

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE
MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 7TH
NOVEMBER 2022**

Q.1 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate how many commercial premises on O'Connell Street are paying commercial rates and how many commercial premises are not or are paying commercial rates at the vacancy rate? I ask this question in a quick attempt to identify the balance between those commercial premises on O'Connell Street that are fully operational and those who are vacant - if this approach gives a false reading please indicate so.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

O'Connell Street has 144 rated premises, of these ratings 26 have made no payment in respect of the 2022 charge.

The rates vacancy scheme may underestimate the true level of vacancy on O'Connell St. as an application may only be made if the vacancy is as a result of one of the following:

- The inability to find a tenant
- The purpose of carrying out repairs or alterations
- The property is pending demolition or re-development

This scheme remains open throughout the year, completed vacancy returns are generally submitted November through December and to date only 1 submission has been received.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTÚIN

To ask the Chief Executive what lands are DCC in communication with the LDA in regards to the South Central area? Have any lands been identified by the LDA as a site of interest?

Can I have an update on the below vacant buildings and what the plans are to bring them back into public use? Is there any open leases or licences on any of these buildings?

Iveagh Markets
Smithfield Fruit Market
The building previously used by Colaiste Mhuire on Parnell Square
Inchicore Library.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to 'The building previously used by Colaiste Mhuire on Parnell Square':

It is planned that No 27 Parnell Square North will be completely renovated and become part of the new City Library. This work will be included in the Parnell Square Project Phase 1 works.

There are no open leases or licences on the building.

Dublin City Council has identified the Bluebell site in the South Central Area for development with the Land Development Agency. Phase 1 of the project is expected to deliver approximately 140 new dwellings.

In addition the LDA are about to submit a planning application for 543 new dwellings on the former St. Teresa's Gardens Flat estate.

Iveagh Markets

The Iveagh Market is subject to a number of legal proceedings and the relevant parties remain locked into a confidential Mediation process which is ongoing but nearing completion.

Fruit & Vegetable Market

The Tender for a design Team for the refurbishment and conservation works to the Market Building has now completed and the contract will be awarded shortly. This team will undertake the detailed design of all elements and bring forward a construction tender Q2 next year.

In the meantime, the building has been used for a range of temporary uses including Culture Night and Nightmare Realm (a Halloween Experience). There are ongoing enquiries for temporary uses and the building has bookings in place up to Spring 2023.

Inchicore Library

The property in its current state is not accessible for disabled individuals and is one of the reasons the library was relocated, also consideration in regard to Fire Safety Certification.

Surveys will be undertaken accordingly and subsequent to findings and procurement requirements works will be undertaken.

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.3 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will respond to the issues pertaining to Dublin City Council outlined in the letter and attachment submitted with this Question relating to application to install a telecom mast at Dunville Avenue, Ranelagh.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On Tower Ireland Ltd (A Cellnex Company) applied for a licence under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to place a 15m high signal pole and associated telecommunications cabinet on the public footpath on Dunville Avenue . The purpose of this installation of telecommunications infrastructure on Dunville Avenue is to improve the Three Mobile mobile network coverage within the surrounding area.

This licence was determined by Dublin City Council on the basis planning criteria and was granted by The Environment and Transportation Department on 23rd August 2022. An appeal of this decision was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) on 21st September 2022. Dublin City Council await the outcome of the appeal.

On Tower Ireland Ltd commenced construction on 19th September 2022 and are aware that if Dublin City Council's grant of the licence is overturned by ABP, On Tower Ireland Ltd will be required to remove their infrastructure and reinstate the public footpath to its original condition.

Prior to the commencement of the installation on Monday 19th September 2022, a notice in the form of a letter drop, was issued to residents and businesses in the area on the 14th September 2022, a requirement of On Tower Ireland's road opening licence (T2).

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if his office would seek an update from senior Garda management as to when the new Garda substation will open in O'Connell street Dublin 1.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A letter has been forwarded to the Garda Commissioner and the Councillor will be informed when a reply is received.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many winter beds will open in November this year for the homeless people?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In partnership with our service providers, the DRHE will increase capacity for singles and couples on a phased basis throughout the winter months. The beds will be triggered as needed, depending on the demand for homeless services on any given night. Equally, we will have in place vital capacity should an extreme weather event occur.

The total new capacity is 280 beds, comprised of 240 permanent beds and 40 extreme weather beds. It is anticipated that the majority of the permanent beds will be operational before the end of October.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to when the new windows will be fitted at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has sent the order for new windows for this property to the Joinery Workshop. They are presently being manufactured and the Workshop will call the tenant when ready, which should be in six to eight weeks' time.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the 4 parking spaces at (**details supplied**) be power washed and the markings for the 4 spaces be re-painted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned location power washed by the middle of November 2022.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will issue a response to the person detailed with this question arising from damage to his car caused by a major pot hole in the Donnybrook area and if he will also arrange for this pothole to be repaired. **Details supplied**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Irish Water has carried out a permanent repair at this utility opening in the roadway. Details of this incident have been sent to DCC's Law Dept. who will liaise with the customer in respect of the claim for damages.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of the waste soil dump at the top of (**details supplied**) to ensure that this has been undertaken by the time he responds to this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This raised planter was installed by property owners on the street to deter illegal dumping at this location. One of the owners (3 properties) advised that he wants it to remain and replenishes the plants each summer. He also advised that his neighbours are also in support.

There may be potential here for a more professional greening intervention. This will be referred for consideration under the NEIC greening initiatives for 2023.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for cardboard recycling facilities in the Dublin 11 and 9 areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cardboard can currently be recycled free of charge at Collins Avenue Bring Centre, and a free cardboard recycling service will be available upon completion of the Ballymun Civic Amenity Site in early 2023.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Ballymun Shopping centre site strategy and to stress the importance of getting the drainage work completed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A Development Strategy for Site No 1 in the Ballymun LAP (former shopping centre site) was presented to the area councillors in April 2022 and it was agreed that temporary uses would be explored for the eastern side of the site. To facilitate these uses quotes were sought by the Parks Department to examine the issue of ponding on part of the site. These are currently under review. The City Valuer is to appoint a property agent for a "soft launch" of the western part of the site. This will involve placing the site on the agent's web site and circulating the details to relevant clients on their data base to gauge interest in the site.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of Staff numbers and to compare that to 2007, 2012 and 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

| YEAR | NUMBER |
|------|--------|
| 2007 | 6791 |
| 2012 | 5999 |
| 2022 | 5666 |

Q.13 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of Part V (Where the council buy a Percentage of each private development) in 2021 and 2022 and any upcoming numbers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Housing Department have acquired/leased the following number of unit:

| Year | Lease | Acquisition | Total |
|------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 2021 | 21 | 95 | 116 |

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|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2022 (to date) | 125 | 117 | 242 |
| 2022 (by year end) | 3 | 83 | 86 |
| Overall total | 149 | 295 | 444 |

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive the number of housing units that have been delivered under the long-term social housing leasing scheme in the Dublin City Council administrative area in each of the years since 2018, by each housing area, in tabular form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

| Administrative Area | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Central | 5 | 32 | 60 | 75 | 91 |
| North Central | 2 | 13 | 34 | 75 | 156 |
| North West | 7 | 13 | 26 | 50 | 24 |
| South East | 3 | 1 | 13 | 21 | 8 |
| South Central | 3 | 42 | 77 | 132 | 62 |
| Total | 20 | 101 | 210 | 353 | 341 |

Q.15 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether, further to question 12 at the September South East Area Committee meeting, if the documents have been sent back to the Office of Public Works for final approval in respect of Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme Phase 2 and if so, if he could confirm the date these documents were sent back.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Tender Documents for to procure a Consultant for Stage I and Stage II of the scheme have not yet been finalised and formally sent back to the Office of Public Works for final approval, however we continue to engage with the OPW with a view to finalising the Tender Documents as soon as possible. We will provide a further update once the Tender process is commenced.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could set out in tabular form, of the estimated 20,000 residential units which have received planning permission by Dublin City Council but have not been activated, by reference to the Applicant name, site address, and number of units approved, type of units approved (apartment/house), number of Build to Rent units approved by reference to unit type.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A table is attached with this reply giving a list of all applications that were inactive at the time of end of Quarter 2 2022, as part of the process of preparing a return to the Housing Task Force data publication. (See previous reports at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5b918-housing-supply-coordination-task-force-for-dublin/>)

Please note that the Task Force data that forms the basis of this reply is prepared under specific criteria. The Housing Task Force Returns

- Only include permissions with 10 units and greater
- Does not include social housing applications as the purpose of the Task Force data is to track delivery within the private sector.
- Does retain on the list SHDs which may be under Judicial Review as until the legal process is complete.
- It is a snap shot in time, stopped on 30 June 2022 for Q2 2022; covering extant permissions in the system at this moment in time.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive, how many disabled parking spaces there are currently in the Dublin City Council area, to set out in tabular form the increase in disabled parking spaces each year from 2017 to 2022, and to set out what plans the Council has to increase the number of disabled parking spaces in the city over future years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Sector Duty placed on all public bodies and our obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are significant positive steps for local government in providing a framework within which we can ensure our policies, services and facilities are equitable and accessible for all.

As part of Dublin City Council Corporate plan 2020 – 2024, the City Council has developed and agreed an action plan for the ongoing implementation of the public sector equality and human rights duty, across all of its functions.

The Transport Advisory Group have assessed General Disabled Parking Bays and Residential Disabled Parking Bays. These do not include disabled bays on private lands, shops and car parks

Following a preliminary search on the Traffic Asset Management System records of statutory submissions to the Garda Commissioner with regard to regulatory road markings, shows the following information:

There are approximately 500 General Disabled Parking Bays in Dublin City Council Area.

General Disabled Bays

| Year | Increase from Previous Year |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 2017 | 20 General Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2018 | 25 General Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2019 | 32 General Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2020 | 23 General Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2021 | 12 General Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2022 | 10 General Disabled Parking Bays |

These records are approximate as there may be 2+ bays listed on some records, and with regard to 2022 some records have yet to be entered on the system.

Residential Parking Bays

Approximately 444 Residential Disabled Parking Bays are currently in place throughout the city. These bays are transitory and typically installed directly outside people's residential property. They are installed and removed as requested by the applicants who meet with DCC's criteria and where the roadway is suitable.

| Year | Increase from Previous Year |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2017 | 20 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2018 | 25 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2019 | 32 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2020 | 23 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2021 | 12 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |
| 2022 | 32 Residential Disabled Parking Bays |

The Transport Advisory Group prioritise disabled bay requests monthly in each of the Elected Members electoral areas.

