

Appendix A

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2022

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the number of complexes and units of senior citizen housing in the central area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below are the senior citizen complexes in the Central Area and number of units in each:

Complex	Number of Units
Aughrim Court	39
Ballybough Court	32
Brendan Behan Court	40
Canon Lillis Ave	2
Dominick Court	28
Drumalee Court	32
Eccles Court	11
Friary Court	10
Killan Court	7
Oriel Street Lower	5
Saint Bricins Park	35
Saint Laurence O Toole	25
Saint Marys Court	9
Saint Peters Court	36
Summerhill	34
Tom Clarke House	21

Q.2 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on the progress of plans for Martin Savage Park by St. Oliver Plunkett's GAA and Phoenix Football club to develop the area for use by these clubs? When will the promised public consultation begin and what stage in the planning process are the clubs currently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The clubs are still considering the layout they would prefer in relation to an all-weather facility at the eastern end of Martin Savage Park. A meeting will be organised with the clubs in January to see if their requirements can be clarified in the context of site constraints. In the meantime DCC has been carrying out site inspections to inform a flood assessment report to address issues which have been raised by the local residents. We will be in a position to meet with the local residents on this early in 2022. A wider range of consultations can also then be arranged culminating in a Part 8 process in Q1/Q2 2022.

Q.3 **COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the monies raised from every entry to the vacant sites and derelict sites registers for each of the years that each entry has been on the registers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Vacant Sites

Below are details of vacant site levies demanded, paid and outstanding in respect of sites currently entered on the Vacant Sites Register for 2018, 2019 and 2020; the total amount of levies demanded is €17,145,650, the total amount of levies paid is €1,105,450 and the total amount of levies outstanding is €16,040,200. The Vacant Site Levy is currently 7% of market value of the site since, prior to 2019 it was 3%. Outstanding levies, automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding levies have been paid. Levies apply with effect from 1st January of the next financial year following entry of a site on the Register for the full previous calendar year e.g. a site which has remained entered on the Register from 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021 will become liable for payment of a vacant site levy for that year on 1st January 2022.

Year	Demanded	Paid	Outstanding
2018 Demands/Payments/Outstanding	€ 1,475,100.00	€ 582,900.00	€ 892,200.00
2019 Demands/Payments/Outstanding	€ 4,842,250.00	€ 247,100.00	€ 4,595,150.00
2020 Demands/Payments/Outstanding	€ 10,828,300.00	€ 275,450.00	€ 10,552,850.00
Total	€ 17,145,650.00	€ 1,105,450.00	€ 16,040,200.00

Derelict Sites

Below are details of derelict site levies demanded, paid and outstanding in respect of sites currently entered on the Derelict Sites Register ; total amount of levies demanded is € 4,712,494, total amount of levies paid is €1,148,095 and the total amount of levies outstanding is €3,564,399. The Derelict Site Levy is currently 7% of market value since, prior to 2020 it was 3%. In addition, 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 levies have been paid. Levies apply with effect from 1st January of the next financial year following entry on the Register eg. a site entered on the Register in 2021 will be liable for payment of a derelict sites levy from 1st January, 2022.

Ref	Address	Date of Entry	Valuation	Levy Amount	Levies Paid	Levies Outstanding
DS682	7 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.	20.01.2009	€500,000	€35,000	€240,618	€105,087
DS914	49-51 Amiens St. D1.	12.02.2016	€250,000	€17,500	0	€72,968
DS816	11 Annamoe Terrace, D7.	11.04.2019	€240,000	€16,800	0	€45,720
DS1005	2 Annesley Place & 2 Spring Garden St, Dublin 3.	24.11.2017	€60,000	€4,200	€6,022	€4,252
DS1271	4 Annesley Place, Dublin 3.	24.07.2019	€210,000	€14,700	€14,700	€14,883
DS623	22b Ballybough Rd, D3.	25.06.2019	€60,000	€4,200	€4,567	€4,252

DS847	23 Ballybough Road, D3.	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€16,425	€0
DS846	24 Ballybough Road, D3.	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€7,920	€18,840
DS845	25 Ballybough Road, D3.	04.07.2017	€120,000	€8,400	€19,629	0
DS1190	Site at Barry Ave/Casement Rd, D11.	04.01.2019	€30,000	€2,100	0	€4,751
DS965	66 Barry Park, Dublin 11.	25.04.2017	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS1006	23 Blessington Street, D7.	29.09.2017	€300,000	€21,000	0	€72,112
DS698	1 Bow Lane West, Dublin 8.	01.06.2018	€200,000	€14,000	0	€39,175
DS981	2 Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1.	05.04.2018	€180,000	€12,600	0	€35,167
DS1019	73 Cabra Park, Dublin 7.	28.11.2018	€280,000	€19,600	0	€43,610
DS960	163 Capel Street, Dublin 1.	03.05.2018	€150,000	€10,500	€15,450	€10,631
DS1196	164 Capel Street, Dublin 1.	03.05.2018	€150,000	€10,500	€15,450	€10,631
DS1197	165 Capel Street, Dublin 1.	03.05.2018	€200,000	€14,000	€20,600	€14,175
DS768	Factory Site, Chapelizod Hill Road, Dublin 20.	23.09.2014	€6,000,000	€420,000	€316,199	€960,750
DS887	2 a,b,c Chapelizod Rd, D20.	04.06.2015	€290,000	€20,300	0	€102,078
DS1193	1 Cherry Orchard Grove, D10.	30.04.2018	€140,000	€9,800	0	€19,845
DS921	Clonliffe Rd, 198, Dublin 3.	12.07.2016	€210,000	€14,700	€40,277	€14,883
DS704	19 Connaught St, D7.	23.03.2018	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€68,287
DS705	21 Connaught St, D7.	23.03.2018	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€68,287
DS040	10-13 Conyngham Road, D8.	07.08.2019	State Owned ; DS Levy does not apply.			
DS1277	118 Cork Street, Dublin 8.	19.03.2019	€1,000,000	€70,000	0	€154,000
DS937	6 Creighton Street, Dublin 2.	16.11.2016	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€10,024
DS1292	23 Dolphin's Barn St. D8	03.04.2019	€450,000	€31,500	0	€69,693
DS1518	43 Dolphin's Barn St. D8.	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
Ref	Address	Date of Entry	Valuation	Levy Amount	Levies Paid	Levies Outstanding
DS1122	44 Dolphin's Barn St. D8.	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1123	43 Dolphin's Barn St. D8.	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1124	46 Dolphin's Barn St. D8.	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1125	47 Dolphin's Barn St. D8.	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1126	48/48a Dolphin's Barn St. D8	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1127	49 Dolphin's Barn St. D8	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1128	50 Dolphin's Barn St. D8	25.05.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS940	9 Fairlawn Park, Dublin 11.	10.11.2016	€45,000	€3,150	0	€12,971
DS982	8 Ferguson Road, Dublin 9.	28.09.2017	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€3,181
DS934	10 Ferguson Road, D9.	26.09.2017	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS884	Unit 4, Greenmount Industrial Estate, Dublin 12.	29.04.2015	€83,000	€5,810	0	€26,273
DS980	Adj. 34 Hanover Lane, D8.	17.05.2017	€260,000	€18,200	0	€61,327
DS250	144 Harold's Cross Rd, Dublin 6W.	08.06.2007	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS1033	146 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin 6W.	02.08.2018	€100,000	€7,000	€17,537	0
DS871	33 James's Street, Dublin 8.	28.01.2015	€340,000	€23,800	€58,281	0
DS1368	162-165 James's Street, D8.	17.06.2019	€2,000,000	€140,000	0	€311,500
DS536	48 Killeen Road, Dublin 6.	03.10.2017	€650,000	€45,500	0	€157,137

