how the units are acquired is necessary.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when he expects a new boiler to be installed in the home of **(details supplied)**; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A survey of this property was carried out on Friday 22nd October 2021. Following this, it was decided that a new heating system would be installed and a date and time suitable to the tenant has been arranged.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that a road safety audit of the junction of **(details supplied)** is undertaken with a view to ensuring that working pedestrian crossings are installed at each arm of the junction; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This location has been short listed as part of Package 8 Programme of Works with regards to the installation of a full wraparound pedestrian crossing. During detail design stage of the works programme an independent Road Safety Audit is carried out. DCC will ensure that a Road Safety Audit is carried out in this regard.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive update on plans for new housing in **(details supplied)**; to provide drawings of same and the indicative timeframe for the advancement of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) applies for social housing capital funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). As this project is under the €6 million threshold, the Housing and Community Services Department (DCC) will be applying in accordance with the single stage capital approval process.

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently progressing the submission to the DHLGH and upon receipt of approval, the pre-contract stage, up to the contractor starting on site, including all Part 8 procedures, and the tendering process, is likely to take 18 months. Construction time on site is likely to be approximately 12 months.

The number of older person housing units to be provided on the site is 10. Consultation and information sharing with the local community is planned to take place over the coming weeks by the acting Area Housing Manager and her staff. Indicative

drawings will be available through the local area office as part of the community consultation.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive, further my questions to the Senior Traffic Engineer on the Covid Mobility Report at the October City Council meeting, to agree to implementing car-free weekends akin to that put in place during the summer, for the four weekends leading up to Christmas along **(details supplied)**; and to give consideration to having a similar scheme across the festive period; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans for **(details supplied)** to be traffic free in December. The team are currently examining options for the longer term arrangements for the street and are concentrating on that element rather than holding any more traffic free trials. The holding of further trails would have to have a clear rationale and purpose and sufficient support to justify holding them.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the junction of **(details supplied)** to be marked out as a T junction with the appropriate sign and white paint. Currently there are no road markings and cars park on both sides of **(details supplied 2)**, including near to the corner. A lot of Learner drivers practice on this road and residents frequently meet cars in the middle of the road while turning from **(details supplied 3)** and it is a dangerous situation. While the parking issue probably cannot be resolved easily, marking the junction would let unfamiliar drivers know that they are approaching a T Junction and to expect oncoming traffic.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above request has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and will be reported to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref No: 7023391.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to install yellow lines on **(details supplied)**, especially at the exit from **(details supplied 2)**. Multiple cars usually park near the junction and it is difficult to see oncoming traffic.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above request has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and will be reported to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref No: 7023393.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to install yellow lines at **(details supplied)**, particularly opposite number 31 on the side of the road with no houses as cars park on both sides of the road and the residents have great difficulty accessing their driveways.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above request has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and will be reported to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref No: 7023394.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to plant trees at 20 Oakwood Road Dublin 11, 50 Oakwood Road and also remove and replace the stump at no. 49 Oakwood Road Dublin 11.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape services have tree pits outside No.'s 49 and 50 Oakwood Road listed for replacement trees during our winter tree planting programme (Nov-Mar), provided the root plate of the previous tree has rotted enough to allow space for planting of a replacement tree. These pits will be checked in the coming weeks. Unfortunately, no replacement tree can be planted outside No. 20 due to proximity to telecom box and underground services.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive would DCC consider buying **(details supplied)** from the resident.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Acquisitions Section may consider acquiring the above property should it satisfy the criteria.

The Vendor should make contact directly with the Acquisitions Section to discuss. [acquistions@dublincity.ie](mailto:acquistions@dublincity.ie) or phone 01 222 6676.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive why there is such a long delay in supplying new doors from tenants and if a date could be given for the new door for **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer is going to fit a door at the address supplied within the next six weeks.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been given out in housing adaptation grants in 2021 and what is the total budget for this service.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The grants allocation for 2021 is €8,587,053.

