

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 04<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update for the age friendly homes scheme Funded by Sláintecare, delivered by Age Friendly Ireland: how many visits have happened in Dublin City area and if there is any information about how the scheme is working.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Healthy Age Friendly Homes is a two year programme that typifies a central ambition of Sláintecare and wider government policy to shift the focus from acute to community and primary health care, preventing and managing health-related issues before they escalate. This approach serves to target individuals at an earlier stage, improving their health outcomes and reducing costs for the health service in the longer term.

Nine months into phase one of this two-year programme, we are already documenting demonstrable positive outcomes. This programme is already improving older people's social determinants of health, addressing, environmental factors such as housing conditions and social factors such as loneliness that can lead to poorer health outcomes for older people.

By the end of February 2022, the programme had received over **134** referrals for the Dublin City Council Local Coordinator from multidisciplinary sources. **136** assessment visits have been carried out (some participants requiring more than one visit). By the end of February 2022, the Dublin City Council Local Coordinator has actioned **300** supports for participants across the four domains of Housing, Medical/Health, Community and Technology, with the main supports in the form of Housing Adaptations and Pendant/Personal Alarms. There are currently **38** participants awaiting assessment.

Central to the successful delivery of Health Age Friendly Homes has been the development of relations with organisations across multiple sectors. Stakeholders such as community and voluntary groups, local authority housing staff and health service staff are necessary for both referrals into the programme, and for resolution of identified actions. At local level, the Co-ordinator is working closely with a range of personnel on the ground including DCC elected representatives. Referrals to the programme can be made by individuals, professionals or family/carers or by an agreed advocate by contacting the local coordinator for Dublin City Council Eimear McCormack via email [eimear.mccormack@meathcoco.ie](mailto:eimear.mccormack@meathcoco.ie) or directly on 085 8622844.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive in noting that both sides of the Liffey Quays have paired flagpoles with a lamp standard between the flag poles, and recognising that many of these light standards are broken, missing or out of service would the Chief Executive request that the City Architect work with the Street Lighting Section to design and provide a suitable replacement.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Public Lighting Services will liaise with the relevant Section / Department that is responsible for the flagpoles and come up with a plan for dealing with the lamp standards located between the flagpoles.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on all maintenance requests made and received in relation to the city council's rapid build housing provided over the last number of years: report to include information regarding the volume and nature of maintenance requests made, the volume and nature of the works carried out, the cost of said works and any other relevant information.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are awaiting the information on all rapid build homes from City Architects. Once we receive this information we will be able to run a report on all repairs and collate it to a table format.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a date to address the retrofitting scheme at **(details supplied)**. Also if the CEO would secure a date to replace the poor condition windows at same address.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance inspected the windows at **(details supplied)** in November 2021, which were deemed to be in good condition and not in need of replacement.

According to our records, this property should have existing insulation measures in situ. We will arrange to have the property surveyed to establish if the existing insulation measures are insufficient and the property is to be incorporated into our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request senior Garda management at **(details supplied 1)**. Regarding the ongoing drug dealing serious issue at **(details supplied 2)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Central Area Office have received numerous complaints of drug dealing in the stairwells and environs of at **(details supplied 1)**. Our Estate Management team continue to investigate these complaints in close partnership with An Garda Síochána. A recent meeting took place between An Garda Síochána from **(details supplied 2)** and Dublin City Council in relation to reports of drug dealing in **(details supplied 1)**. As a result, Garda patrols have now been increased in **(details supplied 1)** and its environs. The Gardaí have a number of ongoing target operations in the central area. Person or persons identified as tenants of Dublin City Council involved in this type of anti-social behaviour will be investigated thoroughly under Dublin City Council's Estate Management Strategy.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many trades persons are employed at Portland Row depot, Dublin 1.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 10 Tradesmen, 4 Foremen (2 on shift) and 6 General Operatives in the Housing Maintenance section Portland Row.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when works will start on the window replacement at **(details supplied)**. The windows in place have been in place over 20 years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This property was externally insulated in 2019. The windows were inspected at the time and one window was replaced under this scheme. The rest were deemed in good condition and not in need of replacement. Housing Maintenance can arrange for another inspection of the windows at this property.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive what Planning Enforcement action has been taken or will be taken against the **(details supplied)** who railed off a previously open grass area without any planning permission on what had previously and probably still is public land at **(details supplied)** and which was reported to the Planning Enforcement section over nine months ago. These same owners secured effective permission to park cars on a previously agreed open space because no action was taken against them in time.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Enforcement File has been set up in respect of the issue raised and the matter is under investigation. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area is due to inspect the premises in the coming weeks and an update will be sent to the Councillor directly following the completion of this inspection.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the totally unnecessary and ugly large Traffic Sign approximately a third of the way down Greenfield Park, Dublin indicating left for Dublin and right for Wexford could be removed as was requested well over a year ago.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This sign is considered necessary to advise road users of the route to City Centre and Wexford.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive why Dublin City Council did not nominate a replacement Director to the Board of Feilte Dhuibh Linne Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta (St. Patricks Festival Company) in 2019, if that decision was communicated to the Arts and Culture SPC, if the elected members of the Council were afforded an opportunity to consider that decision and to nominate an elected members to serve on the Board and to issue a full statement on all the circumstances surrounding this matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Executive is of the belief that it is inappropriate to have a Board Member on a private company that produces an event that also receives significant financial support from the City Council. To avoid the potential for a conflict of interest it was decided that a member of the Executive would not act as a Director of the company.

The decision was not communicated to the SPC and the position was not offered to the elected members to fill as the position has traditionally been filled by a member of the Executive. The Lord Mayor is a member of the Board of the St. Patrick's Festival Company.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive why it is possible to install floodlights in DCC parks which will operate up to 10pm at night for pitches but it is not possible to install lighting in playgrounds so during the winter months families can have one or two extra hours playing outside. Can he comment on why, if parks can't be lit because of biodiversity reasons, why the pitches are permitted lights?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The provision of floodlights on all-weather pitches acknowledges that the significant financial investment requires the maximum hours of use of the facility to cater for the huge demand of local sports clubs. There are many playgrounds which are located close to roads and which benefit from public lighting. If there is a specific playground that the Councillor would like to see floodlit we will investigate the matter and consult with local residents.

There are many reasons for not providing public lighting in parks not least of which is that the lighting of a pavement would give a false sense of security in a park setting. Impact on biodiversity is another consideration.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to release the register of those who are entitled to vote in the BIDs renewal process. If this cannot be the case, due to GDPR, can the CEO issue the legal advice that was given in relation to this particular matter? It is a wholly undemocratic process to proceed with this BID renewal process without allowing full disclosure to those who are opposed to the BIDs a copy of the register of those entitled to vote.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a public consultation period, Dublin Town informed Dublin City Council on 19th February 2022 of their intention to proceed with a plebiscite to renew the Business Improvement District Scheme. Local ratepayers in the BIDs area are entitled to vote in the plebiscite.

The Returning Officer compiles an electoral roll based on the rateable properties in the proposed business improvement district. This includes the name and billing address of each rate payer eligible to vote. This forms the electoral roll for the plebiscite. There are 2,929 entities eligible to vote in the plebiscite.

As the Electoral Roll contains personally identifiable details, privacy considerations arise, therefore it is not possible to publish or issue copies. However, interested parties can view the electoral roll by appointment in the Office of the Chief Executive in Dublin City Council.

Details of all the streets in the BIDs area and liability address are available on Dublin City Councils website <https://www.dublincity.ie/news/proposed-renewal-bid-business-improvement-district-scheme>

It is not possible to issue a copy of legal advices; however, it is possible to facilitate inspection of same by way of appointment in the Chief Executive's office at a time convenient to Councillor Flynn.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the contractual arrangements that were made between Mr Sean Scully, The Hugh Lane Gallery, and Dublin City Council's legal department regarding the displaying of his work that is on loan to the gallery that takes up two major rooms of the Hugh Lane premises.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All of the works by Sean Scully in Hugh Lane Gallery were donated to the gallery, are part of the gallery's collection and the property of Dublin City Council. The paintings are displayed on a rotation basis in one room only.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full disclosure regarding the planning process that allowed for part of the platform of the metro terminus to be created at Grand Canal Parade. This part platform would appear to be part of the Heinz planning permission for the former listed Carrols building. Many people are concerned that this planning process and the granting of this planning process without a railway order in place is illegal.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This Councillor Query is in relation to the MetroLink Project that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are managing this project and taking this through the Planning Process and thus should be directed to TII.