DS854	92 Kippure Park, Dublin 11.	12.03.2018	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS575a	6 Leeson Street Lwr, D2.	16.04.2019	€540,000	€37,800	€79,380	0
DS936	Site at junction Malahide Rd/Grove Lane, Dublin 17.	15.11.2016	€600,000	€42,000	€165,525	0
DS767	Adj. 48 Millwood Villas, D5.	24.11.2011	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS898	1 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	26.06.2015	€150,000	€10,500	0	€50,161
DS899	2 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	26.06.2015	€150,000	€10,500	0	€50,161
DS953	5 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	10.04.2019	€200,000	€14,000	0	€31,150
DS954	6 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	10.04.2019	€210,000	€14,700	0	€32,707
DS900	7 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	26.06.2015	€135,000	€9,450	0	€46,372
DS901	10 Mulberry Cottages, Dublin 20.	26.06.2015	€150,000	€10,500	0	€49,798
DS902	11 Mulberry Cottages, D20.	26.06.2015	€150,000	€10,500	0	€50,161
DS905	Coolfan House, Naas Road Old, Dublin 12.	04.09.2015	€135,000	€9,450	€5,100	€23,376
DS886	6 Nelson Street, Dublin 7.	12.03.2015	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€6,379
DS1188	414 NCR, D7.	13.07.2018	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			0
DS974	74 NCR, D7.	21.08.2019	€250,000	€17,500	0	€39,156
DS580	86 North King St. D7.	14.07.2020	€200,000	€14,000	0	€14,700
DS1263	40 Park Avenue, Dublin 4.	18.08.2020	€600,000	€42,000	0	€43,050
DS1294	22 Portobello Road, Dublin 8.	08.07.2019	€500,000	€35,000	0	€78,312
DS479	24-25 Prussia St. D7.	12.07.2018	€240,000	€16,800	€7,290	€37,170
DS871a	2 Ranelagh, Dublin 6.	12.11.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS1012	49 Rathmore Park, Dublin 5.	19.10.2017	€400,000	€28,000	0	€97,000
Ref	Address	Date of Entry	Valuation	Levy Amount	Levies Paid	Levies Outstanding
DS784	21, 27-29 Richmond Ave, D3.	13.12.2012	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€89,974
DS868	6 Rowserstown Lane, D 8.	10.09.2014	€150,000	€10,500	0	€50,208
DS928	355-361 SCR, Dublin 8.	06.01.2021	Levy not due until 2022			
DS795	68b St. Brendan's Park, D5.	02.06.2016	€260,000	€18,200	0	€95,464
DS514A	6 Terrace Place, Dublin 1.	20.10.2008	€80,000	€5,600	0	€42,481
DS1371	7 & 8 Terrace Place, D1.	14.06.2019	€140,000	€9,800	0	€21,560
DS1121a	1-3 Thomas Court, Dublin 8.	28.11.2018	€600,000	€42,000	€97,125	0
DS911	37 Thomas Court, Dublin 8.	18.02.2016	*Vested in DCC ; DS Levy no longer applies.			€13,172
DS851	Wharton Hall, Dublin 6.	01.04.2014	€200,000	€14,000	0	€65,397

Total levies demanded : € 4,712,494
Total levies paid : €1,148,095
Total levies outstanding : €3,564,399

* These sites were acquired compulsorily by the Council are 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.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the “Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme” and an explanation as to how areas that have not benefited from this fund in the 1st phase, can access/apply for the next phase and can a timeline be provided please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is a government initiative, led by Sláintecare and Healthy Ireland in the Department of Health, working in partnership with cross-sectoral, national and local stakeholders. The goal of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of people living in disadvantaged communities in Ireland.

The SHCP identifies specific local Programme Areas where high risk factors to the health and wellbeing of the local population are particularly prevalent due to deprivation, with a view to implementing targeted initiatives to mitigate risk factors and tackle the challenge of improving health and wellbeing locally. This is to be achieved via partnership working with a range of stakeholders to address the social determinants of health and wellbeing alongside the provision of dedicated services that build sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of people of all ages in the Programme Area community. The focus on social determinants of health in the Programme Areas and the dynamics of making positive change will be operationalised locally through active engagement between the local community, local agencies and services, Dublin City Council, the HSE (Community Health Office (CHO) Health and Wellbeing Division) and Tusla, facilitated and supported in each Programme Area by the SHCP Local Development Officer.

There are four Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Areas in Dublin. These are Ballymun, Finglas & Cabra, Kilmore & Priorswood and Cherry Orchard. The four Dublin City Programme Areas are selected by the Department of Health based on criteria to determine health inequalities and advised via evidence from the HSE Health Atlas. Currently, DCC is running a recruitment competition for SCHP Local Development Officers who will be appointed to each SHCP Programme Area in early 2022. The SHCP Local Development Officers will engage with Dublin City Council’s Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) as an oversight structure. Any expansion of the SHCP to include additional areas in Dublin City is a matter for Department of Health as the funding body in the first instance.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that DCC replace the windows that are past 30 years installed at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Dublin City Council was not previously made aware of an issue provided. It has now been logged on our system and the Area Foreman will carry out an inspection after which any necessary works will be completed.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many winter beds will be in place in Dublin for homeless people.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The DRHE activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2021/22 (CWS) in November. The CWS, focuses on expanding current bed capacity to meet increasing demand for

emergency accommodation whilst also providing a targeted response for people who are long-term rough sleeping.

In partnership with our service providers, we have increased bed capacity for singles and couples and these beds will be available on a phased basis throughout the winter months. As these beds come on stream, they will be triggered as needed, depending on the demand for homeless services on any given night. Equally, they will provide vital capacity if an extreme weather event occurs. All residential accommodation for families and singles is now operated on a 24 hours basis, with meals provided on site. Total new capacity is 316 beds (198 permanent beds, 78 temporary and 40 extreme weather beds), however when the loss of other beds planned for Q4 2021 is factored in, the **net increased capacity is 246** for the Cold Weather period.

A copy of the CWS is on the DRHE website:

www.homelessdublin.ie/our-work/news/cold-weather-strategy-2021-2022

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would carry out inspections at hostels for homeless services, given the fact media reports say bed linen at times are unfit for purpose due to hygiene reasons.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE are in the process of tendering for the inspections of all homeless facilities to appoint an independent inspectorate.

The DRHE's complaints officer received an alleged report, on a linen issue in one facility and the issue was confirmed and the facility's processes were reviewed immediately so to ensure this incident does not occur again.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the time scale that the units on Grace park site will be ready for letting as this Councillor has had dates of opening in the past thus far no final date has been outlined.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

14 Part V units are due to close in early January 2022 and will be ready for letting with immediate effect. Snagging issues on site has delayed closing to date but all matters have now been resolved.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive how many enforcement cases have been opened, completed, or are pending against short-term lets since 1st July 2019, and if he will give an overview of their current status in tabular form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Set out below details of short term let enforcement cases since 1st July 2019

Year	Complaints /Opened files	S152 warning letters	S154 Notices	Closed files	S157 Legal Proceedings
2021	309	492	7	465	2
2020	572	650	10	398	2
2019	295	113	16	51	0

Q.10 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for some repair works to be carried out on **(details supplied)** where the side of the road is being broken away.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair is scheduled in the coming days.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of monies provided by DCC to the **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's **(details supplied 1)** has supported the development of the **(details supplied 2)** Family Resource Centre for a number of years. The initial support surrounded a needs assessment for a Family Resource Centre in the area. This needs assessment resulted in a successful application for €120,000 under the LCDC Community Enhancement Scheme. The **(details supplied 1)** subsequently contributed €23,250 to the Development, while Housing & Community Services has contributed €133,000.

The purchase of the land from the **(details supplied 3)** was completed in October 2021. Work is due to be completed in February/March 2022.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of the new internal phonebook. The current phonebook is not as user friendly (in my opinion) as the previous one with hunt numbers not accessible. Can a survey be carried out to gather people's views on the new phone book. Also, can an app be developed to allow the phone book to be accessed by work mobiles?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current internal phone book is an interim solution which was developed to address data quality issues and provide for the inclusion of mobile phone numbers. A new user interface is being developed as part of the new SharePoint intranet platform which will be available in Q1 2022. This will be accessible on mobile phones.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a small stock of Caravans/Mobiles to be kept on hand/in storage for Traveller Accommodation. This will allow easy access to units in case of emergencies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At the moment we do not have a suitable facility available. However, The Traveller Accommodation Unit will explore whether this might be a feasible option.

Caravans purchased for TAU tenants/unauthorised occupants are generally imported from England to our Suppliers & we are currently waiting on delivery of a number of caravans for purchase early in the New Year. These caravans will then be provided to

TAU tenants/ unauthorised occupiers via the Emergency Caravan Grant & Caravan Loan Schemes.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive for a history of zonings for Corpis Christy Parish Hall in Drumcondra, and to ask for any information about who owns the land the hall is built on?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Corpus Christi church lands including the Parish hall adjacent to Home Farm Road are zoned Z15 'Institutional and Community' in the current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The site was also zoned Z15 in the two previous development plans (i.e. DCDP 2005-2011 and DCDP 2011-2016).

A planning application proposing revised car parking and boundary treatments adjacent to the Parish hall was submitted under plan ref. 2931/08. The application indicated that Rev. William King P.P held a freehold interest in the property including the Parish hall.

As the property in question is not registered with the Property Registration Authority of Ireland (PRAI) and it is not possible to confirm who the current owner is.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements to purchase the home of **(details supplied)** so that they can continue to live in what has been their home for the past 18 years. During that time, they have reared their two boys aged 18 and 13. The youngest son has autism. Both parents have been involved in a wide variety of voluntary community developments and are an integral part of the area. They have received a Tenancy Termination notice from the landlord on the basis that he intends to sell. Given the shortage of supply in the private rental market they are in danger of becoming homeless unless the house is purchased by DCC to whom the landlord is prepared to sell.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Housing For All Plan Dublin City Council will in the future be delivering housing via new construction, multi-unit turnkey and regeneration. Our acquisition programme will from 2022 onwards focus on vacant properties in the following categories, one beds for homeless singles, four beds for larger homeless families and buy and renew properties which have been vacant for a significant period.

Under Housing For All there is a cap of 200 Acquisitions across all Local Authorities nationally. Dublin City Council will assess all proposed acquisitions taking into account all of the above factors.