Q.18 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 06/08/2020, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area | Bedsize | Position |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Area B | 2 | 320 |
| Area D | 2 | 138 |
| Area H | 2 | 397 |

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

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

The applicants may be eligible for HAP which will provide them with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, they 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.19 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section wrote to tenant in April 2022 informing her that the case has been assessed and was awarded a low (Level 3) medical priority. We also informed the tenant that due to the volume of urgent cases currently in hand and on the waiting list to be dealt with, only approved cases with a high (Level 1) medical priority are being considered at this time. We stated that we would not be in a position to deal with any cases awarded a moderate (Level 2) or low (Level 3) medical priority for the foreseeable future and as such no commitment could be made as to when any works may be carried out at the tenant's home.

The tenant can appeal the decision by submitting a written appeals letter, together with up to date medical information.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 03/04/2014, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area | Bedsize | Position |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Area B | 3 | 158 |

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

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

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Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the 'Right Away' pathway running from (**details supplied**) is retained during any development at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This item was raised at the North Central Area meeting with regards to the (**details supplied**). The NTA has agreed to meet with the councillor to discuss this concerns in relation to this area and will be in contact with him in due course.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the following issue regarding cars parked in the lane-way between Elmwood Ave Upper and Lower Beechwood Ave in Ranelagh could be addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The parking enforcement inspector will visit the location and carry out an assessment in relation to what parking enforcement measures may be suitable, he will report his findings to the area engineer for review.

Parking obstructions can be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services for enforcement at 01 602 2500.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate i) how many Dublin City Council positions are currently in the Public Appointments Service (PAS) system ii) how long they have been in the system and iii) on average over a) the last 18 months and b) the last 3 years, how long it is taking for PAS to process our appointments from first notification of the appointment to filling the appointment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We currently have 11 requests with the Public Appointments Service to fill positions in various roles across the Council, which we expect will be filled shortly.

Varying timeframes apply to fill our requests for staff which can be due to the following factors;

- Whether there is an existing panel in place for the position in PAS.
- Requirement for competition and panel to be formed for national competitions for grades such as Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Officer etc.
- Requirement for competition and panel to be formed for grades specific to Dublin City Council, such as Director, DRHE, Assistant Law Agent etc.
- The candidate clearance process within PAS, which includes reference checks, Garda Vetting etc., before issuing of candidate recommendation to the Council.
- Onboarding of PAS recommended candidate by Dublin City Council which includes period of notice to be served and receipt of service queries etc., where required.

In the last 3 year period (Nov 2019 – Nov 2022) Dublin City Council has made 84 requests for various positions to be filled to the Public Appointment Service. These grades have been at Senior Executive level or above. 35 of these requests were submitted in the last 18 months.

It should be noted that each competition is unique and therefore it is difficult to present an accurate average timeframe due to the multiplicity of factors in each competition listed above.

The City Council has a very good working relationship with PAS who continue to respond to our recruitment priorities as required.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the '*detailed audit of the current uses and retail shop fronts*' as per the response to the question below:

Question to the Chief Executive

Council Meeting 6th December 2021

Q.18 LORD MAYOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area of Special Planning Control for O'Connell Street (ASPC) is due to be reviewed in 2022. In response to this statutory requirement resources will be given to

review and consider the next steps for the area and the ASPC. As part of this review, a detailed audit of the current uses and retail shop fronts will take place to ensure compliance with the updated ASPC Scheme. Meanwhile where unauthorised developments are identified in the ASPC, these will be brought to the attention of the Enforcement Section.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Scheme of Special Planning Control (SSPC) was approved by the City Council in October following public consultation. The survey which was conducted in the spring and which informed the scheme, helps to identify trends in land use changes over time. Findings of the survey (which is attached) include the following;

- Throughout the SSPC area, a small increase in the number of vacant units was recorded at ground floor level, with a higher proportion located on O'Connell Street Lower. A number of these vacant units were formerly occupied by retail, banks and tourist offices In the previous survey; reflecting the wider shift in banking and also the continuing impact of the pandemic.
- Of the ground floor units which were vacant in the last survey but now occupied, there were no noticeable trends in regard to the particular uses, i.e. these units continue to offer a broad range of retail and services.

It is also relevant that the approved SSPC now includes the following changes to Specific Uses; Amusement arcades and adult entertainment shops are now not permissible in the entire SSPC (rather than selected streets as previous), and secondly 'Food hall' up to 1,000 sq. m is now open for consideration use at ground floor within the SSPC.

In relation to enforcement, the SSPC aims to remove some specified advertising structures, and following the survey, letters were issued to the relevant properties on Bachelors walk. Quality shopfronts are promoted throughout the SSPC and the City Development Plan encourages appropriate shopfront design and best practice.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate i) how many planning enforcement cases/files have been opened with regard to non-compliance with the DCC shopfront guidelines and commercial advertising guidelines within the Special Planning Control Scheme for O'Connell Street and Environs between 1 Jan 2021 and 30 Sept 2022 ii) how many of these have been successfully resolved and iii) the difficulties encountered in ensuring that our shopfront guidelines and advertising guidelines are fully complied with?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There have been four Planning Enforcement cases initiated since the 1st of January 2021 relating to unauthorised shopfront signage for premises on O'Connell Street. Statutory Warning Letters have been served in respect of the 4 premises concerned. The enforcement files and investigations into the premises concerned remain ongoing and appropriate enforcement action will continue in respect of these cases.

The main difficulties encountered regarding enforcement of shopfronts and signage are that many of the properties that have unauthorised shopfronts and associated signage have had the alterations, or similar alterations carried out in excess of seven years and are therefore statute barred from enforcement action.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive to develop the “Quiet Ways” concept in parks and green areas of the city and a pilot project be commenced in the South West Inner City area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Environment & Transport Department is currently drafting an active travel promotional strategy called Connecting Communities. One of the themes within this strategy is engaging the City, which includes opportunities for community-led active travel initiatives. The concept of Quiet Ways could be considered as part of this and developed with interested communities. The strategy is still in development but updates will be shared on its progress in the New Year.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the feasibility of introducing “Smart Crossing/virtual pedestrian crossings” that has been prototyped in several European countries.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

In order to cater for all users, in particular vulnerable road users DCC strive to create a uniform approach to how pedestrian crossings operate and thus, there are currently no plans to trial virtual pedestrian crossings.

Over the last number of years Dublin City Council have installed a number of different technologies in relation to pedestrian crossings. These have included contactless pedestrian buttons and pedestrian call cancel units. These units automatically detect pedestrians and call the pedestrian crossing even if the person does not press the button but waits in the pedestrian area. They also can be used to cancel the pedestrian demand if a person presses the button and walks away from the detection zone.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that a meeting be convened with residents at (**details supplied**) to discuss practical solutions to traffic management in this high demand area please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group, Area Engineer did a site visit to (**details supplied 1**). The Area engineer suggests to the residents to consider / apply for a Pay & Display and Permit parking scheme. This would organise the parking on the road, create a natural traffic calming effect by staggering the parking, and also reduce external demand on the spaces.

There are traffic calming measures in place already for example, double yellow lines at the entrance to the square.

The link to apply for a Pay & Display and Permit parking scheme is:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>

Please note that greater than 35% of property owners on (**details supplied 1**) need to be in favour of the scheme in order for it to be considered by Dublin City Council. This would also stop free parking occurring in the Square by attendees at the (**details supplied 2**).

There are traffic calming measures in place already for example, double yellow lines at the entrance to the Square. If there is any illegal parking enforcement requests please consult the DSFS website www.dsfs.ie or call 01 602 2500.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that a traffic safety audit with recommendations be carried out for residents exiting the apartment complex McGovern's Corner at Marrowbone Lane along with the reinstallation of the "Yellow Boxes" that allowed safer egress from the car park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will investigate by carrying out a safety audit at the apartment complex at McGovern's Corner at Marrowbone Lane. A report will be issued to the Elected Member on completion of site visit.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many homes in 2022 Dublin City Council has purchased through the *Tenant in Situ Scheme*? Can the Chief Executive confirm how many of these were previously HAP tenancies? Further, with homelessness rocketing, can the Chief Executive please provide the current number of homes that Dublin City Council is in negotiations to purchase under the *Tenant in Situ Scheme*?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All tenants who are included on the tenant in situ acquisition programme must have either been in receipt of HAP, Rent Supplement, in a long term leased unit or a RAS tenancy.

| TIS Acquisitions since introduction 2018- June 2022 | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Type | Central | North Central | North West | South Central | South East | Total |
| RAS | 13 | 19 | 17 | 25 | 0 | 74 |
| Long term Leasing | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| HAP / Homeless HAP | 3 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 26 |
| Rent Supplement | 5 | 8 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 41 |
| Other | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| | 22 | 40 | 43 | 46 | 0 | 151 |
| Year | Central | North Central | North West | South Central | South East | Total |
| 2018 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 23 |
| 2019 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 0 | 62 |
| 2020 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 40 |
| 2021 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 26 |
| | 22 | 40 | 43 | 46 | 0 | 151 |

Current Status of TIS acquisitions 2022

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Awaiting tenant checks | 27 (1 ST Oct) |
| With Inspector | 23 |
| With Valuers | 22 |
| With Law | 36 |

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| Closed | 4 |
| TOTAL | 112 |

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the reinstatement of the correct downstairs window / glass in the front living room of (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our Heating section are currently on site at the above address and this issue has been snagged. We have spoken with the tenant and the glass will be replaced.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the net income limits/thresholds currently in use to determine qualification for social housing and to further detail how long these limits have been in operation and, most importantly, how, if and when they are being reviewed or due for review. In noting that it is "net income" that the threshold is based on, could the Chief Executive also comment whether, in his opinion, this basis could be deemed discriminatory as it favours people who have less tax credits for various reasons (e.g. PAYE worker and self-employed worker with similar gross income would have different Net income due to PAYE tax credit available to the PAYE worker, thus possibly keeping the PAYE worker above the Net pay limit).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Income limits are attached below. The limits are not set by Dublin City Council. They are set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. See attached Household Means Policy which sets out how a Local Authority should assess income for Social Housing Support.

| | |
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| 1. Single adult | 2. €35,000 |
| 3. 2 Adults No Children | 4. €36,750 |
| 5. 1 Adult 1 Child | 6. €35,875 |
| 7. 1 Adult 2 Children | 8. €36,750 |
| 9. 2 Adults 1 Child | 10. €37,625 |
| 11. 2 Adults 2 Children | 12. €38,500 |
| 13. 2 Adults 3 Children | 14. €39,375 |
| 15. 2 Adults 4 Or More Children | 16. €40,250 |
| 17. 3 Adults 4 Or More Children | 18. €42,000 |

