

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2021

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has had any discussions with the relevant Minister(s) regarding an amendment to Statutory Instrument SI 79 2008 regarding the definition of the Bathing season for Dublin Bay which would extend the bathing season beyond the 1st June -15th September period. To further ask the Chief Executive the nature of those discussions and if Dublin City Council will press upon the Minister(s) the benefit in terms of monitoring and cleanliness of the Bay that such an amendment could have.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The European Union held a public consultation on the 2006 Bathing Water Directive earlier this year. The purpose of the consultation was to examine how the 2006 Directive has helped protect public health and improve water quality and if there was a need to review and update the existing legislation. From the EU website we can report that a total of 51 submissions were made as part of the consultation. Please note the Bathing Water Regulations 2008 (SI 79) are derived from the EU2006 Bathing Water Directive.

A Bathing Water Task Force (BWTF) was established by Dublin City Council (DCC) in 2019. This Task Force includes representatives from DCC, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) and Irish Water. The taskforce meets on a monthly basis to reviewed and coordinate effective activities aimed at improving bathing water quality. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage submitted a joint response on behalf of the Bathing Water Taskforce and National Bathing Water Expert Group. All 51 submissions, including the submission from the Department are publicly available online to view at https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12658-Bathing-water-quality-review-of-EU-rules/feedback_en?p_id=22201307. (DHLGH feedback reference F2175439).

DCC is supportive of any initiative which would improve bathing water quality, however it is unclear how this would be achieved solely by extending the bathing season. It is also unclear at this time as to whether all the consequences have been identified and considered, should there be a substantial extension to our current bathing season. These potential consequences include the increased risk to our retention of our two designated bathing areas. DCC would require further information from the Department and/or Environmental Protection Agency as to the knock on effects should any particular of the regulations be amended.

A further EU public consultation period is currently ongoing (between the 28/10/21 to 20/01/22). Feedback can be made by any member of the EU, in the form of an online questionnaire. In advance of that closing date for submissions, a meeting between the EPA and the National Bathing Water Expert Group is scheduled for next month (December 2021). The Chair of the BWTF will attend this meeting and seek clarification on any proposed changes. The feedback will inform any further submission that Dublin City Council may submit to the current consultation. The EU roadmap suggests that the commission intends on adopting any revised Bathing Directive by the first quarter of 2023.

Meanwhile, DCC recently published a supplementary 2021 Bathing Water Report, available to view [HERE](#). It is hoped this report will provide the public and elected

members with a broad overview of the recent bathing season and convey the pressures impacting bathing water quality, that report also provides an overview of our all year bathing water monitoring programme.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive if the practice of laying tarmac directly at the base of trees when repairing the surrounding damaged footpaths is best. It prevents free drainage and prevents growth of plants that add to biodiversity and community greening.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The practice of laying asphalt around the base of trees when carrying out footpath repairs, is preferable to the use of concrete for carrying out similar repairs. The asphalt is more flexible than concrete and will therefore generally allow for a degree of movement and growth in the tree and the root system, before the pavement begins to fail. This means that a repair in asphalt should last longer than a repair in concrete. This will result in the need for less repairs and therefore less disturbance to the trees and their roots systems over their lifetime. The asphalt option will also allow for a degree of water ingress to the soil beneath, as opposed to the concrete option which is impenetrable. Also the use of asphalt allows for the protection of reasonable footpath widths, to facilitate safe movement for pedestrians and particularly people who are mobility impaired.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the following in relation to Housing Adaptation Grants for people with a disability:

- How much funding has been allocated each year since 2019?
- The number of applications received each year since 2019?
- Number of applications approved each year since 2019?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Adaptation Grants	Funding allocated (Total allocation)	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved
2019	€8,456,552	977	804
2020	€8,521,803	750	659
2021 (to end of Oct)	€8,587,053	809	754

Q.4 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the following in relation to Mobility Aid Grants:

- How much funding has been allocated each year since 2019?
- The number of applications received each year since 2019?
- Number of applications approved each year since 2019?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mobility Aids Grant	Funding allocated (total allocation)	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved
2019	€8,456,552	121	103
2020	€8,521,803	105	101
2021 (to end of Oct)	€8,587,053	105	86

Q.5 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the following in relation to Housing Aid for older persons grant:

- How much funding has been allocated each year since 2019?
- The number of applications received each year since 2019?
- Number of applications approved each year since 2019?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Aid for Older People	Funding allocated (total allocation)	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved
2019	€8,456,552	235	180
2020	€8,521,803	292	230
2021 (to end of Oct)	€8,587,053	285	265

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would replace the windows at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This new window has now been logged on our system and the Area Maintenance Officer will carry out an inspection within the next three –four weeks.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC carry out a roof inspection at **(details supplied)** in order to repair any damaged area on the roof in order to prevent resident's homes being flooded in the future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tenant from the address provided had a leak from her water tank. The ballcock has been replaced. Further works are currently being undertaken in her home.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will be employing GO's and opening a panel for apprentices in the near future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are in the process of interviewing applicants for General Operative positions in the Council. There is no date in place at this time for recruitment of apprentices in general however it is proposed to advertise for the position of Apprentice Stonecutter / Stonemason shortly.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would arrange to reinstate the pathway on entry into the house at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per the Tenant's Handbook, repairs and maintenance of paths and driveways are the tenant's responsibility. The tenant from the address provided installed her own driveway.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing request: **(details supplied)**. The family have been refused 'medical/welfare priority. Can this decision be reviewed or can allocations intervene to offer the family more suitable accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 26/07/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	372

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

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant can appeal the decision of the Medical Examiner. If there is any further or more up to date information that wasn't included in the original application she should also submit this with the Exceptional Medical Grounds Application form.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query: **(details supplied)**. Can this family be offered alternative accommodation as soon as possible?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 10/07/2009, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	44
Area E	3	66

Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list. The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

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

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive the following: Our Libraries are cherished and provide a vital service to all Dubliners. The lack of a library for the population in SWIC must be addressed. The potential expansion of DFB at Dolphins Barn D12 could see the loss of the library there. To ask that management consider establishing a library in the ground space at the derelict site in Dolphins Barn which is to be developed by an AHB?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has no plans to close Dolphin's Barn library.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive how many planning applications for short-term lets have been received since 1st July 2019, and how many have been approved, rejected, or are still pending in some form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Set out below are the details as requested for short-term let planning applications from 1st July 2019 – 31st October 2021 broken down across Permission and Retention planning applications:

Application Type	DCC Decision	2021	2020	2019	Total
Permission	Granted	2	1	1	6
	Refused	2	3	6	11
	Invalid	1	1	1	3
	Withdrawn		1	1	2
Retention	Granted				
	Refused		1	3	4
	Invalid			2	2
	Withdrawn			1	1
					29

These applications are summarised as follows:

- 6 were granted permission
- 15 were refused with one being appealed to An Bord Pleanala – subsequently granted permission
- 5 were declared invalid applications
- 3 applications were withdrawn

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed breakdown on the income and expenditure for the past 5 years on the Boiler Service and Maintenance programme?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**Expenditure**

Expenditure for the period covering 2017 to Q.3 2021 is outlined in the table below.

Boiler Item	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (up to Q3)	TOTAL
Service and Repair	€4,937,889.17	€3,900,578.63	€4,940,524.17	€4,236,009.63	€3,313,553.74	€21,328,555.34
Installs	€834,306.60	€4,172,113.52	€4,577,871.61	€3,141,066.73	€1,903,001.23	€14,628,359.69
Total	€5,772,195.77	€8,072,692.15	€9,518,395.78	€7,377,076.36	€5,216,554.97	€35,965,915.03

Income for a similar period is outlined below.

Income for the period covering:

- 2017 November €3,606,785.00
- 2018 November €3,773,986.00
- 2019 November €3,727, 834.00
- 2020 November €3,835,510.00
- 2021 November €3,792,410.00

Total income for period: €18,736,525.00

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposed white water rafting facility at George's Dock. Report to include the current total spend on the project to date, the projected final cost of project, information regarding the cost-benefit analysis and the sources of funding identified to cover the cost of this project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since the approval of the Part VIII in December 2019 there has been a considerable amount of negative commentary related to this project. This has created a narrative around the project that appears impossible to reverse and that has undermined the planned funding of the project. While the merits of the project, as set out in the Business Case and Cost Effectiveness Analysis, are still as strong today as they were in 2019 we have been unable to convince the various State funding bodies, to support the project and provide part funding to supplement the Council's own funding contribution. Notwithstanding the support of the City Council, it has become clear that there is significant hostility towards the elements of the project that would boost the tourism offer in Dublin and provide a world class sporting facility.

During 2021 the project was put on hold due to uncertainty around the external funding for the project and its expected construction cost brought about by the Pandemic and Brexit. In light of these developments the project has been reviewed and revised proposals will be presented to the December meeting of the Central Area Committee.

Expenditure to date on the project is €1,772,500 which predominantly relates to Design Team Fees. The estimated overall cost of the project as per the last costing exercise carried out in November 2020 is €28,227,021 (inclusive of VAT and Fees)

In 2018 the Docklands Office carried out a Public Procurement process to engage an Economic Consultant to prepare a Business Case and Preliminary Business Plan for the proposed White Water facility at George's Dock, and also to prepare a preliminary Business Plan. Peter Brett Associates (now Stantec) were the successful tenderer for this piece of work. The purpose of this Business Case was to establish if and to what extent the facility would be financially sustainable in terms of meeting its full operating costs etc. in the short, medium and longer term. The purpose of the preliminary Business Plan was to inform the operational management of the facility over an initial 5-year period.

The Business Case for the proposed development included the following:

1. Rationale for the project.
2. Definition of project scope, vision, objectives, KPI's etc.
3. Detailed financial appraisal of the project.
4. Non market benefits/cost
5. Risk Assessment

The preliminary Business Plan set out the operational management of the facility through its start-up phase until it was operating at a sustainable level and provided guidance on:

- Appropriate management structure and staffing,
- Staff recruitment,
- Staff training,
- Marketing and promotion strategy and
- Opening hours etc.

Following the completion of the Business Case and in order to comply with the Public Spending Code (PSC) it was necessary to reengage Stantec to carry out a Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) as the estimated costs of the project exceed €20m. The CEA was based on a combination of desk-based research, comparator analysis of case studies, stakeholder consultations, and working sessions with Dublin City Council and was structured to specifically address the appraisal criteria set out in the Public Spending Code and specifically covered the areas of Strategic Need, Options Analysis and Economic Impact.

The appraisal of the shortlisted project options was conducted in accordance with the guidance set out in the Public Spending Code. This involved the development of a Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (CEA) framework, and combining that with Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA), a Benefit/Cost Ratio (BCR) and sensitivity analysis to assess each of the short-listed options.

The use of these metrics allowed for objective and data-driven decision-making processes to make a robust and compelling case for the selection of the preferred option.

The results of the analysis determined that Option 3 from the shortlist (full intervention – a white water facility including a Swift Water Rescue Training (SWRT) Facility) was the most suitable way to progress the project. This option delivered the greatest range of benefits, both monetary and non-monetary, for the local community, Dublin Fire Brigade (and indeed the wider emergency rescue services community), and Dublin City Council while also ensuring value for money.

Committed funding for the project is set out below and was provided for in the capital programme for the period 2020-2023

Development Levies €6.0m
Capital reserve €4.0m

However, in addition to the above it was anticipated that Grants In respect of the Tourism, Sport & Swift Water Rescue elements of the project would make up the remainder of the funding needed for the project. However, as set out above that funding has not been forthcoming.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the housing rents collected for each year of the past five years, 2016 - 2020, and the housing maintenance budget allocated for each of those five years and the actual monies spent on housing maintenance jobs in that period. Report should also include information regarding the rent arrears for this period.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive what plans he has to extend the operation of Dublin Bikes to a 24/7 basis, to follow the example of London and other European cities with similar bike share schemes and to further ask for a follow up to my previous question and to indicate plans to extend Dublin Bike stations and an indicative cost for a new Dublin bike station.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the current time, resources are focusing on maximising the use of the current bike scheme infrastructure with a view to increasing the use and availability of bikes for members over the busy Christmas period. Future plans for the scheme will be reviewed over the summer when the position is clearer regarding any possible restrictions remaining in place related to CV-19 and other factors such as funding and e-scooter regulation. In the interim, the City Council continues to invest and develop general cycling infrastructure in the city. This will benefit all the bike schemes in the city including Bleeper and Moby that provide alternative options in the areas not covered by NOW Dublinbikes at present.