As this particular property does not fit into the categories outlined above Dublin City Council is not in a position to acquire. The Allocations Section has been notified of the medical needs in this case and the household can be assessed to determine whether a Medical Priority is appropriate in these circumstances.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive has there been any follow up communication with the HSE about exploring the future use of Blindcraft, Davitt Road?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council corresponded with the HSE in December 2021. To date no response has been received. Follow up correspondence has issued.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how the TIS acquisitions has positively impacted on preventing family homelessness, how many families have benefited from TIS acquisitions and also to please outline how will the 'zero target' impact on the process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Dublin City Council introduced a Tenant in Situ Acquisition programme as a homeless prevention tool in 2018 for private rented tenants' with notices of termination who had been on the social housing waiting list for a number of years, and were unable to source alternative private rented accommodation. There have been a total of 147 properties acquired under this programme since its introduction in 2018.

2. The following table represents the breakdown of households by area who have been housed under this programme.

Closed TIS since 2018					
2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	
23	62	40	22	147	
4	12	4	2	22	Central South
8	19	10	8	45	Central North
6	17	13	5	41	West North
5	14	13	7	39	Central South
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Under the Housing for All Plan, Dublin City Council has a zero target from the DHLGH for individual Acquisitions for 2022, funding has been diverted to other forms of housing delivery such as new construction, multi-unit turnkey, and regeneration projects. As delivery increases through these streams it is expected that this will address the shortfall from the loss of the Acquisition Programme

Dublin City Council has been advised that there will be approval for a very limited number of individual acquisitions of vacant larger four bedroom properties and one bedroom units for Housing First and homeless families, and properties which have been long term vacant and can be acquired under the Buy and Renew scheme.

Acquisitions are be capped nationally at 200 units per annum. In light of this DCC is not in a position to continue with Tenant in Situ Acquisitions programme.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update and timeframe for the completion of Jamestown Court?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Alone Housing have advised that they expect to lodge a Planning Application for Phase 3 of this development, (43 units) in the first quarter of 2022. With an expected demolition and construction start date Q4 2022. The construction phase is expected to take twenty four months with units ready for occupations by September 2024.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that DCC install a footpath on Walkinstown Parade, opposite the Assumption national school, Walkinstown?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

If the Councillor could supply more specific details of the location, we will investigate and respond directly to the Councillor.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: In noting that Dublin City has over eighty graveyards and cemeteries, can the Chief Executive detail those which DCC looks after and if there are national or city guidelines etc. in place to ensure that all graveyards and cemeteries are maintained in a manner that is proper, respectful and fitting for such places.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2021, a Draft Burial Places Strategy was presented and noted at the Arts, Culture and Leisure SPC. This draft strategy includes a number of actions to improve the interpretation, management and conservation of our burial grounds as well as an initiative to trial columbarium walls in a select number of graveyards.

As herbicides are no longer being used in burial grounds the presence of wildflowers will become more commonplace and burial grounds are important resources for wildflowers. However, it is still important that burial grounds are seen to be maintained and the appropriate standard will be the subject of consultation with local communities. Local volunteer involvement will also be welcomed.

Parks Service maintains the following graveyards

- St. John the Baptist, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin 3. (Burials permitted)
- Drimnagh (Bluebell), Old Naas Rd., Dublin 12. . (Burials permitted)
- St. Canice's, Finglas, Dublin 11. . (Burials permitted)

- Raheny (St. Assam's), Raheny Village, Dublin 5.
- Killester, Killester Avenue, Dublin 5.
- Donnybrook, Main St., Donnybrook, Dublin 4.
- Huguenot cemetery 10 Merrion Row
- Bellevue, (Merrion), Merrion Rd. (beside Tara Towers Hotel and behind garage).
- The Jewish Cemetery, Fairview
- St. James' Graveyard

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if licensees of DCC premises are required to provide Financial Accounts (Audited, Management, Club etc.) to DCC or are otherwise required to confirm their compliance with any legal, statutory, corporate governance or regulatory requirements attaching to the entity (licensee). If not, would the chief

Executive consider it good practice to request same on an annual basis and include this in the terms and conditions attaching to the granting of the licence?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In granting leases and licences to community groups Dublin City Council's principal criteria is that they provide a range of services, activities and supports appropriate to the areas in which they are located and where there is a clear need for same.

It is not the practice to request all groups to provide evidence of their financial position but it is done in certain cases where it is considered to be warranted.

The terms and conditions of agreements with community groups do not currently contain any requirement to comply with the requirements mentioned by the Councillor. However, the Councillors suggestion that to do so would be good practice is noted and the matter will be considered further with a view to its implementation.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the historical estimates and current expected costing in relation to the Clontarf to City Centre cycleway project and to ask for a detailed explanation of the cost increases over the period. In relation to the same project, can the Chief Executive explain why, notwithstanding a commitment give to me at the City Council meeting of November 2020, there has been no information given to or consultation with any business or residents of Ballybough Road and surrounding streets in relation to the proposed project, notwithstanding the potential major impact on the area if the project goes ahead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is in the process of finalising the contractor procurement process. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by the end of January 2022. The costing will be available at that point.

It is acknowledged that consultation with businesses and residents along the route of the C2CC Project and in the Ballybough area did not proceed in 2021 as planned. The primary reason for this is that the tender process for procuring a works contractor for the project was underway. The contractor is required to prepare the programme for the project. Information relating to the project programmes proposed by competing tenderers could not be discussed during the tender assessment period. It was then considered prudent to postpone engagement with businesses and residents in relation to the C2CC Project construction works until such time as funding for the project was secured and the contract was awarded.

Dublin City Council is pleased to advise that on December 17th 2021 the National Transport Authority confirmed approval to proceed to the construction stage of the C2CC Project. It is proposed to award the contract in January 2022. A construction planning and project set-up phase will commence in February 2022, and construction is expected to commence in April 2022. During the project set-up phase, the contractor will prepare detailed traffic management plans and update the plan for sequencing of works to ensure timely delivery of the project. Once these are available, the DCC Project Team will be in a position to present the plan to the Central Area and North Central Area Committees, as well as engage with residents and businesses that may be impacted.

A project information leaflet has been prepared for issue to residents and businesses along the route and in the surrounding areas. This will be issued in January 2022. Further information will issue soon thereafter in relation to the detailed works programme and the project team will engage with directly affected businesses and residents. DCC aims to ensure that the project will be delivered in such a way as to

minimise disruption to the surrounding areas as much as possible. Access to businesses and homes will be maintained at all times during the works.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of units under long term lease to DCC and to further detail the lease terms relating to these units (not individually but grouped by no. of years remaining). An expansion of the answer given to Cllr. Stocker (No. 77 - May 2021) would suffice (e.g. Year 2020, Rent payment €4,614,806 PLUS Number of units XX, lease Term XX for 20 years, XX for 25 years etc.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.24 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail on what date Dublin City Council commissioned KPMG Future Analytics to undertake a HNDA analysis; the date of when the finalised report was provided to Dublin City Council; the first date when the Housing and Community Services division first received a copy of this report; if he can explain why elected members were never furnished with a copy of this report; if he can detail the cost of the report; and if I could be sent with a full copy of the original report to me by email and any associated documentation and not simply the version quoted from and copied into the Appendices of the Draft Development Plan 2022 – 2028.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the National Planning Framework published in 2018 local authorities are required to now include a Housing Need Demand Assessment (HNDA) as part of the preparation of Draft Development Plans. This requirement was clarified and the process of preparing such HNDAs outlined through recent Departmental Guidelines and circulars, with the "toolkit" to prepare a HNDA published in April 2021.

In order to inform the Housing Strategy and also to inform policies within the Draft Plan on housing mix, Dublin City Council commissioned KPMG to undertake the HNDA Analysis in April 2021 in accordance with the Departmental toolkit. KPMG completed their research and a final draft of the report was furnished to Dublin City Council at the end of July 2021. Following this date, work continued on the preparing the Housing Strategy, using the information obtained and also on preparing the Draft Plan in time for the legislated deadline.

The Draft Plan, including the Housing Strategy and a full copy of the report prepared by KPMG to inform both; was issued to all Elected Members on the 16th of September 2021. It formed part of the Housing Strategy, which was contained in Appendix 1 of Volume 2 of the draft plan.

The Housing and Community Services Division were part of the internal working group in partnership with the development plan team working on preparing the Housing Strategy and the HNDA to aid the process of preparing the Draft Development Plan.

The cost of the report was €24,900 plus VAT.

The report in its entirety is published as part of the Housing Strategy as per the Draft Plan. There is no additional documentation. The only difference between the final report prepared by KPMG and the draft plan is the formatting and style of the document, which was amended to be consistent with the graphic style of the overall documentation. However, the final draft document as issued by KPMG will be sent to Councillor Geoghegan.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could comment on the claims made by Rick Larkin, Director of property developer Twinlite in his op-ed published in the Irish Times on the 13th of December 2021 where he claims that the proposals as currently contained at pages 184 – 187 of the Draft Development Plan 2022 – 2028 that deal with Build-to-rent “will freeze future apartment developments in Dublin” and if he can confirm whether there are existing ministerial planning guidelines, which unless withdrawn or amended, could override the proposals contained in the aforementioned pages.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The article by property developer Twinlite presumes that the City Development Plan has already been made and approved by City Council, whereas this is a draft plan, out on public consultation and on which submissions are invited up to the 14th February 2022. All submissions including those from the Planning Regulator, the DHLGH, and the property industry will be taken into consideration by the City Council as part of the process of making the new Development Plan in 2022.