Q.33 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the current rule/practice of visitor parking permits being non-refundable and non-exchangeable will be reviewed to ensure that people who purchased permits which are now out of date due to non-use resulting from non-visiting during Covid can have the expiry date on these permits extended

until end 2023. While the "non-refundable and non-exchangeable" rules may be rigid, I believe that an extension of expiry dates would represent a decent and honourable gesture to citizens who bought visitor permits in good faith and hoped to facilitate visitors but had to restrict visits due to the necessity to comply with Covid regulations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 govern the issuing of all residential and visitor permits. Part III, Section 34 (6) states that

"Visitors' parking permits shall be non-refundable and non-exchangeable"

There were allowances made for three year visitor parking permits with an expiry date of December 2021 purchased at the start of the pandemic to be extended past the expiry date of 2021 to the end of 2022 due to the restrictions on movement put in place. This arrangement has not been extended to visitor permits purchased that have an expiry date after 2021. It would not be operationally feasible to continue extending the expiry dates of these permits.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I refer to my Question (No. 36) relating to the attempt to downgrade the services provided at the Shamrock Terrace Recycling Centre, North Strand submitted to the September 2022 City Council meeting and the positive reply thereto which I quote "In light of the concerns expressed by local Councillors, the decision to reduce the level of recycling services provided at Shamrock Terrace Recycling Centre is being reviewed. A full report will be brought to the Area Committee in due course".

Subsequently, at the October Central Area Committee meeting, I submitted a follow up question asking for an update on this review, fully expecting the review to confirm that any attempts to downgrade the facility have been abandoned. The question and reply is reproduced below and, as the Chief Executive will see, the answer contradicts his own assurances and statements on this issue. Therefore, to get absolute clarity, I ask can the Chief Executive again confirm that he will comply with the instructions of the local councillors (including my own CAC Motions of May and July 2022, Emergency CAC Motion of March 2022, Council Question (CAC April 2022) and Development Plan Motion (Mot-01-01495)) and the wishes of the local (and wider Dublin) community and clearly and unequivocally confirm that the services being offered at Shamrock Terrace recycling centre will continue to be retained in their entirety. This is what local councillors, the local community and the wider Dublin population want and what the Chief Executive committed to.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is confirmed that the services currently being offered at the Shamrock Terrace recycling centre will continue to be retained in their entirety.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the on-going works on the Clontarf to City Centre Cycleway project, could the Chief Executive explain/detail the process whereby the lane closure, turning restrictions and operation of a 24/7 bus lane was implemented on North Strand Road as part of the project. Specifically, could the Chief Executive detail the decision making process whereby a Section 75 road closure process was not used at North Strand which would have been in line with normal road closure practice elsewhere across Dublin, and the rest of the country.

Can the Chief Executive also address the concerns of constituents who are asserting that DCC could not implement these changes by "condition" as was done, an assertion based on the premise that if a member of the public is prevented from travelling on the public road in front of them, then, that road, is for all intents and purposes, "closed", to that specific member of the public. In addressing/answering the foregoing, can the Chief Executive quote relevant supporting legislation used/relied upon.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Clontarf to City Centre Project is a public service Project that is being delivered by Dublin City Council, with funding from the National Transport Authority and Irish Water. Dublin City Council has an obligation to provide adequate space for the Contractor to carry out the works in a safe manner. In return the Contractor has a responsibility to build the project while minimising disruption and inconvenience to traffic flows, local residents and local businesses. It is in this context that the Contractor prepared a temporary traffic management plan, outlining how the project will be built while maintaining three lanes of traffic and diverting city bound private vehicles via Fairview Strand and Ballybough Road. The Contractor presented his temporary traffic management plan to the C2CC Project Traffic Consultative Forum which includes representatives from DCC's Traffic Department, An Garda, Dublin Fire Brigade, Dublin Bus, the C2CC Designers, the C2CC Contractor and the C2CC Project Team. The Contractor took into account the feedback and prepared the final proposals. These were acceptable to Dublin City Council. The Contractor received approval to proceed with the implementation. The approval issued to the Contractor is consistent with the provisions of Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended.

North Strand Road remains open to traffic. There are no changes to traffic provisions in the out of city direction, as a bus lane and a traffic lane continue to operate. In the city bound direction, access restrictions have been applied for private vehicles only, with public transport, cyclists and emergency vehicles continuing to use the road. The road is therefore open to all members of the public. Should a road closure be required in future, the requirements for the road closure process will be called into action.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please inspect the tree at location as per **details supplied**, which is seriously overgrown and dangerous (touching overhead cables) and needs to be replaced with a more suitable street tree specimen, and say if he can accede to request from residents, agree to a provide a detailed report on same and consider its replacement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pruning of trees around overhead electricity wires is specialist and dangerous work carried out by ESB Networks Tree Crew only. The ESB provides contact details on their website for residents who may be concerned that trees are interfering with the overhead service. The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to the loose and very noisy manhole cover at location as per **details supplied**, which makes a loud noise every time a vehicle drives over it, and have same secured/replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services will notify the relevant utility to carry out the necessary repairs to the manhole cover, frame and surround.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to the agreement for the provision of “Park Rangers” on Bull Island and say

- (1) when these staff will be in place and how many are due to be recruited
- (2) what the duties of these Rangers will be and if he can give a detailed report on same

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Provision has been made in the Parks Budget for the recruitment of Park Rangers to cover both St. Anne’s Park and the North Bull Island Nature Reserve. A recommendation and proposed job specification has been forwarded to HR who are to commence the recruitment process as their programme allows.

The duties of Rangers include but are not limited to: inspections of facilities including the completion of written inspection reports; record keeping of same; customer service; manage visitor pressure; resolve conflicts and compliance with the bye-laws for regulation, use and enjoyment of such places; the prevention of injury or damage to persons and property; Opening and closing parks where necessary; Regulating the use of facilities; Organising of games and other beneficial activities; Litter management; Monitoring of activities; Liaison with An Garda Siochana in relation to any anti-social behaviour; Liaison with stakeholders; Deal with queries and complaints from park users in the carrying out of their duties; Giving guided tours; Facilitate future surveys; Any other duties appropriate to the post, which may be assigned from time to time.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to case of RAS tenants as per **details supplied** at (A) (one of whom is a former tenant of Dublin City Council) and say that he will regularise their position on the housing list (even though the City Council has to date, failed to locate records of former tenancy – see former tenancy address **details (B) supplied**) and acknowledge the previous tenancy in relation to position on the list; details attached at A received correspondence from Dublin Corporation after she moved into her current address but cannot recall when/what year this correspondence ceased; can the manager please advise when and why this correspondence ceased and also say when he will regularise details at A’s position on the housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The application has been assessed correctly and is registered with the correct application date as (**details supplied**).

Q.40 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the provision on illegal dumping in the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022? I understand the Local Government Management Agency has a role in advancing the legislation. Has DCC reviewed the bill and when can we expect it to be enforced in Dublin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Circular Economy Act was enacted on the 21st July 2022. The Act makes provision for the use of mobile recording devices including the use of overt CCTV for the purpose of detecting illegal waste activity. The Act also specifies that the LGMA must develop appropriate Codes of Practice for the use of any proposed devices prior to use by enforcement authorities. The LGMA have specific criteria for the development of the Codes of Practice which they are currently working on. Once that work is completed and approved, local authorities will be obliged to adhere to specific practices and

procedures which will be contained within the Codes of Practice. We are not aware of a date from the LGMA for when their work will be completed.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the use of any funding from the Dept of the Environment's Anti-dumping Initiative annually since its introduction in 2017?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The DECC's Anti-dumping initiative is used annually by Dublin City Council. Circular is distributed to Area Offices and submissions of projects are entered and awarded if in line criteria and adequate funding is available.

The below are the projects since 2017 that have been awarded completed and in turn claimed (**please see table in document**).

Q.42 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a register of dog breeding farms in Dublin and if so how it is maintained and if not, are there any plans to establish such a register?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the [Dog Breeding Establishment Act 2010](#) all local authorities have a responsibility to establish and maintain a register of dog breeding establishments situated in their functional area.

Dublin City Council's register of applications is maintained by the Animal Welfare Services Section, Housing & Community Services Department, in accordance with [Section 9](#) of the Act. There are no current registration certificates in the Dublin City Council area.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will write to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and request that he will put more resources into the free energy upgrade scheme operated under the auspices of the Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) as current waiting times are 24 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a Scheme run by SEAI for private home owners and we have no remit in this area.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he has had any communication with Government regarding establishing a Taskforce for O'Connell Street in light of the recent Prime Time programme regarding anti-social behaviour on the street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council places the highest importance on O'Connell Street as a major thoroughfare and we invest significant personnel and finances to upkeep what we see as an integral part of city life.

We operate a robust street cleansing and public realm maintenance regime in the O'Connell Street area.

Some of our actions include:

- Full power washing of O'Connell Street twice weekly and additional washing (spot cleaning) on request where required.

- All litterbins are serviced up to 6 times each day by rotating shifts that operate on a 24 Hr basis. The wide pavements on O'Connell Street are mechanically cleaned by both compact sweepers, driven by an operator and hand-held sweeping machines. The exterior of the 43 public litterbins on O'Connell Street are hand washed regularly and all customer requests for cleaning services are responded to within 24 hours.
- Sticker removal on all poles took place at the end of August 2022.
- Graffiti is removed by our graffiti removal team on a regular basis.
- Full renovation of tree pits has been completed
- All damaged pavements have recently been repaired.
- All bins, bollards, public lighting standards and utility boxes were painted in July and August 2022.
- Plinths of Statues on O'Connell St are on a specialist cleaning contract and are cleaned regularly on an ongoing basis.

Issues including the sale and use of illicit drugs, on-street consumption of alcohol, violence and assaults are in the main public order issues, which are a matter for An Garda Siochána.

To support vulnerable persons in the vicinity of O'Connell Street we also support the following initiative.

Dublin City Council helps to fund the Law Engagement & Assisted Recovery (LEAR) programme run by the Ana Liffey Drug Project. This project sees Ana Liffey's frontline drug workers and local Gardai work together to target health supports to people who are entrenched in antisocial behaviour, addiction and often homelessness in the city centre. Ana Liffey provides a city centre outreach service and an accessible nursing service. Using a mobile unit, and an on-foot backpacking service, it focuses on harm reduction but also provides pathways into treatment and supports people to move away from entrenched street life. The team also ensures that any person who is experiencing an acute crisis, for example a mental health crisis or violent attack, can be supported in its city-centre premises.