Q.18 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an audit of the shop fronts on O'Connell St to ensure compliance with the Special Planning Control Scheme for O'Connell St and Environs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area of Special Planning Control for O'Connell Street (ASPC) is due to be reviewed in 2022. In response to this statutory requirement resources will be given to review and consider the next steps for the area and the ASPC. As part of this review, a detailed audit of the current uses and retail shop fronts will take place to ensure compliance with the updated ASPC Scheme. Meanwhile where unauthorised developments are identified in the ASPC, these will be brought to the attention of the Enforcement Section.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many Inspections have been undertaken on Private Rented Dwellings from 2017 to now, how many required works and what level of works are outstanding?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below outlines the statistics of dwellings, inspections and the enforcement actions undertaken by Environmental Health Officers in relation to private rented dwellings between 2017 to the end of Quarter 3, 30/9/21.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (to end September)
Number of Dwellings inspected	1,361	3,560	5,606	2224	2676
Number of Inspections undertaken	2,137	5,830	9,099	3020	2711
Number found to be non-complaint on 1 st inspection	1,165	3,387	4,973	1737	1753

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COMPLIANT. (i.e. Total number of Dwellings inspected that were deemed COMPLIANT in year, including those where initial inspection was carried out in the previous year but compliance was achieved in the current year).	717	2,195	4,189	3446	2649
Improvement Letters served (<i>Improvement Letters are included under Improvement Notices up to 2018</i>)	N/A	N/A	4,562	1761	1530
Improvement Notices served	1,116	3,367	1,118	465	64
Prohibition Notice's served	4	46	61	10	0
Legal actions initiated	0	28	55	0	0

In relation to the level of work outstanding in Q3, (1st July to 30/9/21), 549 dwellings were found to be non-compliant after carrying out the first inspection. This does not mean that they are uninhabitable but indicates that these dwellings did not comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 in relation to the following:

Regulation	
Structural Condition	315
Sanitary Facilities	63
Heating Facilities	192
Food Preparation, Storage and Laundry	121
Ventilation	86
Lighting	5
Fire Safety	285
Refuse Facilities	7
Gas, Oil and Electricity	210
Information	0

(A property may fail on more than one Regulation)

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Ballymun Kickhams moving to Ballymun.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following discussion with Ballymun Kickhams and as requested by them, Heads of Terms and associated map for part of Site No. 31 in the Ballymun LAP, were issued to the Secretary for Ballymun Kickhams of the 25th June 2021 for their consideration. To date, there has been no response from the club.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive what upgrade is planned for Tolka Valley Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2022 it is proposed to bring a proposal for a full sized all-weather marked out with a full GAA crossed with 2 soccer pitches to part 8 planning permission. There are proposals for a biodiversity/wildflower area on the embankment overlooking the Ratoath road. Continuation of the seating improvement programme throughout the park.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many approved residential planning permissions are outstanding in Dublin City, to give a breakdown per area and by date as well as number of Units to be built?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the volume of records that need to be analysed on the APAS planning system to obtain this data requested, the Planning Department require further time to be in a position to provide the information requested. Councillor Reilly will be contacted directly with the information within the next fortnight.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this traffic issue (**details supplied**). Due to an increase in volume and speed in motor traffic at this location would it be possible to have a traffic study carried out with a view to provision of speed reduction measures/road safety signs.

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: 7023674.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request (**details supplied**). Can the tree in the front garden of these premises be removed? The tree is dead/disintegrating and a potential danger to passing pedestrians and vehicles.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per the Tenant's Handbook, garden maintenance is the responsibility of the tenant.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive that the dead tree on (**details supplied**) is removed and replaced with a new tree.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow. If removed, it will be listed for replacement in our 2022-23 tree planting programme.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will give any assistance possible to the School (**details supplied**) to install additional cycle parking racks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC's cycle and scooter parking programme provided free cycle and scooter parking racks to schools and sports clubs throughout the City. There was high interest in the programme and over the last year cycle and scooter parking racks were delivered to over 100 schools and clubs, creating a total of 4,682 cycle and scooter parking spaces and enabling more people to cycle and scoot to school and training.

At the moment we have no more cycle or scooter parking racks in stock. However we intend to run another programme in the New Year and will send out information on this to all schools once it's open.

In the meantime, Green Schools also provide cycle parking so your school may be able to apply through their programme. Their email address is info@greenschoolsireland.org if you'd like to get in touch.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how much Dublin City Council paid in 2020 and 2021 and how much it is anticipated will be paid in 2022 to:

- Local Government Management Agency
- City and County Managers Association (or successor body if under a new name)
- Any other Management representative body
- Any other body established by the Department of Housing and Local Government such as NOAC

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below a list of all payment made in 2020 and 2021 to the Local Government Management Agency. No payments were made to the City and County Managers Association or other management representative body in either 2020 or 2021. A budget of €3m approximately has been provided for the LGMA service charge payment, HPSS, MS Enterprise Licences, BCMS Web Hosting, E-Planning and Research CDU project in the 2022 Budget. Additional payments may be made to LGMA in 2022 under different budget headings which are not itemised separately in the budget sheets.

Invoice Description	2020 €	2021 €	Budget Estimate 2022 €
LMS Distribution Service	107,890.35	93,320.34	
Online Resources charge	149,929.16	173,602.81	
LG Management Agency Service Charge	1,322,614.00	1,339,394.00	1,365,311.00
HPSS Core charge	390,205.20	373,178.06	373,178.00
MS Enterprise licences	293,236.01	555,460.30	900,000.00
BCMS Web Hosting	180,433.00	190,000.00	190,000.00
E-Planning project support costs	-	94,574.70	97,440.00

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Newsread Distribution Service	-	70,153.44	
Research CDU project	-	73,293.00	53,307.00
LocalGov.ie	-	-	20,155.00
Miscellaneous	182,419.52	143,706.12	
	2,626,727.24	3,106,682.77	2,999,391.00

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the installation more publicly accessible charging points installed for EVs/electric cars, especially around the Portobello area where almost all houses only have on-street parking and if he has any knowledge of the proposal from Eir to take over old phone boxes and replace them with publicly accessible e-charging points at zero cost to Councils.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy is practically complete. The consultants are currently finalising some additional inputs and we expect delivery of the final report in the weeks before year end.

The working group are now moving forward with the next steps of the project, which will include procurement plan required for the roll out of the strategy however this will be subject to resources & availability of funding from the Department of Transport.

The Eir proposal has been considered in the context of the strategy and in balance with the Council's wider sustainable mobility policies.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated answer to my question 27 at the July 2020 City council meeting regarding under occupation levels in DCC units. Also, to ask the Chief Executive if the age profile of the occupants can be ascertained where there is one occupant of a multi bedroomed unit, the latter information being requested to get a macro view on the number of senior citizens in such tenancies and to inform decisions/discussions on downsizing requirements.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To follow are the updated figures as requested (please see attached document).

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the elements of the Library in the community service and, in particular, to detail the operation, success and continuation/expansion of the home delivery service introduced in response to Covid 19 restrictions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Library in the Community service comprises a number of service elements:

- Library lockers and book collections
- Home delivery and supported housing service
- Programming in the Community
- New Mobile Library Van
- Enhanced schools service

The home delivery service has continued in 2021; 1,113 deliveries have been to date in 2021.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the city parks which have the Green Flag Award following the recently announced recipients, and in further asking for a list of those parks not yet in receipt of this award, can the Chief Executive indicate when the remaining parks will be nominated for this prestigious award. Finally, to ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the magnificent work of Les Moore and his team in the City's Biodiversity & landscape Services Division (Park's Department) is highlighted to members and the public and is recognised and rewarded accordingly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Green Flag award winning parks are

- Bushy Park
- Poppintree Park
- Blessington Street Park
- St Anne's Park
- Markievicz Park
- Albert College Park
- Herbert Park
- Father Collins Park
- Saint Audoen's Park
- Weaver Park
- Saint Patrick's Park

While there are other City Parks for which applications for a Green Flag could be successful, each application needs a management plan which requires significant resourcing and oversight by the local Parks Teams and there are other demands on their time to deal with operations management and the requirements and needs of local communities. However, it is hoped to add incrementally to the number of Green Flag parks in future years as resources allow.

The Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services team have been pro-active and ambitious despite covid restrictions to enhance city parks for people and biodiversity and the Green Flag awards are recognition of that work.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Smart Dublin and Google street-by-street air quality monitoring programme, in particular, when will the programme commence and how and when will results be made available/public and will these be available on a street-by-street level.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Google and Dublin City Council launched "Airview Dublin In May 2021" - a partnership initiative to capture Dublin's air quality street by street as part of the Dublin Smart Cities programme. The initiative involves Google's first electric Street View car, deployed around the city measuring air quality for one year. In Ireland, this is the first time a Google Street View car has been used to capture air pollution measurements, in addition to Google Maps Street View imagery. The car has been equipped with specialized mobile air sensors that can measure nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), nitrous oxide (NO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and ozone (O₃).

The first phase of the project has involved carrying out a series of monitoring runs on pre-designated routes and calibrating the results obtained against measurements taken while the vehicle is located beside Dublin City Council static air quality monitoring

stations. The data obtained is currently being validated and quality assured, as well as being matched with GIS data as per the overall quality management of the project. It is also planned to hold a scientific stakeholder meeting in mid-December to review progress to date. This element of the project is essential as each city presents a unique profile in terms of traffic patterns, pollution profile and local conditions.

Concurrently, work has commenced on producing a dashboard for presentation of data results, and work on iterations of this are ongoing. It is envisaged that preliminary data from the project should start to become available towards the end of Quarter 1 of 2022.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the footpath to be fixed at the entrance to Ringsend Park from St Patrick's Villas (picture attached).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This will be added to our Works List for repair.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the following: considering that over 30,000 delegates from 200 countries attended COP26 in Glasgow, will the CE state how Dublin City Council was represented at the Conference and at the official side events organised by the EU and UN.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mr Martin Fitzpatrick, Principal Environmental Health Officer in Dublin City Council's Environment & Transportation Department - Air and Noise Section, attended COP26, and Mr Fitzpatrick also represented the International Federation of Environmental Health Professionals at the Conference.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to developing a DCC app for members of the public to access all Council services rather than having to search the DCC website for relevant services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Citizen Hub is a new digital platform for citizens and Councillors to access information and request services from Dublin City Council. Citizens will have the option to register an account on the platform to track their service requests and receive updates on the progress of their requests. Equally, citizens will be able to log simple service requests without registering an account if they so wish. The new Platform works equally well with PCs, tablets and smartphones. The project is in implementation phase, with the first services scheduled to go live in December 2021.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive not to enter into any agreement to lease properties owned by the pension fund of British army manufacturers, BAE Systems Plc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has decided not to enter into leasing arrangements with BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited. While the Council initially undertook engagement with BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited in good faith in pursuit of leasing units for social housing that would in turn be allocated to people on the Housing List (as per the national leasing scheme), the Council believes it would not be appropriate to proceed with it.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will reduce parking charges in the City Centre in the run up to Christmas to increase footfall and to promote activity there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council acknowledges the importance of increasing footfall and promoting activity in the city centre. Indeed the Office of City Recovery was established to co-ordinate the City Council's efforts in this area. However, there are a number of reasons why reducing on-street parking charges is not considered an appropriate measure to promote footfall and promote activity. These include the following:

1. The City Council's Parking Control Bye-Laws do not make provision for a reduction in on-street parking charges to accommodate special events or periods of the year. It is not legally possible to reduce on-street parking charges in the run up to Christmas.
2. In addition, the recently adopted Budget for 2022 provides for increases in on-street parking charges, which were originally agreed as part of Budget 2020 but not implemented due to the Covid pandemic, to be implemented in 2022. It would not make sense to reduce on-street parking charges in the run up to Christmas when the City Council is committed to increasing charges early in 2022.
3. Finally, it is not considered appropriate for the City Council to incentivise access to the city centre by private car when its transportation policies are focussed on promoting sustainable and active modes of travel.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he can increase time for pedestrian to cross the **(details supplied 1)** at the traffic lights at the entrance to **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The timings of the traffic signals at the junction of **(details supplied)** have been changed to give additional green time to pedestrians.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of any public procurements the council took part in in which the outcome was subject to legal challenge, for the outcome of these challenge and a comment on each summarising the reasons.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive the status of plans for works on Ringsend Road and Irishtown Road relating to resurfacing, repairs, and remarking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has no plans to resurface Ringsend Road or Irishtown Road at present. These roads will be inspected and any defects requiring repair will be logged on our Works List.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if the City Council has sought to acquire the Bottlers Hall site on Ringsend road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately, the South East Area Office has no funding in place to purchase the Bottlers Hall site on Ringsend Road.