The draft CDP (Page 184-187) recognises that BTR serves an important role in meeting housing demand, but that recent trends indicate that virtually all Apartment building in the City is in the form of BTR, often large scale schemes comprising many hundred units. The draft Plan seeks to avoid the proliferation of any one tenure in a given area and to encourage a healthy mix of tenure to create sustainable communities and neighbourhoods.

The Ministerial Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Urban Housing ; Design Standards for new Apartments issued in March 2018 (and updated in Dec 2020) contains Specific Planning Policy Requirements in relation to BTR. The Guidelines clarify that for BTR developments there are no restrictions on dwelling mix and flexibility shall apply in relation to storage, reduced car parking (on the basis that BTR is more suitable for central locations and / or proximity to good public transport), and the number of apartments per lift shaft core.

The draft plan policy approach is that there will be a presumption against large scale BTR developments (in excess of 100 units) unless they cater a minimum 40% of Build to Sell (BTS) units, in order to ensure a sustainable mix of tenure and long term sustainable communities.

Public consultation is part of the draft development plan process, and any submissions/ directions from the OPR and or the DHLGH on the proposed draft BTR policies will be brought to the attention of the City Council as part of its Development Plan function once the current public consultation phase is complete.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could confirm whether following the meeting with traffic engineers and the principal of St Mary’s school, alongside myself and Cllr Dermot Lacey on the 15th of December 2021 that the agreed compromised proposal of a newly placed school crossing shall be painted in front of the school entrance, even on a trial basis, as desired by the school principal because of a concern in respect of the safety of children leaving the school and if this will be done as close as possible to the start of the new school year in January.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Engineers met with the Elected Members and the Principal of St Mary’s school and the school warden inspector. Different options were put forward and discussed.

The Transport Advisory Group are considering these options and are still looking at the best solution that supports safety of the school children and the visible sightlines of the traffic warden.

The Transport Advisory Group will make a decision and will report their solution to the Elected Councillors and Principal of St Mary's School.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Mt Tallant Avenue from the turn from Terenure Road Nth could be resurfaced following the construction of St Pancras on Mt Tallant Avenue up along to Woodworkers and Hobbies shop where a development contribution inevitably would have been paid and planning conditions agreed in respect of road surfaces, which damaged the road surface, and is now in need of urgent repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This section of Mount Tallant Avenue will be inspected and put forward for consideration for inclusion in future resurfacing programmes as appropriate.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to supply all material in relation to all contact and correspondence between Dublin City Council and Platinum Land Ltd and/or McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants and/or other agents in relation to the rezoning of the old Chivers Jam factory on Coolock Drive, Dublin 17. Please include the McCutcheon Halley rezoning submission on behalf of Platinum Land Ltd.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The relevant documentation was provided to the Councillor on the 7th October 2021 in response issued to NCAC Q 22, and may be forwarded again on request.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide all the material in relation to the following correspondence:

Report on Correspondences between DCC and Glenveagh Living

01.02.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Tender Results
19.07.2021	Letter DCC to Glenveagh	Extension of Validity Period
24.08.2021	Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh – Alternative Redevelopment progress meeting
20.09.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Councillor Question draft Reponses
21.09.2021	Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh – Glenveagh draft responses
21.09.2021	Cancelled Meeting Request	DCC & Glenveagh
08.10.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Housing SPC Agenda & meeting link
15.10.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Draft Responses Press Query
01.11.2021	Email DCC to Glenveagh	Meeting adjourned to 22nd & letter issued to councillors.
10.11.2021	Email DCC & Glenveagh	Tender Unit Price
12.10.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Community Facilities licence
08.11.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Community Facilities terms of licence agreement
22.11.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Development Agreement Reponses
02.12.2021	Email Glenveagh to DCC	Glenveaghs solicitor contact details

This "report" was included in a reply to a question I submitted to my December 2021 North Central Area Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Attachments of above as requested have been collated into a sharefile folder for your download access **(details supplied)**.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC and the Gardaí will intensify cooperation to restrict inappropriate HGV/5-axle traffic along Sean Moore Road and through Ringsend /Irishtown

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The HGV 5 axle ban is national legislation which has been implemented by Dublin City Council. Enforcement can only be carried out by the Gardaí. DCC will request the Gardaí increase enforcement in this area.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repainting of the stairwells in Leo Fitzgerald House.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The stairwells in Leo Fitzgerald House are due to be painted in the second quarter of 2022.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the lights in the Mercer House stairwells to be fixed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All lights in the Mercer House stairwells have been repaired by Electrical Services.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive the work programme for flood defence works along Dublin Bay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Work programmes below, many assuming 1 year time frame for Part 10 planning permission from An Bord Pleanála and no significant project delays.

Sandymount Promenade 2022 - 2023.

North of Sandymount Promenade to Sean Moore Park 2026 - 2027.

Clontarf Promenade 2026 - 2028.

South Campshires Extension 2025 - 2026.

North Campshires 2027 - 2028.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to the housing application of **(details supplied)** The RAS Scheme stops people progressing in life as the rent contribution spirals once you get some employment not a great system to encourage people to progress.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant is number 9 for Area J on the housing list and has a 3 bedroom requirement. The applicant receives Rent Supplement that, unlike the RAS (Rental Accommodation Scheme), does not offer differential rent.

The applicant will be contacted for offer of accommodation as soon as the needs of those ahead of her on the list in order of time and/or priority are met. Allocations has noted the applicant's interest in the developments mentioned.

The applicant may also check the Dublin City Council website for any Choice Based Lettings that may be advertised.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the provision of safe traffic light signals at the new housing development at Mayfield Old Lucan Road Chapelizod Dublin 20. When residents are exiting the complex, they cannot see the traffic signals hence some new changes are needed to ensure the area is safe, example push back the stop lines on the Road and repaint them so they are visible, Drop the filter light so drivers can see it. At the lights across the road place another filter so drivers can see it. I regret there will be an accident here if not addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section have reviewed the operation of this junction in conjunction with the Area Engineer. Please note that the traffic signals at this junction, as elsewhere in the city, are installed at standard heights in accordance with national guidance and standards. The additional double height signal on this approach to the junction was installed a number of years ago in response to queries from customers regarding visibility of the left turn filter signal for vehicles further back in the queue. The additional 5 aspect signal indicates to vehicles further back in the queue that the filter light is currently running/not running.

The issue of an additional repeater left turn filter signal on the opposite side of the road has been discussed with the Area Engineer and we agree that this is potentially confusing to road users as it is not (to the best of our knowledge) employed elsewhere and runs the risk of being confused with the more common arrangement where right turn filter signals are typically located.

The location of the stop lines for this approach will be reviewed by the Area Engineer in the New Year and a follow up response will be issued. In the meantime we have made some adjustments in our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System to allow some greater flexibility regarding the conditions under which the traffic phase serving this movement terminates. The effect of this is to allow for a longer duration of time before the traffic phase ends or gaps off if traffic is not proceeding in a normal and efficient manner.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to give an indication when we as a local Authority will step in and end the nightmare for the Iveagh Markets Francis Street Dublin. These markets which were part of the fabric of life in Dublin for nearly 100 years are decaying in front of our eyes, the roof is in a very poor state and still, we have the nonsense people entrusted to re-develop have presided over its destruction due to in action. Who is going to do the repairs needed to secure the building? Was there a section 59 issued or is that what is now in front of the courts, How far along are we in getting this issue sorted once and for all.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is involved in a Mediation process with other parties to resolve legal issues affecting this building. Within the process, the parties are trying to reach agreement on the essential works required to stabilise the building and make it watertight – to this end there has been progress and we would hope to have agreement on the works and programme for same shortly.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at establishing a heritage trail in the Ballyfermot / Cherry Orchard area acknowledging this rich history of the area including referenced to the Old Graveyard in the Lawns Park sadly destroyed by Dublin Corporation in the mid 1970`s. Two years ago pre-covid we had provided €15,000 for heritage panels from the Discretionary Budget but despite having a number of meeting we never heard anything back.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Heritage Office will work with the Local Area Office to commence a Heritage Interpretation Plan for Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard in 2022. The plan will identify the key sites and events of historic and cultural importance for a coherent and engaging heritage trail.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that our public parks – where concerts are held – are added to the list of venues to which the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Act 2021 applies to ensure prevention of ticket touting on events in these venues?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 'prevention' of ticket touting and enforcement of any such legislation in relation to concerts in parks would be a matter for the gardai so this will be discussed with them in the planning for the events.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to install more signage in Grace Park Heights and Meadows, Dublin 9, indicating speed limits. These are quiet estates where children often play outdoors and speeding traffic poses a risk.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The slow zone signs are installed at the entry points to housing estates where a 30 km/h speed limit is being implemented and a 'Slow Zone' is being created. 30 km/h speed sign Signs are only placed at the point of change from one speed limit to another. In the case of Grace Park Heights, the sign is installed at the entrance of the junction of Grace Park Road with Grace Park Heights.

Grace Park Meadows, Grace Park, Dublin, the sign is installed at the junction of Collins Avenue with Belton Park Rd.