We are unaware of any taskforce referenced by the Councillor. The City Council currently has representation from Senior Management on a number of City Centre focussed inter agency committees. These include the City Centre Business Forum and High Level Group on Street Issues.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to illuminate the Samuel Beckett Bridge on Latvian National Day on 18th November 2022 as requested by the Embassy.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Winter Lights 2022 will return from the week of the 14th November (exact date TBC) to Jan 1st. The event attracts a large number of visitors, which in turn generates significant footfall for city centre businesses.

The Samuel Beckett Bridge is an integral part of the Dublin Winter Lights event, and is an important landmark in attracting footfall down to the Docklands area.

Dublin City Council receive a large number of requests at this time of year to light the bridge. Consequently in order to be fair to all parties and to maximise and facilitate the

viewing time for all visitors to the Dublin Winter Lights event, we do not permit the projection of national flags on the Samuel Beckett Bridge during the lifetime of the Dublin Winter Lights event.

However should any embassy wish for their national flag to be projected on the Samuel Beckett Bridge either side of these dates to celebrate their national day, Dublin City Council, are happy to consider this proposal, subject to availability, compliance with the lighting of the Samuel Beckett Bridge policy, and payment of the appropriate fee as outlined in the policy.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive whether he believes he is the best person to continue leading Dublin City Council in meeting the challenges facing the city and implementing initiatives that will make Dublin a cleaner, greener, safer and better city to live in, work in and raise a family in; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As standing orders state that "questions submitted should relate to matters of administration of the City Council for which the Dublin City Chief Executive is responsible, must have the purpose of eliciting information, elucidating matters of fact or policy be brief and contain no argument or personal imputation and cover a single topic or geographical location" it is considered inappropriate for the Chief Executive to respond to this question.

Section 146 of the Local Government Act sets out the procedure for the suspension and removal of the Chief Executive. It is open to any Member to initiate this process if he/she so wishes.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive what engagement Dublin City Council had with RTE in advance of the recent Prime Time programme on O'Connell Street and what contact has been made by any Government Department or Officials in relation to same since.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's press office was contacted via email on the afternoon of Friday September 30 by Prime Time, who said that they would be airing a report the following week covering various issues on O'Connell St and surrounding areas, including the sale and use of illicit drugs, consumption of alcohol, loitering, violence and assaults. The email said the piece would also feature, amongst other things, issues with litter, dereliction and a general state of unkemptness on O'Connell Street and other lanes and streets in the immediate vicinity. Prime Time asked for a statement from Dublin City Council and provided a deadline of the following Tuesday morning. After engaging with a number of departments, including the Office of City Recovery, the press office provided a statement to Prime Time on Tuesday morning, October 4.

Prime Time replied to say thank you and that the programme was originally due to air that night but would not now be on until that Thursday or the following Tuesday October 11. On October 5 the press office emailed Prime Time asking if a confirmed broadcast date had been decided and was told it would be the following Tuesday or the one after that.

On October 14 Prime Time contacted the press office to tell them that the piece would air the following Tuesday, October 18, and asking if the Chief Executive would be available for interview. The Chief Executive decided not to take part in the programme on the basis that the issues raised dealt for the most part with criminality, something

outside the City Council's remit. The Chief Executive has had no contact with government departments in relation to the Prime Time programme.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if any Dublin City Council Housing projects or expected social housing part 5 contribution homes are at risk due to the various An Bord Pleanala enquiries.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Housing Department is monitoring this on an on-going basis with a view to ascertaining if any of our future social housing units will be affected.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update on the delayed delivery of the social and affordable housing at the O'Devaney Gardens site. It is nearly three years since a decision was taken to transfer the site to Bartra Capital.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Final grant of Planning was received on the 16th May when the court case between Bartra and An Bord Pleanala was concluded. Bartra were to be on site within four weeks of the final grant of planning.

Intensive discussions have been ongoing with regard to getting Bartra on site. Issues discussed include delays to the O'Devaney Gardens Phase 1 project which Bartra claim has meant that Dublin City Council have not been able to make the Phase 2 site available without encumbrance.

It is anticipated that Phase 1A will be completed by end of November allowing for the contractor to vacate the compound area occupying Site 2.

Bartra have tendered the contract for the enabling works on 1st July last and have completed their evaluation of tender submissions. Subject to agreement they are in a position to appoint an enabling works contractor to commence works in the near future.

Delays in the programme have impacted several aspects of the contractual arrangements with the Developer.

It should be remembered that failure to progress this project in its current form could delay the project by many years.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a progress report and update on the commitment given to elected representatives and local residents of Belcamp and Moatview in late September to remove the illegal dump in the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A multi-Departmental Team has been meeting on regular basis to develop plans for the removal of the waste at this site and to design engineered preventative measures along with a long term development plan for the area so that illegal dumping cannot recur on this site. The Chief Executive provides updates through the North Central Area on this issue.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full breakdown of the cost associated with storing confiscated street furniture.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The estimated cost of storing confiscated street furniture in 2022 is: €15,500.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline his plans regarding the project splitting of the proposed Plaza on Dame Street and College Green that he referred to at a recent meeting of the South East area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As outlined at the recent meeting of the South East Area Committee, the College Green Dame Street Public Realm Scheme will shortly be out to tender for a Design team in order to bring the project through the various phases including construction.

There is no project splitting proposed instead a separate process will take place to increase space for pedestrians in line with the Bus Connects Network Redesign proposals and as requirements for bus routes and stops decreases, this will be focused on traffic management measures and not permanent public realm changes.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give due consideration to the possibility of Dublin City Council creating an all-female gallery and art space at the former Music school on Chatham Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The SPC has agreed to form a Working Group to consider all options relating to the eventual end use of this building. The proposal for an all-female gallery will be considered as part this process.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that in future, all minutes and breviate of the Protocol committee are approved by the chairperson and elected members of that committee before they are made public in order to avoid defamations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Manager is not aware of any minutes that are defamatory, however, has no issue with the Councillor's request. The matter should be referred to and agreed by the Protocol Committee before the change is implemented. It will be listed on the agenda for the November meeting.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the final cost with details of works for any major Park upgrades or total installations in the last 5 years and estimated costs for any ongoing projects?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested is being complied and will be forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a survey of pedestrian dishing ongoing? Can attention be given to the entrance to Avila Park where there is none at the crossing on

Ratoath Road and also to the section of road from Scribblestown to Campbells Bridge where it is reported that several crossings require dishing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Your request for dishing at the entrance to Avila Park, Ratoath Road and also the section of road from Scribblestown to Campbells Bridge has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration under Enquiry Ref: 7029971.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to address the concerns of Avila Park residents who have no green area or play facility within the estate by including provisions in the Kildonan Lands development.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Kildonan Lands site will be developed over two Phases. Local stakeholders are being consulted in relation to the proposals for the site as they are being developed and the Project Manager for the development will engage with the Travellers Accommodation Unit in relation to the above matter.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of claims against DCC in the past 2 years and how many were not upheld.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Total number of claims against Dublin City Council in the past 2 years:-

| | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------|-------|-------------|
| Q1 | 279 | Q1 253 |
| Q2 | 199 | Q2 282 |
| Q3 | 291 | Q3 259 |
| Q4 | 246 | Q4 220 |
| Total | 1,015 | Total 1,014 |

The release of information regarding how many claims were not upheld, could lead to the identification of the claimant in such cases and therefore no figures can be provided in relation to this segment of the question.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to state the current position of Dublin City Council vis-a-vis the lease arrangements with the now closed Ayrfield Credit Union and the vacant building on Blunden Drive, Dublin 13; its view on how the current lease can be concluded and its position on the community proposal from Ayrfield United F.C. to transform the vacant building into a much need community, youth and sports hub for the people of the area, young and old alike.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council leased the above site to Ayrfield Credit Union Limited for a term of 35 years from the 17th February 1993. This lease is not due to expire until 2028. Ayrfield Credit Union Limited has since changed its name to Member First Credit Union Limited. The current Lessees have given no indication or notice to DCC that they intend to vacate the property or surrender their lease.

The Council has been approached by a number of sports clubs in the area for use of the building but until such time as the lease is surrendered or expires, the Council is not in a position to consider future uses for the premises.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on what measures are in place to ensure Big Belly bins are emptied when full? In his reply can he comment on whether these bins alert the Council when full, and if so who receives this message, and what is the protocol followed as it seems that there are failures to take action, particularly in the Temple Bar district?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Local management on each shift get two email notifications on all Big Belly bins that are full in their area, one at start of shift and one at mid shift. This allows local management let their staff know which Big Belly bins are full on their route and need to be emptied. Staff also empty any Big Belly bins they pass by when the indicator lights are flashing red as this indicates ready to collect. We will monitor this in the Temple Bar district to ensure there are no problems there regarding the bins.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are security bonds in place for the developments across Pelletstown (Rathbourne and Royal Canal Park) and if so, how many bonds are there and what are their individual value?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested by the Councillor will take some time to collate. As soon as the information is collated (approx 2 weeks), it will be sent directly to the Councillor.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER

To ask the Chief Executive to review the tree outside of residents house (**details supplied**). Also, please investigate the damage that was done to the resident's wall from the roots of the street tree.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree does not appear to be interfering with the nearby street light. The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER

To ask the Chief Executive to review the tree outside resident's house (**Details supplied**) with the view of cutting it back as it's blocking the residence light.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DEARBHAIL BUTLER

To ask the Chief Executive to review damage to the wall at entrance to Clarehall estate as is posing a risk to pedestrians.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This damage was caused by a private car colliding with the wall and railings. The matter is being pursued with the local Gardaí with the intent of exploring charging

necessary repairs to the driver's insurance rather than the public purse. In the interim the locus has been inspected and was found to be in a stable condition. Once it is clear how the matter can be effectively resolved repairs will be affected. In the meantime the locus will continue to be monitored to ensure it does not represent a hazard to the public.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following re: yellow box (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request to extend the yellow box at the junction of (**details supplied**) has been referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. Ref: 7029754.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: a damaged footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpaths at (**details supplied**). If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: Tree needing pruning & footpath needing repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpaths at (**details supplied**). If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: Tree needing pruning & footpath needing repair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection of the footpath at (**details supplied**). If any defects are found, they will be noted and recorded. A repair will then be scheduled for when one of our crews is working in the area.