The Property and Development Department has received no request to try and Acquire this property.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will seek to have the Dublin Bikes scheme extended to serve the Pearse Street and Ringsend/Irishtown areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the current time, resources are focusing on maximising the use of the current bike scheme infrastructure with a view to increasing the use and availability of bikes for members over the busy Christmas period. Future plans for the scheme will be reviewed over the summer when the position is clearer regarding any possible restrictions remaining in place related to CV-19 and other factors such as funding and e-scooter regulation. In the interim, the City Council continues to invest and develop general cycling infrastructure in the city. This will benefit all the bike schemes in the city including Bleeper and Moby that provide alternative options in the areas not covered by NOW Dublinbikes at present.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a status report on development of the council owned site at the corner of SCR and Dolphins Barn street D8.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An expression of interest has been circulated to AHB requesting proposals for this site. Currently the Housing Delivery Section is responding to queries from interested Housing Providers on various aspects of the site. AHB's have been asked to submitted proposals taking into consideration the following;

A scheme that enables residents to be fully engaged with the community. The Feasibility Study should consider the inclusion of some specially adapted units for disabled persons and should optimise the housing benefit attainable from the site.

Social housing with an emphasis on the design of the project (high quality housing and spatial design that supports active living with the use of appropriate assisted technology)

Consideration to be given to the use of the ground floor level, which may have the potential to be used as a social enterprise space, arts or cultural space or other such non-residential use.

The final date for submissions from AHB's is 14th December 2021. Following this date each submission will be assessed by the Housing Delivery Section and City Architects. Following the assessment process DCC will select a partner AHB to continue to detailed design and feasibility stage.

The Area Councillors will be advised at the January Area Committee meeting of the AHB that has been selected to continue to the next stage or feasibility and review.

Feasibility and Review stage;

23rd Dec 2021 to 31st March 2022 –approx. 3 months

Following conclusion of the EOI process, the preferred AHB shall carry out a Feasibility Study and Review for the delivery of the project within 3 months. This is a process whereby the AHB and DCC agree the detailed brief and qualitative standards for the accommodation to be built and the brief and standards for the operation of the facility when complete.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full update and report with regards the progress of the investigation into alleged corruption and protection money in relation to a social housing site in Ballyfermot/Chapelizod. Councillors were promised that there would be full transparency on this very serious issue that involved Dublin City Council and organised criminal gangs. This issue was subject to evidence given in court proceedings against known organised criminal gangs who it would appear were extorting money from construction companies and indeed DCC itself. There should be no further delay in publishing the findings of the investigation regarding this matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Government appointed Mr Patrick Butler S.C. on 9 November 2019, as an authorised person, under Section 224 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to prepare a report into the role of Dublin City Council and/or individual employees of the Council in the matter of alleged payment of protection money in respect of social housing sites in the Cherry Orchard area. Mr Butler completed his report and submitted it to the Minister on 18 December 2019.

The Department has previously indicated that Mr Butler's report 'is under consideration and that a number of issues have to be finalised before the process will be fully completed.' It seems clear at this stage that the publication of Mr Butler's report will have to await the conclusion of the investigation by An Garda Síochána and of any related criminal proceedings. The City Council's internal investigation has been stalled on legal advice pending the completion of the Garda investigation and of any related criminal proceedings.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to how much property belonging to DCC is leased to the Prisoners' Rights Organisation. This report to include full disclosure of any lease terms and also what activities are taking place within the buildings and who manages these buildings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not lease or licence any property to the Prisoners' Rights Organisation.

If the Councillor is aware of the organisation going by any other name or can provide details of any building(s) he thinks may be occupied by the organisation then a further search of our records can be carried out.

Dublin City Council Housing Section does not have units leased to the Prisoner's Rights Association. However PACE (Prevention Accommodation Community Enterprise) who are an organisation working with people with convictions, have received CAS (capital assistance funding) to acquire properties. They provide supported short to medium term accommodation for homeless men leaving prison.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regard the ongoing issues that are faced by the residents and tenants of a block of apartments that were built by a Co-op on Poolbeg Quay, Ringsend. This apartment block was signed off by DCC building control back in the day and it would now appear that the roof is seriously dilapidated and faulty. The tenants and residents of this apartment block are now at their wits end to try and find a remedy. DCC need to come up with some solutions for these residents, not unlike the solutions that were found for Priory Hall. Further to this report, that the CEO provide me with a full breakdown of Dublin City Council's involvement with this particular project that was hailed as one of the great models of its day but now turns out to be a nightmare for those living in this block. It's important to note that Dublin City Council are the mortgage holders for these tenants. There are 62 families at this location in dire straits and as the winter begins to settle in urgent action needs to be taken here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DFB have no information on these issues and have no current open files in relation to this address.

This development was built under a Dublin City Council Affordable Housing scheme in 2004. It is not social housing and the units are privately owned. The undertaking of any repairs therefore are the responsibility of the Management Company or owners of the apartments. Dublin City Council is not in a position to intervene in this matter.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate and issue a full report with regards how many approved housing bodies and housing charities associated with DCC and Dublin Regional Homeless executive are availing of the passports for sale scheme whereby a financial contribution is given in the region of a million euros to obtain passports. This report to include, was DCC informed by any of these bodies that they were availing of this scheme? How long has this scheme been exploited by approved housing bodies and housing charities? Which countries have received these passports? What companies have been lobbying with regards these passports? What oversight if any, or legal obligation does DCC have with regards these service providers and this particular enterprise? It is simply outrageous that given the volume of suffering by people who are seeking sanctuary in safe havens like Ireland and are living in appalling conditions in refugee camps such as the Belorussian border and indeed our own rather appalling Direct provision for asylum seekers, that so-called charitable organisations and indeed DCC Regional homeless executive and Dublin City Council have lost the moral compass here and are simply facilitating extremely rich individuals whose background we know nothing about to become Irish citizens. I would like Dublin City council to fully account for this in a transparent upfront manner. This is a dreadful abuse of privilege and simply leads more to hopelessness and suffering of many unfortunate asylum seekers and refugees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter refers to the Irish Government's Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP) set up in 2012 which is led by the Department of Justice. Dublin City Council has no oversight of the administration of this, nor any information on investors who have availed of this scheme.

Dublin City Council is aware of three Approved Housing Bodies who have availed of endowments to provide social housing via this fund.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can determine the ownership of the laneway between (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see the attached report.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Tender for Contracting of Parks Services for the coming year. Has the tender been finalised and can he say when it is likely that the new contract will be up and running?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The technical specification and other tender documents for a new Landscape Maintenance Contract will be advertised via the Government's eTenders facility in the next couple of weeks with new contracts in place in Q1 2022.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the recent Digital Maturity Assessment survey which was carried out within Dublin City Council recently. What was the outcome?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has recently established a new Digital Services Team within Corporate Services & Transformation and the team has begun work on preparing a Digital Strategy.

The first step involved undertaking a diagnosis of the council's digital maturity to harness digital technology and identify opportunities to advance capabilities. The Council commissioned FutureGov, a UK based service design agency, to undertake the assessment.

The research approach involved:

- Surveying service managers within the City Council
- Facilitating staff workshops
- Conducting interviews with elected members

Their model has 5 levels of digital maturity:

1. Paper-based practice and analog processes
2. Paper online and legacy technology
3. Service improvement
4. Service Transformation
5. Organisation and system level change

The digital maturity self-assessment results indicated a maturity level of 2.7. Based upon qualitative insights, Futuregov's independent assessment of Dublin City Council's digital maturity was 1.5. This assessment indicates that City Council is at an early stage of its digital evolution.

Key challenges have been identified and a number of actions as part of the forthcoming digital strategy will be progressed to improve the Council's digital maturity, evolution and ultimately transformation.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the costings of equipment provided to staff for working from home and how compatible is this equipment to blended working solutions being proposed by Central Government.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council's Corporate Services and Transformation Department has co-ordinated and led the Council's multi-disciplinary and cross department response to the Covid 19 pandemic to ensure continuity of public services and implement efficient and effective Covid mitigation measures. All departments continue to participate in this collaborative corporate initiative.

The Council's IT Department ensured inter alia laptops and mobile phones were procured expeditiously which facilitated new blended working arrangements. This equipment was secured under existing contracts. Additional monitors, keyboards and mice were provided. Full details will issue separately to the councillor.

The Council has subsequently established four working committees to develop strategies for blended working, digital transformation, innovation and employee support and engagement.

Consultation on the draft strategies with staff, unions and Elected Members will take place in early 2022. It is envisaged that sectoral guidance and national policy and legislation on blended working will be forthcoming at that stage.

With regards the compatibility of the equipment issued to staff during the pandemic, the Council's IT Department is actively considering the optimum future-proofed IT infrastructure solution for a blended working environment and this will also be subject of engagement with staff in 2022.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive:

[a] what is the level of funding provided by levies from Vacant Sites and Vacant Property in Dublin in 2019, 2020, 2021?

[b] how many sites for development have been taken from Vacant Sites?

[c] how many vacant buildings, derelict structures have been removed from Vacancy to be refurbished?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

[a] what is the level of funding provided by levies from Vacant Sites and Vacant Property in Dublin in 2019, 2020, 2021?

The Vacant Site Levy Demand is raised retrospectively. The Demand's for 2018, 2019 and 2020 were raised in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Total Vacant Site Levy income received in respect of 2018, 2019 and 2020 is as follows:

2018 - €649,350.00

2019 - €247,100.00

2020 - €275,450.00

[b] how many sites for development have been taken from Vacant Sites ?

See reply detailed in part (c) below.

[c] how many vacant buildings, derelict structures have been removed from Vacancy to be refurbished?

Since 2018 a total of 29 sites have been removed from the Vacant Sites Register as a result of the development of the sites.

Year	Sites	Sites with structures	Total
2018	2	4	6
2019	6	5	11
2021	5	7	12
Total	13	16	29

In addition a total of 46 derelict sites have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since 2018 following the carrying out of improvement works to render them non-derelict. This includes 15 derelict sites which were acquired compulsorily by the Council that are now used for social housing.

Year	Sites Rendered Non-Derelict and Removed from Derelict Sites Register
2018	12
2019	14
2020	14
2021	6
Total	46

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive when will DCC and Irish Water deal with the obnoxious smell and contamination from algae on Sandymount Strand, caused by excess nutrients being dumped into Dublin Bay? Local resident's note that DCC clean beaches on North Side.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Correspondence from **(details supplied)** was received by the Chief Executive in relation to this matter. A comprehensive reply is currently being prepared. A copy of the response will then be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following please in respect of street and pavement cleaning in **(details supplied)**:

- Why does the road sweeper vehicle only attend quarterly now from previously weekly and when will weekly cleaning return?
- How can the large road sweeper vehicle effectively clean the several small cul de sacs in **(details supplied)** please and are there smaller vehicles for this cul de sac work that could be used in conjunction with the larger vehicle?
- If overhanging branches hinder / prevent the work of the cleansing vehicle have DCC Parks Dept. been contacted by / liaised with by our Cleansing Dept. to resolve same please?
- What is the street and pavement cleaning plan for **(details supplied)** please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Waste Management operates an area based cleaning schedule to service residential areas across the city. This service involves removal of dumping and litter and mechanically sweeping streets. Daily duties of Waste Management include servicing main thoroughfares and responding to CRM's. Area based activities commence after these tasks are complete and in line with manpower available. There are no plans to provide a service for weekly cleaning in residential areas across the city.

In response to servicing the areas of the estate (size of vehicles and overhanging branches), details of concerns have been forwarded to the area office and waste management operations for review and consideration of equipment used.

(details supplied) is on an 8 week cycle for area based cleaning. CRM's are also responded to within that period. Next week of area based cleaning is on 13th-17th December. A road sweeper serviced **(details supplied)** on the 16th and 18th November to support leaf removal as requested.

Public Domain and Environmental liaison officer continues to work closely with **(details supplied)**, providing clean up equipment and arranging collections.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive the following please in respect of **(details supplied)**;

- That previous resident association requests to meet with senior officials in our street cleansing division be facilitated please, in order to discuss what the residents feel is a poor and inconsistent service (incl. areas not being attended to) as well as plans for going forward? An on-site open air meeting (with full social distancing / all covid guidelines etc.) would be appreciated.

- That street cleansing dates be given in advance in order to facilitate the removal of residents' vehicles from the kerbside please? I'm aware this happens from time to time in other locations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Representatives from Waste Management Operations and Area Office are open to meeting on site to discuss level of service within the estate. **(details supplied)** is on an 8 week cycle for area based cleaning. CRM's also aim to be responded to within 24 hours. A road sweeper serviced **(details supplied)** on the 16th and 18th November to support leaf removal as requested.

The next planned week of area based cleaning is on 13th December. Prior notice of days and times cannot be provided at this time. Arrangements can be made with residents through the Area office who will liaise with the local inspector for a suitable date closer to cleaning week.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the following in **(details supplied)** please;

- To ensure the systematic bi-annual pruning of hedges and bushes.

