

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023.**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive for an urgent update on what work is planned to address the issue of flooding at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have been in contact with this customer back in December 2022 and again in March 2023. This question was also answered for the North Central Area Committee meeting dated 17th April 2023.

A temporary solution was completed which was not successful. Road Maintenance now intends to return to complete the permanent repair within the next two weeks weather permitting.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive How many accidents regarding escooters and cyclists have been reported throughout DCC parks? How is DCC parks Department enforcing the no cycling/scooter law in these matters within parks?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are aware of 11 incidents within Dublin City Parks since August 2015. Given the millions of park visits over this time, this is a relatively small number of reported incidents. Anecdotally, however there is no doubt that with increased cycling and the sale of escooters the conflict between pedestrians and cyclists/scooters will become a greater problem. There is no legislation or regulation in relation to the sale or use of escooters or indeed scrambler bikes.

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to promote cycling and the Parks Service has launched a 'Share with Care' concept for greenways (shared cycling/walking) in parks. It is hoped that the Active Travel Unit will in due course be able to up-grade such routes with sufficiently wide pavements and signage. Equally essential however is the need for education and awareness raising programmes to promote responsible cycling. I understand these are being scheduled by the Active Travel Unit.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that a number of complaints were made to DCC regarding anomalies and errors in the aptitude test application process for those wishing to be members of the Dublin City Council Fire and Ambulance brigade services in the recent round of applications. This report to include the findings of DCC and any other third parties that were involved in this process. The number of complainants? And what other Councillors, if any, were made aware of this alleged anomaly/fault in the application process.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY**

The information requested relates to the position of Firefighter with Dublin Fire Brigade, which is an on-going recruitment process. The information is confidential to the applicants.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect a residents home maintenance. **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance Heating section will arrange to have the defective radiator inspected and a replacement fitted if necessary.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect a housing maintenance request (**Details Supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will arrange for an independent damp report to be carried out on the property in the coming weeks. We will act on the recommendations of the report.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the paths and roads at (**Details Supplied**) be inspected for reinstatement next year

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Sections of footpath & carriageway at (**details supplied**) will be included in the 2024 works programme.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect a roads maintenance request (**Details Supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The carriageway reinstatement at (**details supplied**) will be considered when drafting the 2024 Works Programme.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive when the last fire inspection was done at (**Details Supplied**) whether an inspection has or will be done following the recent remediation works, and if so if the inspectors are satisfied with the work.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DFB currently have no open enforcement file on this premises. However, DFB advise that persons in control should ensure that fire safety standards are present in this building.

It is the responsibility of persons in control of a building for the fire safety in that building as provided for under the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003.

DFB would advise that the persons in control engage a competent person to review the building from a fire safety perspective and provide technical advice in relation to fire safety in this building, it is their responsibility to ensure that any deficiencies that are uncovered are remediated immediately.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the road and footpath to be assessed outside 63 Bluebell Road, Bluebell, Dublin 12 and for a more workable layout to be designed and implemented that allows residents to access their homes more easily by car.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This section of land outside 63 Bluebell Road, Bluebell, Dublin 12, is not in charge of Dublin City Council Traffic Department. The Transport Advisory Group does not have any authority over this section of land.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive how much of Dublin City Council's allocation under Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme has been spent in the each administrative area, how many units have been retrofitted in 2022, and how many units are to be retrofitted during 2023.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following is a breakdown of the spend in each administrative area under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme for 2022:

- North West Area: €2,734,254.50
- North Central Area: €316,620.96
- Central Area: €466,270.94
- South Central Area: €2,218,401.71
- South East Area: €627,851.13

201 Units were retrofitted in 2022 under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme and the number of units that will be retrofitted during 2023 will be dependent on our funding allocation for the programme which we have yet to receive from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme has had two phases so far. They include Phase 1, which commenced in 2013 and was completed in 2018 with 8,057 social houses upgraded. Phase two commenced in 2018 and has proven particularly successful, with individual tenants on the ground delighted with their warmer homes, improved exterior and cheaper energy bills.