Up to the end of September 2021 we have paid under each scheme:

	<b>No of Grants to end September 2021</b>	<b>Total Value of Grants paid to end September 2021</b>
HAG (Housing Adaptation Grant)	611	€5,451,169.63
MAG (Mobility Aids Grant)	71	€231,136.47
HOP (Housing Aid for Older People Grant)	177	€631,527.26

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many apprenticeships have started in DCC in 2021 and in what sections?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Three people commenced apprenticeships with the City Council this year, as follows:

- 2 Carpentry Apprentices
- 1 Plumbing Apprentices

Unfortunately, current Covid-19 safety protocols have limited our capacity to provide the necessary workplace training for new apprentices.

Nevertheless, the Resourcing Unit, together with the Road Maintenance Section, has engaged extensively with both SOLAS and the Kerry College of Further Education to establish a new Stonecutting and Stonemasonry apprenticeship within the City Council. It is expected that recruitment for these Apprenticeships will commence shortly.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to junction at **(details supplied)** if he can agree to widen the road as locals say egress/access at this junction is extremely busy in the mornings and late afternoons. This junction is normally extremely busy in the mornings, parents driving pupils to school, trying to turn right to the school. In so doing they are holding up lines of cars behind them who are driving straight on towards **(details supplied)**; also a very large number of cars visit McDonalds mornings and evenings. Suggest widening is marked in the attached photograph.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council's policy is to promote and prioritise sustainable transport including pedestrian movement, cycles and public transport over. It is therefore not the Council policy to widen roads (by introducing a filter lanes) with the associated reduction in footpath width and with the loss of green space and mature trees.

A review of the traffic signals will be carried out in order to see if additional time can be given to this right turn while maintaining the current level of bus priority.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to tenancy at **(details supplied)** please:

(a) arrange to have the steps up into house replaced as they are hazardously "sloping" and tenant is unable to leave the house as a result

(b) arrange to have a dampness issue in the kitchen of **(details supplied)** followed up as the inspection carried out in 2019 resulted in zero follow up for this tenant who has ill health

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(A) The Area Foreman has inspected these steps and has spoken to the Area Maintenance Officer and Planned programme of works are in place to address the issue with the steps.

(B) Housing Maintenance will arrange for a Damp Report to be carried out in the coming weeks. Once the report is done, we will arrange to carry out any necessary works. I would envisage that this work will be complete within eight weeks.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to tree removal from **(details supplied)**, say what action he will now take to ensure necessary repairs are carried out to broken up footpaths and concrete driveways rising up as a result of incorrect tree specimen planted. Approximately three years ago 12 trees were removed from this location and tree stumps left in place; the footpaths are in a hazardous condition, broken up etc.; the City Council was to have gone back to residents with a follow up but this does not seem to have happened; also driveway in number 37 is rising up as a result of incorrect tree specimen having been planted initially.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpaths at this location. Any defects found in the estate will be noted and recorded on Confirm, our asset management system. Repairs will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area.

There are several factors which may give rise to damage to driveways, paths etc. however if there are members of the public who believe that their property may have been damaged by the roots of public trees they are asked to contact the undersigned to discuss the particulars.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation Garda vetting of those employed in the running of family hubs, and in particular those hubs at **(details supplied)**, where a large number of young people and children reside, say what is the process followed by Dublin City Council in relation to such vetting, if such vetting is carried out and if not, can the CE commit that same will be carried out and that he will ensure same occurs and if he will make a statement on the matter to include Dublin City Councils wish to ensure the safety of families we cause to be placed in these and all hubs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2008 Garda vetting commenced for Non-Government Organisation staff working in the Homeless Sector within the Greater Dublin Area, which were funded or part funded by the DRHE. This practice was established on foot of Department of the Environment circular LG (P) 18/06 dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006. At that time Garda Vetting was merely good practice and not covered by legislation.