- To cut back, prune and crown our trees and report on same please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The hedges and shrubs will be inspected in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be list for inclusion in the winter shrubbery maintenance programme for the area.

The trees in the estate will be examined in the coming weeks and if crown lifting is deemed necessary this work will be included in the tree care programme for the area in 2022.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm the total number of homes that will be provided by the St. Michael's Estate (Emmet Rd) regeneration and also confirm the breakdown of studio, 1, 2 and 3-bed homes that will be delivered? Damien English TD, speaking on behalf of Housing Minister, Darragh O'Brien, said in Dáil Éireann on 16 November that 484 units will be provided, however I gather these are outdated figures, and therefore ought to be corrected. Can the CE also clarify what impact additional units on this site will have on the increase in the site service fund from €50k to €100k per unit?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Design work on the Emmet Road (St. Michael's Estate) is ongoing and as such the unit numbers are constantly changing, but it is expected that over 500 no. residential units will be proposed for the site. In this regard, given the size and scale of the project, a Part 10 application, with Environmental Impact Assessment, will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for Emmet Road.

In line with the above the unit mix is also subject to ongoing design work. However, the architects are working to provide a mix of studio, one, two and three bed units on the site.

More details on the above will be provided in Quarter 1 2022 when the preliminary design goes to public consultation.

It is premature to give cost estimates before planning permission is granted and design is finalised and planning conditions are known. At that stage of the project cost estimates can be determined with accuracy, although these will remain subject to contractor tendering.

Any improvement in the Site Services Fund would assist in the viability of the cost rental scheme.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what design standards are being used to guide the design of the homes in the regeneration of St. Michael's Estate (Emmet Rd)? Given that 70% of these homes are Public Cost Rental homes for long-term living, the application of "build to rent" design standards would be inadequate and inappropriate. Further, as laid out in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2020), any development of "10 or more apartments shall exceed the minimum floor area standard for any combination of the relevant 1, 2 or 3 bedroom unit types, by a minimum of 10%": can the Chief Executive confirm whether DCC will go above and beyond this minimum in the interest of long-term sustainable development?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Emmet Road (St Michael's Estate) redevelopment is a City Council led regeneration project and the City Council will be the "applicant" for this planning

application. In this regard, the Council must implement the standards and requirements set down in its pertinent City Development Plan and the Council cannot contravene its own Plan. As such the Emmet Road scheme is being designed to the standards set out in the current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 as it cannot utilise or implement those standards set down in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines which contravene its own Development Plan.

The scheme will thus not be designed utilising the 'Build to Rent' standards set down in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (2020).

The 2016-2022 Dublin City Development Plan includes a requirement for schemes over 100 no. units to exceed the minimum floor area standard by at least 10% (see Section 16.10.1 of the current Development Plan). The Emmet Road scheme will adhere to this requirement.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the total amount owed to Dublin City Council in derelict and vacant site levies, the total number of derelict and vacant sites (that DCC is aware of) and the total amount collected for each levy over the 2016-2020 period.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
Vacant Sites

Total amount owed to DCC in respect of Vacant Site Levies is €15,851,200.00. The breakdown for 2018, 2019 and 2020 is as follows:

2018 - € 892,200.00
2019 - € 4,595,150.00
2020 - €10,363,850.00

Currently there are 45 sites on the Vacant Sites Register.

Total amount received by DCC in respect of Vacant Site Levies is €1,105,450.00. The breakdown for 2018, 2019 and 2020 is as follows:

2018 - €582,900
2019 - €247,100
2020 - €275,450

Derelict Sites

The total amount of Derelict Site Levies owed to the Council is €4,863,634.

Currently there are 76 sites on the Derelict Sites Register.

The total amount of Derelict Site Levies received for the period 2016 to 25/11/2021 is €1,958,499.

2016 - €291,472
2017 - €193,229
2018 - €462,970
2019 - €298,557
2020 - €402,344
2021 - €309,927

Q.60 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive how many city council staff are tasked with inspecting reinstatement works following a road opening.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

11 staff in the Infrastructure Management Unit carry out inspections of reinstatements. Between them they inspect 30,000 openings per year.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive how many road opening licences were issued and how many openings remain rejected as part of the T5 process for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021? What work is being undertaken to rectify these defects?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to this question please see below of the statistics requested.

Year	Number of Licences	Number of Rejected T5s outstanding
2017	12061	135
2018	14184	336
2019	13494	243
2020	10469	94
2021	6837	16

Utility reinstatements are the responsibility of the applicant organisations issued with road opening licences to carry out works on the public roads. The applicant organisations corresponding to the licences above are utility companies. These utility companies are aware of their responsibilities in relation to their licences and condition attached requiring utilities to reinstate to the specifications detailed in *The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads 2017*. When a T5 is rejected, the utility is notified automatically via The Roadwork Control Online System (RCOS). The utilities then rectify the defect and return the T5 again for inspection by the IMU inspection staff in DCC. The openings corresponding to these T5s remain the responsibility of the utility until such time as the T5 is accepted. The IMU organise regular progress meetings with utilities to remind them of their obligations in relation to reinstatement standards and closing out of licences. Utilities undertake to deal with any backlog of rejected T5s they have.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to reinstatement following road openings, how many violation notices and no compliance reports have been issued in the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In response to this question please see below of the statistics requested. The right-hand column lists the number of violations by year. These notices usually involve work stoppage until the relevant issues are dealt with on site. Compliance reporting is dealt with on site between the utility and the member of the DCC inspectorate that issued the violation. Violations are also reviewed at management progress meetings between DCC and utilities.

Year	Number of Licences	Number of Rejected T5s outstanding	Number of Violation Notices issued by The Infrastructure Management Unit(IMU)
2017	12061	135	2
2018	14184	336	8
2019	13494	243	9
2020	10469	94	3
2021	6837	16	6

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider putting in place a 6:30 start to bus lanes rather than the current 7:00 start time?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The operational hours of bus lanes will be subject to review as part of the Bus Connects Network redesign project and changes will be made as appropriate. DCC will be engaged in discussions with the NTA regarding this.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update and timelines for the regeneration of the Dublin City fruit, vegetable and flower Market off Capel Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Redevelopment of the Fruit and Vegetable Market is being progressed in conjunction with the Members Advisory Group which is made up of representation from each of the Groups on City Council. The proposal is to use the competitive dialogue process to Tender for Design, Build, Finance and Operation of the Market. Significant research and survey works have been carried out and are feeding into the proposed tender process.

The Tender documents are being reviewed by Financial and Legal experts to inform Dublin City Council regarding best approach and once this process is complete, the tender will issue. The tender process will take between 6 and 9 months.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a list of the covid mobility measures that were requested by Cllrs, the public and businesses in the South East Inner City in 2020 and 2021, what percentage of these proposals were delivered and what is the status of each of these projects to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A comprehensive report on the Covid Mobility requests received, number actioned is being worked on and will be circulated to Councillors in 2022.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide full details of the waste public awareness campaigns for 2019, 2020 and 2021, how much was spent on these campaigns, where the funding from these campaigns come from, what happens if there is an underspend of this funding, were external suppliers used for the campaigns and if so can the CEO provide a list of these suppliers, how are the effectiveness of these waste campaigns measured and can the CEO provide details of their effectiveness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below are details of the public awareness campaigns I was responsible for.

Year	Awareness campaign	Budget	Source of Income	Cost of campaign	Partners	Underspend
2019	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2020	Dog fouling awareness campaign	€104,551.00	€55,000 – Anti-Litter and Graffiti Grant (ALAGS) and balance of €49,551.from DCC	€104,551.00.00	-JWT Folk Creative Partners - Dentsu Aengus Network TA/Carat – Media Partners	n/a
2021	Dog fouling awareness campaign. Repeat part of the 2020 campaign.	€30,000	Anti-Litter and Graffiti Grant. (ALAGS)	€30,000.00	JWT Folk – Creative Partners Dentsu Aengus Network T/A Carat – Media Partners	n/a
2021	Leave no Trace Campaign	€15,000	Anti-Litter and Graffiti Grants (ALAGS)	DCC contributed €15k to the national campaign	Leave no Trace Ireland managed the campaign	n/a

The initial campaign was launched on 12th March 2020 by the then Lord Mayor, Tom Brabazon. The aim of the campaign was:

- To highlight the major issue of dog waste in our public parks and open spaces
- To encourage responsible dog ownership and to encourage more people to pick up after their dog as dog waste affects the whole community

The campaign was advertised in a number of national and local radio stations. Posters with message “Bag it and Bin it” were placed on Big Belly bins throughout the city as well as messages on standard litter bins. Audio systems were placed in strategic locations in the city with message to dog owners and dog walkers to “bag it and Bin it”. A number of “Out of Home” locations were secured in order to advertise the campaign. A PR initiative was placed on social media which was very well received.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic in 2020, many of Dublin City Council's assets were used by HSE to advertise the social distancing message, so the message re dog fouling was somewhat lost in 2020. The message was repeated again in 2021.

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The effectiveness of the campaign was measured by a number of different elements, such as hits on social media and general reaction to the campaign.

In general, the PR initiative generated more conversation than expected and together with the audio systems and messages on litter bins, the campaign when rerun in 2021 was regarded a very successful.

Due to the high level of littering as a result of outdoor activities as a result of lockdown and the fact the themes fitted with our own advertising campaign, Dublin City Council joined the Leave no Trace 2021 campaign. The theme of the campaign was:

- Dogs in the outdoors
- Littering
- Camping, campfires and BBQ’s

With an added tagline of “Love this Place”

The “Love this Place – Leave No Trace campaign included radio advertising in local and national radio stations and social media content.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin City Council has applied to the Woodland Planting Creation on Public Lands Scheme, have any sites been identified that might be suitable for the scheme, whether there is an intention to apply to this scheme and if not can the CEO please outline the reasons why.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The ‘Creation of Woodland on Public Land Scheme’ managed by The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is not suited to urban parks and open spaces and there are no tracts of DCC land suitable for planting in accordance with this scheme. Dublin City Council however does support native woodland establishment through the Dublin Mountains Partnership about which a presentation was made to the Arts, Culture and Leisure Strategic Policy Committee in 2021. In addition Dublin City Council plants thousands of trees each year (native, naturalised and ornamental) both in parks and on streets and it supports planting by local environmental groups.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the number of buildings or sites located within the Central Area included on the Register of Derelict Sites; to list each of the buildings or sites within the Central Area added to the Register of Derelict Sites in the last ten years; the value of any outstanding Derelict Sites Levies outstanding to this Council from buildings or sites located within the Central Area included on the Register of Derelict Sites; the levy due for each specific building or site located within the Central Area included on the Register of Derelict Sites; how long each building or site located within the Central Area have been included on the Register of Derelict Sites; to list other buildings or sites located within the Central Area that are under active investigation by the Derelict Sites Section with regards their possible inclusion on the Register of Derelict Sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
Derelict Sites

Derelict sites visually impact negatively on the surrounding area, give out the impression of an area deteriorating and are a magnet for antisocial behaviour and take valuable housing stock out of circulation.

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 implementation of an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 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. The Council will only acquire compulsorily as a last resort in circumstances where all efforts to secure the carrying out of improvement works by property owners have been exhausted. In determining what sites to acquire, the Council prioritises those properties which can be most readily reinstated to active residential use. Twenty five derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily since March 2017, twenty one of which were retained by the Council under the control of the Housing & Community Services to be used for social housing purposes. Many of the properties have been completely refurbished and rendered non-derelict and are now occupied, or are currently undergoing refurbishment. The compulsory acquisition process has commended on a further eleven derelict sites and Notices of Intention to Acquire are due to be served this month. In addition there is one acquisition from earlier this year with an Bord Pleanála for decision.

The number of derelict sites acquired compulsorily is just part of the story, the Council has experienced that in the face of compulsory acquisition some sites have been 1) rendered non-derelict and removed from the Derelict Sites Register, 2) owners are actively seeking planning permission or have obtained planning permission for redevelopment, 3) derelict sites have been placed on the market and are at varying stages in the sales process, which offers the prospect that they will be redeveloped and returned to active use.

Derelict Sites Register - Central Area

Below is a list of derelict sites in the Central Area that are currently on the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Site Levy is 7% of market value. Outstanding levies attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month, Outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding have been paid.