Planning permission was sought on 2nd February 2017 for the refurbishment and alterations to the existing Carroll's Building at Grand Parade, Dublin 6 and the provision of a new part 3, part 4, part 5 and part 6 storey office building over two levels of basement located to the south of the Carroll's Building and linked to the Carroll's Building by a 6 storey glazed atrium and 8 storey link (Plan No. 2373/17).

Following submission of the application, observations were received from both TII and the NTA. The NTA requested that "consideration is given to seeking additional information from the applicant, which would require the applicant to consult with the NTA in regard to the interaction of the development proposal with the future delivery of New Metro North and its extension to Metro South, and to provide the outcome of such consultants as additional information to the application". In the assessment of the application, due consideration was given to Policy MT4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 which states that it is the policy of the City Council to support and facilitate the development of Metro .....in order to achieve strategic transport objectives. In light of the Development Plan policy, the observation of the NTA was incorporated into a request for Further Information and a request for Clarification of Further information. Planning permission was granted following the submission of clarification of further information.

It is essential to understand that the purpose of both further information requests was to ensure that the proposed development, in particular the basement levels, would not prejudice or compromise the delivery of essential transport infrastructure in the future. Changes made on foot of the further information request included the re-configuration of the car parking and plant areas at basement levels and strengthening of structural elements. It was understood by all parties that the approval, delivery and ultimately the operation of the metro and ties in between the Metro North and the Metro South/Luas would be the subject of a separate Railway Order under the Transport Act 2001 (amended).

The decision of the Planning Authority was appealed to An Bord Pleanala by a number of third parties who raised issues regarding the provisions being made for Metro North Route and the Luas alignment on the development site. These issues were also the subject of extensive discussion at the oral hearing held on the 12th and 13th July 2018. The inspector noted the issues raised by the Planning Authority in respect of the metrolink and the potential compromise of any such alignment as a result of the proposed development and that the applicant was required to liaise and agree an option that was suitable to both Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the NTA. Representatives from both Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the NTA were available at the oral hearing and made brief submissions and answered questions in relation to the various alignment options associated with the Metrolink.

The inspector observed that the Board must be satisfied that any grant of planning permission for the development (or any other development for that matter) would in no way undermine the delivery of a critical piece of infrastructure. He went on to state:

“If the Board come to the conclusion that the proposal could undermine the most appropriate and efficient delivery of the metro-project, it must in my view, refuse planning permission on grounds of prematurity. I therefore acknowledge that the provision of a Metrolink through Dublin City Centre is of high strategic importance in land use transportation terms going forward and that no future development should in any way jeopardise or constrain options for the delivery of such critical infrastructure. If the Board were to refuse permission on the basis of prematurity pending agreement of detailed alignments and details of stations layouts etc., where both the NTA and TII (the agencies entrusted in delivering such projects) do not object and indeed support the development, it could in my view set an undesirable precedent for halting development at sites on, or in proximity to the metro-link alignment for a considerable period of time and until such time that the project is delivered. This could have profound implication for the rejuvenation of many brownfield and under developed sites along the alignment”.

While the inspector recommended refusal of permission, it was on design grounds reasons relating to the refurbishment of the Protected Structure, and made no reference to the potential impacts of the metro in his reason for refusal. . The Board granted planning permission subject to conditions including condition 3;

3. (a) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall enter into an agreement with Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority in respect of those authorities’ requirements to safeguard the potential infrastructure and operation of the existing Charlemont Luas Station and to accommodate the potential development, construction and operation of a metro or light railway on, at, or near the site of the approved development.

(b) Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall agree in writing with Transport Infrastructure Ireland/National Transport Authority a detailed plan to ensure the structural stability and safety of adjacent rail infrastructure. The agreement plan shall then be submitted to the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full update with regards the legal court challenge that is taking place between Subset and DCC. This report to also include what efforts DCC has made to remove illegal advertisements that are being created by this company on walls throughout the streets of Dublin?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council currently has 3 cases before the District Court in respect of the provision of unauthorised murals on private property at a number of locations in the City. Although the cases are being taken against the owners of the properties concerned “Subset” have held themselves out through the media and on their website as being involved in the provision of the murals concerned. The cases concerned are due for hearing in the District Court in June. Having regard to the fact that further murals have come to our attention recently that appear to have been painted by “Subset” Dublin City Council is considering further legal options in respect of dealing with both our current enforcement cases and those that have recently come to our attention.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive when the increase in pension for retired DCC staff will start.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 pension increases have been paid to those pensioners that qualify for the increases.

The calculations for the 1st October 2021 pension increases for those pensioners that qualify for the increase have been completed. Payments will be made by payroll in April 2022.

Pension increases as a result of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 pay increases will be paid to those pensioners that qualify for the increases in May 2022.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that an evidenced-based food waste campaign be scheduled for 2022 highlighting the findings of recent study "Food for Thought: Exploring Dublin's Food Waste.

<https://gmwpublic.studenttheses.ub.rug.nl/148/>

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council recognises that reducing food waste has multiple environmental and social benefits. Growing, processing and transporting food creates greenhouse gas emissions and uses resources. When food is wasted, these resources are also wasted. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimate that an average Irish family can save up to €700 per year by reducing their food waste.

The Council agrees that robust and meaningful data is central to building a food waste behavioural change campaign. Stop Food Waste is Ireland's national food waste prevention programme. The EPA's baseline studies, national behaviour surveys, waste characterisation studies and waste data are used to inform this programme's behavioural change interventions and food waste awareness campaigns. The programme is supported by Dublin City Council and we will continue to work with the EPA throughout the year to promote the Stop Food Waste programme. A coordinated national Stop Food Waste social media campaign occurred on March 1st. Materials, resources and further information on the Stop Food Waste programme are available at [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie).

Dublin City Council's Climate Action Team is working on a food strategy that will respond to the challenge of food waste. The Edible Dublin: Food Strategy will include information and actions to assist with reducing food waste that are aligned with the EPA's Stop Food Waste campaign.

To support the public consultation for the Edible Dublin: Food Strategy, the [Eat the Streets Festival](#) will be used to engage residents of the city on issues pertaining to the food system, such as food waste.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that Public Consultation be initiated to assist in the decision for the future use of the iconic old library building at Inchicore, Dublin 8?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not proposed to undertake a public consultation but full consideration will be given to potential future uses for this important building taking into account its history, location and the need for community facilities in the Inchicore area.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: Given that the Donore Community Centre, Dublin 8 will not be operational for the foreseeable, to ask that the Manager immediately provide indoor community space in the interim - to include;

- Urgent basic refurbishment of the empty buildings at " Donore stores" on Donore Ave. and the use of some units in the boarded up St Theresa's flats that will serve this purpose on a temporary basis.
- Making the astro pitch & basketball court at the rear of the vacant flats accessible and playable.
- Levelling the "waste" ground, removing any debris & planting grass to provide an amenity area for children to play with the addition of seating and use of existing playground.

It is essential to provide these spaces immediately, it is prudent and doable.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The former Donore Stores makes up part of the ground floor of one of the flat blocks scheduled to be demolished in Q3 2022 to enable the next phase of the redevelopment of the former St. Teresa's Gardens Flat Estate. This phase will provide for the delivery of over 500 homes in a collaboration between Dublin City Council and the Land Development Agency, under a working title 'Donore Project'

Presently, the local Area Office is pursuing temporary accommodation to enable the relocation of the Donore Boxing Club.