In May 2012, in line with good practice and due to the expanding dependence on private companies to provide homeless emergency accommodation, the DRHE extended the vetting process to also include all staff, management and owners working in Homeless Private Emergency Operations.

In April 2016 the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2016 (S.I. No. 214 of 2016) came into law.

In May 2019, GVB Compliance Unit was established, to monitor the compliance of applications being submitted to the GVB under the Act. In particular there was an assessment of the relevance of roles for which vetting was being sought and the compliance with the definitions as set out under Schedule 1 of the Act.

In June 2019 the GVB challenged the appropriateness of a number of applications submitted by the DRHE for Garda vetting. These application represented a cross section of applications submitted by the DRHE of staff working in Homeless Sector in the Greater Dublin Area, funded or part funded by the DRHE.

After extensive communications with the GVB, it was clear the vast majority of roles, which we had previously been submitted and processed for Garda vetting, did not fall within the definitions of “relevant work or activities” as defined under Schedule 1 of the Act and would no longer be accepted.

It was decided, that there was no alternative but to stop seeking Garda Vetting for the vast majority of staff working in Homeless Sector in the Greater Dublin Area, funded or part funded by the DRHE.

The issue arises due to the narrow definitions of “vulnerable persons” under the Act, which does not cover persons experiencing homelessness per se, and due to Homeless facilities, including Family Hubs, not being included in the definition of relevant work or activities as classified under Schedule 1, Part 1 (1) or Part 2(1) of the Act and any care or supervision of children being provided by staff in Homeless facilities, is in general, merely incidental as cited under Schedule 1 Part 1(4), hence we the DRHE currently have very limited scope to vet staff in the sector. This includes staff currently working within Sector and any new prospective staff entering the sector. These same issues have been experienced and concerns raised by other national organisation including the National Gallery and the National Museum of Ireland, the National Library of Ireland, the National Concert Hall, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and by the Department of Culture. These concerns were reported in the national press, including the Irish Times, at the time.

If broader Garda Vetting of staff working in the Homeless sector is to be achieved, an amendment to the current legislation would be required. The DRHE is liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, whose officials have made representations to the National Garda Vetting Bureau. We are hopeful that this issue will be resolved as soon as possible.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report on the initiative to install Columbarium walls at City graveyards and provide an indicative timeline for the Clontarf graveyard installation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks Service will be lodging a part 8 planning application next week for the pilot Columbarium wall project in Donnybrook Graveyard. Once the planning application is approved we will be engaging with a supplier. We will examine the prospect of a Columbarium wall at Clontarf in the context of a conservation and management plan for the Graveyard as a whole. This work will be commissioned subject to the receipt of statutory approvals.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive: in relation to the revised proposal for the Oscar Traynor lands incorporating 40% social: 40% cost-rental and 20% affordable can the CEO please provide the following information:

1. Total capital costs to DCC of the revised scheme (including land costs/values)
2. Total capital costs to the Irish Exchequer of the revised scheme (including land costs/values)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Total capital costs to DCC of the revised scheme (including land costs/values)**

This information is confidential and commercially sensitive as we are still engaged in a live public procurement process.

The below are the costs to DCC as tendered with respect to Social units as outlined in previous responses.

OSCAR TRAYNOR ROAD Cost to DCC of Social Units	
SIZE	PRICE
STUDIOS	269,547
1 BED APT	313,498
2 BED APT	392,197
3 BED APT	440,970
1 BED DUPLEX	255,364
2 BED DUPLEX	344,367
3 BED DUPLEX	367,608
2 BED HOUSE	307,594
3 BED HOUSE	308,546

Costs of the Affordable purchase and Affordable Cost Rental are recoupable, note below.

Total capital costs to the Irish Exchequer of the revised scheme (including land costs/values

Funding of the social housing units (ref. table about) will be provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Included in these are the costs associated with the provision of associated amenities and infrastructure (including retail, café, multiuse/dance studio, auditorium, crèche totalling 1590 Sq.M., over 3 hectares parks including Naniken river, etc.)