Ref	Address	Date of Entry	Market Value	Levy Amount	Outstanding Levies
DS914	Amiens Street, 49-51, D1	12.02.2016	€250,000	€17,500	€72,968
DS816	Annamoe Terrace, 11, D7	11.04.2019	€240,000	€16,800	€45,720
DS1005	Annesley Place, 2 & Spring Garden Street, 2, D3.	24.11.2017	€60,000	€4,200	€4,252
DS1271	Annesley Place, 4, North Strand, D3	24.07.2019	€210,000	€14,700	€14,883
DS623	Ballybough Road, 22b, D.3.	25.06.2019	€60,000	€4,200	€4,252
DS845	Ballybough Road, 25, D3	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€0
DS846	Ballybough Road, 24, D3	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€18,480
DS847	Ballybough Rd, 23, Dublin 3.	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€0

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DS1006	Blessington Street, 23, D7	29.09.2017	€300,000	€21,000	€72,112
DS981	Buckingham St Upr, 2, D1	05.04.2018	€180,000	€12,600	€35,167
DS1019	Cabra Park, 73, Cabra, D7	28.11.2018	€280,000	€19,600	€43,610
DS960	Capel Street, 163, D1.	03.05.2018	€150,000	€10,500	€10,631
DS1196	Capel Street, 164, D1	03.05.2018	€150,000	€10,500	€10,631
DS1197	Capel Street, 165, D1	03.05.2018	€200,000	€14,000	€14,175
DS921	Clonliffe Road, 198, D3.	12.07.2016	€210,000	€14,700	€14,883
DS704	* Connaught Street 19, D7	23.03.2018	€350,000	n/a	€68,267
DS705	* Connaught Street 21, D7	23.03.2018	€350,000	n/a	€68,267
DS934	* Ferguson Road, 10, Drumcondra, D9.	26.09.2017	€120,000	n/a	€3,181
DS982	* Ferguson Road, 8, Drumcondra, D9	28.09.2017	€120,000	n/a	€0
DS886	* Nelson Street, 6, D7	12.03.2015	€210,000	n/a	€6,378
DS1188	* NCR, 414, D7.	13.07.2018	€200,000	n/a	€0
DS974	NCR, 74, Dublin 7	21.08.2019	€250,000	€17,500	€39,156
DS580	North King Street, 86, Smithfield, D7	14.07.2020	€200,000	€14,000	€14,700
DS479	Prussia Street, 24-25, D7	12.07.2018	€240,000	€16,800	€37,170
DS514A	Terrace Place, 6 (rear 23 Rutland St. Lr.), D1.	20.10.2008	€80,000	€5,600	€42,481
DS1371	Terrace Place, 7 & 8, D1	14.06.2019	€140,000	€9,800	€21,560

Total € 662,924

* These sites were acquired compulsorily by the Council and awaiting refurbishment. They will remain on the Derelict Sites Register until rendered non-derelict and as they are owned by a local authority they are not subject to a Derelict Sites Levy. Any outstanding levies will be deducted from any compensation claim.

Central Area – Active Files

Files are opened following the receipt of complaints / queries regarding the condition of a site. Inspections are arranged and the condition of a site assessed to determine what action, if any, is warranted under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. If a site needs attention there would follow a process of engagement with the owner to secure the carrying out of necessary improvement works. Engagement with owners in general results in positive results but if the engagement does not yield the desired results the formal procedures under the Derelict Sites Act are invoked which can culminate in the site being entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The Derelict Sites Unit has implemented an ongoing acquisition strategy since 2017 so any site entered on the Register can be considered for possible acquisition.

Abbey Street Middle, 47, D.1.
 Abbey Street Middle, 62-63, Dublin 1.
 Abbey Street Middle, 72, Dublin 1.
 Annamoe Road, 13, Cabra, Dublin 7.
 Annamoe Road, site adj. No.17, Cabra, D.7.
 Aughrim Street, 57, Dublin 7.
 Aughrim Villas, 9, Aughrim Street, D.7.
 Ballybough Road, 20-22, (former Annesley Motors), Ballybough, D3
 Ballymun Road, 28, Glasnevin, D.9.
 Beaver Street, 7 & 8, Dublin 1.
 Benburb Street, 5, Dublin 7

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Berkeley Road, 22a, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.
Blessington Street, 42/43, Dublin 7. (Protected)
Botanic Avenue, 19, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.
Broadstone, CIE Site, Dublin 7.
Broombridge Road, 16, Cabra West, Dublin 7.
Brunswick Street North 100-102 / Church Street 114-116, junction of, D.7.
Buckingham Street Lower, 39 & 40, Dublin 1.
Charleville Avenue, 63, D.3.
Clonliffe Road, 57, Ballybough, Dublin 3.
Clonliffe Road, 66, Dublin 3.
Dominick Street Upper, 36-40, (Hendrons Building), Dublin 7.
Dorset Street Upper, 38, Dublin 1.
Eden Quay, 26-27, Dublin 1. (Former Mercantile Marine Office)
Eden Quay, 28, Dublin 1.
Emerald Street, 15/16, D.1
Gardiner Street Upper, 3, Dublin 1.
Glenarm Avenue, 5, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.
Grangegorman Villas, 1, Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.
Grangegorman Villas, 2, Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.
Grangegorman Villas, 3, Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.
Grangegorman Villas, 4, Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.
Grangegorman Villas, 5, Grangegorman Upper, Dublin 7.
Hill Street, 40-42, Dublin 1
Merchant's Road, 38, East Wall Road, Dublin 3.
Merchant's Road, 49, East Wall Road, Dublin 3.
Mountjoy Square South, 39, Dublin 1. (PROTECTED)
Mountjoy Street, 16, Dublin 7.
North Circular Road, 153, Dublin 7
North Circular Road, 271, D.7.
North Circular Road, 386, Phibsborough, D.7.
North King Street, 60-66, D.7.
North King Street, 78-80, Dublin 7.
North Lotts, 53 (rear 53 Middle Abbey Street), D.1.
O'Connell Street Upper, 42, D.1. (Protected Structure)
Parnell Street, 148, Dublin 1.
Parnell Street, 3, Dublin 1. (Protected Structure)
Parnell Street, 4, Dublin 1.
Parnell Street, 5, Dublin 1.
Parnell Street, 6, Dublin 1.
Parnell Street, 76-78, Dublin 1
Phibsborough Road, 1-2, Dublin 7. (Protected Structure)
Preston Street, 4, D.1. (Protected Structure)
Prussia Street, 6, Dublin 7.
Prussia Street, 68-68a, Dublin 7.
Ravensdale Road, 4, East Wall, Dublin 3.
Rutland Cottages, 13, Summerhill, D.1.
Rutland Cottages, 24, Summerhill, D.1.
Seville Place, 42/43, D.1. (from 1/1/2018)
Shandon Gardens, Garages/Workshops to rear 84c & 84d, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.
Shelmalier Road, 45, East Wall, Dublin 3.
Sherkin Gardens, 2, off Griffith Avenue, Drumcondra, D.9.
Spring Garden Street, site adj. 49A-C & at rear of 61/61A Ballybough Road, Dublin 3.
Stanhope Terrace, 26, Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 7.
Stanhope Terrace, 27, Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 7.
Stanhope Terrace, 28, Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 7.
Stanhope Terrace, 29, Grangegorman Lower, Dublin 7.
Sullivan Street, 1, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7.
Synnott Place, 12, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.
Villa Park Avenue, 16, Navan Road, Dublin 7.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to list the works involved in the upgrade of **(details supplied)** playground; the timeframe for the completion of these works; the costs involved and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied) Playground is a large, high profile and very popular and is currently being completely upgraded. This involves replacing all but 1 or 2 play items that were considered to be serviceable. The works should be substantially complete in the coming weeks weather permitting, the costs for this upgrade were in the region of €230,000.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to identify the new pedestrian crossings to be installed in the Central Area that have been designed for installation later this year; the location of these pedestrian crossings; the indicative timeframe for their installation and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2021 programme of works for the entire City including the Central Area was delayed due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Please find below the programme of works for the Central Area.

SITE NAME	AREA	WORKS DESCRIPTION
BALLYBOGGAN ROAD	CENTRAL	PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
MARYS LANE	CENTRAL	PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
PORTLAND ROW / NCR	CENTRAL	PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
CUMBERLAND ST. NORTH / PARNELL ST.	CENTRAL	PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Construction of these works are expected to begin in Q2 of 2022.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the potential for installing a 'Big Belly Bin' at **(details supplied)**; given how often the litter bin at this location is overflowing due to its not being emptied anywhere near often enough; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will monitor the above mentioned litter bin and ensure that it is emptied more often. Also there is a tag on the bin that can be scanned with the QR code reader on any smart phone by any member of the public to report a full bin. This will notify the shift on duty and they can then empty the bin.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to extend opening hours for private clubs and the public at the Crumlin swimming pool. This is the only public swimming pool in the area covering a very large residential area. Children from D8, D12 and beyond have lost access to swimming lessons because the private operator could not get sufficient hours. As of now there are no swimming lessons left to cover the area and the demand is huge. How can we make sure the Crumlin pool being 100 metres from Crumlin Village is an active swimming hub at the heart of the 15 minutes city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Options are currently being examined as a priority by CRES to allow extension of opening times in Crumlin Pool to facilitate additional swimming times for all. These plans will be presented to the Area Committee in early 2022. These options will be developed in the context of ongoing public health advice to ensure maximising opportunities to swim while protecting our staff and customers.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the 2019 project introduced to DCC housing complexes in the SEA on green and brown bins. In January 2020 it was mentioned that a final report would be coming out. If the CE can provide an update on the original plan to expend the project to the South Central area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

As the highest number of housing complexes is located in the South East Area, this was chosen as the pilot area and was successfully completed in early 2020. Work then commenced in the South Central Area, but unfortunately the project was paused due to the arrival of COVID-19 and the initial lockdown of society. Sporadic attempts were made to restart the project in the latter half of 2020, but it was again put on hold when Level 5 restrictions were re-introduced in January 2021.

The project restarted in November 2021 with assessments of existing bin areas in older persons units and housing complexes in the South West Inner City completed and assessments currently underway in Ballyfermot/Drimagh. Where feasible it is anticipated that the introduction of brown and green bins to these areas will begin in January/February 2022.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the motion sent to the LCDC on DCC becoming a member of WHO healthy city. Where is the implementation of the motion at? Has the motion been discussed within the LCDC and when. What came out of the discussion? Where is it at now? Who was involved in the discussion? Was the coordinator of Ireland's national healthy cities network or the WHO European Healthy Cities secretariat contacted? The motion was passed at full council in early summer 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The motion referred to was noted by Dublin City's Local and Community Development Committee in 2020 and work towards its stated objective was undertaken to confirm the development criteria and requirements for DCC to qualify as a member of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. These details are set out in summary below and confirmed an annual fee and an application process of between 12 and 18 months is required.

The objective was considered further by LCDC members who observed the lead-in process to this WHO European Healthy Cities Network as prolonged and not according with the timeframe of the Dublin's Local Economic and Community Plan, 2016-2021.

An alternative option for incorporation into the LCDC Action Plan 2021 was sought. This resulted in Dublin becoming a full member of the WHO *Partnership for Healthy Cities* (supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies), a global network of 70 cities committed to saving lives by preventing non-communicable diseases and injuries. On 19th August 2021 an international media release including Lord Mayor Gilliland confirmed that Dublin had joined this WHO Partnership (see links below for content).

Within this Partnership, DCC's policy objective is *Safe and Active Mobility*. Work is underway in 2021 to enhance public mobility across the city by developing a new, inclusive emphasis on walking in our city. *Walkability Audits* for Dublin, initially developed in conjunction with Dublin's Age Friendly Older Person Councils are under review and will be expanded to include criteria on public seating and public realm that can aid and support mobility. A comparative knowledge exchange framework to assess the walkability audit process against best practise standards is under also development among delivery partners including National Transport Authority (NTA); National Disability Authority (NDA) and DCC Age Friendly and Healthy Ireland programme managers.

The LCDC agreed that the objective for Dublin to make an application to join the WHO European Healthy Cities Network will be considered further as part of the preparation and adoption of the successor Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Dublin for the period 2022-2028.