The area incorporating the astro pitch and basketball courts to the rear of the vacant flat blocks make up part of the site of the proposed Donore Project. The site is due to become a construction site by end of 2022 and in the meantime will be subject to site investigative works and surveys. It is therefore not appropriate to provide any play facilities in this area.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether it is possible to consider a local resident for employment as security / caretaker of the newly constructed Bridgefoot Street Park. The resident was previously involved in the allotments/ community gardens at Bridgefoot Street and has recently completed his security training and licensing. It would provide a degree of additional community engagement and security to have a local person engaged in such work.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All posts in Dublin City Council are filled by way of a publicly advertised competitive process. Employment contracts are issued following the conclusion of the selection process.

Requests to fill posts are submitted to the Human Resources Department by the relevant Head of Department.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the September 2020 proposals to construct a bridge over the River Liffey from Phoenix Park to the National War Memorial Gardens as had been intended when the Memorial Gardens were built in 1939.<https://www.rte.ie/news/2020/0908/1163966-dublin-bridge-national-war-memorial-gardens-phoenix-park/>



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Transportation Planning**

The proposed bridge referred to above was included as an objective in the Dublin City Draft Development Plan 2022-2028. Objective SMT023 refers.

SMT023: Bridges

Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge across River Liffey from Irish National War Memorial Gardens/Islandbridge to the Chapelizod Road, Islandbridge

As such it is included in the list of roads and bridges infrastructure to be progressed during the lifetime of the development plan, subject to adoption of the development plan with the objective retained.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his plans for retrofitting the social housing stock of the City.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Phase One of the retrofitting programme targeted houses of cavity wall construction. It commenced in 2013 and was completed in 2018 with 8,057 houses retrofitted.

Phase Two of the programme targets houses with walls of solid/hollow block construction. It commenced in 2018 and has seen 927 houses retrofitted to date under this phase of the programme. We estimate there are a further 2,690 houses categorised for retrofitting under this phase of the programme.

The timeframe involved in completing this phase of the programme will be dependent on the continuation and level of funding support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Dublin City Council is committed to the ongoing roll out of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme. The delivery of the programme, both in Phase One and Phase Two, has produced very positive results from the perspective of reducing carbon emissions, reducing heating bills and providing warmer, more energy efficient housing stock and homes for our tenants.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if the CYMS Hall on Phillipsburgh Avenue which is subject to a planning application is owned by Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The CYMS Hall is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will determine the *bone fides* of the clothing collection company with the shamrock logo which collects clothing and toys all over the city and whose mobile number is never answered.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council contacted "mywaste.ie" on behalf of the councillor and their agent, verified that the collection of textiles/clothing etc., is unregulated and doesn't require the collector to have a permit, nor is it illegal to collect clothing. This is to facilitate charities collecting clothing for reuse (i.e., clothing is not considered to be waste but

can be reused or sold by charities). All other types of waste do require the collector to carry a waste collection permit and this is regulated through the NWCP (The National Waste Collection Permit Office).

If there is prior notification of one of these collections given to our Waste Enforcement Officers we may be in a position to monitor the area to intercept these collectors. Please notify [waste.enforcement@dublincity.ie](mailto:waste.enforcement@dublincity.ie)

There is not registered charity number on the sticker, so the assumption is that the collector is not collecting on behalf of a charity.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: given the rise in purchasing and use of Suburban Utility Vehicles (SUVs) that are significantly wider than conventional cars, and whose parking and use present increased safety risks for cyclists (as well as increased greenhouse gas emissions in production and use) can the Chief Executive consider preparing a change in the street parking by-laws that would provide for a lower charge for cars of a standard width, and a higher charge for wider cars, and could he make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This suggestion warrants further discussion and development. It is something that the Environment & Transportation division may consider under a wider overall Dublin City Parking Strategy, and, if a change in the Bye-Laws was required, proposals can be made at the public consultation stage.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can safety bollards be put in place to protect houses at **(details supplied)** due to stolen cars crashing into houses on this stretch.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Bollards are not designed as crash protection devices and would pose a risk if installed as such. Also, there are bollards in place at the entrance to the Courts presently, to prevent vehicles from entering pedestrian areas.

The installation of crash barriers or amendments to road design should be raised with TAG or the Road Design and Construction Section.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can signs be put outside all schools across the City asking for no engine idling allowed. We need to put in place safe zones around all our schools.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A School Zone is an initiative designed to give priority to students at the school gate by freeing up footpaths and reducing vehicle drop-offs, pick-ups and idling. The aim is to reduce congestion and increase safety at the front of school (and provide space for social distancing during the pandemic), and prioritise active travel to and from school.

School Zones aim to:

- Prevent parking on pavements;
- Encourage traffic to slow down in the School Zone area;
- Encourage drivers to make drop-offs outside the School Zone area and not to stop in the School Zone area;
- Increase the number of children walking, cycling and scooting to school.

A School Zone treatment generally consists of the following elements:

- A School Zone 'gateway' at each main entrance to the School Zone comprising of:
- A School Zone area demarcated by specific colour circles on road surface and double yellow lines and/ or the School Keep Clear markings;
- School zone pencil shaped bollards to prevent illegal parking in vicinity of school entrances and crossings.
- Review of existing signage, road markings and accessibility access, upgrade as required.

During the review of the School Zones design before it's installation we provide school communities with information on the objectives of the School Zone including instructions on the expected behaviour for parents. This includes advice that parents should not drop off or collect within the School Zone. We direct schools to the no idling resources on the Green-Schools website to assist their efforts in this regard. Post installation we reiterate this message.

We will assess if no idling signage can be put in place while at the same time ensuring the minimum of clutter in the public realm.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can all libraries in DCC provide items for loan that will reduce items especially single use plastics going into landfill because of their short time use e.g., Toys, party kits, active party kits. Also if libraries had in house sewing machines for use, would encourage repair, upcycling etc. this would help with our ambition as a Council to encourage the circular economy.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Libraries, through the model of loaning books and other materials for repeated use by the public, have recycling and the circular economy at the centre of their service. In terms of toys, each branch library has a box of over 30 sensory items that can be used in the library, such as small bean bags, ear defenders, twidgets, mini fibre optic lamps, aroma balls, ooze and sand timers, hand massagers and easy grip balls.

Dublin City Libraries have a Maker programme which includes a mobile maker van, and a dedicated maker space in the newly refurbished Coolock Library. A high-end sewing machine/embroidery machine as well as a basic sewing machine were installed in the Coolock Maker space.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify why the Gardiner Street Swimming Pool is again closed indefinitely? In his reply can he state the reasons for the closure, provide me with details of the design team that has been appointed to the refurbishment, state whether the scope of works have been agreed, and clarify when this will go to tender provide a ballpark estimate for the contracts sum and indicate when he anticipates that the pool will reopen.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

• **Reason for the closure**

Sean McDermott Street swimming pool was built in the 1970's. The building is a concrete construction with flat roofs. The pool hall is constructed from a concrete frame with a steel trussed roof (a replacement roof, following a fire in the 1980's). Works were carried out to improve disabled access and replace some swimming pool plant in 2014;

some basic roof repairs were also completed at that time. Changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. were extensively refurbished in more recent years.

Dublin City Council have always recognised the importance of Seam McDermott Street Swimming Pool as an essential community resource and to this end the decision was taken to undertake a comprehensive programme of upgrade works to the roof and pool area in order to provide a fit for purpose facility and prolong the life of the pool as a community resource for the next 15 years. This decision was precipitated by ongoing issues with roof leaks and an issue with regular broken tiles due to structural issues with the concrete beneath. These ongoing issues presented health and safety challenges that led to the decision to close the pool.

- **Details of the design team appointed**

DCC have appointed MPA (Martin Peters Associates) as the design team in order to carry out significant investigations, surveys, opening up works etc. leading to the development of a works tender package and ultimately the capital works themselves.

- **Scope of works have been agreed**

An engineering led integrated design team has now been appointed (following a competitive tender) and these opening up works/surveys etc. are well under way. The initial investigations include, topographical surveys, asbestos surveys, opening up works to the pool area and the roof structure (including the acoustic roof), examination of the existing services, power, heating, ventilation etc.

