

## Motions on Notice Dublin City Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### 1) Councillor Máire Devine

**Submitted: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**  
**Replaced: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**Replaced: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

" This Council Acknowledges that:

- Fine Gael supported by Fianna Fáil and vice versa have held the position of Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government since 2016.

#### Notes that:

- the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and Green Party Government has been in office for two and a half years;
- during this time their housing policies have failed, and the housing crisis has deepened;
- the current Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien believes that housing is not in a state of emergency;
- rents and house prices have passed their Celtic Tiger peak and are still rising;
- homelessness is at levels never seen before with child homelessness up by 51% since April 2021;
- an entire generation of people are locked out of secure and affordable homes;
- waiting lists for social housing are too long and eligibility thresholds too low;
- the student accommodation crisis is forcing some students out of third level education;
- Travellers, migrants, people with disabilities and older people continue to experience discrimination in the housing system;
- those seeking International Protection continue to live in inadequate accommodation and thousands of people granted asylum are unable to find a pathway out of Direct Provision;

#### Agrees to:

- Declare a housing emergency;
- Write to "Raise the Roof" campaigners to thank them for their determined work in coalescing civic society to give voice to the housing disaster;
- We call on the LM to write to the Minister for Housing urging him to declare a 'Housing Emergency' and invite him to address a full City Council meeting;

### 2) Councillor Cat O' Driscoll

**Submitted: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Replaced: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

This Council agrees to programme a series of events in the Fruit and Vegetable market, making it available to community and creative groups on an interim basis while a long term plan for the structure is determined. Performance, exhibition and rehearsal space in the city is not adequate and as a capital city more spaces are needed for culture.

### 3) Councillor Tom Brabazon

**Submitted: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

That this council instructs the Chief Executive and calls upon the Chief Executive of the NTA to carry out the democratic will of this Council as expressed by the amendment of the Housing Land Initiative Report of on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This report was the foundation document of the Procurement and Disposal Process of the Oscar Traynor Road site which was passed by a 100% vote by Councillors in favour of the amendment on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the wording of which was (**in bold**) below:

"Dublin City Council has recently met with residents of Lorcan Estate and public representatives from the North West and North Central Area. It is proposed to put in place a Local Consultative Forum to ensure that there is fair and ongoing engagement and consultation with Community Interests in the area. The exact consultation structure can be agreed between the Area

Committees and the local Area Managers and their teams **but will include representatives of Lorcan Estate, Castletimon Estate, Woodlawn Estate, Aulden Grange Estate, Santry Court Estate and Gaelscoil Cholmcille.** <sup>1.</sup> **This forum will be consulted by those drawing up the statutory Master Plan.** <sup>2.</sup> **The Masterplan will then be presented to the City Council for approval.”**

As neither 1: <sup>1.</sup> **This forum will be consulted by those drawing up the statutory Master Plan**  
Nor 2: <sup>2.</sup> **The Masterplan will then be presented to the City Council for approval.”**

have ever been completed, it is incumbent upon the Chief Executive to complete these two steps immediately and should have done so “before” the Oscar Traynor Road was presented for disposal.

**4) Councillor Keith Connolly** **Submitted: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**Replaced: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

That this Council rejects the recent changes in the grass cutting contract and that Dublin City Council will arrange for grass verges to be cut outside individual’s homes.

**5) Councillor Janet Horner** **Submitted: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

That Dublin City Council agrees to develop a strategy to eliminate footpath parking in the city recognising that while it is currently an offence, it is widespread throughout the city and represents a significant obstacle and threat to the safety of all who use the streets but most especially people with disabilities and those using buggies or prams.

**6) Councillor Damien O’ Farrell** **Submitted: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Replaced: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

That this Council calls upon the leadership of the Christian Brothers European Province, to ensure all victims of child sexual abuse perpetrated by members of their religious order are treated in a just and Christian manner. Additionally, this Council recognises the forthcoming 25th anniversary of the Christian Brother ‘public apology’ and believes it is well past time for the Order to take congregational responsibility for the heinous acts of some of their members in the form of genuine remorse and financial restitution.