- Social media content for Dublin's 2021 membership of *WHO Partnership for Healthy Cities*

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MikeBloomberg/status/1463172821232885761>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mikebloomberg/videos/1491405374577634/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CWn-Qk4DQgF/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6868938444572246016/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ6PI5EnEKI>

Bloomberg.org: <https://www.bloomberg.org/videos/how-dublin-is-creating-a-walkable-safer-city/>

- Information note on entry criteria for WHO European Healthy Cities Network:

WHO Healthy Cities is a global movement working to put health high on the social, economic and political agenda of city governments. For 30 years the WHO European Healthy Cities Network has brought together some 100 flagship cities and approximately 30 national networks. The flagship cities interact directly with WHO/Europe, while the national networks bring together cities in a given Member State. In both cases WHO provides political, strategic and technical support as well as capacity-building. Their shared goal is to engage local governments in political commitment, institutional change, capacity-building, partnership-based planning and innovation. To join as an individual city there are specific requirements to become members of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. They include political commitment, a dedicated coordinator, development of a funded action plan and contributions to both National Networks and WHO meetings. The application process is detailed and requires payment of an annual fee of USD\$5,000 and takes between 12-18months.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive will he ensure that Dublin City Council does not enter in to any long term lease negotiations or agreements with pension companies that have links with the arms trade or other unscrupulous trade and to ensure any current agreements with these companies are terminated with immediate effect?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has decided not to enter into leasing arrangements with BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited. While the Council initially undertook engagement with BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited in good faith in pursuit of leasing units for social housing that would in turn be allocated to people on the Housing List (as per the national leasing scheme), the Council believes it would not be appropriate to proceed with it.

The Council is considering next steps in consultation with the Housing Agency and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the September motion concerning the current staffing crisis in the Dublin Fire Brigade?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Having navigated the previous waves of the pandemic, Dublin Fire Brigade - like all other departments in the Council - have again found themselves facing more Covid-19 disruption and staffing challenges, with almost all sections reporting impacts on staff, including staffing issues. The impact of this latest wave is compounding the ongoing DFB staffing difficulties.

Management have attempted to regenerate talks at the WRC. However the trade unions have indicated their unwillingness to re-enter these discussions. Management have met locally with Unions and have outlined their proposal for advancing the unresolved item. Management are currently awaiting a response from the Union.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive will he please contact the HSE to see what the plans are for the Blind Craft building on Davitt Road and would the HSE consider allowing the building to be used for community and youth services?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office contacted the HSE as requested on 3rd December 2021 and will forward their response to the councillor on receipt.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to review all contracts concerning long term leases to ensure no current contracts involve companies that have links to arms trade and to make the review available to this Councillor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council is considering next steps in consultation with the Housing Agency and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me some guidance on what we as a local authority can do with the following issues:

- Cars / Vans parked on the public road / footpath which are in a very poor mechanical state with no valid tax, NCT certificate, insurance etc. basically rotting away.
- Residents of DCC or privately owned properties who accumulate domestic waste in their garden both front and either or the back garden without putting anything out for normal waste management collection thus destroying the quality of life of their neighbours in the process.

I am asking the above question for a number of years without much success hence I need some proper advice looked at by the law agent.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- Cars and vans parked on the public road or footpath which are in a very poor mechanical state with no valid tax, NCT certificate, insurance etc. may be reported to the Gardai. Dublin City Council has no enforcement function here.
- There is a facility to report the dumping of waste on public property on the Dublin City Council website. Accumulation of waste on private property may also be an offence in certain circumstances. It may be reported to the Dublin City Council Waste Enforcement Unit for investigation.

Dublin City Council has an abandoned vehicle section. Reports of suspected abandoned vehicles can be made through our CRM system. Any vehicles reported are investigated and if they are found to be abandoned their removal is arranged by the Abandoned Vehicles Section.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the following: over the past few weeks a number of residents have complained of excessive noise coming from the West-Link Ind. Estate on the Kylemore Road Ballyfermot this Ind. Estate back onto the Dublin-Cork Railway Line and the housing on Landen Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10. The noise is not from the railway rolling stock or engineering works it's coming from the Ind. Estate, can DCC try and find out where it's coming from and is there restrictions on business hours of when you can generate noise from your premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will initiate an investigation of this matter and will contact the Councillor directly to ascertain fuller details to aid that investigation.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please get some indication from Dwyer Nolan the owners of the now closed De La Salle School site on Ballyfermot Road Ballyfermot on when they propose to progress the building potential of this vast site and ensure the area is cleaned up. Whilst the school is a huge loss to the people of Ballyfermot the grounds also housed the De La Salle GAA Pitch this was an agreement as part of the sale of the lands by the De La Salle Order that the pitch would be preserved for future use by the GAA unfortunately it's not accessible as the site is looked off to the general public.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The De La Salle Brothers sold lands in Ballyfermot that included the former national school and the Mount La Salle monastery building. The lands are zoned Z15, to protect and provide for institutional and community uses, and the main section of the school building is a protected structure.

In considering whether there is no longer a need for the existing institutional use, the planning authority shall consult with the owner/ operator of the existing institutional and community uses and the relevant statutory provider (e.g. the Department of Education and Skills in the case of schools, and the Department of Health and the HSE in the case of hospitals). A masterplan is required in these circumstances. The masterplan shall set out a clear vision for the lands zoned Z15, to provide for the identification of 25% of the lands for open space and/or community facilities. The masterplan must incorporate landscape features which retain the essential open character of the lands zoned Z15. It must also ensure that the space will be provided in a manner designed to facilitate potential for future public use and protect existing sporting and recreational facilities which are available predominantly for community use.

The An Bord Pleanála website shows that a strategic housing development was lodged by Dwyer Nolan Developments Ltd for a pre-application consultation on the site of the De La Salle brothers lands. The proposed development is stated as 933 apartments, childcare facility and associated works. The development proposal included multi-use playing pitches. ABP reference no. PL29S.307087. An opinion was issued by ABP in December 2020 stating that the proposal required further amendment/consideration. In this respect, it is noted that ABP requested the applicant *'provide further justification with regards to how the proposal is in accordance with and assists in securing the aims of the Z15 zoning objective; how it secures the retention of the main institutional and community uses on the lands / whether there is no longer a need for the existing institutional use, incl. space for necessary expansion of such use; how it secures the retention of existing functional open space and the manner in which the nature and scale of the proposal integrates with surrounding lands'*.

A full application has not been lodged for development on this site to-date, although nearly a full year has elapsed since ABP issued its opinion. In the interim, it is open to De La Salle GAA Club to liaise directly with the developer/landowner regarding access.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive the following: with the huge issue of fuel poverty right across our City how many housing units will DCC be in a position to retro fit to improve the quality of life for the tenants in the coming year 2022 and at the same time reducing the need to burn fossil fuels etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The number of housing units we will be in a position to retrofit in 2022 will firstly be determined by the level of funding we receive from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the continuation of the programme in 2022. This has yet to be announced and will be issued from the Department directly to all Local Authorities nationally, which we envisage will be Q1 of 2022, based on previous years.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Dublin City Council to take charge of the community garden located behind the houses on St. John's Street, Blackpitts, Dublin 8.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This small area lies directly behind private houses and is railed and landscaped. While the Area Office will clarify ownership of the subject land for its records, given its small size and location it is not suitable as a public space, and therefore its care and upkeep is a matter for local residents.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide funding to residents of Saint Peter's Crescent, Dublin 12 so they may install four tree boxes at both ends of the street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Street in question lies within South Dublin's administrative boundary and therefore Dublin City Council has no role in providing services in the area.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tree outside 2 Saint Peter's Crescent Dublin 12 to be pruned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Street in question lies within South Dublin's administrative boundary and therefore Dublin City Council has no role in providing services in the area.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Turley consultant's recent feasibility report regarding the potential development of a Creative Community Campus in the Liberties area. Have findings been published, and, if so, can these be made available to councillors?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The feasibility report conducted by Turley's relating to Bridgefort Street Creative Community Campus is nearing completion. A working draft can be made available to Councillors.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to address as a matter of urgency the ongoing issue with the shower in the home of our tenant at **(details supplied)**. A seal was put around the basin of the shower however the cause of the blockage that is causing the shower to overflow has not been addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of the shower at the address provided was carried out on Wednesday, 24th November 2021. Water was running freely and no blockage was evident.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the repair works being carried out at the home of our tenant at **(details supplied)**. Our tenant reports that some works have been completed but that there are ongoing issues with the door.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has no record of any works been carried out at the address provided. There are no jobs logged on the tenant's account in relation to a door, however this request will now be examined.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the refurbishment of the historical sign adjacent to Fairview Church please. The information on the sign has faded and I would appreciate if this can be looked into.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office have established who the design company was that originally produced the sign back in 2016 when it was first erected. We would be happy to engage with them once again to facilitate getting a fresh version produced and will endeavour to have this done prior to Christmas.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the surrounding area around St Brendan's Estate in Artane and Moatview, there is no Daffodils or any flowers planted or the wild seed. There also seem to be no upgrade to road signs since 1990s.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of St Brendan's estate to check the condition of the existing nameplates.

If any nameplates are found to be in poor condition or missing, new nameplates will be ordered or repainted as required.

Wildflowers have been sown and bulbs planted in the Malahide Road and McAuley Park near St Brendan's/Moat View. The spring bulb planting programme has been completed for 2021 but if suggestions for areas considered suitable for inclusion in next year's programme could be forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie arrangements will be made to have the areas inspected for suitability. Similarly if a residents association or environmental group wished to sow wildflowers in their area if they make contact on the same email seed and sowing instructions can be provided.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to tree at **(details supplied)**, please say if/how he can ensure that it is protected due to its historical significance. The tree next to the historical graveyard in the park next to **(details supplied)** has been set on fire over the years and needs a railing (or other buffer) around it to protect it and is requested by local resident; I am informed that this tree is the only remaining tree that was planted as part of the graveyard. See picture attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree will be examined in the coming weeks to ascertain the impact of the previous fire setting. It is felt that the clearance works carried out by the council over the last few years has greatly improved passive supervision around the graveyard and reduced levels of congregation after dark and associated anti-social behaviour.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to **(details supplied)** and say what regulations are there to require pedestrian traffic lights to be a certain distance apart from each other and if he can be of assistance to my constituent. My constituent lives at **(details supplied)** and was told that not one but two sets of traffic lights are going to be located directly outside her house. This is of huge concern to her as the noise pollution from the traffic slowing and starting will be relentless, not only this but the pedestrian noise that comes from the lights will be very intrusive and especially at all hours of the night.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the development approved by An Bord Pleanála in 2019 to Cairn Homes for 385 units a signalised junction with pedestrian facilities was proposed as part of the development in order to ensure safe access for pedestrians entering, exiting and

crossing the new development as well as vehicular traffic entering and exiting the development.

In relation to the noise pollution from the locator tone for the pedestrian traffic signals, these are installed to allow visually impaired road users locate pedestrian crossing. They are designed to detect ambient noise levels, e.g. when the traffic volumes are low the volume of the tone decreased and when traffic volumes are higher (e.g. during the day) the tone will increase, in order to allow a visually impaired user to hear the tone and locate the crossing.

Once the site is installed, it will be monitored in order to minimise disruption to local residents at the same time as serving the new pedestrian footfall.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to housing applicant (**details supplied 1**), who has 3 children, and living in an unsatisfactory housing situation, and say if she can be given every consideration to be housed close to (**details supplied 2**). There is a house boarded up on the (**details supplied 2**), can she be considered for this or somewhere in (**details supplied 3**) as her parents live there and the support of family is invaluable for the young family.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 23/9/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	240
Area E	3	292
Area H	3	158

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

The applicants should keep checking the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

The applicant should also contact the HAP section to look for permission to move to an alternative HAP tenancy if the property they are living in is unsuitable.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to location at (**details supplied**), please say if he can carry out some planning enforcement and/or monitoring of serious noise and light pollution at same as nearby residents are distraught at the seriousness of the intrusion into their heretofore peaceful quality of live as a result of this noise and light pollution and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit will initiate an investigation of this matter in respect of noise emissions and will contact the Councillor directly to ascertain fuller details to aid that investigation.

The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is investigating the issues raised and will engage with the site manager in an effort to ensure that these issues do not reoccur in the future. A response will issue directly to the Councillor in this regard.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an assessment of approx. costing for an LAP to be conducted in Santry, and ask given the Budget passed last week can he give assurance that Santry will be considered as a priority for LAP.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Draft Plan identifies three priority LAPs which have substantial land banks and are vital to addressing the future housing needs of the City and in achieving social and economic regeneration- the Naas Road Lands, Glasnevin (Dublin Industrial Estate and environs) and the North East Inner City.

Decisions on the prioritisation of other future LAPs (including Santry / Whitehall) from the list in table 2-11 of the Draft City Development Plan will be considered and agreed with the Elected Members following the adoption of the City Development Plan.

- The Draft Plan states that the prioritisation of work on LAPs will be informed by
- Areas that require economic, physical or social renewal;
 - Development potential and ability to assist in the delivery of the core strategy;
 - Need for regeneration within an areas based on the Pobal Index of Deprivation.