- The initial scope of works are:
- Re-tile the pool hall, deck and basin
- Recover the existing roof (it was repaired in 2014, but has reached the end of its life)
- Repair the roof structural deck at the point of a leak, and repaint the roof trusses
- Some electrical and ventilation works are also included.
- Repainting of the roof trusses and repair of the structural deck need to be completed in advance of the retiling of the pool and deck as a full scaffold will need to be placed in the pool to gain access to the roof.

Since appointment of the design team we have discussed options to improve the facility further and provide not only better services but to also improve the performance of the building both in terms of energy efficiency and customer comfort. These measures include upgrade of the energy efficiency system, ventilation, electrical fittings etc. It is our intention to bring forward design options in this area and implement these within the same programme of works. These additional works will give the facility another 15 years of quality service.

Following completion of the opening up works, surveys etc., the design team are working on the production of tender documents, including drawings, specifications etc. for the appointment of a civil contractor to undertake the work. The construction tender process will take approx. 4 months following which a contractor will be appointed in the autumn and works will take approx. 6 months to complete.

- **Provide a ballpark estimate for the contract.**

A sum of €1.5m has been set aside within the CRES Capital programme to allow both the original scope and additional works to be completed

- **When will the Pool reopen?**

We anticipate the below programme will be delivered subject to favourable results from the investigative works which are well underway.

- Opening up works, surveys etc. Q1 2022

- Issue tender package Q2 2022
- Appointment of civil contractor Q3 2022
- Works to begin in Q4 2022
- Works completed end of Q1 2023

As previously advised Dublin City Council are happy to facilitate groups and swimmers (while Sean Mc Dermott pool is closed) in the Markievicz Sport & Fitness complex situated a kilometre away close to Tara Street Dart Station.

The closure of the pool is unfortunately necessary to allow these essential works to be developed and completed and will ultimately provide the community with a high quality amenity into the future.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with an update on long-standing plans to provide a footpath adjacent to the perimeter of the National Museum at Collins Barracks on Temple Street West and Arbour Hill, and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report on the above matter will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if a scheme similar to Dublin Canvas which provides artists with opportunities to display their art on traffic junction boxes can be implemented on public recycling bottle/recycling banks? And if so, can this be piloted in the Donaghmede LEA?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have been working with Dublin based artist collective Creative Connections to animate bottle banks in high visibility locations across the city since 2020, subject to agreement with local Area Offices and the availability of funding. Work is currently underway on the bottle banks on Tonleagee Road.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise what needs to be done to have Balgriffin Park available to community groups to arrange for permits to organise community events/activities, as this option is not available at the moment.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This area is not in charge of the City Council and remains private property in the control of the developer. DCC requires such events in Council Parks to be fully insured and the Council indemnified from all claims arising from the event. It is not clear if from the above if the developer has been approached seeking permission to run such an insured event on these lands.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the Facia and Soffits in the properties in the Poppintree Courts, they are badly in need of repair.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Any of the Facia and Soffits that are in need of repair are repaired as soon as it is requested by the tenant and logged with Housing Maintenance.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the May Bank Holiday Fun Fair at the old Ballymun Shopping Centre Site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the presentation to the members of the NWAC with regard to the proposal for temporary uses on the old Ballymun Shopping Centre site, Dublin City Council has entered into discussions with an interested party with the intention to provide a fun fair over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Members will be kept updated of progress once/if the licence is signed.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The scheme is currently at the end of the Preliminary Design phase. Detailed Design is expected to commence shortly, it is anticipated to take 10 weeks to complete (June 2022). Tender docs would be expected to be completed by end of July 2022 with Tender Return by the end September 2022. It is envisaged that the project would be onsite October/November 2022.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to add the small portion of footpath to the works in Sillogue between Owensilla and Scoil on tSeachtar Laoch. It is a small stretch of footpath that is in very bad repair and the residents there have had to deal with the road works over the last year with no benefit.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpath in question has been assessed and it was found that the section from Owensilla Terrace to Gateway Gardens is the most in need of repair so will be reconstructed as part of the Sillogue Infrastructure scheme. This will include the addition of a new section of footpath at the triangular grassed areas in front of house no's 112 to 119 Sillogue Gardens.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query (**details supplied**). Can an indication be given as to when this family will be allocated much needed larger accommodation?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant (details supplied) is on the Transfer List with an application date of 16/7/2019, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	5	5

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. 5 bedroom accommodation in Dublin City is in very short supply.

The applicant should register on Homeswapper.ie as other Local Authority tenants in larger accommodation could be willing to mutually exchange tenancies.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(details supplied)**. Indicate when the following work will be carried out for this tenant. Install walk in shower, repair washbasin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This file is due for assessment in the next 2 to 3 weeks. A decision will be made at that stage and the tenant will be informed in writing.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 1/5/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bed size</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area B	1	69
Area H	1	72
Area L	1	61

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

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

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

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following: give a timeframe for the demolition of the vacant blocks **(details supplied)**. The units are now a source of anti-social activity and there was at least one fire incident in one of the units.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proposed demolition works at **(details supplied)** includes for the demolition of Blocks 6, 7 & 8 as well as the depot building. Blocks 7 & 8 and the depot building are fully vacant. Block 6 is expected to be fully vacant in the coming weeks. The tender documents for the demolition works are expected to be complete by the end of April.

The disconnection and diversion of utility services is ongoing and this will aid the programme for demolition works once they commence.

As things currently stand, the Part 8 planning application for the demolition and Phase 1 redevelopment works has not been formally lodged. It is currently envisaged that the lodgement will be made in late Q2 of this year. When the Part 8 is lodged, it will take up to 20 weeks to obtain a decision. It is proposed to run the tender competition for the demolition works in tandem with the Part 8 application so a Contractor can be appointed when the approval is in place. The date for appointing a Contractor for the demolition works is therefore expected to be in mid / late Q4 of this year.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake a feasibility study into installing a toilet at the Prospect Hill/Fairlawn Community Gardens in Finglas as this facility is used by the elderly and spectrum community groups including children with additional needs, and there have been calls for a toilet at this facility for years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The licence for the Prospect Hill / Fairlawn Community Gardens lies with Fairlawn/Prospect Hill Community Garden Group. The Community Garden was designed and created as an amenity for people living in the vicinity of the garden.

"The Meeting Place Club" currently use the garden in addition to the local group and both parties are currently engaged in developing a Memorandum of Understanding with a view to joint use of the site. It is considered premature to investigate the feasibility of providing toilet facilities on site pending the completion of discussions between both groups.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to follow up on a number of further items at the home of our tenant at **(details supplied)**.

- Additional mould and Damp which went unnoticed in her front bedroom as she got help to move her wardrobes.
- our tenant is unable to open her damaged front hall door due to a mild stroke as it gets stuck and she can't get out, a new door is required as the tenant reports previous repair efforts have not resolved the issue

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the mould and damp inspected in the bedroom. The door that is currently installed is not a DCC door, however, the Depot will get the door replaced for the tenant.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that the waste management section investigate the possible piloting of an electric-powered street cleaning machine known as the 'Glutton' (more details at [www.Glutton.be](http://www.Glutton.be)). It appears that the machine is in widespread use in Brussels, Belgium, can be manoeuvred by hand and has excellent abilities to clean underneath parked vehicles?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services trialled a very similar type of machine to the Glutton Hoover machine in the city centre. While it has some advantages, we have found that it doesn't provide the same requirements as the current '400 series green machine' that is in operation across the city. We have found that with the green machine, staff can cover a greater area, mechanically removing loose litter from pavements. We have



introduced hand held hoover machines that helps us to blow litter from underneath parked cars onto the road for road sweepers to gather.