Funding of Affordable/Cost Rental units is via CREL and HFA financing as follows: CREL provides 30% of the capital costs of a project to an AHB. It is a 40 year loan term with a 1% simple interest applied per annum. The loan is only paid back at end of 40 year term. Balance of funding (70%) is provided from HFA to be fully repaid at the end of the term. All funding is fully recoupable.

The Affordable Purchase units will be subsidised by up to €100,000 under the AHF Scheme. These costs are recoupable. Under the Act, the clawback is actually an equity share which is maintained by the local authority until it is redeemed by the Purchaser.

In summary all costs apart from those associated with the provision of the social housing units are recoupable. The social housing units will be funded by the Department.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to leaf build-up on the new Griffith Avenue cycleway, can the CEO consider the issues raised in the correspondence below (details supplied) and confirm:



1. When leaf collection from both the bike lane and the buffer zone will commence
2. How often will it be done
3. What particular vehicles/tools will be used to undertake the leaf clearing?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management operations have confirmed the below points as requested:

**1. When leaf collection from both the bike lane and the buffer zone will commence**

Waste Management began the process of removing fallen leaves from pavements, cycle lanes and road surfaces on Griffith Avenue at the beginning of October.

**2. How often will it be done**

Our 6am North Central Waste Management team remove fallen leaves from Griffith Avenue daily, Monday to Friday in accordance with a comprehensive street cleaning service for the entire area. The service to Griffith Avenue during the leaf fall season is supplemented by a dedicated leaf removal team that operates Monday – Wednesday – Friday from 14:00 – 21:00.

In addition, Waste Management are providing a dedicated leaf removal team to assist *All Hallows Area Association* with a planned leaf collection weekend on Griffith Avenue on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**3. What particular vehicles/tools will be used to undertake the leaf clearing?**

The introduction of protected cycle lanes has been a challenge for Waste Management. Existing fleet previously deployed to removing fallen leaves from channels on Griffith Avenue are unable to gain access. To address this, new sub-compact mechanical sweepers have been introduced. These sweepers mechanically clean protected cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue and across the city.

When removing fallen leave on Griffith Avenue, the following vehicles / tools are in operation:

Sub-compact Sweeper – Specifically used to mechanically sweep protected cycle lanes

Compact Sweeper - Used to mechanically remove fallen leaves from the channel where the cycle lane is 1.7 metres or wider and from pavements.

Leaf Blower – Hand held machine used to blow fallen leaves into piles for removal.

Side-loader – Transit van vehicle used to manually load fallen leaves from pavements

# Appendix B

Motion Proposing a Section 136 Request (Ad-Hoc)	
Councillor Hazel Chu	Abstain
Councillor Janet Horner	Abstain
Councillor Anne Feeney	Against
Councillor Briege MacOscar	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Councillor Claire O'Connor	Against
Councillor Colm O'Rourke	Against
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	Against
Councillor Danny Byrne	Against
Councillor Darcy Lonergan	Against
Councillor Daryl Barron	Against
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	Against
Councillor Declan Flanagan	Against
Councillor Declan Meenagh	Against
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	Against
Councillor Deirdre Heney	Against
Councillor Dermot Lacey	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Eimer McCormack	Against
Councillor James Geoghegan	Against
Councillor Keith Connolly	Against
Councillor Mary Callaghan	Against
Councillor Mary Freehill	Against
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	Against
Councillor Michael Watters	Against
Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri	Against
Councillor Paddy McCartan	Against
Councillor Racheal Batten	Against
Councillor Ray McAdam	Against
Councillor Terence Flanagan	Against
Councillor Tom Brabazon	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello	Against
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	Against
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Catherine Stocker	For
Councillor Christy Burke	For
Councillor Cieran Perry	For
Councillor Daithí Doolan	For
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	For
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	For
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	For
Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones	For
Councillor Janice Boylan	For
Councillor John Lyons	For
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	For
Councillor Larry O'Toole	For
Councillor Máire Devine	For
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	For
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	For
Councillor Pat Dunne	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	For
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	For
Councillor Tara Deacy	For
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	For
Councillor Vincent Jackson	For
For	25
Against	33
Abstain	2