**Phase One**

Phase one targeted Dublin City Council houses of cavity wall construction and entailed the following upgrades/retrofitting measures:

Cavity Wall Fill Insulation  
300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation  
Roof and Wall Ventilation  
Draught Proofing  
Cylinder Lagging Jackets

**Phase Two**

Phase two targets Dublin City Council houses of solid wall construction and entails the following upgrades/retrofitting measures:

External Wall Insulation  
300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation  
Roof and Wall Ventilation  
Draught Proofing  
Windows and Doors  
Hot Water Cylinders  
Heat Pumps

Number and location of social homes retrofitted under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme from 2016-2022 respectively as follows:

Area/Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
North West Area	85	43	9	208	136	17	125

North Central Area	10	5	3	89	116	15	160
Central Area	16	3	1	15	8	8	198
South Central Area	68	29	15	154	92	16	21
South East Area	22	1	1	15	9	12	46
Total	201	81	29	481	361	68	550

Building Energy Rating status for aforementioned properties above as follows:

BER	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
A1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A3	62	12	1	3	0	0	5
B1	51	22	3	18	0	0	7
B2	11	11	2	33	3	0	17
B3	49	15	11	91	104	3	68
C1	17	20	6	201	116	10	144
C2	6	1	3	81	87	16	126
C3	5	0	0	32	37	13	94
D1	0	0	2	16	6	19	60
D2	0	0	1	6	8	7	29
E1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Q.11 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if Donnybrook Bus Garage which was a major architectural and engineering development of its time is included on the list of protected structures and if not if he will initiate steps to so include.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Bus Garage at Beaver Row, off Stillorgan Road, Donnybrook, is not on the City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS).

The RPS was recently updated and reviewed under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, which was adopted last November.

It is intended that the next phase of proposed additions to the RPS will commence in the autumn, based on the methodology prepared by the Planning & Property Development Department. This methodology includes the prioritisation of categories of buildings of special interest that are considered under-represented on the current RPS, including 20th century buildings.

The Dublin Bus Garage at Donnybrook will be considered for inclusion in the next phase of proposed additions by the Planning & Property Development Department in accordance with the methodology as agreed.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any communication with the Public Appointments body on the recruitment of a new Chief Executive and what role Councillors will have on the recruitment, terms of reference and appointment of same

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A date for advertising the position of Chief Executive has not yet been set. The recruitment process is managed by the Public Appointments Service. The appointment of the Chief Executive is a reserved function of the City Council following the consideration of a recommendation of the Public Appointments Service.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update on the proposal to develop a housing initiative in the former Baggot Street Hospital.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Adaptive Reuse unit in the Housing and Community Services Department was established in October 2022 to deliver social housing by adapting vacant commercial property in Dublin city. As part of the suitability assessment phase, vacant, non-residential properties that may be suitable for conversion to housing were identified. Some state-owned properties were included in properties with potential for conversion. The Adaptive Reuse unit has been in discussion with the HSE in relation to the property for a number of months, with the intention that the Adaptive Reuse unit in DCC could potentially manage the delivery of a conversion project, or that DCC could support the HSE in a potential redevelopment project.

At the last meeting held between DCC Housing Delivery and the HSE in March of this year, the HSE agreed to update DCC once a feasibility assessment of the site had been completed and decisions made regarding the portion of the site that may be used for a primary care centre. At present there is no update as regard.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will investigate into a residents ongoing issue regarding trees near his property and if they will be in contact with him. **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks staff have inspected the subject location and following the inspection it has been recommended that the trees do not require attention at this moment.

Should the property owner wish to initiate a claim for damages the relevant claim forms can be obtained by contacting [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) to initiate a claim process.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to fully investigate the manufacturing work being carried out at Clonsaugh. **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Permission was granted to **(details supplied)**. The structures include (a) 2 no. polly-tunnels for plant propagation and training use (b) 3 no. garden shed for tool storage (c) a plant propagation shed (d) a garden structure for training and compiling horticultural records (e) a structure for woodwork training and storage (f) a structure for trainees rest room and canteen".

Given that woodwork training and storage was included in the description associated with the application and given that the making of plant boxes would fall into the definition of woodwork training and also associated approved plant propagation.

It is noted that within the application documentation that it was indicated that flower boxes made in Santry were transported to Priorswood to be filled with flowers and this forms part of the Horticulture training that takes place in Priorswood . This information was contained in the letter of introduction to the Planning Application.