We are always looking at ways to improve our service and a big part of that is looking at new technologies and fleet that could potentially enhance our service further. As we move towards a fully electric fleet by 2030 we will look at all available options including the Glutton hoover machine you have mentioned.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a short update on the Council's submission on the smart and carbon neutral cities EU mission and indicate when the result of the Council's application will be known, and provide me with a copy of the application?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council submitted an EOI to join the EU Mission for 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities. Dublin is one of 362 cities and one of five Irish cities. Our EOI is being reviewed and it is anticipated that the Mission will announce in April the successful cities.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive for DCC to fix a number of footpath and traffic issues in Inchicore, which are stifling parents walking around their community with buggies and prams. On top of this, the current arrangements also pose significant blocks to wheelchair users and other pedestrians with mobility challenges. See details provided and images attached.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A) The installation of a pedestrian dishing at this location has been added to our works list. A pedestrian dishing has been added to our works list at this location.

B) Following the assessment carried out by the Traffic Advisory Group Area Engineer it was recommended to extend and repaint the Double Yellow Lines at the entrance to **(details supplied)**.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City Council to upgrade the current pitch in Marrowbone Lane flats, which is currently unfit for purpose for young people and local, emerging sports teams in the area. The tarmac surface on this pitch is a health and safety hazard, and should be replaced with an appropriate all-weather astro surface.

I ask that DCC engage with the recently established Marrowbone Lane Football Club regarding these upgrades and management of the pitch, while also allowing the pitch to be accessible for general use by the wider community. This model has worked very well in nearby Oliver Bond, where Oliver Bond Celtic FC liaises with DCC.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the pitch in Marrowbone Lane was inspected in February and was subsequently weeded and cleaned, the local area office also arranged for the lights on the pitch to be set on a timer from 5pm – 10pm each evening. A request has also been made for the painting of the white lines on the pitch area. The local area office are also investigating the cost of an all-weather astro surface for this pitch subject to funding being available. Arrangements will be made to meet with the local club to discuss their needs.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on DCC's engagement with a property owner in Rialto Cottages, regarding community access to a gated garden (**details supplied**), which could prove an invaluable greenspace for the local community. I understand DCC were seeking to track down the owner with a view to purchasing this greenspace, can you provide an update please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Our solicitors have not yet received the required legal documentation. We were advised in January that the required documents could be in storage and the appropriate searches would be carried out. We have not yet received a reply so we have written this week for an update.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the finding on land ownership for the Cedarbrook apartment's complex in Cherryorchard. To provide written documents showing all surfaces and their proof of ownership. To provide clear written documents showing if DCC or the private apartment complex owns what land.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council has requested the return of its file for this development from storage and will review same. A copy of the requested documentation will issue directly to the Councillor when it is available.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a monthly report to the council on monthly progress of DCC home insulation, retrofits. That the monthly report would show progress made showing number of retrofits and insulation per month mentioning the streets for each area. That this report would be modelled from the monthly housing report given to us.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Detailed information was provided to the Housing SPC in December 2021 and January 2022 with regard to progress to date on the DCC home insulation and retrofit programme. We are now moving into the slower phase of the programme as the immediate simpler projects have been completed. Due to the pace of the programme a monthly report would not provide significant updated information and could create an administrative burden on the teams completing the programme, which could take focus away from the programme itself. If the Housing SPC wish, a report can be brought every 6 months outlining progress.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to keep local councillors regularly updated on housing solutions in their area for refugees fleeing Ukraine, to provide regular updates with any new progress on finding housing solutions for Ukrainian refugees. We want to properly welcome them and most importantly to support them in any way we can in our communities. This work needs to involve all members of our community to make sure Ukrainians are supported and welcomed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The role of Local Authorities in dealing with the fallout of the Ukrainian Refugee crisis is still evolving. To date, Dublin City Council, specifically Civil Defence, has provided temporary accommodation to refugees in our community centres while they await provision of more permanent temporary accommodation. Dublin City Council has also activated its Community Call network to begin putting mechanisms in place to

appropriately help people deal with this very traumatic situation as they arrive in local communities. Finally, Dublin City Council is working very closely with the International Protection Accommodation Service to assist them in finding temporary accommodation.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the LED public lighting upgrades? How many lights have been upgraded and timeline for completion.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are approximately 46,500 public lights maintained by DCC Public Lighting Services. To date, 11,628 lights have been changed to LED. This represents 25% of all public lights maintained by Public Lighting Services now changed to LED. The remaining lights will be changed to LED under the upcoming Lighting Upgrade Project.

DCC is in the final stages of the evaluation of tenders for this project. Subject to satisfactory completion of the evaluation process, it is anticipated that the rollout of the LED street lighting to the remaining lights will commence in quarter 3 2022 and the timeline for delivery is approximately 5 years. When contracts are entered into with the successful tenderer, programmes will be finalised.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if in the light of the high level of usage of the bicycle parking stands outside the Centra Store at 8-11 Stoneybatter, Dublin 7, D07 N299, can he arrange for a doubling of the number of stands by making use of part of the adjacent loading bay which has been bollarded off for Covid mobility reasons, and can he also address the long-standing poor drainage for surface water at this location?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment and Transportation Department will investigate the possibility of extending the current cycle parking facilities adjacent to Centra.

DCC Drainage Division investigated the surface water issue the week of 21/03/2022. A repair of the gully connection is required, but this may take some time due to the traffic sensitive nature of the location. It was noted that there was rubbish and debris surrounding the gully, which would likely exacerbate the problem. As such, this has been put on a list for gully cleaning and pictures have been forwarded to DCC Waste Management.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider making the bus lane past Phibsborough Luas stop, to 24 hrs during weekdays. Currently cars are parked in the lane which causes the bus to drive in the regular lane leading to delays.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic advisory group have given approval for the bus lane hrs to be extended to include 16:00 to 19:00hrs Monday to Saturday as requested by the bus priority team. In light of the Cllrs question a further extension to these operating hours will be sought.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if solar panels are being considered as part of any of the new social housing /apartments builds and the planned retrofitting works.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Solar panels are not one of the upgrade measures funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for retrofitting works carried out under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme and are not currently being considered as an upgrade measure under this programme. However, solar panels are being included in new build estate regeneration housing schemes.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the continuing maintenance of the Griffith Ave Cycleway please. I'm attaching photos which would indicate the cycleway is not being maintained to the standard promised. Residents were informed machines were available to clean inside the cycle lanes but residents report no sight of these machines. Also I understand the shore / drainage issues evident before the installation of the cycleway are still causing problems particularly after heavy rainfall when the shores over flow causing parts of the cycleway to be unusable.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management have introduced Cycle Lane Sweepers that mechanically sweep cycle lanes inside protective bollards. Due to a safety issue, all machines were removed from service pending an assessment. Each machine required a part to be retrofitted to each machine before they can return to service. The machine for Griffith Avenue is due to have the part fitted Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and following inspection, we hope to have this machine in operations on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.

Waste Management have arranged for the cycle lanes on Griffith Avenue to be serviced by a machine from another area Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>.

The drainage issues will be investigated and report will be issued to the Councillor once completed.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive provide me with the following:

- the number of road deaths;
- the number of pedestrian deaths; and
- the number of cyclist deaths within the Local Authority boundary in each of the last five most recent years for which final or preliminary figures are available?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Due to Covid and staff absences this information cannot be collated at present but will be sent to the councillor within the next two weeks.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a new approach to the provision of street trees that would ensure soil pits are provided at the base of streets trees of approximately 2.5m by 0.8m in order to provide space for planting of bushes, plants and grasses that could provide for biodiversity and additional storm water drainage, and could he consider providing such pits around existing street trees, and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The primary purpose of a tree pit is to facilitate the stability and growth of one or more trees. Trees have multiple benefits for the environment, biodiversity and human health and wellbeing.

Where pavements are sufficiently wide the Parks Service would support the provision of larger tree pits however, the reality is that most pavements are confined and the Parks Service is increasing looking at opportunities for build-outs onto roads to accommodate pits sufficient for the planting and establishment of street trees. The construction of such build-outs has successfully been trialled in the North East Inner City, the Liberties and Stoneybatter as part of the Greening Strategies for those parts of the city which were identified in the City Parks and Tree Strategies as being priorities for increasing the tree canopy cover.