Following agreement on priority by the Elected Members a programme of work can commence on additional prioritised LAPs having regard to the budget passed recently by the City Councillors. The actual cost of preparing an LAP depends on the nature of the LAP but is in the region of €300,000 per annum and an LAP takes 2 years to prepare. It is important to note that LAP implementation costs are not provided for by Planning Department but require resource input from various sections and Departments across the Council.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive his current plans for a provision of a small playground/recreational area at **(details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The multi-annual programme of playground upgrades presented to the area committee in 2019 identified Belcamp Playground as the priority for 2022. Certain discussions were held with residents group and local councillors and it is felt that a small playlot could be delivered in 2022 but this would require a significant contribution from the discretionary fund.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing the costs involved in the current upgrade of the cycle lane on Griffith Avenue? New lane dividers are proposed and local people are concerned about both their cost and effectiveness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC along with local stakeholders and Councillors are currently exploring potential options for updating the cycle lane protection on Griffith Avenue. However it will most likely be sometime in Q1 of 2022 before any decision is made on the type of protection to use. Further details can be provided at that stage.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on what traffic management plans will be put in place to avert the chaos that will undoubtedly ensue when this lane is in use at the junction of the Ballymun Road and Griffith Avenue. The loss of an entire lane to traffic will cause huge delays at rush hours and the traffic lights will need adjusting to allow for this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The modifications in the junction of Griffith Avenue/Ballymun Road have been installed to encourage active travel in the locality. They include the installation of protected cycle lanes in both directions through the junction and new pedestrian crossings.

The signals in the junction are on our SCATS system which allows for the junction to be actively managed by our Traffic Control Room and any necessary changes made.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to resurface Lindsay Road, Dublin 9? Recent resurfacing works on Iona Road were most welcome and residents of neighbouring Lindsay Road are anxious to see similar remedial works on their road and footpaths.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Lindsay Road will not feature on the 2022 works programme. Road Maintenance Services will carry out any local repairs as necessary.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to detail what measures are being taken to repair and replace the paving on the Navan Road, Dublin 7, in particular from numbers 80 to 100? Residents have been injured, including one requiring dental repair, having tripped on the uneven and dangerous conditions underfoot.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services notes the defects at this location and will endeavour to repair them in early 2022.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide full details of all Local Area Plans produced over the past 5 years, including the name of the consultants employed, the cost of the plan, and to advise as the name of LAPs to be completed in the coming year; and to advise whether economies of scale can be employed in future.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Local Area Plans prepared from 2016 to 2021 are:

1. Ballymun LAP, 2017, prepared by in house team
2. Park West Cherry Orchard LAP, prepared by in house team
3. Poolbeg West SDZ, prepared by in house team.

Each Plan required a minimum of five/six staff working full time on each for two years, and for the SDZ the team was significantly larger with approximately eight working on the Scheme for two years, plus additional time and resources for the oral hearing phase. This would give an average cost of €600,000 for an LAP over the two years and up to €800,000 for the SDZ. Alongside this is the time and resources of other departments who contributed to the Plan's preparation and oral hearing.

The priority work for forward planning for this coming year is (i) the preparation of the new Development Plan for the City; (ii) implementation of the current LAPs and SDZs (of which there are 9 at present); and (iii) management of URDF projects, some of which will inform future plans/projects. The Draft Development Plan identifies three priority LAPs which have substantial land banks and are vital to addressing the future housing needs of the City and in achieving social and economic regeneration. Decisions on the prioritisation of other future LAPs from the list in table 2-11 of the Draft City Development Plan will be considered and agreed with the Elected Members following the adoption of the City Development Plan.

Each LAP is unique and requires a particular approach, site specific research and preparation. There are no practical external “economies of scale”. DCC has framework panels established for specific specialisms where needed- such as SEA, AA etc.

The most efficient method of preparing LAPs has been the use of internal, experienced staff who have prepared plans in DCC previously, and have the knowledge and understanding of the Council to efficiently pull together the research and information needed to inform an LAP and to manage the statutory process. Previous experience with external consultants has shown that internal staff spend significant time helping consultants complete the plan, and the staff retain the role of managing the LAP through the process.

Each Plan preparation will also draw on the resources of a number of sections of the Council, whether or not the plan is prepared by an internal team or by outside consultants. This includes resources from (and not exclusively), drainage, traffic, transportation, flooding, parks, community, biodiversity, housing, conservation and this draw has to be managed.

LAPs are prepared in house, but outside consultants are sometimes engaged to provide technical support e.g. Retail Study by Bannon for the Ballymun LAP.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a copy of the master plan being produced for O Connell Street and also the pedestrianisation of Henry Street with Grafton Street and if he would comment on same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is not currently preparing a masterplan for O’Connell Street. However, the Dublin Central Development, which includes the old Carlton Cinema site and some adjoining sites, is being progressed in consultation with Dublin City Council with some of the sites currently at planning application stage. The drawings and documentation for the live applications can be viewed on the Dublin City Council website. The following planning register references refer; 2861/21, 2862/21 and 2863/21.

With regard to the Grafton Street and Henry Street areas, there is a Masterplan for Public Realm in place with statutory approval since 2016, ‘The Heart of the City’. This covers the city core area including the Grafton Street and Henry Street Quarters and sets out a phasing programme for public realm projects within this area, several of which have part 8 approval and are on site. The main aim of the Masterplan is to create a more pedestrian friendly city core. The masterplan can also be viewed on the website. See link below:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2020-08/public-realm-masterplan.pdf>

There is also a public realm plan for the Grafton Street Quarter in place since 2014. Several of the projects within the plan have been completed and others are currently being progressed. The public realm plan for the Grafton Street Quarter can be accessed via link below.

[https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/2019-01/Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan.pdf](https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/2019-01/Grafton%20Street%20Quarter%20Public%20Realm%20Plan.pdf)

Q.103 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have to following laneway cleaned and derelict houses **(details supplied)**. The shrubbery needs to be cut back as it is overgrown. Also, traps to deal with vermin - mice & rats is needed. Thank you. A first class job was done previously.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will make arrangements to have the laneway cleaned.

(details supplied) were inspected by Property Management Section and a Pest Control contractor on November 25th and a site clean-up including measures to deal with vermin will take place in the coming weeks.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update re: talks with central government re: full funding for DCCs budget for 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive wrote to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 8th October 2021 outlining the 2021 financial impact of the Covid pandemic on the loss of income from goods and services estimated at €20.1 M and the incurred additional cost of covid €11.8M. In addition, the letter outlined an estimate for the loss of income of €11.4M in 2022. The Department have secured funds of €61M for the sector in respect of financial impacts of Covid in 2021. Dublin City Council has estimated that a sum of €19M would be received in respect of 2021. The City Council is awaiting notification of the actual allocation. I expect that the allocation will be notified prior to year-end.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide full details regarding the capital works to be undertaken at Northside Swimming Pool, Dublin 5; and advise when the works are to commence and be completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

City Architects are in the process of appointing a design team to bring forward to tender proposals for the capital works including the much needed upgrade of changing facilities and the repair of the roof structure to the pool at Northside Shopping Centre. Funding of €845,000 has been allocated in the Sports Capital Programme for 2022 to allow these works to be undertaken. They are likely to begin in Q3 2022 and will take c. 6 months to complete.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following footpath repaired **(details supplied)** as it is very dangerous and there are a lot of elderly people living on this road. There currently is tar macadam on the footpath. It's very dangerous and needs urgent repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of this location. If any defects are found they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in this area.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the success the rent arrears section has had in reducing rent arrears owed by tenants to the council and what measures are being taken to collect arrears rather than writing them off. Also, can you please advise of the amount of bad debts owing to the council including rent related debt.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below report regarding Dublin City Council's overall debts position at 30th September, 2021. It should be noted that this information is already provided to City Councillors as part of the information pack for the December City Council meeting as part of report 349-2021 Report on the Local Fund Statement from the Head of Finance.

Revenue and Capital Debtors for period 1st January 2021 to 30th September 2021

	Gross Debtors Opening Balance at 01/01/2021	Current Debtors Movement					Closing Balance (Gross Debtors) 30/09/2021	Bad Debt Provision	Closing Balance (Debtors net of Provision)
		Invoices & Accrued Income	Receipts	Refunds	Write Offs	Waivers			
Trade Debtors									
Government Debtors	168,707,953	508,047,114	399,839,347	-	-	-	276,915,720	16,467,553	260,448,167
Commercial Debtors Subtotal - (As per note 5)	68,841,117	435,566,054	272,158,266	2,569,802	12,815,481	86,432,617	135,570,607	59,433,065	76,137,542
- Commercial Debtors - Rates	34,063,392	362,887,342	211,988,994	2,569,802	12,815,481	86,432,617	88,283,444	31,594,182	56,689,262
- Commercial Debtors Other (including PEL & IW debtors)	34,777,725	72,678,712	60,169,274	-	-	-	47,287,163	27,838,884	19,448,280
Non-Commercial Debtors	42,679,670	84,630,157	84,700,192	327,534	-	-	42,937,169	34,101,814	8,835,356
Other Services	7,376,541	9,048,661	4,088,653	-	-	-	12,336,549	-	12,336,549
Other Local Authorities	6,452,781	48,989,014	47,625,479	-	-	-	7,816,316	43,780	7,772,535
Total	294,058,062	1,086,281,001	808,411,939	2,897,336	12,815,481	86,432,617	475,576,361	110,046,213	365,530,149
Other Debtors									
Development Levy Debtors (Current Only)	46,407,384						59,102,877	57,571,111	1,531,766
Revenue Commissioners	-						-	-	-
Other	-						-	-	-
Amounts falling due within one year	13,000,000						13,000,000	-	13,000,000
Prepayments	8,672,342						8,963,296	-	8,963,296
Total Other Debtors	68,079,726						81,066,173	57,571,111	23,495,062
Overall Current Debtors (As per Note 5 AFS)	362,137,788	1,086,281,001	808,411,939	2,897,336	12,815,481	86,432,616.83	556,642,534	167,617,324	389,025,211

Income from rents has increased year on year over the last five years:

Year	Total payments
2016	€75,783,682
2017	€78,329,356
2018	€81,548,171
2019	€86,085,697
2020	€90,896,920

€84,256,550 has been collected to 29th November 2021. Projected income to year end is €93, 220,013

Arrears at 29th November 2021 are €37,597,826 (2% increase on year end 2020).

Year	Arrears	Movement	% +/-
2016	€24,445,806		
2017 (+7%)	€26,253,933	1,808,127.00	7%
2018 (+10%)	€28,911,042	2,657,109.00	10%
2019 (+17%)	€33,729,994	4,818,952.00	17%
2020 (+9%)	€36,814,316	3,084,322.00	9%

Arrears recovery process:

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

21 Executive Housing Officers are responsible for making arrangements with tenants to recover rent arrears. Each EHO has approximately 1200 accounts which they monitor on an ongoing basis. The role of the Executive Housing Officer is to engage with tenants and give them every opportunity to agree a fair and reasonable rescheduling arrangement. Contact is made via letter, telephone, e-mails and in person via house calls. Tenants in rent arrears are advised to engage with MABS, who will assist with budgeting and help tenants prioritise rent payments. Tenants who are experiencing welfare difficulties are linked in with Dublin City Council social workers.

If a tenant continues to default during the pre-legal phase, the EHO will commence legal action. The procedure for addressing breach of tenancy for rent arrears is prescribed in legislation in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014. The act provides for action up to, and including repossession of the property.

The following action has taken place to date in 2021.

Actions	
Number of Tenancy Warnings Issued	98
Number of cases referred to the Legal Dept	92
Number of cases heard	20
Number of Orders for Possession Granted	10
Lump sum payments received (3 settlements)	€30,500
Number of Orders for Possession being considered for warrant	7
Cases struck out due to rescheduling agreements in place	7
Number of repossessions due to surrender prior to court	3
Number of Court Hearings scheduled	45

When an Order for Possession is granted and there is no meaningful engagement on behalf of the tenants, Dublin City Council will proceed with evictions.

Early intervention:

A priority objective is to prevent arrears recurring in the first place by creating good payment habits from the commencement of a tenancy. In order to mitigate against new arrears, all tenants signing for new properties or transferring are required to sign up to pay by either Direct Debit or Household budget. As an additional measure to prevent early arrears, new tenants are required to pay two weeks rent in advance to cover the set up period.

All accounts are monitored on an ongoing basis and new arrears are addressed promptly with the tenant to prevent the accrual of large debts.

Section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 provided for the deduction of rent at source from Social Welfare payments. This would guarantee the payment of rent, prevent the accrual of arrears and also ensure that rescheduling agreements would be maintained. This section of the Act has not been transposed and all indications are that it is unlikely that it will be.

Multiple payment options:

Making the physical process of paying as easy as possible is a key to maximising rent collection. A wide range of payment options are available to tenants such as online (a mobile friendly webpage has been developed), by telephone, Billpay, Household Budget, Direct Debit or by cash in Civic Offices, Customer Services Centre. A key objective of the Rent Collection and Arrears recovery strategy is to maximise payments by Direct Debit and Household Budget.