It is Dublin City Councils policy not to erect repeater signs as this will lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to make a commitment to providing funding in 2022 for a playground in the McAuley Park, Artane area, D5, which qualifies under the terms of the DCC play strategy as having a playground deficit. The local community are understandably very keen to have some play facilities for smaller children in the area.

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.41 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER

To ask the Chief Executive to intervene in a situation relating to Churchgate Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3. Take away restaurants in the area – including San Sab – store their bins on this street and they are kept in unsatisfactory condition. The bins are overflowing and rubbish blows out on to the street and into the hall doors of the residents. (See pictures attached). The rubbish is attracting rodents and the unkempt appearance is encouraging antisocial behaviour on the street including drinking and public urination. Residents have previously attempted resolving this through the area office and approaching the business themselves without satisfactory resolution. Can the Chief Executive ensure the council makes contact with resident (**details supplied**) and business to fully address this issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste managements, Litter Enforcement Manager along with a designated Warden have engaged with resident and businesses in the area in question. A plan of activity, engagement and communication is now in place to rectify the condition of the area in question.

Wardens will inspect the laneway on an ongoing basis and take action under section 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

The Litter warden and the litter enforcement manager Stephen Kavanagh have spoken to (**details supplied**) on several occasions and advised that the situation is being monitored. This is a private lane and we are due to meet with the owner of the lane regarding ownership of the bins as some bins are abandoned which will be removed.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what DCC's plans are for the roll out of community safety partnerships across the City as provided for in the new National Policing Plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below a reply from the Department of Justice:

Roll Out of Community Safety Partnerships across Dublin

Currently, three Local Community Safety Partnerships are being piloted over 24 months in North Inner City Dublin, Waterford and Longford. Each of these pilots is in its first year of operation and is subject to independent evaluation. Learning outcomes from this evaluation over the 24 month period will be taken into account and applied to the national roll out of similar partnerships in communities across the country. This roll-out will be guided by the Department of Justice, subsequent to the completion and evaluation of the three pilots.

The Department of Justice is currently developing a National Strategy which will serve as an overarching policy framework and programme of actions to underpin a whole of government approach to enhancing community safety. In the interim, the [General Scheme of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill](#) (heads 84-95) provides for the following:

- A National Community Safety Steering Group
- A National Office for Community Safety
- Staffing of Local Community Safety Partnerships

This landmark Bill, developed on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (CoFPI) reflects the new approach to policing and community safety in order to achieve the goal of every community in Ireland having the right to both be safe and feel safe.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the tree pruned outside (**details supplied**) which is growing through the netting on the all-weather pitch beside it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree outside (**details supplied**) will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the 2022 Tree Care Programme for the area.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many apprenticeships are currently employed by DCC and how many will begin in 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 28 Apprentices employed by Dublin City Council, as set out below:

Craft	Number
Carpentry	10
Plumbing	10
Brick and Stonelaying	5
Electrical	3

In December, the City Council advertised a Stonecutter/Stonemasonry Apprenticeship Programme. Following the conclusion of this competition, we expect to recruit a number of additional apprentices.

At this time, no additional recruitment is planned in 2022. However, the situation is under continuous review. The Human Resources Department, together with business partners across the organisation, will continue to support and enhance the Apprenticeship Programme where possible.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what financial impact has the pandemic had on revenue from City Hall, i.e. tours and functions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please see below details on Income for 2019/2020/2021**

		2019	2020	2021 to Nov 2021
Weddings	RENTAL INCOME	137,886.07 (131)	139,660.92 (81)	255,342.31 ** (188)
Shop Income	SALES	1,063.73	171.83	-
Events	HIRE CHARGE	77,886.12	12,788.23	3,450.00

		(70)	(17)	(4)
Dublin Pass	ADMISSIONS	1,296.90	149.90	-
Café Concession	CONCESSION FEES ETC	6,320.46	Café Closed	Café Closed
	** Total Income	224,453.28	152,770.88	258,792.31

*****Note some of this income refers to 2022/2023 wedding deposits & figure does not include December 2021 balances paid***

There is no charge for tours of City Hall booked in by schools.

Entry into the Exhibition has been free of charge since 2016.

Due to proposed changes to the lower ground floor, the Exhibition has remained closed since March 2020.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive the number of planning permission applications for hotels and/or aparthotels that have been made to the local authority in the past five years, how many were granted permission and the number of hotel bedrooms this represents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- **175** - The number of planning permission applications for hotels and/or aparthotels in the past 5 years.
- **131** - Granted Permission
- **10,761** - The number of Hotel Bedrooms granted Permission.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether any survey/inspection, whether structural or otherwise has been carried out on the building formerly a community centre to the rear of Oliver Bond House flat complex, located under the pigeon house, and if so to provide this Councillor with a copy of reports of same and are there currently any plans for the building and can it be returned to community use?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Robert Buckle SEE for Housing Maintenance visually inspected the build in late 2021. He was concerned by the large number of cracks in the building and also by their size. It was his assessment that the building in its current state is not fit for use and he has recommended to install crack checks (Tell tales) to see if the building is continuously deteriorating. These checks should stay in place for 6 months and then we can reassess. With numerous cracks over 10mm in size it may be more cost prohibitive to repair, however, we will make that decision when we have all the information.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether there has been a change in policy for outdoor seating/street furniture that was implemented during the summer months and if it has been revoked whether we could reinstate it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has been no change in policy for outdoor dining, however current Temporary Covid Permits will expire on 31st March and those wishing to retain outdoor seating will be required to submit an application for an annual street furniture licence.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive in our parks section whether he could clarify for this councillor the council's policy in relation to the provision of a bituminous material around a tree base.

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.50 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed timeline of the void turnaround process and provide information on the number of voids turned around for each of the past three years (2018-2020), the costs incurred and the contractors engaged.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.51 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive, considering the flood map of Dublin published around the time of COP 26 which shows a likelihood of flooding within 10 years in Ringsend, Irishtown, Sandymount and Clontarf, and also considering very recent scientific evidence that Thwaite's Glacier in Antarctica has started to crack, would the Manager agree that the Environmental Assessments for flood risk at developments in low lying coastal areas, notably at Poolbeg West STZ, may need to be revised?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All flood alleviation project designs take account of likely sea level rises and increased wave overtopping due to likely climate change as guided nationally by the Office of Public Works.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive, given the recent decision not to proceed with white water rafting scheme, could he consider reinstating the Spiegel Tent in Georges Dock as a meanwhile use to provide much needed theatre/ performance and potentially Covid safe space in the City'

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Unfortunately Georges Dock is not suitable for a meanwhile use such as the Spiegel Tent as there is no means of access to the Dock floor. When the Spiegel Tent and other events such as Oktoberfest were located in the Dock in the past a Temporary platform existed that the various structures would sit. The platform also included two ramps which allowed safe and accessible access to the events. However, as the platform was in place via a temporary Section 25 exemption Certificate permission

issued by the former Dublin Docklands Development Authority it was necessary to remove the structure upon its expiry.

The cost of installing a new temporary platform would be significant and as Part VIII planning approval would also be required it would not be considered value for money to install a new platform. In addition given that new proposals will be brought to the Central Area Committee for the future use of the Dock in early 2022 any structure in the dock could impact our ability to mobilise necessary surveys etc.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)** (and referred to in my question of March 2020) say if he can please arrange a resolution of ongoing problem with rubbish/waste/bins etc. ending up on road at location at **(details supplied)** and say if he can once and for all sort the matter out as local residents are being subjected to unbearable amounts of waste outside their homes and blowing into their homes and can he also say if Environmental Health/Litter warden might get involved to help resolve the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Managements, Litter Enforcement Manager along with a designated Warden have engaged with resident and businesses in the area in question. A plan of activity, engagement and communication is now in place to rectify the condition of the area in question.

Wardens will inspect the laneway on an ongoing basis and take action under section 6 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

The Litter warden and the litter enforcement manager Stephen Kavanagh have spoken to **(details supplied)** on several occasions and advised that the situation is being monitored. This is a private lane and we are due to meet with the owner of the lane regarding ownership of the bins as some bins are abandoned which will be removed.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to road at **(details supplied)** please arrange for the following road markings to be reinstated/repainted as soon as possible;-

(a) double yellow lines which have worn away/disappeared with the result that large vehicles are illegally parking up on same blocking residents access/egress to disk parking spaces

(b) white paint on traffic calming ramp which paint is fading away and not visible to the naked eye

(c) white (used to be white) directional arrow on road (indicating one way system) which is not visible to the naked eye thus motorists drive up against the one way system

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be inspected in the coming days. Any necessary roadmaking reinstatement/repainting will be scheduled within the next 30 working days (Weather Permitting).

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to please put in place urgent traffic calming measures on a lane way beside **(details supplied)**. There has been numerous traffic incidents in this Lane way involving houses been hit by trucks etc. also cars speed in this lane way to avoid main roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North Central Area Office has been liaising with residents at this location for some time now trying to come up with a solution to the problem. This laneway is a statutory public right of way and there is established use of this lane by vehicles. Following discussions with DCC Traffic Department & DCC Road Maintenance Department it would appear that the only way to alter this is by installing gates which requires an extinguishment of public right of way. We gave the residents information explaining how to go about Extinguishing the Public Right of Way and they petitioned the properties abutting the laneway. Unfortunately, they did not succeed in getting a majority of residents in favour of closing the full laneway network so the application could not proceed.