Trees and tree pits have a value for sustainable urban drainage however to accommodate storm water the tree pit needs to be designed specifically so that the saturation of the tree roots does not result in the demise of the tree. Rain gardens are being proposed in new road schemes to attenuate storm water and these will be appropriately planted.

If there is a specific location that the councillor has in mind for widening existing tree pits this could be considered as a one off project subject to available funding and consultation with the Environment and Transport Dept. who maintain public pavements.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the number of households that are on the Council's waiting list for housing, with a table indicating the size of each household unit, and number of years on the waiting list, and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing list by size

1 bed	8832
2 bed	2858
3 bed	1167
4 bed	142
5 bed	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>13018</b>

Housing List by years waiting

0-1 years	1565
1-5 years	5479
5-10 years	3377
10 + years	2597
<b>Total</b>	<b>13018</b>

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the implementation of the Griffith Ave Cycleway Safety Audit Part 3 published last year please. I understand that all safety audit recommendations should be remedied without delay. The report to include the total number of safety recommendations included in the report and the number of recommendations still outstanding please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report will be prepared and issued to the Councillor within the next month.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council please ensure that the following housing investigation is carried out: **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Our Local Area Maintenance Officer (AMO) has called to the adjoining Council's property and examined the matter. The resident in the house has agreed to make a number of changes to the bathroom in order to resolve this situation. The Area Maintenance Officer has been in contact with a contractor and hopes to have the work started to repair the leak next week.

In relation to the damaged furniture, paintwork, etc., the house owner will be sent a claim form and she can submit this to our Law Dept., who will investigate same.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the large hole left in the footpath at on Ballyfermot Road near Tesco opposite SPAR the hole was caused by the missing bollard at the corner of Ballyfermot Road / entrance to Tesco, Ballyfermot College of Further Education / Ballyfermot Library. The damage footpath poses a serious risk of a fall etc. to members of the public.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance visited this location and note that one of the fluted bollards has been damaged. I have requested a temporary dressing to make safe and for our Inspector to schedule a repair as soon as we have a crew available in the area. A number of potholes were also added to our works list in the car park.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to repaired / replaced the missing bollards & the key pad allowing access to the Claddagh Court Older person's complex at Claddagh Green Ballyfermot Dublin 10 as a matter of urgency, residents are finding the current situation very distressful.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Office have ordered a new audio intercom system and they are awaiting installation of same.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give me an update on the following housing issue: **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As the applicant is housed through HAP in South Dublin County Council, he cannot hold a crossover with another Local Authority. The applicant is only eligible to be placed on the Transfer List with South Dublin County Council.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the repair / carriageway reinstatement of the following 2 potholes on Philipsburgh Ave please.

- on the carriageway very near house no 25 please (Fairview Church end)

- this is more a shore surround problem when you are travelling city bound (south) and as you travel through the traffic lights (mid Philipsburgh Ave) and pass the cars stopped and waiting for green to travel north you were towards the footpath kerb and into a deep shore surround which is causing problems for motorists.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- This section of Philipsburgh Avenue near House No. 25 is part of the resurfacing programme in 2022.
- Road Maintenance will complete an inspection of the carriageway at this location and schedule a repair of the defect as required.
- The Drainage Division will examine the gully surround and have it repaired if necessary.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the footpaths at **(details supplied)** with a view to carrying out localised repairs.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection has been arranged for this location. Defects will be logged onto our asset management system and addressed in order of priority and crew availability.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an assessment of the trees beside **(details supplied)** with a view to pruning or replacing as the roots are encroaching on nearby properties.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks services have previously inspected these trees on a number of occasions within the last 2 years and these trees were found to be in a healthy condition with no further works required. Tree roots do not have the capacity to displace or undermine heavily loaded structures constructed on adequate foundations such as the adjacent block wall shown in the accompanying photo. Please note the Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016-2020 adopted by the Full Council as policy in 2016 identifies pruning as weakening trees and opening potential sites for infection by disease and decay causing organisms and requires pruning work on trees to be carried out only when absolutely necessary.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the speed survey for Hillcrest Park, Glasnevin, Dublin 11.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council contracted an external consultant to carry out a significant number of speed surveys in December 2021 and January 2022, including Hillcrest Park. Unfortunately the company experienced a significant backlog in work following lockdowns which resulted in delays to completing the surveys and associated reports.

DCC review the reports for accuracy prior to issue, and further assessment will be carried out by the Transport Advisory Group to determine if traffic calming measures are required. A summary report will be made available as soon as possible.

TAG will also raise your concerns with An Garda Síochána at the TAG Meeting in March, as they are responsible for enforcing road traffic legislation to ensure that drivers comply with speed limits.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the process for erecting masts in the city and if a report can be issued on the one recently erected at **(details supplied)** of which no public reps or local area office were informed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Utility companies require T2 permits from Dublin City Council to carry out road works in the Council's administrative area. Cignal Infrastructure Ltd applied and were granted a T2 permit to install a telecom pole and cabinet for the period 21st November to the 21st December 2021. They subsequently extended this permit to cover the period 1st February to the 28th February 2022 and a second extension for the 1st March to the 30th March 2022. The location in question was stated as the grass area at **(details supplied 1)**.

Cignal Infrastructure Ltd. submitted an application for a licence to place a telecommunications cabinet measuring externally 1.54m<sup>3</sup> (1.17mL x 0.798mW x 1.649mH) and associated pole area 0.824m<sup>2</sup> (height 15m) on the grass verge at the junction of **(details supplied 2)**, under Section 254 of The Planning and Development Act 2000. This application was received by Road Maintenance Services on 17th July 2021, it followed due process and a licence was granted to Cignal Infrastructure LTD on 5th November 2021. On foot of this licence the signal pole referred to in the question was installed.

Reports from the relevant Area Planners for Planning and Development and Transport Planning determine the suitability of the proposed development. Unlike Planning Applications, Section 254 applications are not online and not circulated to elected representatives. However, site notices are required to remain in place at the location for a period of three weeks from the date of submission of the application. The site notice details how observations can be made to Road Maintenance Services. Also, on request the application documentation is issued to those requesting it, including elected representatives.

It should be noted that Planning Registry is currently working on enabling these applications, planning reports, observations and licences to be included on The APAS system, DCC's Planning system.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for updates regarding Tolka Valley Park and environs, specifically:

- 1.) Does Dublin City Council plan to remove the kissing gates at each entrance to the park? If not, why?
- 2.) To request that Dublin City Council improve access points to the park to maximize universal access, to improve the design to become more inviting by layout, signage, landscaping and the quality of materials used?
- 3.) To request that Dublin City Council take action to address the blackspot **(details supplied)** which requires maintenance and improvement, including:
  - A.) Addressing the lack of universal accessibility (kissing gates)
  - B.) Removing the litter at the underpass
  - C.) Removing the undergrowth at the underpass
  - D.) Addressing the surface of the path, which is patchy and uneven
  - E.) Cleaning the walls of the underpass, which are dirty and defaced with graffiti

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

1. Parks are currently identifying problematic kissing gates across all our Districts including Tolka Valley Park. Parks will be providing this data to our colleagues in the E&T department who are developing solutions to improve mobility and eliminate kissing gates at these particular locations. However it must be acknowledged that the majority of such kissing gates were installed at the request of local residents, clubs and other park users where the anti-social use of scrambler motorbikes in the park was identified as a danger to children and older park visitors which has been an ongoing



issue in Tolka Valley Park. The Parks Service is currently liaising with the Irish Wheelchair Association as to what is current best practice to allow the greatest level of access while restricting scramblers.