**7) Councillor Janice Boylan** **Submitted: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**  
**Replaced: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

This Council calls on the Government to:

- Work with family carers to deliver the services and supports that their loved ones need and immediately end the practice of compiling and storing secret dossiers on children using information gathered by health, education and social care professionals shared without the express consent of their parents;
- Relax the Carer’s Allowance means-test by raising the income disregard thresholds in order to increase eligibility and payments;
- Further increase the annual Carer’s Support Grant;
- Increase Carer’s Allowance & Carer’s Benefit in every budget over 5 years;
- Establish a discretionary fund for Covid-19 utility debt to aid carers and people living with a disability struggling with heating and electricity costs;
- Extend eligibility for Carers Benefit to the self-employed;
- Extend an automatic GP Visit Card to all recipients of the Carer’s Support Grant; Create an Emergency Talk Therapy Fund to provide sessions with an accredited counsellor or therapist in the private system for carers on referral from a GP;
- Ensure that Family Carers get the respite they need by building up respite capacity, including delivery of hours and overnights through a doubling of public expenditure; Prioritise the full resumption of respite Day Services in the re-opening and implement the standardisation of the provision of free transport to and from these vital services; Update and publish the National Carers’ Strategy in 2021, with a dedicated budget and timeframe to ensure the implementation of all actions.

**8) Councillor Larry O'Toole**

**Submitted: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

That Dublin City Council supports the call for the release of Julian Assange and for all charges against him to be dropped and that we fully support the National Union of Journalists campaign to oppose Mr Assange's extradition, which states:

'We condemn the detention of Julian Assange pending his extradition proceedings. We further condemn the attempted use of the US Espionage Act to prosecute Assange for his work exposing the war crimes committed by US service personnel in the Iraq and Afghan war logs. It is our view that the use of these judicial measures by the US constitutes a grave threat to free speech and a free press. It further notes that this attempted prosecution is without precedent in US law.'

**9) Councillor Noeleen Reilly**

**Submitted: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**Replaced 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

That this Council accepts that Dublin City Council is failing in its Responsibility to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour within our tenancies putting the safety and wellbeing of our other tenants and those in Private homes at Risk. Dublin City Council must have a Zero Tolerance Policy to Anti-Social behaviour and Criminal Activity within our properties.

**10) Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud**

**Submitted: 2nd June 2021**

**Replaced: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

That all the 578 residential units planned for the Emmet Road Housing Project be 100% publicly owned. That all the 578 residential units be built with the exact same construction standard, design and material, be built in a 100 % unified manner. That the community facilities be financed with new funding mechanisms. This Cost Rental scheme is a flagship and a precedent for such housing model where long term vision is the key element to success and long term affordability.

**11) Councillor Dermot Lacey**

**Submitted: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the City Development Plan in the minds of Citizens this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enables Ministerial Guidelines to override such plans and lead to the probability of An Bord Pleanala continuing to ignore democratically agreed City and County Development Plans. The Council further agrees to circulate this Motion to all Councillors to encourage a united approach on this issue.

**12) Councillor Deirdre Heney**

**Submitted: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

That this City Council consider introducing a pilot scheme whereby motorists wishing to reverse into his or her driveway be given a right of way to do so as this is the safest way to park a vehicle in a driveway.

**13) Councillor Mannix Flynn**

**Submitted: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

That this meeting of DCC call on the management of the Artane Band and the Artane School of Music and the GAA to change the uniform and change the name of the Artane Band.

The symbol of the Artane Band, its uniform, its name, its insignia and its history are deeply traumatising and hurtful to the many thousands of us who were incarcerated in industrial and reform schools run by the Christian Brothers and other religious organisations. Indeed, many children from the mother and baby homes were incarcerated in Artane. Many more were press ganged into the band where children suffered horrendous abuse, sexual and otherwise, in the band room. Today, many of us still carry these scars and we find it wholly unacceptable in this day and age having gone through all of the various inquiries including the Ryan Report, and the many horrors of child sexual abuse that the Artane Band still marches under that banner and in the uniform of the residential industrial School, Artane, St Joseph's where it was formed over 150 years ago. It is no excuse in this day and age to say that the children in the present band

are well looked after or that the children in the band at present are going to be in anyway hurt by a change of uniform and change of name. In a world of political correctness, in a world where symbols of this nature are being frowned upon, one only has to site the symbols of slavery and the decommissioning of public monuments etc. to realise that the time has come, and long overdue, that the oppressive symbols of the Artane Band, its uniform and its name, be consigned to history.