**1.) Report No. 303/2021 - Amendment 1:**

The Fianna Fáil group proposes an amendment to Report No. 303/2021 (paragraph 2 second page) in order to, increase the number of Affordable Purchase Units from 20% to 30% on the Oscar Traynor Road site as follows:-

"2. That the successful tenderer is required to develop the site to return a specified tenure mix, providing 30% Social Housing Units, 30% Affordable Purchase Units, (on the basis that this change in tenure mix does not cause any significant delay in the provision of residential units on the site) and 40% Cost Rental Units."

With the Fianna Fáil amendment paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 on the second page of Report No. 303/2021 will read as follows;

"Therefore, it is now proposed to dispose of the site to Glenveagh Living Limited subject to the following terms and conditions, which the Chief Valuer has recommended as fair and reasonable:

1. The site is shown outlined in red on Map Index No.SM-2018-0734-003-Rev B and has a site area of approx. 17 hectares.

2. That the successful tenderer is required to develop the site to return a specified tenure mix, providing 30% Social Housing Units, 30% Affordable Purchase Units (on the basis that this change in tenure mix does not cause any significant delay in the provision of residential units on the site) and 40% Cost Rental Units."

**Fianna Fáil group  
29 October 2021**

## Proposal to Amend Report 303 / 2021.

Proposed by Lord Mayor, Alison Gilliland, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Donna Cooney and Cllr Hazel Chu

### 1. Tenure mix summary on front page – adding in the ref. to revised tenure

Summary:

- a) 253 (30%) Social Housing Units (plus an additional 88/10% from the Developer Units to realise 341/40% Social Housing Units)
- b) 172 (20%) Affordable Purchase Units
- c) 428 (50%) Developer Units (to comprise 340 (40%) Cost Rental Units and 88/10% Social Housing Units from the Developer Units)
- d) 690sq.m. Childcare building including children’s secure play and education areas.
- e) Landmark Neighbourhood building providing :
  - I. Local Retail 145sq.m.
  - II. Café/Restaurant 270sq.m.
  - III. Multi-Use/Dance Studio 360sq.m.
  - IV. Auditorium of 165sq.m.

### 2. Notes under Clause 2 – taking out ref to AHB and replacing with a voluntary or public legal entity ... for use as cost rental

- The 40% Social Housing Units are to be made up of 30% Social Housing units as per tender with the additional 10% to be purchased by the Council from the Developer. The Social Housing units upon completion will be delivered to Dublin City Council in accordance with the provisions of condition 12 below.
- The 20% Affordable Purchase Units upon completion will be processed and transferred to qualifying purchasers in accordance with the provisions of condition 13 below.
- The remaining 40% Cost Rental Units will transfer from Glenveagh Living Limited to a voluntary or public legal entity approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage ~~an AHB (Approved housing Body)~~ for use as Cost Rental units.

### 3. adding in ref. to the Dublin city Development plan

3. That the project will be developed in accordance with the Strategic Development and Regeneration Area (SDRA 17) principles in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022, the proposed development as outlined in the final tender and subject to planning permission.

~~3., the proposed development as outlined in the final tender and subject to planning.~~

**4. adding in “and only” to Clause 15 to read:**

15. That Dublin City Council will transfer title to the successful tenderer on a phased basis (to be agreed) and only subject to the successful tenderer having made all payments required at that date and in respect of that phase and having complied with all conditions of Dublin City Council within the development Agreement which relate to the transfer to that title to such phase.