2. We anticipate the new design for these access points will primarily provide improved access and also incorporate some of the best practice attributes as listed above.
3.
  - A. This area has been included in our assessment.
  - B. Parks will arrange any necessary clearance of this area, as soon as local schedules allow.
  - C. Parks will arrange for an inspection and any undergrowth causing a potential H&S issue will be maintained.
  - D. This will be included in data provided to E&T department.
  - E. Parks will arrange for an inspection and any necessary cleaning, subject to available budget.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR COLM O’ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: to request where an applicant is on the Dublin City Council housing application list (**details supplied**) and if their case could be expedited considering their circumstances?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer HAP List with an application date of 14/10/2011, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsize</b>	<b>Position</b>
Area E	3	95
Area M	3	18

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

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

If the applicant is having difficulty in their tenancy they can contact the HAP section for permission to move to an alternative HAP tenancy.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR COLM O’ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what becomes of submissions through the ‘Report an Obstruction’ form via Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) and for the Chief Executive to report both the usage statistics and outcomes?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

When a member of the public completes the “Report an Obstruction” form via Dublin Street Parking Services (DSPS) website, this automatically triggers an email to the DSPS customer services team who enters the details of the request (location, offence, details of vehicle committing the offences) and uploads any photos that may have been submitted. These requests are allocated by the control room Duty Managers to DSPS on street crews, where operationally efficient. Crews will enforce /relocate /fine /issue

warnings to illegally parked vehicles. Where no offences are occurring, the crews will upload photos of the area to link to the request. All requests are classified accordingly by the on-street crew for review on a weekly basis by management.

From January 1st 2022 to 29th March 2022 1,741 requests were received from members of the public approx. 60% of these were attended.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what Dublin City Council is undertaking to accommodate those with disabilities and specifically:

- 1) To request that more disabled person's parking bays be installed across the City and especially close to services such as medical centres, hospitals etc.
- 2) To request an update regarding what Dublin City Council is doing to provide housing for people with a disability and if there will be an increase in this type of housing in the near future?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Requests for General Disabled Parking Bays can be made on a case by case basis to the Transport Advisory Group through the dedicated Councillor Transport Service Request Form.

With respect to Q.2, Dublin City Council is in the process of finalising its Housing Strategy for Disabled People (2022-2026). During the course of the last strategy, the Council has demonstrated a clear commitment and positive discrimination towards meeting the housing needs of those with a disability, where allocations averaged at 13% housing allocations and 12% of transfers. Additionally, we carried out 1,543 alterations, including stair lifts, ramps, level deck showers, to existing Council homes and 47 extensions, to accommodate ground floor bedrooms and/or bathrooms, over a four year period 2018-2021, to support people to remain living comfortably in their homes.

The Council intends to specifically cater for the housing needs of disabled people through the inclusion of defined targets for provision of homes that meet the requirements of disabled people. Stage 1 of the Council's Draft Development Plan, Chapter 5 'Quality Housing and Sustainable Neighbourhoods' includes a specific objective (QHSNO10) 'to require that a minimum of 10% of dwellings in all schemes over 100 units are designed to accommodate people with disabilities and older people in accordance with Universal Design Guidelines for Homes in Ireland 2015'. The final version of the Development Plan will determine with ultimate target for the % of homes to be built with Universal Design principles.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update on the refurbishment/renewal works at Raheny Library to cover:

- list of works done to-date
- list of works remaining
- updated target overall spend
- estimated re-opening date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- The following works have been carried out to date:
  - Re-flooring of adult and junior libraries plus staff areas, public toilet, with safety flooring in staff canteen, staff toilets and main entrance area.

- Fitting of new blinds.
  - New ceiling grids and tiles throughout adult and junior library.
  - New LED lighting throughout.
  - Re-painting of interior including woodwork, plus exterior gates.
  - Tree pruning and removal.
- The following works remain to be completed:
    - Installation of security gates and new self-service kiosks.
    - Upgrading of PCs to include new library management system and upgraded software on all computer hardware, public and staff.
    - Fitting of replacement aluminium louvre grills to outside of building as part of ventilation system.
    - Delivery and installation of new library shelving throughout.
    - Professional cleaning, re-shelving and preparations for re-opening.
  - The overall spend on this refurbishment work will be approximately €250,000.
  - The library will re-open on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the partnership with Raheny Shamrocks to facilitate the provision of a club-house on DCC lands near CARA Hall. Can he provide any information available in terms of status of licence process, indicative timeline for planning application and any other relevant matters.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 the Elected Members approved terms and conditions for the grant of a 35 year lease to Raheny Shamrock for construction of a club house at All Saints Park. The project is not a partnership between the Council and the club.

The agreed terms provide that the club will lodge a planning application within 24 months of the date statutory approval was granted. In advance of this action the Council will enter into an Agreement for Lease with the club and the 35 year lease will be granted on completion of the clubhouse to the satisfaction of the City Architect. The Law Agent is preparing the legal documents at present.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive, further to the Councillor Workshop held late last year can the CEO provide a report on recent progress in relation to the Clontarf Flood Defence and also provide a list of related project tasks that he expects to be completed this calendar year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Contract Documents are currently being compiled to appoint a consultant for the assessment of design options, the development of a preferred option and to bring this to Part 10 Planning Application stage to An Bord Pleanála. The Clontarf Promenade Redevelopment & Flood Defence scheme will be a multi-discipline project. DCC Internal departments, City Architects, Parks, Active Mobility and Roads & Traffic are all involved in liaison and are contributing to the formation of the final documents.

It is programmed to have these documents ready to out to procurement early in Q3 of this year and the multi-disciplinary team appointed in Q4 2022.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: poor use of the on street parking outside **(details supplied)** regularly results in the residents at this location not being able to access their driveways. Can the CEO organise for the matter to be examined and make recommendations please. Can he also confirm that parking across driveways at this location is referable to DSPS?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The parking enforcement inspector carried out a site visit 1635pm 30/03/22 - The driveway in question was all clear.

He has also checked the system and can't find any record of job requests for a vehicle obstructing premises access/egress at **(details supplied)**.

Upon the advice of the parking enforcement inspector the query has been referred to TAG for the area engineer to review the road markings as they may need to be altered at driveways - the hatching with a continuous white line separating the parking from cycle track.

Parking in front of a driveway is an enforceable offence and can be referred to DSPS.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any discussions he has had with the Health Services Executive regarding the future of the former Baggot Street Hospital, with a view to ensuring its refurbishment and re-use. In his reply can he indicate whether any notices have been issued to the owners or occupiers regarding its vacancy, dereliction or rates demands in the last three years and make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

On foot of a request to allow a local community group use part of the grounds as a community garden, the building manager advised the South East Area Office on 24/07/2018 by phone call that the building would be sold when services were relocated. A further such request was made on 14th December 2018. There has been no subsequent update to the South East Area Office.

I am not aware of any discussions having taken place between the Planning Department and the HSE regarding the use and/or refurbishment of the former Baggot Street Hospital.

The Derelict Sites Unit has no active file on this property but arrangements will be made to have it inspected and a report will issue directly to the councillor.

The Vacant Sites Unit will have the site inspected and assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015. A reply will issue to the Councillor when the site's suitability for inclusion on the Vacant Sites Register or otherwise is determined.

Section 16 of the HSE (Financial Matters) Act 2014 amends Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 to include "any land, building or part of building occupied by the HSE" to be exempt from rates. Hence the former Baggot Street Hospital is exempt from commercial rates and no rates demand has issued in the last three years.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many DCC homes will be retrofitted this year, what are the locations of these homes, what are the costs involved, how much centralised funding is being used for this scheme and is it on track to reach the deadlines.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is currently awaiting its 2022 funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The number of houses which will be retrofitted will be dependent on the level of funding received. The costs cannot be predetermined as each property is surveyed on an individual basis and the associated costs are dependent on the level and scale of the upgrade works required. Works will take place across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a secure, central location in the South East Area to provide storage for donations to refugee individuals and families that local community support groups can access as needed to provide necessary support to refugees arriving to the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We do not have such a location identified at this time. However, we are liaising with our Community Team and voluntary groups to enable us to assist members of the Ukrainian community who have recently arrived in Dublin.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progress of the Grand Canal Cycle Route, has a design team been appointed, the timelines for public consultation, the deadline for completion and what is being done to accelerate this project in light of the urgent need to deliver more sustainable transport infrastructure.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) has mobilised a project team and is currently progressing the review of the Grand Canal Premium Cycle Route and Greenway in line with new project governance requirements. The objective of the scheme is to provide a continuous high quality pedestrian and cycle link from Portobello to Blackhorse Bridge.