The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: senior citizens complex.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council have been working with the (**details supplied 1**) and plan on commencing meals and activities in the community centre in (**details supplied**) before the end of 2022. The (**details supplied 1**) is currently recruiting new staff to run this service. They plan on having a sit down meals service at lunch time, tea/coffee mornings and bingo/movie afternoons as well as other activities. Dublin City Council hope to commence this service as soon as possible.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: Tree needing to be pruned & leaves to be swept.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The address provided does not seem to be correct. If an accurate location can be forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie the condition of the tree will be inspected as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update, (**details supplied**) re: the following on the housing list.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of **06/02/2019**, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area | Bedsize | Position |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Area B | 1 | 457 |
| Area D | 1 | 161 |
| Area E | 1 | 495 |

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

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

Q.72 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with the following (**details supplied**) re: Tree which needs major pruning outside her house.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Pruning of trees around overhead electricity wires is specialist and dangerous work carried out by ESB Networks Tree Crew only. The ESB provides contact details on their website for residents who may be concerned that trees are interfering with the overhead service. The condition of the tree at this location will be inspected in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be

listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area 2022-23.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is aware of Brussels 'A Good Move' Mobility Plan; the effectiveness of it and how the objectives contained within it could be adapted for a Dublin perspective and if he would be willing to support the development of a similar plan here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC executive are aware of this initiative and others from different cities across Europe and these certainly inform our thinking as we look at the overall transport strategy within the city. The next task we have is, as per the new development plan, to update the city centre study from 2016 and as we do so we will certainly bear in mind lessons that could be learned from Brussels and other cities. We certainly welcome any suggestions of any other initiatives that elected members may propose from time to time and welcome the potential for engagement with different cities.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please explain how Sláinte Care strategy will benefit communities in Dublin, particularly disadvantaged communities like Cherry Orchard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme operates across four programme areas in 2022 under Wave 1 funding from the Department of Health. The four programme areas comprise neighbourhoods in the following areas:

1. Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot;
2. Finglas and Cabra;
3. Ballymun; and,
4. Darndale and Priorswood.

In partnership with HSE Community Health Offices (CHOs) in Dublin and their Healthy Communities Teams, Local Development Companies (LDCs) and community-led agencies and groups, we are bringing a focus on tackling health inequalities and delivering improved health and wellbeing across the programme areas. Our goal is to work collectively to help address the wider socioeconomic determinants of health. These include the non-medical factors and conditions in which people are born, live, grow, work and age that affect community health outcomes.

Joanna Kelly is our Local Development Officer for the Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. Joanna is helping roll out the programme locally and is supporting provision of dedicated services that build sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of people of all ages in the community. For more Information on the Dublin City Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Cherry Orchard please contact (**details supplied**)

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive has there been any contact with the Department of Justice, or any Government agency, since the Sept 23rd meeting with the Minister for Justice to discuss a long term strategy to tackle the recent upsurge in anti-social behaviour in Cherry Orchard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting took place involving Dublin City Council officials, a senior official from the Department of Justice and members of an Garda Síochána with a view to ensuring there is multi-agency approach taken in relation to the issues in Cherry Orchard.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the plan and timeframe to develop the dressing rooms in Brickfield Park, Drimnagh?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is provision in the draft Parks 2023/24 Capital Programme to upgrade the existing changing room pavilion in Brickfields Park.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how much money has been spent on emergency accommodation and homeless services this year, 2022 and also outline in tabular form how much was spent in 2020 & 2021?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Financial Report

DHLGH / Dublin City Council Protocol Agreement - Financial Report 2022 Q3

| Category 1 - Homeless Prevention, Tenancy Sustainment and Resettlement Supports | |
|---|---------------------|
| | €6,064,781 |
| Category 2A - Scheduled - Supported Emergency Accommodation for Families | |
| | €24,290,672 |
| Category 2B - Scheduled - Supported Emergency Accommodation for Singles | |
| | €27,113,867 |
| Category 2C - Unscheduled - Emergency Accommodation including Commercial Hotels and B&Bs | |
| | €66,269,302 |
| Category 3 - Long-Term Supported Accommodation | |
| | €7,269,395 |
| Category 4 - Day Services | |
| | €3,328,053 |
| Category 5 - Housing Authority Homeless Services Provision including Administration | |
| Category 5A Housing Authority Prevention Services | |
| | €125,487 |
| Category 5B Other Housing Authority Services including Administration | |
| | €5,917,477 |
| TOTAL | €140,379,033 |

Figures for 2020 and 2021 are available at [Homelessness Financial Data](#) on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage website.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive has he completed an impact assessment the proposal to include Prussia street in the Grangegorman SDRA 8 new city development plan, and if so what impact will there be on the delivery of housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The decision by the elected members to amend the boundary of the Grangegorman SDRA to include Prussia Street was included in the material alterations to the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 that went on display in July 2022. The plan is due to be adopted in November, when a final decision will be taken to accept or reject this alteration.

A preliminary examination has been undertaken to ascertain the additional residential yield that will arise from the extension of the boundary. This is set out in the revised core strategy table 2.8, detailed on page 17 of the CE Report on Submissions Received on the Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 – Report 261/2022 issued in September. It is estimated that the yield of housing units will increase by c. 400 units as a result of the amendment. However it should be noted that this figure is not an overall increase in the housing provision as these lands formed part of the estimated infill sites that informed the core strategy. Essentially the 400 figure is a relocation of this number within the overall calculation of housing potential. The key benefit of including these lands within the SDRA is that they are no longer treated as individual infill sites but seen as part of an overall vision for the Grangegorman area and that design principles within the SDRA do apply to these lands; resulting in a more integrated and balanced approach to the regeneration of the entire area.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the provision of an artist's impression of what the new gates at Ventry Park will look like as residents are eager to view.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposed gates at the new openings in Ventry Park will be in the same design as the existing gates. This will ensure that the boundary remains consistent and uniform.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to see to it that the road surface at Crawford Avenue, Glasnevin, is replaced rather than the large potholes being filled in? The surface is very uneven, unsafe and a trip hazard.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

These potholes were dressed last week and made safe. This street does not feature on the 2022 Works Programme and will be considered when drafting the 2023 Works Programme.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when Rathbourne Vale and surrounds will be taken in charge? Will the River Road be opened at the junction with the Pelletstown Educate Together School and when will a pedestrian crossing be provided at the junction of Rathbourne Vale road and the school to assist in safe walking for the students on their way to class?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Department have no records of any requests for being submitted for the development within Rathbourne Vale and the surrounding area to be taken in charge.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive to review criteria for street parking permits for workers in residential social care services. At present staff at the Homeless Girls Society residential facility on Sherrard Street do not qualify for free street parking despite

spending an average of 93 nights per year (in addition to day shifts). This comes at substantial cost to these essential social care workers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Dublin City Council Parking Bye Laws 2020 makes provision for applications for parking permits for residents where a parking scheme is in place. The bye laws state that residents must live and reside overnight for more than 183 days per year at the address. There is not an alternative permit for less than 183 days. When the bye laws are reviewed next the above can be taken into consideration.

Part 3 Section 24:

1. *A resident's parking permit may be issued by the Council or its agents to an individual if the Council is satisfied that he/she is required as part of his/her employment to reside overnight in a residential institution for more than 183 nights per year. The resident's parking permit shall be issued annually on compliance with the following conditions:*

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has a prison housing officer. What is the status of a person who is on the senior citizens housing list but is serving a prison sentence? Who is the liaison person in the Council to deal with cases of this nature?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council housing / homeless staff work closely with the Irish Prison Resettlement Service and Probation service dealing with housing applications and general housing queries for people serving a prison sentence. In addition, the DRHE operates a prison discharge protocol with the Irish Prison Service specifically dealing with individuals being released from prison directly into homeless services.

Applicants on DCC's Housing List that are serving a prison sentence will have their application deferred. However, upon release the application is reassessed after proof of address and income are received. If an applicant is serving a longer prison sentence, they may have their time on the list paused for the period of the sentence. These cases are dealt with on a case by case basis.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN

To ask the Chief Executive if any private rented dwellings, including those in receipt of rent supplement, in Tathony House (Dublin 8) has ever been inspected by the council, and if so what recommendations were made for improvements to the property and what follow-up was carried out by the council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of one unit in Tathony House, Dublin 8 was carried out in 2012 following receipt of a complaint. The matter was investigated and this file was closed in December 2012 as it was confirmed that the property was no longer rented or available for rent.

No complaints or referrals in relation to Tathony House have been received by the Environmental Health Section since then and no other units have been inspected.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of the housing voids in area K.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Area K. The properties below are currently being refurbished through the Framework or by Direct Labour and are at various stages of completion. It is anticipated that the properties will be ready for re-letting within two to fourteen weeks' time.

| Property Size | Address | Property Size |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Apartment | BASIN STREET UPPER | 2 |
| Apartment | LOMBARD COURT | 1 |
| House | WINDMILL PARK | 2 |
| House | ASH GROVE | 0 |
| Apartment | AUDEON HOUSE | 2 |
| HOUSE | AVE MARIA HOUSE | 1 |
| Apartment | BASIN STREET UPPER | 2 |
| Apartment | BASIN STREET UPPER | 0 |
| Apartment | BRAITHWAITE STREET | 2 |
| Apartment | BRAITHWAITE STREET | 2 |
| House | CHAMBER STREET | 2 |
| Apartment | CRUMLIN ROAD | 2 |
| House | GRAND CANAL BANK | 2 |
| House | LISMORE ROAD | 2 |
| Apartment | MARROWBONE LANE BUILDINGS | 1 |
| Apartment | MARY AIKENHEAD HOUSE | 1 |
| Apartment | MARY AIKENHEAD HOUSE | 2 |
| Apartment | MARY AIKENHEAD HOUSE | 2 |
| Apartment | MEATH PLACE | 2 |
| Apartment | MEATH PLACE | 2 |
| House | MEATH PLACE | 1 |
| House | NEWMARKET STREET | 3 |
| Apartment | REUBEN WALK | 2 |
| Apartment | THOMAS COURT | 2 |
| Apartment | THOMAS COURT | 2 |
| Apartment | THOMAS COURT BAWN | 2 |

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Apartment | VINTAGE COURT | 1 |
| Apartment | WEAVERS ROW | 2 |
| House | WINDMILL AVENUE | 2 |
| House | WINDMILL PARK | 2 |
| House | CRUMLIN PARK | 1 |
| Apartment | CRUMLIN ROAD | 1 |
| Senior Citizens | KILDARE ROAD | 1 |
| Apartment | MARY AIKENHEAD HOUSE | 0 |
| Apartment | NEWMARKET SQUARE | 1 |
| Senior Citizens | RAVENDALE CLOSE | 0 |
| Senior Citizens | STANAWAY COURT | 0 |
| Senior Citizens | STANAWAY COURT | 0 |

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of housing projects currently under development in area K.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A detailed report on all Housing projects is included in our Monthly Housing Supply Report (please see attached). The Councillor can contact the below staff member with queries he might have on any specific development.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Planning Executive in respect of grant of permission build apartments including crèches. But developers decide not to build a crèche for residents with young babies and parents have to go to work. While this is mentioned in Harold's Cross, it may be an issue to deal with throughout Dublin. (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In accordance with the Planning Guidelines for Childcare facilities (2001), one childcare facility (equivalent to a minimum of 20 child places) is required for every 75 dwelling units in all larger residential developments, subject to Section 4.7 of the Design Standards for New Apartments which stipulates that studio and one bedroom units "should not generally be considered to contribute to a requirement for any childcare provision and subject to location, this may also apply in part or whole to units with two or more bedrooms". In keeping with the above guidelines, the Planning Authority always seeks to provide a crèche in all new residential developments in excess of 75 dwelling units (excluding studio and one bedroom units) or where the applicant can provide an up to date evidence based case that there is already sufficient spare capacity in the area to serve the new development in conjunction with existing demand.

