

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

**CE** 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.

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