The North Central Area Office suggested to residents that they could possibly explore a partial extinguishment of one section of laneway on the Avenue side (specifically the section between numbers 57 & 59) as there are two entry points on the Avenue side of the laneway network. Closing one section of laneway might reduce the number of cars driving through from the Road to Avenue thus helping to alleviate traffic concerns. Another option discussed was the possibility of a disposal of land in the section of laneway between 57 & 59 Avenue so that this section of laneway could be incorporated into gardens thus eliminating the need for gates. -Following a title search by our Law Department it was confirmed that the land is not in the title ownership of DCC which means that we are unable to dispose of it to the residents. It would be up to the residents to apply to the title owner for a disposal of land if they wish to pursue this.

Note: The North Central Area Office contacted the Traffic Department in September 2021 following a motion from Councillor John Lyons requesting DCC to investigate the illegal use by motorists of the laneway between **(details supplied)**. The Traffic Department responded as follows:

The "illegal use by motorists" in the laneway is not apparent to the Transport Advisory Group. The laneways were intended to give access to garages and to allow for deliveries etc. There are no restrictions in place on the laneway nor would it be appropriate to impose any restriction on vehicles on this laneway. We have discussed the matter with the Area Office and understand that they are working with locals to discuss this matter further.

The North Central Area Office is currently awaiting a decision from residents about how they would like to proceed.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the property at **(details supplied)** is insulated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have checked this property's records and it is not insulated presently.

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.

Once this information is issued we will make it available to all Councillors.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the replacement front door at **(details supplied)** as the frame has been damaged for some time now so the front entrance cannot be used.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has received no maintenance request from the address provided in relation to the front door. This has now been logged and an inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks and following on from this all necessary works will be completed.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Portobello Plaza will be available for public use in the coming year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

JSL Group Ltd., T/A Stewart Construction, 43 Lower Salthill, Galway H91 A6Y7 applied to Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control section for a Hoarding Licence in connection with the construction of a hotel at Portobello Harbour to cover the period 6th December 2021 to the 30th October 2023. However, the licence that issued (no. 4089) covered the period up the 12th December, 2022 and Stewart Construction must then apply for an extension up the 30th October 2023 as set out in the Hoarding application form.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the indicative timeline for delivery of the Finglas to Killester cycle route and any actions taken to date in this project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Finglas to Killester cycle Route is one of the routes identified on the NTA's 5 year's Plan. DCC is in the process of setting up a new Active Travel Unit which will have the responsibility of delivering this plan.

In the meantime during 2021, approximately 850 m of extruded kerb has been installed on Collins Avenue Ext to protect the cycle lanes in the vicinity of the entrance to DCU. New road markings, bollards and surfacing have been applied to the cycle lanes between Larkhill Road and Albert College Park.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many apprentices have been taken on by Dublin City Council for the past five years and how many apprentices the council are planning to recruit in 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since January 2017, the City Council has recruited a total of 34 Apprentices.

The current situation is as follows:

- 28 employees are currently serving their Apprenticeship;
- 4 employees have left the Programme;
- 2 employees have successfully completed the Programme and are currently employed by DCC.

The City Council will commence a Stonecutting/Stonemasonry Apprenticeship Programme in 2022. These positions were advertised in December 2021 and the exact number of apprenticeships will be determined following the outcome of the competition.

Although there are no plans for additional recruitment at present, the City Council is committed to our Apprenticeship Programme. The Human Resources Department will continue to work with partners across the organisation to develop and enhance the programme.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive when a 5 year manpower planning report will be published for Dublin Fire Brigade and what are the council plans for recruitment in DFB up until 2025.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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. 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.

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

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

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

While agreement has been reached on the majority of staffing issues there is one remaining issue to be resolved. Resolution will provide for the completion of the full range of staffing initiatives. It is proposed that following completion of the WRC process with the union, a manpower plan can be agreed to cover the coming period.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A temporary repair was scheduled prior to Christmas. A permanent repair will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A temporary repair was scheduled prior to Christmas. A permanent repair will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.64 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the realisation of the pilot projects and actions detailed in Reimagining Dublin One Laneways (Dublin City Council 2018), a timeline for the realisation of any outstanding pilots/actions and identify the person responsible for same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Laneways project is a pilot project to animate and bring new uses to the laneways of Dublin One. Many of the proposals are reflected in DCC policy documents like the Draft Development Plan. Currently the location is significantly impacted by private developments at Liffey St. Little Britain St and Wolfe Tone St. The project is also engaged with Dept. of Geography UCD and Sean Harrington Architect regarding pilot interventions and solutions to animate the lane ways.

Due to the reprioritisation of work brought on by the need to implement covid and city mobility measures the development of proposals for pilot projects and actions detailed in the Reimagining Dublin One Laneways Strategy were put on hold. It is in the intention of DCC to review this and other projects in the area in the coming months and to bring forward proposals (including the identification of resources) in Spring 2022.

Q.65 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion passed at the Arts SPC in May 2021

“The Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC recognises the invaluable service Dublin City Council provides through the provision and maintenance of playing pitches across our city. The Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC also recognises the dependency on weather for the all year round use of such pitches as well as a growing need for additional playing pitches. To get a clear picture of pitch use, the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC requests that DCC carry out an audit of the use of its playing pitches that will particularly identify the type of activities/sports, training/matches, ages and genders the pitches are used for, the frequency of use and whether there are other green areas within each of the 5 DCC local administrative areas that could be used for sporting activities.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report and presentation on playing pitches with information as requested in the motion will be brought to the Arts, Culture and Leisure SPC in 2022.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the regeneration of the area, including former local authority flats, bounded by Sackville Avenue, Sackville Gardens and Ardilaun Square?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's (DCC) Housing and Community Services Department is currently negotiating with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) to achieve Stage 3 approval for the construction of 14 houses on Sackville Avenue. Upon

receipt of approval, DCC can commence the tender process to appoint a contractor to the project.

The regeneration of Croke Villas stalled whilst awaiting the determination of a judicial review taken by a number of local property owners on planning related matters in the last quarter of 2018. The Judicial Review took nearly two years for an outcome and was successfully defended by Dublin City Council in 2020.

The demolition of the remaining flat block at Croke Villas is programmed to commence by the end of Q1 2022. This will allow us to proceed with the construction of approximately 61 new apartment homes on the site and the proposed public realm works, subject to DHLGH approval and funding.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on Ballymun library? Is the library being deliberately wound down? Is it the intention of the Library Service to move it from its current location? Many users of the library come from a wide surrounding area, with only limited service provided in Drumcondra, no library at all in Santry, Whitehall or Glasnevin. Library users who travel a distance and who find its current location with parking provision extremely convenient, are upset that it appears the services provided to individual and groups, who regularly use Ballymun library, are being wound down in an effort to portray its current location as unsuitable or for any other reason.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no plans to re-locate Ballymun Library, nor to reduce the level of service being delivered. Dublin City Council is committed to maintaining the building and carries out an annual programme of maintenance, as it does with all branches, to include the building fabric, plus furniture, equipment, landscaping etc. Repairs to the walls were completed in 2019, and the roof extensively refurbished in 2021. Ballymun Library is also included, along with two other branches, in our programme of works for painting in 2022.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the current position with regard to ownership, planning status and use of the former Ambassador cinema on Parnell Square? In light of current efforts by the Lord Mayor and City Recovery Team to reinvigorate the O'Connell Street area, it is a shame to see such an iconic building closed and unused.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent planning application for the former Ambassador Cinema site (Protected Structure) was received from the Millennium Theatre Company seeking an exempted development Section 5 status for the proposed works. Planning Application Ref: 0494/19 contains the details of this application which in general related to external works involving clean down, washing and repair to the parapets/plasterwork and stone repairs.

These proposed works were assessed and it was considered that they would comprise development which would not come within the meaning of Section 4(1) (h) and Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) as the proposed development would materially affect the character of the Protected Structure and therefore would require planning permission. As a result, this application was refused in February 2021.

Other than the party which made Planning Application Ref. 0494/19 Dublin City Council has no information on the ownership of the building.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the current planning status of the following buildings along Parnell Street between Marlborough Street and O'Connell Street - Numbers 77-84 - all of which appear to be derelict. In light of current discussions on vacancy and dereliction in the city centre, can the CE inform whether these buildings could be considered for a compulsory sale order?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Notices of Intention to enter sites at 76, 77 and 78 Parnell Street, D1 on the derelict sites Register were served on the owner on 1st December, 2021. The owner has a month within which to make representations against the entry. Sites entered on the Derelict sites are subject to a derelict sites levy of 7% of market value. The other sites referenced in the question will be inspected and a report on the findings will issue to the Councillor.

Currently no planning applications have been received for these addresses. The most recent application is for a now expired planning permission for refurbishment works to the front facades of 80-82 Parnell Street (Planning Ref 3122/15).