In this respect, I can confirm that the Planning Authority refused planning permission for the omission of the crèche from the (**details supplied 1**) development, notwithstanding the case presented by the applicant that the development itself

generated little or no demand for a childcare facility on the grounds that the loss of the crèche “would result in serious injury to the residential amenities of existing and future occupants and would thereby be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area”.

In relation to the (**details supplied 2**), it would appear that the relevant planning permissions requires the provision of a crèche of circa 138 sq metres in Block j. Likewise, two of the later permissions for the St. Clare's development have similar requirements for the provision of a crèche of circa 150 sq metres with associated outdoor play space. In light of the failure to provide a crèche /childcare facility on these sites to date, it is proposed to contact the relevant parties to pursue this matter. It should be noted based on feedback from developers, that the failure to open a childcare facility may lie in difficulties in securing an operator.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Roads Department for safety pedestrian crossing and school warden for new Educate Together National School in Harold's Cross, where there is extensive traffic in and out of the city. This is a system needed for child walkers and cyclists which is a major requirement of Dublin City Council to reduce cars. While it is a Harold's Cross enquiry, it may also be an issue throughout new schools in Dublin

Enquirer states that there is a severe lack of pedestrian safety measures surrounding the school. (**Details Supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Harold's Cross Educate Together is on the current list for design development for front of school entrance treatment under the accelerated Safe Routes To School Round 1.

A concept design for these works is being developed by the City Transport Team using consultancy services provided by the National Transport Authority SRTS team. Site visits were conducted during June 2022 to assess for suitability for front of school treatment which consist of Pencil shaped bollards to prevent illegal parking and colourful road markings. This site was previously assessed in 2021 and because of it being on an arterial 50 km per hr road with bus lanes it was deemed as requiring work which would be better aligned with the Active Travel Network. The front of school treatment is considered to be an interim measure.

It has also been of school gate observations (DCC and An Taisce SRTS Team) and this assessment will be used to inform the design for front of school treatment in the coming months. On 25th October 2022 The School Mobility Officer contacted the School Principal advising them of this process. As soon as a concept design has been drafted the City Transports team will engage with the school.

A school warden is provided for children from 2nd class up to 6th, generally Children over the age of 8, who are unaccompanied crossing the road.

A request for a school warden to assist children will be assessed and referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Dublin City Council supports sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. There are signalised pedestrian crossings 60 metres to the south of Leinster Road on Harold's Cross Road and at a location 160 metres to the north which is 110 metres away from the new Educate Together National School in Harold's Cross.

The Transport Advisory Group have recommended that the junction of Leinster Road / Harold's Cross Road to be upgraded to have signalised pedestrian crossings. This is all dependent on funding being made available.

At present this junction is on the Bus Connect Transportation route and the junction will be considered to be upgraded as part of this scheme

The Transport Advisory Group Area Engineer will assess the entrance of the school.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update and full report regarding the planning enforcement status regarding the property at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Enforcement Notice under Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) was served on the owners of the premises on the 2nd of March 2022. This notice required "the removal of the single storey extension with flat roof to the side of the existing building and installation of one sky light window on the flat roof located at the rear of (**details supplied**)".

The Enforcement Notice was required to be complied with by the 3rd of June 2022. A planning application was made by the owner relating to this property in June of 2022. This application was refused by Dublin City Council in August 2022. The application is currently on appeal with An Bord Pleanala. The Planning Enforcement Section will consider whether further enforcement action is required following An Bord Pleanalas determination of the planning application.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on what Dublin City Council management is doing to increase night-time cultural activities and events in Dublin, as well as efforts to create indoor and outdoor spaces to encourage and host late-night activities.

In addition, to request that DCC establish an office to specifically focus on improving the nightlife in Dublin to a level that will rival cities across the world.

Furthermore, that an update be provided on the below:

A) Considering that DCC Councillors have previously voted for a 'Night-time Mayor' for Dublin City, what have DCC management done to date to make this a reality and what is the timeline for a 'Nighttime Mayor' to be in place and to request that a committee be established to progress this and shape the role.

B) Regarding the recent publication from the Government of Ireland, the General Scheme of the Sale of Alcohol Bill, it includes a Night-Time Advisor Pilot initiative for 9 towns and cities including Dublin City. Therefore, does DCC envisage that this Advisor would be a role in addition to the Night-Time Mayor and could DCC liaise with the Government of Ireland to appoint this adviser as soon as possible, and keep Councillors informed of progress being made on this new position?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is actively working to support the development of the Night Time Economy in Dublin city. The Night-time Economy is a hugely important sector, contributing to our economy and our cultural and creative sectors and it is important that we protect, support and sustain it – particularly as we emerge out of the pandemic

and we start to think about how and where we socialise and how we plan our city and town centres.

Catherine Martin T.D., Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media established the Night-Time Economy Taskforce on 30 July 2020 as one of the priority actions for the Department and in line with a commitment in the Programme for Government.

- A) Taskforce membership included a range of Government Departments and agencies whose remit covers aspects of the Night-Time Economy and who had valuable input to contribute from a legislative and/or policy perspective. The CCMA, the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the Lord Mayor of Cork along with council officials were also members of the Taskforce given the significant experience in developing the Night-Time Economy in our two largest cities.

The aim of the Taskforce was to examine all the challenges facing the development of a vibrant night-time culture and economy such as regulations, licensing laws, transport, and diversity of cultural activities among other issues so our cities, towns and villages which have already faced so many challenges. While the work of the Taskforce was carried out against the backdrop of COVID-19 restrictions which saw the temporary closure of pubs, clubs and many other businesses involved in the Night-Time Economy, many of the issues raised in the consultation process are pre-COVID-19 in nature. The Taskforce approached its work in this context bringing its report to Government which was published on the 15th of September 2021.

The Report contains 36 practical recommendations in the area of regulation, licensing, planning, transport, safety and increasing the diversity of activities as part of the night-time offering. **Action 19** called for a pilot initiative to establish new "Night-Time Advisors" in six cities and towns to develop new Night-Time Economy opportunities.

The full Report can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c1ba7-report-of-the-night-time-economy-taskforce/>

The pilot initiative set out to establish Night-Time Advisors and Night-Time Economy engagement structures in a number of towns/cities in two categories - towns between 5,000 and 10,000 and town/cities above 10,000. Dublin City Council prepared an application seeking to be selected as one of the pilots, with input from CRES Economic Development Office, the City Recovery Team and the Central Area Office. We were notified on 25th October 2022 that our application was successful and Dublin City is now working to prepare for the implementation of the NTE pilot. The application set out how we will build on existing engagement and consultation structures in place to support the Night Time Advisor and address key issues relating to the NTE. The Night Time Advisor once appointed will be the key role to progress the work on the Night Time Economy.

- B) Minister Catherine Martin fully supports the establishment of the Night-Time Economy pilots and in April 2022 committed to funding for a two-year period for the pilot areas. This will support the recruitment of a Night-Time Advisor for each of the chosen pilots. The funding available for each successful pilot is €75K (per annual – two-year period for pilots) to support the appointment of the Night-Time Advisor. Dublin City Council will provide administration support for the Advisor within existing resources, or allocate specific funding from their own resources.

A key element of this initiative will include an extensive consultation process leading to the development of an action plan setting out a range of interventions to support the

co-ordinated development of the Dublin city's Night-Time Economy. These interventions may include (but are not limited to):

- Identification & adaptation of venues for multi-purpose use
- Improvements to public realm including safety features
- Development of effective urban animation
- Cultural event management
- Partnership with Creative Ireland Culture Teams to activate NTE activities
- Incentives for late night retail and other businesses
- Safety and security measures

The learning from these pilot projects will be shared with the elected representatives on the Economic and Development SPC and with the CCMA who, in consultation with other key stakeholders (Department of TCAGSM and D/HLGH) can then form a view on the future of the initiative. The sub-group of the NTE Taskforce and Give-Us-The-Night are listed as supporting partners for this action.

Dublin City Council is in contact with the Department of TCAGSM and D/HLGH and is working to progress the appointment of the Night Time Advisor and to support this person in their role. Our application for the pilot set out the structures already in place through the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC, the Economic Development Office, the Central Area Office and the Office of City Recovery with the intention to fully utilise and build on these structures, to support engagement on the development of a NTE strategy for Dublin city. The Night Time Advisor will fulfil the key role in developing a strategy and supports for the development of the NTE in Dublin city.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for children at play signs or slow markings at (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Your request for request for children crossing signage and slow road markings at location provided is listed with the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration under Enquiry Ref: 7029982.