It is absolutely outrageous that the National sports field, that the likes of the GAA and indeed RTE would blatantly display these symbols and this band without having any regard whatsoever for the ongoing dreadful suffering many thousands of children had to endure in residential institutions.

Indeed, Justice Ryan in his report regarded the Artane band, "The band was the public face of Artane and was used as propaganda to reassure the public that those in residential institutions such as Artane and Letterfrack were receiving good care and education" But as we all know now, the reality was very different. Indeed many of those that were in this band have since committed suicide. And many more who are alive today can't even look at a GAA match or go to Croke Park where the band is playing. This is our present day suffering and it needs to stop. It is time now for change. Stop this re-traumatising and let us begin a proper process of recovery and healing.

**14) Councillor Naoise O'Muirí** **Submitted: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
That Dublin City Council becomes a JAM Card friendly local authority.

**15) Councillor Daniel Céitinn** **Submitted: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
That Dublin City Council:

- supports the campaign for Irish language rights across the island;
- acknowledges that the delivery of Irish language legislation in the North is overdue, and that past commitments in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement and the 2007 St Andrews' Agreement have gone unfulfilled;
- recognises and commends Irish language activists who will travel to the North on 21 May 2022 to support the Dream Dearg campaign for language rights; and
- as an act of solidarity and support from the Council, will, on 21 May 2022 and each year thereafter, illuminate City Hall in red, symbolising the campaign for Irish language rights.

**16) Councillor Danny Byrne** **Submitted: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**  
That this Council agrees to reduce commercial rates on premises which allow the public to use their toilet facilities.

**17) Councillor Alison Gilliland** **Submitted: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
Dublin City Council recognises that a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm across our city not only supports pride in and respect for our City but also supports outdoor enjoyment of our city. This is particularly relevant for the core city centre area where the City also welcomes a significant number of workers and visitors. However, Dublin City Council agrees that the current presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area is not supportive of a clean, well maintained and litter free public realm - too often bags of food rubbish ends up torn apart by seagulls and strewn across our footpaths while recycling materials in particular take up significant space on our footpaths and add to the sense of clutter. Therefore

a) to better manage the presentation and collection of commercial waste in the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a new system be put in place that drastically reduces the time commercial waste is allowed on our footpaths awaiting collection and that requires businesses to regularly sweep the public space directly in front of their premises so as to keep it free of litter and

b) to enhance the cleanliness of the core city centre area, Dublin City Council agrees that a the power washing rota be greatly enhanced to allow for more frequent and responsive power

washing with particular attention being paid to areas with high daily and high night economy footfall.

**18) Councillor Donna Cooney**

**Submitted: 22th June 2022**

That Dublin City Council as part of the major emergency management and flood emergency plan agrees to engage communities at risk of mayor flooding in a flood drill after a simulated flood emergency, involving DCC emergency services, the coastguard, residents in the flood risk areas and provide a training exercise for emergency services and community volunteers.

**19) Councillor Nial Ring**

**Submitted: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

“That this council agree that as part of any and all current and future cycle path developments, additional signage and instructions be provided to encourage cyclists to comply with all relevant road usage laws, in particular the obligation to stop at red traffic signals”

**20) Councillor Catherine Stocker**

**Submitted: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

That this council will work with TUSLA, Focus Ireland, the HSE and any other relevant stakeholders to design and implement a specific Housing First for Youth programme aimed at care leavers and other youth vulnerable to homelessness on the model of the youth housing first scheme which has been piloted by Focus Ireland in conjunction with the local authority and other stakeholders in Wexford and Waterford.

**21) Councillor Racheal Batten**

**Submitted: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

This council agrees that as if this day all Dublin City Council residential leases will include first right of refusal on sale of the said property. This clause will be inserted into all new lease agreements with an independent assessment of fair market value to take place. The landlord shall not commence placing the property on the market without such 60 days' notice been given to the council.

**22) Councillor Declan Meenagh**

**Submitted: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

That Dublin City Council should investigate joining the Assembly of European Regions.