Q.70 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there have been any instances of the installation of community defibrillators being funded from Local Area Discretionary Funds? If not is the CEO aware of any 3rd party programmes in this regard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no instances in the NWA of Community Defibrillators being funded through the Local Area Discretionary Fund. Funding for Defibrillators is available through the HSE's national lottery grants scheme and other community grants schemes.

Sport's National Governing Organisations from time to time also run grant schemes for Defibrillators.

A defibrillator was installed in the Harold Cross Area under the Age Friendly Initiative that was funded from the South East Area Discretionary Fund in 2019.

The Cental Area did not fund any defibrillators from the local area Discretionary Fund in recent years.

We are currently exploring approaches being adopted in other areas and are willing to explore what the best potential options are for implementation in the North Central Area. Sourcing of finance should not be an issue but there are challenges relating to community training/monitoring etc.

A contribution €5,000 was made to St. John's Ambulance from the 2016 South Central Area Discretionary Fund to purchase 3 defibrillators.

In 2011, a joint initiative between the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC), Health Service Executive, National Ambulance Service and the Irish Heart Foundation was set up arising from a report from the Task Force on Sudden Cardiac Death recommending that a national defibrillator register be established. As this does not fall under the remit of Dublin City Council, the Councillor should contact the PHECC at PHECC, 2nd Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Oberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 TK7N in order to obtain a list of locations of defibrillators.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report to Council on the reasons for and actions subsequently taken by the EPA during the recent oil spill in the Tolka River? This spill created a bad smell and fuel slick on the surface all through Griffith Park. This led to

all the ducks, Egrets and Cranes leaving the river and untold damage to the fish stocks. Given the importance of the river and the park to the area can the EPA could let the community know what happened afterward?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Water Pollution Control Section can confirm that they are aware of the surface water pollution incident that occurred on the River Tolka, Griffith Park on the 15/11/21 circa 2pm. Once notified, the section promptly conducted a site visit. A visual inspection of the River in Griffith Park confirmed an oil spill had occurred upstream in the catchment. The source of the contamination was found to be entering the River via a tributary of the Tolka which outfalls immediately downstream of Saint Mobhi Road. The tributary is fully culverted, meaning there was no open channel to inspect for signs of contamination. Furthermore, the network catchment is significant, extending from Griffith Park to Ballymun.

To prevent contamination of the river downstream, WPC installed a floatation and an absorbent boom across the Tolka. This mitigation measure supported the recovery of residual oil floating on the rivers surface. Furthermore, the breakdown of the oil via physical processes was aided by the multiple weirs present in Griffith Park. Ambient sampling of the river was carried out on the 15/11/21. A review of the analysis carried out by the Central Laboratory indicated that the short-lived incident did not impact water quality. The incident did however result in temporary negative visual and olfactory impacts.

On 16/11/21, Water Pollution Control conducted investigations into possible sources of contamination. Spot inspections took place along the storm water network at locations where safe access was available, however no traces of oil contamination was found. Site inspections were also conducted at commercial premises along Mobhi and Ballymun Road, however again no sources of oil contamination were present at the time of visit. These results were to be expected as the incident had largely dissipated overnight.

From the 15/11/21, the river was visually inspected by Water Pollution Control on a daily basis. The presence of oil in the River diminished daily and following continued satisfactory inspections, the booms were removed on the 23/11/21. Throughout the incident, Water Pollution Control liaised with relevant stakeholders including Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Throughout the incident, the section managed various forms of communications received and responded to every complaint and enquiry received from the public, elected members (including Cllr McCormack) and the press. Following a full review of the incident, the likely source of contamination was deemed to be an accidental fuel spill from a home heating tank in the storm water catchment. These types of incidents are not typically reported to the Council and are resolved privately. It is estimated that there are thousands of houses served by the storm water network that was affected, making door to door calls prohibitive. Thus, while Dublin City Council is disappointed the incident occurred, it is confident that adequate corrective actions were employed to mitigate risk posed by the incident and limit the spread of pollution to downstream receptors.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on why no event was organised in a park on the North side of the Liffey similar to the two in Dublin Castle and Merrion Square? Both events were very well attended and an area like Smithfield would have provided a similarly spacious and suitable location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The 2021 Dublin Winter Lights Festival featured lighting installations which were installed across the North and Southside of the city including the projections of community workers on Smithfield Square. Each year the events section assess the suitability of new locations based on cost and suitability of the location for the specific event. In terms of the market at Dublin Castle this event was organised by the O.P.W.

In relation to Smithfield Square, Dublin City Council was allocated a grant of €847,487 from the Fáilte Ireland Urban Animation Scheme for the Reimaging Smithfield Project. The aim of the project is to reposition the square as an attraction in itself and also to preserve the heritage and culture of the square. The project will link in with the businesses and attractions already in the area to create a vibrant public space. A working group has been established and the vision for the project is been developed.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DEIDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to tree at **(details supplied)** and say if he can arrange to have same seriously lopped as the tree is seriously blocking daylight from dwelling and negatively impacting the quality of life of resident at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any tree works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to broken kerb at **(details attached)** and say if he can arrange repair of same as local resident punctured tyre of vehicle as a result of concrete jutting out from kerb.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has scheduled an inspection at this location in the coming days. Following this inspection a repair will be scheduled if required. This will be completed when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the costings and viability of providing bike maintenance stations throughout the city? This has been done by Galway City Council and could be replicated here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC have been trialling a public bicycle repair station in Drury Street Car Park for the past number of years with limited success. Despite the fact that the repair station and pump were placed in an indoor facility with CCTV cameras and security, the repair station has been vandalised and the bike pump broken on a number of occasions.

To date it has been our view that these repair stations are unsuitable for placing on public streets. In addition we have yet to establish that there is a clear demand for such a service and just how many cyclists would actually conduct running repairs to their bicycles on the street should the facility be provided.

We have recently opened two additional indoor cycling facilities, one in the Jervis Street Car Park and one in the Spire Car Park. As these facilities become popular we will look to install repair stations in these locations.

We will make contact with Galway City Council with a view to understanding the details of their scheme and how successful it has been. We will update the Councillor on our findings.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what the timeline and process will be for bringing forward proposals for pedestrianisation improvements around the Capel Street area? And to confirm that these proposals will include the existing proposals for pedestrianisation of Liffey Street and Mary Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposed timeline for Capel Street is as follows:

January/February - Continued work on a number of options and assessment of their impact.

March 2022 – Options for Capel Street presented to Councillors at Area Committee with recommendation for preferred option.

Apr/May 2022 – Consultation on the preferred option with local businesses and residents and the general public.

May/June 2022 – Implement changes.

Oct 2022 – Review and assessment.

The measures for Capel St will be implemented separately to any other measures but the design will take account of these other schemes.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to report on progress towards developing and implementing standards equivalent of the NQSF for PEA settings and an associated inspection process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

The senior management team in the DRHE agreed to tender for an independent entity to inspect all homeless facilities and this process began in March 2021 and will report back on a recommendation in Q1 2022.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive how many complaints have been received regarding emergency accommodation this year and how many of those complaints were upheld or resulted in disciplinary action against staff or a change of policy or operation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DRHE proactively encourages anyone who uses emergency accommodation and wishes to make a complaint to do so and this year appointed a designated Complaints Officer. Any individual can make a complaint directly to the Complaints Officer via phone, email or by using the complaints form on the DRHE website www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/advice/make-a-complaint/complaint-form.

In July 2021 a designated complaints officer was appointed, part of the complaints officer role was to develop and roll out a right to complain campaign across all our emergency accommodations. We have placed posters in all funded services detailing the procedure of making a complaint and a dedicated complaints phone line has been established also.

As of the 20th December 2021;

- 114 complaints were regarding emergency accommodation. (This figure does not include complaints regarding facilities operated by our NGO partners as these complaints are reported in the KPI's as part of the National Quality Standards Framework).
- 36 complaints were related to the condition of a facility. These complaints are raised immediately with the accommodation provider and rectified in a timely manner.
- 55 complaints related to staff at emergency accommodation. These complaints have been fully investigated and if required the operator would take any necessary disciplinary action against a staff member (but no such action has been required to date).

Each complaint received by the DRHE is logged, categorised and fully investigated. We use the complaints process to learn, adapt and improve upon the services available to our clients and remain committed to our aim of providing safe and effective service provision to anyone experiencing homelessness.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive why the Part 8 for the tea rooms planned for Fairview Park ran out and what the timeframe there is to apply again if necessary, to make sure they are completed without further delay and in time for the opening of the Clontarf to Fairview Cycleway in eighteen months' time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Once the Part 8 process commences it must be completed within 20 weeks. The Part 8 for the Tea Rooms in Fairview Park commenced on the 5th February 2021 and so should have been on the June Council meeting agenda. Unfortunately following completion of the Planning Officers report it was not incorporated into the Draft Chief Executive report and consequently it exceeded the time for approval under the Part 8 regulations. This should not have happened and additional controls have been put in place to ensure it does not happen again.

The Parks Department have advised that a new Part 8 will be brought forward in 2022 in order to ensure there is sufficient time to complete the works before the opening of the cycleway.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update on the EU recovery funding application for the Clontarf flood defences.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It takes a number of years to secure EU environmental funding of any significance including extra staff procurement to administer.