The Councillor will be informed of the outcome.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pruning of the bushes/shrubbery on (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks services have the hedging along (**details supplied**) included in our Autumn/Winter shrubberies maintenance programme.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection the footpaths at (**details supplied**) with a view to repair or being added to the works programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for these footpaths to be inspected. Any defects recorded will be added to the Division's works programme.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the number of litter and dog wardens per LEA throughout the city for the last 5 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Litter Wardens

2017

City Centre – 6
Central Area – 3
North Central – 2
North West – 1
South East - 2
South Central – 2

Total: 16

2018 to 2020

City Centre – 3
Central Area – 3
North Central – 1
North West – 1
South East - 3
South Central – 2

Total: 13

2021 to Present

City Centre – 3
Central Area – 2
North Central – 2
North West – 2
South East - 2
South Central – 2

Q.95 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the city centre transport strategy, the parameters of the study, and timeline for completion and process for sign off?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is assumed that the Councillor is referring to the City Centre Transport Study 2016 which is an objective in the draft development plan to update. The City Centre Transport Study was a joint initiative of Dublin City Council and the National Transport Authority and the update will also be jointly undertaken. The study will take the objectives set out in the current Draft development plan and the NTA Greater Dublin Area strategy in order to set the parameters for the study. It is anticipated that there will be engagement with the members regarding the study sometime in Q1 or Q2 2023 depending on when the development plan is adopted and availability of staff to work on this update.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for information on opening hours and services of each library in DCC?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The opening hours of library branches as of 27th October 2022 are set out below. The opening hours and full details of the services offered in each branch are given on the libraries' website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/libraries/find-library>.

Ballyfermot Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Ballymun Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Cabra Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Central Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Charleville Mall Library (temporarily closing for essential maintenance works 28 October 2022)
Mon - Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Coolock Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Dolphins Barn Library
Mon & Wed 1pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm

Donaghmede Library
Mon & Thurs 1pm - 8pm
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm

Drumcondra Library
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Tues & Thurs 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm

Finglas Library
Mon & Wed 1pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm

Inchicore at Richmond Barracks
Mon-Thurs 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
Alternate Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Kevin St Library
Mon & Wed 10am - 5pm

Tues & Thurs 12.45pm - 8pm
Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 1.45pm - 5pm

Marino Library
Mon & Wed 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Pearse Street Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Pembroke Library
Mon & Tues 1pm - 8 pm
Wed & Thurs 10am - 5pm
Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 1.45pm - 5pm
My Open Library Hours: Mon-Sun 8am - 10pm

Phibsboro Library
Mon & Wed 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Raheny Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Rathmines Library
Mon - Thurs 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Ringsend Library
Mon & Wed 12.45pm - 4pm & 4.45pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Terenure Library
Mon & Wed 1pm - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm

Walkinstown Library
Mon & Wed 1pm - 8pm
Tues & Thurs 10am - 5pm
Fri & Sat 10am - 1pm & 1.45pm - 5pm

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are statistics available on the violations of the HGV merit zone in DCC and whether there has been an increase in violations over the past 12 months?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gardai Síochána are responsible for the enforcement of the HGV management strategy and any questions on violations should be referred to them.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if he will set out the current Council policy and practice regarding human rights compliance in procurement (including divestment if required due to human rights violations).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has in place procurement provisions that provide safeguards in relation to Human Rights Compliance as follows:

All Economic Operators tendering for contracts to deliver supplies, services or works to Dublin City Council must complete and sign the EU Declaration Form confirming if any of the situations listed in Article 57 of the Public Sector Directive 2014/24/EU and Reg 57 of S.I. 284 of 2016 applies to the tenderer. This includes declarations on child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings and payment of taxes and social security contributions.

Tenderers may be excluded from participation in a procurement process or may have an existing contract terminated based on the responses made in the declaration whereby Dublin City Council can demonstrate by any appropriate means a violation of obligations referred to in Article 18(2) i.e. Environmental, Social and Labour Laws.

Tenderers are also required to sign and declare that they are fully compliant with the terms, conditions, and statutory obligations under;

- All relevant Irish employment and Health & Safety legislation and are responsible for the compliance of any subcontractors that may be used in delivering the contract.

They must also certify that;

- all employees that are, or may be engaged in work on a Dublin City Council contract are treated with full compliance in Irish Employment law
- if a Trade Union refers a case concerning such employees of a company whom they represent to the Workplace Relations Commission Conciliation Service or to the Labour Court for investigation, that the company will accept the invitation and participate in such conciliation conferences or hearings, as appropriate.

The provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this declaration may lead to an organisation being excluded from participation in future tenders and the termination of an existing contract.

Dublin City Council has also included in all tender documents an Article 5k Declaration regarding EU Regulation 2022/576 on restrictive measures in the Context of Russian Actions in the Ukraine. (Attached).

Q.99 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Executive or its representatives have held meetings with Derryroe Ltd in relation to the illegally demolished 40 Herbert Park; the nature of those meetings and any outcome of them: and if he will make a full statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Planning Enforcement Section has active legal proceedings before the District Court in respect of this site. Therefore no comment can be made in respect of this matter which is considered to be sub judice.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the serious problem encountered by (**details supplied**). He has had 2 trees grow from the public footpath growing up under his garden piers and undermining the foundations in addition a few weeks ago his sewer got blocked and he had to get it cleared by dyno rod. He showed me pictures of the root system of the trees lifting his garage surface. DCC and IPB were looking into a claim for repairs to the above matters but he has been left high and dry by no one

returning calls from DCC etc. I would ask we look into this as a matter of urgency as it is very stressful on this family the waiting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Drainage staff checked the public sewer and the outfall manhole on the private drain inside House No.93. The public sewers are all clear and functioning normally. The U-Bend of the Outfall Manhole Trap was however found to be blocked with sewage flowing out the rodding eye which was missing its cap. Drainage Staff cleared the blocked trap and sewage is now flowing normally along the drain. Drainage staff also carried out a CCTV survey of the private drain from the outfall manhole to the public sewer (and back upstream towards the house). No evidence of defects was found nor was any root penetration into the private drain observed.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at supporting the Ballyfermot Heritage Group who currently meet in Ballyfermot Library with a venue where they can meet and store artefacts on the history and development of Ballyfermot, the group have expanded over the years and do fantastic work in preserving the heritage of this Community. In addition, they want to develop a heritage map / trail costing €5,000 to €6,000 can we help this voluntary effort.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Ballyfermot Heritage are an excellent group. The Community Development Officer will meet with the group to discuss their needs regarding a venue and storage of their artefacts. The Council is working with the group to develop their heritage maps and trail and will support this initiative in 2023.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the following housing issue (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The couple (**details supplied**) initially applied to purchase this property in 2020, but were forced to withdraw their application for financial reasons. They re-applied in September and their new application is currently being assessed.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the following serious issues of anti-social behaviour (**details supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area office is aware of issues related to anti-social behaviour within (**details supplied**). The Area Housing Manager is liaising with the Gardaí in this regard and if any breaches of tenancy are identified the relevant tenant will be interviewed in accordance with the formal process set out in the Tenancy Agreement.

The above applicant is on the Transfer Medical Priority List with an application date of 7/8/2021, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

| Area | BedsizE | Position |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Area J | 3 | 12 |
| Area K | 3 | 14 |

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

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

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive what contact is being made between himself and the Office of the Taoiseach, or any other Government Minister in relation to the prime time documentary on O'Connell Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council places the highest importance on O'Connell Street as a major thoroughfare and we invest in significant personnel and finances to upkeep what we see as an integral part of city life.

We operate a robust street cleansing and public realm maintenance regime in the O'Connell Street area.

Some of our actions include:

- Full power washing of O'Connell Street twice weekly and additional washing (spot cleaning) on request where required.
- All litterbins are serviced up to 6 times each day by rotating shifts that operate on a 24 Hr basis. The wide pavements on O'Connell Street are mechanically cleaned by both compact sweepers, driven by an operator and hand-held sweeping machines. The exterior of the 43 public litterbins on O'Connell Street are hand washed regularly and all customer requests for cleaning services are responded to within 24 hours.
- Sticker removal on all poles took place at the end of August 2022.
- Graffiti is removed by our graffiti removal team on a regular basis.
- Full renovation of tree pits has been completed
- All damaged pavements have recently been repaired.
- All bins, bollards, public lighting standards and utility boxes were painted in July and August 2022.
- Plinths of Statues on O'Connell St are on a specialist cleaning contract and are cleaned regularly on an ongoing basis.

Issues including the sale and use of illicit drugs, on-street consumption of alcohol, violence and assaults are in the main public order issues, which are a matter for An Garda Síochána.

To support vulnerable persons in the vicinity of O'Connell Street we also support the following initiative.

Dublin City Council helps to fund the Law Engagement & Assisted Recovery (LEAR) programme run by the Ana Liffey Drug Project. This project sees Ana Liffey's frontline drug workers and local Gardaí work together to target health supports to people who are entrenched in antisocial behaviour, addiction and often homelessness in the city centre. Ana Liffey provides a city centre outreach service and an accessible nursing service. Using a mobile unit, and an on-foot backpacking service, it focuses on harm reduction but also provides pathways into treatment and supports people to move away from entrenched street life. The team also ensures that any person who is experiencing an acute crisis, for example a mental health crisis or violent attack, can be supported in its city-centre premises.

The City Council currently has representation from Senior Management on a number of City Centre focussed inter agency committees – These include the City Centre Business Forum and High Level Group on Street Issues.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL

To ask the Chief Executive if he will support the Taoiseach led task force to ensure the redevelopment of O' Connell Street, and will the Chief Executive contact the Taoiseach to request implementation of such a task force.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council currently has representation from Senior Management on a number of City Centre focussed inter agency committees - these include the City Centre Business Forum and High Level Group on Street Issues.

The Office of City Recovery also reports on O'Connell Street as part of its regular reporting to the City Recovery Taskforce and relevant Area Committees.

The structures already in place allow us to have an ongoing relationship with the Gardai and the NGO sector that support vulnerable persons on the street.

To this end we are involved in the following:

Dublin City Council helps to fund the Law Engagement & Assisted Recovery (LEAR) programme run by the Ana Liffey Drug Project. This project sees Ana Liffey's frontline drug workers and local Gardaí work together to target health supports to people who are entrenched in antisocial behaviour, addiction and often homelessness in the city centre. Ana Liffey provides a city centre outreach service and an accessible nursing service. Using a mobile unit, and an on-foot backpacking service, it focuses on harm reduction but also provides pathways into treatment and supports people to move away from entrenched street life. The team also ensures that any person who is experiencing an acute crisis, for example a mental health crisis or violent attack, can be supported in its city-centre premises.