**23) Councillor Cieran Perry**

**Submitted: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

This council supports the Fair Employment Bill 2022 drafted by the Trade Union Left Forum as a replacement for the 1990 Industrial Relations Act.

The 1990 Industrial Relations Act was introduced as a control mechanism on trade unions. The act introduced many changes to the accepted norms of industrial relations up to that time. It banned support strikes, solidarity action, political strikes, sit-ins and immediate action. It isolated individual workers and introduced 7 day notice. It puts many conditions and restrictions around balloting for industrial action it ended Union autonomy and transferred what were always Union decisions to the judiciary.

At the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) biennial delegate conference last year the following motion proposed by the Dublin Council of Trade Unions (DCTU) was unanimously passed and is now ICTU policy:

"Conference recognises that the restrictions on trade union action in the 1990 Industrial Relations Act need to be opposed, and that the act should be reformed to restore rights which trade unions had before 1990. Conference mandates the executive to seek an alternative legislative regime which would allow trade union and industrial action for workers, for issues that concern workers across society and, across employers, and for effective solidarity to workers in dispute".

**24) Councillor Michael Pidgeon**

**Submitted: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

That Dublin City Council will include footpaths and cycle lanes in its gritting and de-icing programme during cold weather.

**25) Councillor Joe Costello**

**Submitted: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

That this City Council instructs the CE to write to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications requesting that he instruct energy utilities to ensure that all bills to consumers include a breakdown of the source of the energy, e.g. Fossil fuel, wind, solar, nuclear and the proportion of each energy source as is standard practice in several EU countries.

**26) Councillor Daithí Doolan**

**Submitted: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Dublin City Council;

Notes that:

- over the last 25 years drug related deaths in Ireland have increased by 225% with the total number of deaths exceeding 10,500;
- Ireland has the joint highest rate of drug induced deaths in the European Union;
- the number of people prosecuted for possession for personal use has increased over the last 25 years by 484 per cent, with more than 250,000 convictions recorded for that offence;
- In the same period there has been substantial overall increase in drug use, with use of cocaine rising by 10,376 per cent, benzodiazepines by 1,824 per cent and cannabis by 263 per cent;
- the Drug crisis and it's harmful effects, including drug related intimidation, extortion and violence aimed at drug addicts and their families has also risen;
- despite legislation being introduced in 2017, followed by HSE procurement and the selection of a preferred operator to run the State's first medically supervised injecting facility in Dublin city centre, this urgent facility remains unopened;
- despite evidence and research highlighting the need for a holistic approach to dual diagnosis, our mental health services and treatment services are still not organised to holistically treat people with both mental health and addiction issues; and
- the Programme for Government committed the Government parties to convening a citizens' assemble on drugs but, despite the Taoiseach stated intention there is so far no indication as to whether or when it will be held;

Agrees that:

- there has been a lack of joined up thinking between Ministers, Departments and State agencies, and a lack of focus, energy and urgency in tackling the causes and consequences of the drug crisis;
- the policy of criminalisation of the drug user has failed, nationally and internationally, the resources of the State are wasted on inappropriately processing addiction cases through the courts and prisons, and a health-led and patient –focused alternative is needed;
- the previous international consensus on the 'war on drugs' approach is now collapsing with over 30 countries decriminalising drug possession for personal use in some form;
- the worst harms of a criminalisation policy are experiences by people and communities who are already disadvantaged and marginalised, and a reform approach must operate in the context of strategies to combat poverty and marginalisation;
- a community based health led alternative response would target the adverse health, social and economic consequences of drug use and provide harm reduction services to address transmission and overdoses; and
- the 2001 Portuguese initiative of decriminalising possession of drugs and introducing a health diversion scheme, with a resulting significant decline in drug deaths in Portugal while they continue to rise across the EU, merits particular study; and

Calls on the Government to:

- set a firm date for convening the citizens' assembly on drugs;
- reinstate funding for Drug and Alcohol Task Forces to 2008 levels;
- to introduce emergency amending legislation to facilitate mobile supervised injection facilities for both urban and regional sites;

- regulate oversight of all addiction services, with a firm commitment to client centred and evidence based recovery programmes;
- to expand the work of the Criminal Assets Bureau to target and seize smaller assets in local communities with full resources of An Garda Síochána at organised crime gangs, traffickers and dealers.