The Santry River Restoration Project application has been successful. Applications have also been made with Parks on two other projects but we were unsuccessful after being assessed by the judging panel but DCC will re-enter again in 2022.

Often the initial grant for the first year or two is to carry out preliminary investigations to develop the proposal.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the roll out in providing water fountains in our high foot fall public domains after the successful pilot water fountain in St Anne's Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A water bottle filling station is scheduled to be installed near the pavilion in Fairview Park. The Parks Service will continue to install water bottle filling stations in parks in the area where an accessible and metered supply of potable water is available.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive what plans there are to provide separate waste bins for recycling in our city parks, as all is mixed at present and ends up in large skips collected for incineration, as parks say they have not the resources to provide for separate bins for recycling, also public incentives to reduce waste, with provisions of water fountains and keep cup promotions, so we follow up with commitments in climate action plan on the move to a circular economy and the goals to achieve the greatest waste stream reduction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste management services are trialling segregated waste collection systems which are also being examined for use in our green flag parks later in 2022.

In relation to water filling stations:

We are proceeding to install 7 units at the following locations:

Phase.1. (Early 2022)

1. External wall mounted water bottle refill stations at the following 3 libraries: Walkinstown, Ballyfermot, and Raheny and at Wood Quay.
2. An external unit is being provided to Parks for pilot installation – I am awaiting confirmation of the location of this unit.

Phase. 2. (Early to mid-2022)

1. Internal wall mounted stations will be provided in all 6 main libraries.
2. Additional units (possibly alternate types) will be installed in Parks.
3. Pilot at Public Realm and will monitor their successful implementation, operation and maintenance.

Our primary concerns relate to ensuring:

- Universal Design – Easy to understand and operate.
- Environmental Impact – Water saving and overall design life.
- Robustness and Security – Materials, fittings and anti-social behaviour.
- Covered spout and pedal operation - Preventing direct drinking and minimises infection.
- Cleaning and Maintenance - Cost and effectiveness.

Dublin City Council has taken a leading role in tackling single use plastics by removing them from all council buildings. We have taken steps towards making Dublin City Council buildings single-use plastic free zones by making Keep-Cup's available for staff & visitors to purchase at cost price.

In April 2019 we also launched the “Co-Cup” – a deposit and return scheme where you can rent a cup when you buy a take-away tea/coffee with an additional charge of €1 – a deposit for the cup. Customers also purchase outright their own lid for €1, this is theirs to keep and is not returned with the cup. The cup can be used within the cafe or can be taken off site. Once finished the customer has two choices:

- return the cup to any participating café and get their €1 deposit back or
- swap it for a fresh beverage in a clean cup at no additional charge.

Local Governments responding to cumulative and compounding impacts is vital in adapting urban environments to achieve resilience to Climate Change.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to support **(details supplied)** in her application for social housing please. Please provide her up to date position please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 22/07/2004, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	88

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 transfer applicant should keep checking the Dublin City Council website www.dublincity.ie for any Choice Based Lettings that may become available in their area of choice.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O’FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive what steps are being taken by DCC to protect two Georgian houses at 61 / 63 & 65 Fairview Strand (subject to planning application 4679/18) which have fallen into a state of disrepair. I understand the roof has been compromised and access is possible into the buildings

In respect of the above to ask the CEO to instigate the placing of 61 / 63 & 65 Fairview Strand in to the list of protected structures. DCC recognised the value of preserving these properties in respect of planning decision 4679/18.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Planning permission for the redevelopment of 61, 63 and 65 Fairview Strand (Reg. Ref: 4679/18) was refused by the planning authority in February 2019 for a number of reasons including the following reason:

No's 61 and 63 Fairview Strand while not protected structures appear to be buildings of considerable age being mapped on the Historic Map 6 inch 1837-1842 as well as having elements and features of architectural merit and having local and streetscape historical significance. The City Development Plan 2016-2022 contains an objective under Section 16.10.17 to encourage retention and re-use of older buildings of significance which are not protected. The Planning Authority considers the demolition of these buildings is not justified and their removal may have a detrimental impact on the local history of the area and would, in itself and by the precedent established for removal of historic buildings, cause serious injury to the amenities of the area and as

a result the proposed development would be contrary to the policies and objectives of the current Dublin City Development Plan and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The period buildings at 61 and 63 Fairview Strand, Dublin 3 are not on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS). The Conservation Section will arrange a site visit in the New Year, in order to assess the special interest of the two period buildings at 61 and 63 Fairview Strand, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011).

Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive what actions are being taken by DCC for the protection of both cyclists and pedestrians at the cycle lane along Clontarf Promenade? This is an ongoing situation which has been flagged on several occasions by councillors. There have been several accidents with 'life changing consequences' involving cyclist and cyclist and pedestrian. There are several black spots identified including car park / pumping station at bottom of Vernon Ave and adjacent to the car park at bottom of Hollybrook Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will review the signage at these locations both currently with the Traffic Division and in any future design of this cycleway.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise tree pruning / tree crowning at Hollybrook Road, Clontarf please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees will be examined in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to consider an all-weather outdoor swimming and activities pool as an alternative use to white water rafting for George's Dock, Dublin 1.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Docklands Office is currently reviewing the position with Georges Dock after the decision was made not to proceed with the White Water Rafting facility with a view to bringing alternative proposals for its future use to the Central Area Committee in early 2022. Georges Dock is still in need of an imaginative solution and it is clear that a water based activity is the most suitable use for the Dock and this may include a LIDO or Outdoor Swimming Pool facility. There is also a need to provide a Swift Water Training facility to support the training needs of Dublin Fire Brigade and other emergency services.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive why no progress has been made on dealing with street clutter, despite being included as an objective in the Development Plan 2016-22 (see example on Manor Street which was subject to Question and Motion at the Central Area Committee)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regard to Photo 1, (point 2), the Central Area Office has forwarded a letter to An Post and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

The locations of public lighting columns are carefully selected at the time of installation, and are positioned in their correct locations.

With regards to the example provided on Manor Street, the particular column shown in the pictures, is set back from the build out to prevent it from being struck by vehicles parking up, and to ensure that the junction and footpath behind it, is well lit. Its' location is in a carefully arranged pattern of lighting columns along the street. By interfering with the location of one column, it can have an impact elsewhere along the street in terms of light levels and pattern spacing's.

Waste Management Services will look at an alternative location close by in early 2022 to reduce the clutter at this corner.

All traffic signage in Dublin City must conform to the relevant sections of Road Traffic Legislation, including the Traffic Signs Manual and DMURS as directed by the Minister for Transport. The traffic signage in place at Manor Street has been reviewed by DCC and it appears in accordance with legislation, therefore no changes are recommended at this location.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he has figures for the number of private landlords who have exited the rental system in DCC area in each of the last five years and in each of the local electoral areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The figures below relate to the number of properties that have left the Rental Accommodation Scheme for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

RAS Exits

Area/Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total by Area
North Central	42	35	63	14	18	172
North West	13	15	16	6	7	57
Central	23	42	48	14	5	132
South Central	45	52	62	26	20	205
South East	3	1	2	2	1	9
Totals by Year	126	145	191	62	51	Overall Total: 575

Leasing Exits

In the last five years there are two private landlords, with one unit each that left the leasing scheme, both were in Area H, the Central Area.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to ask Smart Dublin Team to make a presentation to councillors about the valuable work they are carrying out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A presentation to the Elected Members on the work of Smart Dublin will be arranged.

The Smart Dublin/Smart Cities team is now part of the Corporate Services & Transformation Department. The Department is also responsible for the Council's new Digital Services Team, established in October 2021, who are working on a range of digital projects for existing services provided by the City Council. As this work progresses, further presentations and engagement with the Elected Members will be arranged.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive the following: Griffith Avenue has been left in poor condition following recent works undertaken on behalf of Irish Water. As an officer of the Local Authority with responsibility for the public domain can the CEO please respond on the following 2 specific items please:

- Road surface - organise for a full inspection of the new road surface with a view to a full reinstatement to the previous standard - are Irish Water responsible in this regard?
- Grass verges - there has been extensive damage to the verges between the entrance to the Charlemont Estate and Scoil Mhuire. Confirm who is responsible for verge re-instatement; organise for a comprehensive inspection and then enforce reinstatement to the appropriate quality.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services has notified Irish Water on December 23rd, 2021 of the defective temporary reinstatement and requested the repair of same at the address specified. Road Maintenance Services will meet Irish Water Managers on January the 10th, 2022 to review progress with regard to permanent reinstatements on Griffith Avenue. Irish Water are responsible for the reinstatements until taken in charge by Dublin City Council after a liability period of 2 years from the time of permanent reinstatement to Dublin City Council standards.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the broken bin at the slipway on the Clontarf Promenade to be replaced (location marked in X on the attached image).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management will replace the bin in question on receipt of new bin stock, estimated date will be early January.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please provided a written update on enforcement action EO976/20 as pertains to Castilla Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter is currently under investigation and warning letters have issued. The matter has also been referred to the National Parks & Wildlife Services and to our Parks Department for investigation.

An update will be provided to Councillor O' Muirí on the next course of action when we receive a response from The National Parks & Wildlife Services and from Parks Department.