The City Council will work with all partners in any way possible to enhance the Capital's main street for those visiting or doing business on the street.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the Sean O'Casey Bridge to be closed off/opened/'lifted' after commuting hours (e.g., 8 pm) and re-opened before morning commuting hours to assist in a multi-faceted approach to tackling anti-social behaviour in City Quay, pursuant to a motion passed at the South East Area Committee in October.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I wish to suggest that this is a matter for An Garda Síochána and I do not recommend the closing of Sean 'O Casey Bridge for any period, as a solution to the anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the bridge.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the engagement regarding the demolition of Markievicz leisure centre; if alternatives were or have been examined; if the Council is satisfied that this is the appropriate bourse of action; the Council's plan for replacing these facilities in the inner city community; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

CRES will submit a report in relation to the findings of a commissioned feasibility study to the Area Committee Meeting in December. The report will include a site appraisal, costs and a timeframe for the delivery of an alternative location to replace Markievicz Pool.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will provide appropriate supports to residents of Tritonville road for the duration of Strand Road works regarding on-street parking permit; if he will address the suggestion of a stop/go system for north and southbound traffic on sections of the Strand Road where works are taking place rather than the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Rehabilitation of the Water Main on Strand Road and the associated Traffic Management is an Irish Water Project.

Irish Water did consider the implementation of a Stop-Go system on Strand Road to accommodate the works. However, due to the length of the work-site (>200m), in conjunction with multiple side-roads, this would result in significantly more congestion than the current diversion system.

I'd suggest that the Councillor contacts Irish Water directly though their dedicated Elected Representatives channels:

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Telephone: | 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578 |
| Web: | www.water.ie |
| Twitter: | @IrishWater |
| Postal Address: | Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork City. |

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the Irish Glass Bottle Site development; if he will establish an oversight forum in cooperation with and as sought by the South East Area Councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum is kept up to date on developments within Poolbeg West Planning Scheme at its regular meetings. Matters

discussed include the status of infrastructure and planning projects in relation to the rollout of the planning scheme.

Also, the Poolbeg West SDZ area falls within SDRA 6 for Docklands. Section 16.2.2 of the Draft Development Plan (2022-2028) now includes the following text which is relevant;

“In Strategic Development and Regeneration Areas, Dublin City Council will work towards developing a protocol that would encourage and promote official local monitoring committees anchored by DCC where residents, planners and developers can interact and communicate on large scale development projects”

The matter of whether a further oversight and Consultative Forum is required will be reviewed once progress is made or the commencement of the Poolbeg SDZ.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if the planning application has been lodged for an access ramp/elevator/stairs at the Chapelizod Hill to reach the C lines bus stops and if the application for the bus stop on the Chapelizod Bypass has been lodged?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The application for the Lucan to City Centre scheme has been submitted to An Board Pleanála. The application for access ramps etc to the Chapelizod Bypass forms part of this application.

A copy of the application documentation may be viewed and downloaded at: www.lucanscheme.ie. The application for the bus stops on the Chapelizod Bypass will be made to the Traffic Advisory Group a number of months before buses commence servicing the stops.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive where the plan is at to transform Ardscoil Eanna into a public library. When will the work start? Has a design team been chosen? Has funding been secured?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Development levies have been allocated to this new library project, which will involve the renovation of the two-storey house and the construction of an adjacent new modular public library space of c.800 m², with landscaped gardens for public use.

DCC Architects are working on preliminary designs and feasibility. The city librarian hopes to be in a position to lodge a part 8 application in early 2023, with building to commence in 2024.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how he sees the role of the Local Authority when the €70 million investment in 2023 come on stream for ELC and SAC Childcare under the Government First 5 plan. Has the department advised the CEO on the role that the local authority will play in this? Has there been a discussion started with the various department for Local Authorities, Planning and Children on this to prepare for it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The development of First 5 builds on Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF): The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People (2014–2020). First 5 reinforces commitments made in BOBF to deliver improvements across the five

national outcomes (Active and healthy; Achieving in learning; Safe and protected; Economically secure; Connected, respected and contributing).

The government's First 5 plan aims to make best use of local planning and delivery infrastructure to drive developments for babies, young children and their families. In this regard DCC is engaged in ongoing discussion to prepare for newly revised investment and service delivery proposed under government policy.

This includes the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSCs) that bring together a diverse range of statutory, community and voluntary service providers at local authority level.

Their role is to enhance interagency cooperation and to realise the five national outcomes for children and young people set out in BOBF. CYPSCs support implementation at local level and drive local interagency work. CYPSCs are chaired by a Tusla Area Manager and deputy chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive from the local authority or their nominee.

Each CYPSC develops and oversees the implementation of a three-year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) to improve outcomes for children in their own area.

Local and Community Development Committees (LCDCs) implement a cross-sectoral approach to local and community development programming. LCDCs comprise local authority members and officials, State Agencies, and people working with local development, community development, and economic, cultural and environmental organisations.

Dublin's LCDC is responsible for developing six-yearly Local Economic and Community Plans (LECP). Preparations for Dublin's new LECP 2023-2028 are underway and will result in an engagement and public consultation programme in 2023.

The key priorities of the CYPSC Children and Young People's Plan will be agreed for inclusion in Dublin's LECP and will contribute to the overarching High Level Goals in the LECP. CYPSCs and LCDCs will engage on an ongoing basis on the implementation of the agreed priorities in the LECP.

First 5 is a Whole of Government Strategy to improve the lives of babies, young children and their families. It is a 10 year Plan up to 2028.

The First 5 Strategy uses evidence to identify goals and specific actions required from across Government. It commits to major initiatives on family leave, children's health, parenting supports, child friendly communities and ELC services.

Local Authorities can support this Whole of Government Strategy in those areas within their remit. Local Authorities do not have a role in the National Childcare Scheme, which provides subsidies to make early learning care and school aged childcare more affordable.

Separately the Council commissioned a review of DCCs role in supporting childcare Provision in the City. The review Report will now be considered by the Planning & Urban Form SPC.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of what AIB is planning to do with the building they no longer use at AIB Bank, 70 St. Agnes Road Crumlin Dublin 12? Has there been any discussion between the two parties on the future of building. With the housing crisis, lack of community space, with the lack of crèches facilities in the area, it is important for DCC to play its role in making sure the city doesn't fall into dereliction and is full of ever more empty buildings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I am not aware of AIB's plans for its former branch building at No. 70 St. Agnes Road Crumlin. There have been no discussions with AIB in relation to this property.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect and prune the trees at the entrance to **(details supplied)**. The trees on the green next to the roundabout need to have the canopy raised as many branches hang at head height and it presents difficulties for walkers as well as impacting lighting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at the entrance to **(details supplied)** will be inspected and any trees that require a crown lift will be addressed as soon as local schedules allow.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the **(details supplied)**. Was additional information received as part of the current planning application attached to the site and is there expected to be a decision on this matter soon?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A request was received by the Planning Authority on 24th October 2022 to extend the time period to submit further information in respect of plan ref. 3596/22, Site formerly known as The Drake Inn, 59-60 Main Street, Finglas, Dublin 11 by a further 3 months under Article 33(1) of the Planning Regulations.

The Agent / Applicant now has up to close of business on 24th February 2023 to submit further information on this planning application.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to review the roundabout at the entrance to **(details supplied)**. Can the wildflower planting be reseeded as grass as it is easier to maintain? Is it possible to repair the cracked kerbing in the centre of the roundabout and repair the red tarmac surface where it is gravelled?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will arrange for an inspection of the roundabout to be carried out. Any defects noted will be added to the Division's works programme.

Public Domain unit will liaise with Parks department getting the area re-seeded. With current growing conditions the wildflowers will grow spring 2023.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the high foliage obscuring 3 of the public lighting standards between the entrance to the Clontarf Golf Club and Mount Temple School on the Malahide Road (east side) to be cut back so the light standards provide adequate lighting for all users including pedestrians at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We can confirm that the 'high foliage' referred to in the question obscuring the 3 number street lights is part of the canopies of the trees growing on the private property of the golf course.

The trees in question are not maintained by DCC and are private trees belonging to Clontarf Golf Club. Public Lighting Services will contact the Golf Club and will request that the Club carry out the required pruning or other works to address the issue of the blocking effects on the street lights.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to address the following: there appears to be fixtures and fittings mounted on the gable wall of (**details supplied**), which is causing a potential obstruction for those trying to access the laneway for e.g. fuel deliveries. Can the CEO confirm if this is a public matter for planning enforcement or another arm of DCC to resolve or a civil matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pictures appear to show pipework and gas flues attached/inserted into the gable wall of the property(s). None of these would be actionable from the point of view of planning enforcement or any other section within the City Council. The issue raised would be considered to be a civil matter.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to address the following: can the CEO organise for 2 short stretches of double-yellow lines to be installed at the gate pillars of (**details supplied**). There is a wheel-chair user living at this location and access for the car that can hold the chair has been problematic here for a long time as a result of DART users parking partially across the driveway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request for double yellow lines at the above location has been added to the existing Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Engineer. Ref: 7029955.

The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation the provision of consent over DCC lands off Philipsburgh Avenue, Dublin 3 (DCC ref A23-7149/LP) can the CEO:

1. Confirm who requested consent and if the request was in writing
2. If there were discussions between DCC and third parties in relation to this consent and if so confirm times/dates and attendees at those discussions
3. Confirm the basis on which the consent was provided
4. Confirm who made the final decision to authorise the consent.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Consent was requested verbally by REAS, (Real Estate Acquisitions & Sales) on Friday 26 August 2022. DCC was notified that the representative for the applicant was REAS (Real Estate Acquisitions & Sales) in relation to the planning application for the owners of 80-82 Philipsburgh Ave.
2. DCC wrote to the Lessee's on 28 March 2022 regarding their failure to request a letter of consent from the Council as landlord to include a part of leased land in a

planning application lodged in Feb 2022 No 3484/22 refers. The planning application was declared invalid on 04 April 2022. A meeting was requested in writing by EP Daly Solicitors on behalf of the owners of 80-82 Philipsburgh Avenue on 10 May 2022, and subsequently held on 21 Jun 2022. In attendance were from DCC were Chief Property & Title Researcher, Property Management staff x3, EP Daly Solicitors, the owner and 2 representatives from Real Estate Acquisitions & Sales – REAS

3. The subject area for which consent was sought subsequently, forms part of demised lands under a 99-year lease from 25th March 1984 to the Trustees of the Christian Young Men's Club. The Lessee is bound to abide by all of the terms and conditions and the strict user covenant contained therein - "sporting and recreational community purposes and no other purpose whatsoever"

A consent letter does not confer any rights or permissions on the applicant to carry out any works. Any agreement or planning permission granted affecting the leased area would require further engagement.

4. The final decision to issue the letter of consent was made by the Administrative Officer in the Property Management Section.