Sanctions for non-payment:

A clear rent account is required in order for a transfer application to be progressed. Where an applicant on the transfer list is in arrears, or arrears accrue subsequent to acceptance onto the list, the application will be deferred and no offer of housing will be made until such time as the arrears balance is cleared in full (The Allocations Officer can rule in exceptional circumstances in accordance with 2.7.2 of DCC's Allocations Scheme).

Only emergency maintenance will be carried out on properties where the account is in arrears unless a repayment plan is being adhered to.

The ultimate sanction is repossession of the property, which, although is a last resort, will be necessary in cases where no effort is made to reduce rent arrears.

Other initiatives:

- When seeking an Order for Possession in future, a District Court Decree will also be sought for the recovery of the debt in full. If a warrant for possession is executed, Dublin City Council can legally seek recovery of the debt.
- District Court Decrees are being sought for the recovery of RAS arrears.

Loan Accounts

Dublin City Council currently have 2,261 Loan Accounts (Mortgages). Out of these 2,261 Loan Accounts, 564 Loan Accounts have loan arrears amounting to €7,512,820.44.

The Mortgage Support Team actively engages with borrowers and enter borrowers into payment plans, offering solutions in accordance with the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

These solutions are as follows: -

- Mortgage to Rent, where the borrower becomes a Tenant and remains in their own home
- Capitalise borrower's arrears.
- Extending the Term of the borrowers Loan
- Restructuring of the Shared Ownership Loan.

The arrears book value continues to reduce annually. Please see below table in relation to the history of Mortgage arrears.

History Of Arrears	
December 2018	€ 9,796,088.58
December 2019	€ 7,991,831.26
December 2020	€ 7,730,739.58
December 2021	€ 7,512,820.44

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an up to date report regarding plans to relocate the central library to Parnell Square.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Recently completed refurbishment works to the Central Library have been designed to ensure an improved service for public and staff. There is no current up-date on the plans for Parnell Square.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of all the skate parks, bike parks, BMX tracks and pump tracks in Dublin City Council and if there are any plans for new ones in the next year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see list of Skate Park, bike parks, BMX tracks and pump tracks in Dublin City Council Area and managed by Dublin City Council Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services:

2021 Dublin City Council Skate Parks List
Locations in Public Parks & Open Spaces

No	SKATE PARK NAME	LOCATION/ADDRESS
1.	Bushy Park Playground	Bushy Park, Springfield Avenue, Terenure, Dublin, 6
2.	Fairview Playground	Fairview Park Fairview, Dublin, 3
3.	Le Fanu Skate & Play Park	Lawns Park, Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin, 10. (beside Leisure Centre)
4.	Pope John Paul II Playground	Pope John Paul II Park Ratoath Road Cabra West, Dublin 7
5.	Weaver Park	Weaver Park, Cork St, Dublin, 8.

There are no current plans for the year 2022 with regard to development of any new play and recreational facilities of this nature.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive, with respect to CCTV across the city, in what areas is An Garda Síochána the data controller rather than Dublin City Council and if there are plans to increase the number of area where An Garda Síochána is the data controller which is arguably a much more effective way of managing the data.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Reply on behalf of the Finglas Area Office:

The Finglas Area Office over the last number of years has worked in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to install a number of CCTV cameras across Finglas. An Garda Síochána acts as Data Controller for these cameras. CCTV in the Council Offices, Senior Citizen Complexes and Tolka Valley Park falls under the remit of DCC, who acts as Data Controller. Due to the nature and location of these cameras there is no plan to transfer the role to AGS.

Reply on behalf of the Ballymun Area Office:

Dublin City Council are currently the data controller for the Ballymun Town Centre CCTV since the wind down of Ballymun Regeneration Limited. The Ballymun Town Centre CCTV system is currently under review. All aspects of the system and processes in place will be reviewed including the Data Controller role. Councillors will be informed when the review is completed.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to install a yellow box on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7023920) has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection has been arranged for this location. Defects will be logged onto our asset management system and addressed in order of priority and crew availability. Enq. No. 11063871.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for Dublin City Council recycling centres to take Polystyrene.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As Expanded Polystyrene Foam tends to disintegrate it is not possible to process in the mixed dry recyclable stream at our Bring Centres.

Waste Management Services trialled polystyrene recycling technology at Ringsend Civic Amenity Site earlier this year. The trial was unsuccessful as the machine used was unfit for purpose, causing concerns for the health, safety and welfare of staff as well as for the local environment due to noxious fumes produced during the recycling process. Expanded Polystyrene Foam is however currently accepted as bulky waste at North Strand and Ringsend Civic Amenity Sites and can also be disposed of via household black bin/general waste collection.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the redevelopment of Kildonan Park, Finglas and potential funding streams.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The park redevelopment proposals arising from the series of local consultations are currently within the formal Part 8 Planning Permission process. Once planning has been granted funding will be sought for the various elements of the plan. Planning permission is essential before certain funding streams can be applied for such as Sports Capital funding.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to put wire protection around new trees to protect them in the early years. There are a number of issues with new/young trees being damaged by dogs in Tolka Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The subject trees in Tolka Park will be examined in the coming weeks as local schedules allow. If deemed necessary a tree guard will be provided.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive can cigarette bins can be added to bus stops in DNW. This type of litter is an issue around bus stops.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services do not install standalone cigarette bins. All our standard litter bins have ash trays for the disposal of cigarette ends.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on whether there are enough staff to facilitate the new Large-Scale Housing Developments process due to replace the current SHD process, given the indicated timescales for completion of the various phases?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The General Scheme of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (LSRD) Bill 2021 provides for:

- transitional arrangements for the termination of the Strategic Housing Development planning arrangement
- the introduction of the proposed new arrangements for large-scale residential developments and other related matters

The Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Bills 2021 (Bill 141 of 2021) was initiated on 8th November 2021 and will be considered by both Houses of the Oireachtas. Planning & Property Development Department will examine the Act, when passed, and will evaluate the impacts for the staffing levels in the various sections impacted by this new legislation.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether Condition 21 of the An Bord Pleanála decision on O'Devaney Gardens has been complied with and if so, can details of the Construction Environment Management Plan be provided to me?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Condition 21 of this Strategic Housing Development application is as following:

The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction and Environmental Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction and demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

To date, Planning Registry and Decision Section can confirm that no compliance submission has been received for Planning Application SHD0011/21.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the street sign on **(details supplied)** which fell off earlier this year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A new sign has been ordered for **(details supplied)**. Please note, there is currently a backlog of signage orders. Dates for the erection of a replacement cannot be confirmed at this time.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tree outside **(details supplied)** be inspected as it appears to be in poor condition and branches are falling off regularly?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree outside **(details supplied)** will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the 2021-22 NW Tree Care Programme.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the footpath repair at **(details supplied)** as the resident at no 95 has recently been diagnosed as clinically blind and the poor condition of the footpath is a significant hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The defect at this location had been logged on our system from a previous inspection. It has been passed to a crew and added to their list of works. It is expected to be completed in the next three weeks.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the repair to the footpath at **(Details supplied)**?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I reviewed our records and can confirm that a defect has already been logged and recorded at this location. The Area Inspector has also been asked if he can consider completing this repair sooner if possible.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with the property owner at **(details supplied)** to come to a satisfactory conclusion re the lane bordering their property.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council engaged with this individual in relation to her concerns regarding privacy. She was advised that the Council is not responsible for addressing privacy issues associated with the elevated height of the lane way. She was also advised that the Council would have no objection to her erecting free standing fencing in the garden with foundations independent of the wall. The Drainage Division would permit this to cantilever into the space above the wall if necessary.

She subsequently raised health and safety concerns regarding members of the public accessing the lane way. The City Council rejects any suggestion that the height of the wall is 'illegal', given that it has been in place since the late 1800's. The topography of the area has also been unchanged for a very considerable period of time. Residents will have purchased properties in full knowledge of the topography. In an ideal world the City Council would seek to erect a gate at the entrance to the lane to restrict access. However, there are difficulties with this option given the need to accommodate residents who have a right of way over the laneway and the need for vehicles seeking to access the lane to block traffic while waiting to open the gate. An automatic gate would also be expensive.

The City Council will erect signage in an effort to discourage unauthorised access to the lane. Finally, consideration was also given to the erection of 'heras' type fencing along the length of the wall to prevent anyone sitting on the wall. However, this was not acceptable to the individual.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the full terms of the disposal as agreed between the City Council and the purchaser of 47 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1 as agreed in 2014?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see attached the Section 183 Report No. 21/2014 in relation to this disposal.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with details of how rights of way are protected by the city Council to protect permeability?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

According to Dublin City Council's records there are approximately 1,000 laneways in the City Council's administrative area that are 'in-charge'. Public rights of way, where they exist on these lanes, are protected by Dublin City Council, in accordance with the Roads Act, 1993, section 71:

“(a) Any person who, without lawful authority or the consent of a road authority—

(i) erects, places or retains a sign on a public road, or

(ii) erects, places or retains on a public road any caravan, vehicle or other structure or thing (whether on wheels or not) used for the purposes of advertising, the sale of goods, the provision of services or other similar purpose, shall be guilty of an offence.

(b) A consent under paragraph (a) may be given by the road authority subject to such conditions, restrictions or requirements as it thinks fit and any person, who fails to comply with such conditions, restrictions or requirements shall be guilty of an offence.”

Dublin City Council, as Roads Authority, is empowered under the Roads Act to remove any unauthorised obstacle on these lanes that may act as a barrier to a public right of way. Hence if an authorised obstacle is placed on a laneway in that is 'in-charge', then the City Council will make arrangement to remove this unauthorised obstacle in order to protect permeability.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to please put a map of all accessible parking spaces on the DCC website?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Descriptions of the locations of 406 General Disabled Parking Bays in the Dublin City Council area are published as open data at:

<https://data.smartdublin.ie/dataset/accessible-parking-spaces-dcc>.

Smartdublin are currently in the process of mapping those parking spaces and a map will be published at the above URL in the coming weeks. A link to this will be made available on the DCC website.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if the number of bins was reduced at **(details supplied)** and to request additional litter bins and dog fouling bins to be placed here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services has no record of bins being removed from this road. We have looked at installing additional bins at the entrance from **(details supplied)** but it is not safe for a vehicle to stop here due to traffic and road layout. We no longer provide dog foul specific bins.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for a table of the number of fines issued for dog fouling in each of the five Dublin City Council administrative areas for each year between 2011-2021. Furthermore, to request the Chief Executive to deploy resources to ensure there is a more active presence of Litter Wardens across Dublin City to tackle the issue of dog fouling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below details of fines issued under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 re dog fouling:

Year	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
2011	0	0	1	3	2	6
2012	0	0	2	0	0	2
2013	0	0	0	2	0	2
2014	1	0	0	0	1	2
2015	0	15	4	28	10	57
2016	1	0	0	55	0	56
2017	2	0	0	19	0	21
2018	4	0	0	0	0	4
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	1	0	0	1	0	2
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	15	7	108	13	152

Litter Wardens are deployed in parks and public spaces across the city at weekends to ensure they have an active presence. They engage with dog owners and dog walkers to remind them to clean up after their dog and to “bag it and bin it”.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR COLM O’ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if a litter bin could be placed outside (**details supplied**) to tackle the high volumes of takeaway food packaging being dumped on the footpath by members of the footpath due to a lack of a bin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to install a bin at this location within the next fortnight.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR COLM O’ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for the data in 2021 so far regarding:

- 1) The total number of vehicles clamped across all five Dublin City Council administrative areas
- 2) How many cases were appealed?
- 3) How many cases were successful in being appealed?
- 4) The number of motorists that were fined by Dublin City Council for parking in disabled car parking spaces without a valid permit

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Please see below tables in response to the above questions.

The **Parking - Disabled persons bay without displaying a valid badge** offence was only added to the FPN Pilot scheme on the 19th October 2021. Since then, 3 vehicles have been fined for this offence during the month of November.

January - October 2021	
Total number of Clamps (Incl Warnings & Fixed Penalty Notices)	33,389
Total Number of Appeals	2,369
Total Number of Appeals Upheld	387

1st January 2021 - 30th November 2021	
Parking - Disabled persons bay without displaying a valid badge	
Fixed Penalty Notices	3
Clamps	193

Q.131 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the position is in relation to trialled pedestrianised streets in the city centre and say if there are plans to expand it and work with the NTA to encourage motorists to perhaps leave their cars at home.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The trials of traffic free streets in Capel Street and Parliament have ended and a report on the public consultation was circulated to the elected members. The details of how further traffic free streets could be implemented is currently being assessed and more details will be available in Q1 2022.