There was however no specific condition restricting the making up of planter boxes on the site in Priorswood and it would be very difficult to take action against this in circumstances where the application approved woodwork training on the Priorswood site.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive a report on the number and location of social homes the council has retrofitted in each of the years 2016-2022 and the energy rating status of each property retrofitted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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**Q.17 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to make our tenants aware of their obligations under Dublin City Councils bylaws regarding Dog ownership and Breeding. This can be done through text and email to details we have on file

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements will be made to issue an information leaflet to all tenants with the next round of quarterly rent statements. This will remind tenants of their obligations under their tenancy agreement and dog owner responsibilities under the Control of Dogs Act 1986.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the delay in the affordable housing schemes in Ballymun particularly site 12/14 Councillors first received a presentation on this in Nov 2021.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Work is proceeding on the development of the Sillogue Road (LAP 12) and Balbutcher Lane (half of LAP 14) sites. An Affordable Housing Fund application is currently being prepared for both developments.

The presentation made to the Elected Members in November 2021 was based on a specific number of units. However, Dublin City Council Planning and Development have requested the densities be revised. This is currently done through the City Architects and an update will be presented to the local Elected Members as soon as possible.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive what levels of staff turnover have taken place in 2022 and 2023 to date and what departments are most affected.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are several methods of calculating staff turnover. In response to this question, we have used the standard formula suggested by the CIPD ("The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development"):

$$\frac{\text{Total number of leavers over period}}{\text{Average total number employed over period}} \times 100$$

In 2022, 419 employees left Dublin City Council and, as a result, our staff turnover was 7%. This figure is close to the average figure for a large organisation in Ireland.

The Departments most affected were:

- Human Resources
- Corporate Services and Transformation
- Information Systems
- Planning + Property Development

So far in 2023, 123 employees have left the organisation. This is very similar to the rate up to May 2022 and we estimate that our turnover rate will be between 6% and 7% for the full year.



In 2023, the Departments most affected are:

- Planning + Property Development
- Environment + Transportation

The Human Resources Department continually monitors staff turnover rates within the City Council and it is a key driver of Operational Workforce Planning.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to address illegal parking by commercial operators at St Margarets road Dublin 11,

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Street Parking Services are aware of issues of illegal parking here and will continue to patrol and enforce illegally parked vehicles.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this Housing request. **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will examine the matter and undertake all feasible works.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of Permit Applications for public road opening received from the three main utilities (UisceÉireann, ESB Networks and Gas Networks Ireland) in the period 2014-2023 and to further comment on and detail the Percentage Completion rate of each utility company.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The number of licensed roadworks applications and completed roadworks for each of the 3 utilities listed from January the 1st, 2014, until the 2nd of May, 2023, are;

Gas Networks Ireland			
Licence Applications:	25,743	Completion Rate:	98.3%
ESB			
Licence Applications:	14,915	Completion Rate:	85.8%
Uisce Éireann			
Licence Applications:	40,482	Completion Rate:	87.5%

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could examine the housing application file of **(Details Supplied)** and confirm the following:

- a. Date of first housing application
- b. Date removed from list due to non return of update details
- c. Date reinstated to housing list and current positions.
- d. Record of returns made up to date of removal of list.

I am requesting this information because the person was on the housing list for many years and then removed because the standard update/confirmation information requested was not returned. He had sent in the requested details previously but, living in bedsit type accommodation a letter was not received (went missing as happens in

multi unit accommodation). Is there an appeals process for this tenant to have his previous years of being on the list recognised and reinstated as he had shown diligence in replying to all correspondence received as the file will show?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a. Date of first housing application – 02/07/2009
- b. Date removed from list due to non-return of update details – 29/05/2018
- c. Date reinstated to housing list and current positions. - 06/03/2019
- d. Record of returns made up to date of removal of list. – Returned form in 2014 and 2016.

The applicant is currently position 511 for Area H on Band 2 of the Housing List.

The applicant can submit an appeal for time back. They should submit a personal letter outlining the grounds they are looking to appeal on.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of requests received for bulky waste collection since its inception in 2016 and to further detail the cost of providing the service and the income received.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council introduced an online Household Bulky Waste Collection Service in May 2016.