The design was previously prepared in 2015 and paused before commencement of public consultation processes. AcTPrO are now looking to identify opportunities to improve the proposed cycle and pedestrian facilities whilst also minimising the impact on trees, ecology, built heritage and the canal in addition to ensuring compliance with new funding and approval requirements for public projects.

An updated design and preferred route will be completed over the coming months and it is intended to begin consultation with the local community and elected representatives in Q4 2022.

The timeline for the completion of the route is under review on the outcome of the updated route options and consultation processes.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that **(details supplied 1)** are fully consulted with and their service accommodated as part of any future developments in the area. **(details supplied 1)** continue to provide an essential community based drug rehabilitation service and crèche service for participants. It is very vital that this service

is fully consulted with and accommodated as part of any CPO of units on **(details supplied 2)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied 1)** is included within the area of interest for the potential redevelopment of **(details supplied 2)**. The Chief Valuer is available to engage with the property owners and service providers at **(details supplied 1)**, to discuss all relevant property matters arising.

The Phase 3 consultation process on **(details supplied 3)** concluded on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. All feedback and submissions will now be carefully considered by the DCC and Project Design Team as we move towards final proposals.

There will be full consultation in relation to any future developments in the area.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the programme of works for **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Some minor issues that a number of tenants reported have been resolved, while a door to door survey of each of the **(details supplied)** will take place in a week commencing 4th April 2022 in order to compile a comprehensive list of all works required in each dwelling.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form how much funding has been spent on long term leasing of private housing accommodation for the years 2019,2020, 2021 so far in 2022?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table below sets out the cumulative annual rental payments from 2019 to 2022

<b>Year</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 to date</b>
Cumulative Annual Rent Payments	€2,591,796	€4,614,806	€10,304,811	€3,454,756
Cumulative Leased Units	202	411	765	820

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the tendering process of the domestic waste collection service in Dublin City Council flats and support housing and if the new contract will include any new services or sites for waste collection?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The process has started to establish a Multi-party Framework Agreement for the provision of waste collection services from designated Dublin City Council residential properties.

The first stage of this competitive procedure is an *Expression of Interest* whereby any interested party may submit an application in the form of a PQQ – Pre Qualifying Questionnaire. All documents in relation to this competition can be accessed on eTenders website: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/>

**Q.85 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to ascertain if bee-friendly flowering plants can be planted in the two old horse troughs on St. Stephen's Green opposite Nos 21/22 - this would provide an attractive colourful enhancement to the road/footpath way.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Confirmation has been sought as to whether the two horse troughs are in the ownership of Dublin City Council or the Office of Public Works: this information is still outstanding.

As the two troughs are listed as protected structures, the Conservation Office of the relevant authority/office will undertake an assessment of the appropriateness of the proposed intervention.

The ongoing management and maintenance of the proposed planting will need to be confirmed by the Client Department in the relevant authority/office.

**Q.86 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the ownership of the railings along the canal between Grand Canal St Upper and Lesson St. and if they are in the ownership of DCC that it be organised to clean and paint them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This question has been sent to Waterways Ireland for a reply. The reply will be sent to the Lord Mayor when it is received.

**Q.87 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the ownership of the railings in front of Catholic University School and the Institute of Education on Leeson St and to request that the owner clean, straighten and paint them as appropriate - they are currently rusty and visually anti-social.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are making arrangements to replace the damaged traffic barrier railings at this location within the next 4 weeks.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposed housing maintenance work for **(details supplied)**. The tenant reports a snag list being done but hasn't heard anything since.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Depot called to this tenant but were unable to gain access. We have been trying to contact the tenant since, once we are successful in doing so, all necessary works will be carried out.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the energy output from the Ringsend incinerator.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Facility is a 65MW electricity generator, with the capacity to generate 90MW of Heat.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the roads and footpath adjacent to **(details supplied)** to be repaired/ resurfaced. There are potholes in the road and the grass verge is in a poor state.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In response to this query, an inspection has been carried out at the above location. Several carriageway defects were noted and logged for repair.

The grass verge has been damaged by residents driving across it for access.

Anyone who wishes to have the path outside their property modified to facilitate a vehicle entrance should contact Road Maintenance Services Division. The application process, including conditions to be satisfied and information on charges that will be levied are outlined in the City Council's website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/road-maintenance-services/modify-footpath-allow-vehicular-access>.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the ramps on **(details supplied)** to be repaired/replaced. They are the red brick ramps and are in a very poor state of repair.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These ramps have been inspected and provisionally included on a list of ramps for reconstruction as part of the 2022 annual works program.

Please note that a number of requests for ramp rehabilitation have been received this year. Not all of these can be accommodated within the 2022 program of works in order to keep within the programme budget. Ramps will be addressed on a priority basis.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report including timeframe for the completion of the tea rooms and changing places toilets in Fairview Park please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Part 8 for this project is currently out to public consultation. Subject to planning approval the project will be programmed in the 2023-2025 Capital Programme.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive To fast track with speed the refurbishment of Donore Community Centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The refurbishment of the Donore Centre is being treated as a high priority and additional resources have been provided by the C.R.E.S. Department to progress the matter in as timely a manner as possible.

A detailed report will be made available to the area committee with a timeline for the refurbishment when finalised.



**Q.94 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information on the new traffic light system/pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)**:

- a. If surrounding business owners and property owners were consulted before the installation of the signals?
- b. How much has the project cost in total?
- c. Have alternative locations for the sensors been considered in order to facilitate the lights becoming operational?
- d. When does the traffic section envision the matter being resolved and is there any prospect of agreement being reached in relation to installation of the sensors in the immediate future?
- e. Had the business owners previously agreed to the sensors being installed so the lights could be operational before construction took place?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a. The business owners including residents in the proximity to the works were consulted through a letter drop on 15th March 2021. The letter drop included businesses across **(details supplied)**. The response from the 5 **(details supplied)**. Four responded positively except one who did not respond. We recommended that the parking layout be changed in line with our proposed layout but unfortunately but there was no consensus. Throughout the construction were in constant contact with the Area Office.
- b. The total project cost was €233.480.00.
- c. Alternative locations for us to install the loops have been identified but we need permission from TESCO to extinguish 2 of their parking bays in exchange for 2 bays located at the current bus stop. If this fails we will create a one-way entry only to the shops
- d. We are optimistic that this can be implemented within 2 weeks if we reach an amicable solution.
- e. The installation of detection through cameras is another alternative on condition there is enough distance for detection.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the pavement at 9 Cremore Crescent, Dublin 11 and advise if it is on a list for repair?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In response to this query, an inspection has been carried out at the above location. Several carriageway defects were noted and logged for repair.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to tree at **(details supplied)**, if he will agree to remove or seriously prune same as requested by elder resident who is distraught at the height of the tree and the damage the tree is causing her property and if he can agree to have one of his officials call to details and address matters with her.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to a pluvial flooding problem that occurs at **(details supplied)**, he can arrange to have the problem resolved as part of the C2CC works - there is a camber in the road - and install additional double gullies at **(details supplied)** as pedestrians and cyclists alike are soaked when cars drive into the flood causing much upset to all concerned.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the C2CC Project, a number of additional road drainage gullies, and associated collector surface water pipes will be installed along this stretch of roadway, both for the new bus lane and for the new cycle lane.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to remains of uprooted tree stump (tree uprooted during recent storm) at **(details supplied)** and arrange to have same removed as it is dangerous and unsightly.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tree was made safe and removed from the road during the storm event. The remaining stump will be removed as soon as schedules allow.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to tenant at **(details supplied)**, please arrange to clear/repair the continuing blocked sewerage problem for this elder couple who are experiencing awful upset as a result this ongoing problem.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance attended to this issue and all works have been completed at the property in relation to the blockages.