# Appendix D

Fianna Fail Motion to amend Report 303/2021	
Councillor Sophie Nicoullaud	Abstain
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Catherine Stocker	Against
Councillor Christy Burke	Against
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Councillor Daithí Doolan	Against
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	Against
Councillor Darcy Lonergan	Against
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	Against
Councillor Dearbháil Butler	Against
Councillor Declan Meenagh	Against
Councillor Dermot Lacey	Against
Councillor Donna Cooney	Against
Councillor Hazel Chu	Against
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	Against
Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones	Against
Councillor Janet Horner	Against
Councillor John Lyons	Against
Councillor Kevin Donoghue	Against
Councillor Larry O'Toole	Against
Councillor Máire Devine	Against
Councillor Mary Freehill	Against
Councillor Michael Pidgeon	Against
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	Against
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	Against
Councillor Pat Dunne	Against
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	Against
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	Against
Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello	Against
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	Against
Councillor Anne Feeney	For
Councillor Briege MacOscar	For
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	For
Councillor Claire O'Connor	For
Councillor Colm O'Rourke	For
Councillor Daithí de Róiste	For
Councillor Damian O'Farrell	For
Councillor Danny Byrne	For
Councillor Daryl Barron	For
Councillor Declan Flanagan	For
Councillor Deirdre Conroy	For
Councillor Deirdre Heney	For
Councillor Eimer McCormack	For
Councillor James Geoghegan	For
Councillor Keith Connolly	For
Councillor Mary Callaghan	For
Councillor Michael Watters	For
Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí	For
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Councillor Paddy McCartan	For
Councillor Patricia Roe	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Tara Deacy	For
Councillor Terence Flanagan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Abstain	1
Against	33
For	26

# Appendix E

Report 303/2021 as Amended	
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Catherine Stocker	Against
Councillor Christy Burke	Against
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Daithí Doolan	Against
Councillor Daniel Céitinn	Against
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	Against
Councillor Hazel de Nortúin	Against
Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones	Against
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Councillor Kevin Donoghue	Against
Councillor Larry O'Toole	Against
Councillor Máire Devine	Against
Councillor Mary Callaghan	Against
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha	Against
Councillor Noeleen Reilly	Against
Councillor Pat Dunne	Against
Councillor Patricia Roe	Against
Councillor Séamas McGrattan	Against
Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud	Against
Councillor Tara Deacy	Against
Councillor Tina MacVeigh	Against
Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
Councillor Anne Feeney	For
Councillor Briege MacOscar	For
Councillor Caroline Conroy	For
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Councillor Dermot Lacey	For
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Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri	For
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Councillor Paddy McCartan	For
Councillor Racheal Batten	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Terence Flanagan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello	For
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	For
For	36
Against	24

# Appendix F

Vote No.1: Referral of Motion No. 1 on Notice to the Panning and Urban Forum SPC	
Councillor Máire Devine	Abstain
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Catherine Stocker	Against
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
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Councillor Vincent Jackson	Against
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Councillor Deirdre Conroy	For
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Councillor Naoise Ó Muiri	For
Councillor Nial Ring	For
Councillor Paddy McCartan	For
Councillor Ray McAdam	For
Councillor Terence Flanagan	For
Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello	For
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	For
Rejected	
For	26
Against	29
Abstain	1



Appendix F: Vote No.1: Referral of Motion No. 1 on Notice to the Panning and Urban Forum SPC	
Councillor Máire Devine	Abstain
Councillor Anthony Connaghan	Against
Councillor Caroline Conroy	Against
Councillor Carolyn Moore	Against
Councillor Cat O' Driscoll	Against
Councillor Catherine Stocker	Against
Councillor Cieran Perry	Against
Councillor Claire Byrne	Against
Councillor Daithí Doolan	Against
Councillor Daniel Cétinn	Against
Councillor Darcy Lonergan	Against
Councillor Darragh Moriarty	Against
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Councillor Tom Brabazon	For
Deputy Lord Mayor Joe Costello	For
Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland	For
<b>Rejected</b>	
For	26
Against	29
Abstain	1