The table below provides details on the service usage and costs to date along with an estimated tonnage of waste collected. Due to the nature of the service and the number of locations from which collections are made the tonnage must be estimated based on the average weight of a household bulky waste collection, which we have determined through sample weights as 0.13 tonne per collection. We multiply this by the number of collections to give us our estimated yearly tonnage collected as outlined in Table A below.

Costs must also be estimated, as there are currently no dedicated full time crews and vehicles, which provide this household service exclusively all day every day. As the service was not introduced to make a profit or even simply break even the uptake in the service will inevitably lead to increased costs for the Council in its provision. The cost of a collection for up to 5 items is €40.00 which has remained unchanged since its launch in May 2016 however the actual estimated cost of a collection in 2023 is now €88.00 which means that each collection is been subsidised by 54% or €48.00 per collection. Effectively the more collections we provide the greater the cost to the City Council in maintaining the service.

Overall costs for the service are calculated based on staff wages, vehicle rentals, fuel and disposal costs incurred in the provision of the service. The rental of two appropriate vehicles and all associated costs such as fuel, maintenance insurance etc. along with the salary required for the 4 men ( 2 men on each vehicle) necessary to man these two vehicles for 4 days a week in the provision of the service. Estimated total yearly salary of one staff member of €40,000.00

In February 2022 this service went fully automated online so it is now possible for a member of the public to place an order 24/7 throughout the year. We have committed to providing a collection within 10 days of receiving any order and currently this time frame is been exceeded with average collections been arranged and collected within 7 working days from date of order. We are currently receiving an average of 194

service requests for a bulky waste collection every month based on the most recent four month period Jan – April in 2023 or 48 per week.

In 2020 and 2021 the service had to be suspended for approximately 4 months of each year due to Covid19 restrictions so manpower/fuel costs are estimated at two thirds of the yearly costs.

Total cost of the service is derived from overall operating costs in any year minus the revenue collected for that same year.

2023 is for the period January 01st to 30th April 2023 inclusive.

Table A

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*	2022	2023*
Requests Received	404*	1131	1620	1973	1523	1898	2422	777 (Jan 1st – April 30th)
Revenue	€16,770	€45,760	€66,590	€79,465	€60,720	€75,400	€100,210.00	€32,880.00
Approx. Tonnage	52.52	147.03	210.6	256.49	197.99	246.74	314.86	101.01
Disposal Costs per Tonne	€35.00	€35.00	€52.00	€52.00	€52.00	€52.00	€70.50	€70.50
Disposal Costs yearly	€1,414.00	€5,146.05	€10,951.20	€13,337.48	€10,295.48	€12,830.48	€22,197.63	€7,121.21
Manpower	N/A	N/A	€96,000.00	€96,000.00	€85,333.34	€85,333.34	€128,000.00	€42,667.00
Vehicle /Fuel/Costs	N/A	N/A	€27,840.00	€27,840.00	€37,120.00	€37,120.00	€55,680.00	€18,560.00
Overall operation Costs	N/A	N/A	€134,791.20	€137,177.48	€132,748.82	€135,283.82	€205,877.63	€68,348.21
Totals	N/A	N/A	-€68,201.20	-€57,712.48	-€72,028.82	-€59,883.82	-€105,667.63	-€35,468.21

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of solar compactor bins (Big Belly bins) installed throughout the city and to further ask if any analysis/studies have been carried out to determine their effectiveness in combating illegal dumping/littering.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Waste Management Services have 379 Big Belly bins solar compactor bins across the City. Total stock of bins in place is 3396 which includes Solar compactor bins.

Some key benefits of solar compactor bins is the increased capacity due to the compactor element and automatic notifications when reaching its fullness. This reduces the risk of overfill and supports the efficient use of fleet.

Public litter bins in the right locations are a key support to reduce littering in locations that are considered as significant litter generators. No studies have been done to determine their effectiveness in combating illegal dumping/litter. Illegal dumping would not warrant the installation of additional bins as this can lead to increased abuse, local concerns and additional cost on the local authority to dispose of household waste and illegal dumping.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive please look into the following public lighting issue. **(Details Supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Public Lighting Services are unable to identify the light referred to in the question. The road name provided in the question, i.e. **(details supplied)** is not listed on our asset management system and cannot be found on Google maps also.

If the councillor can provide clarification on the road name and the pole number of the light in question, we will provide an update on the operational status of the light.

There is no **(details supplied)** listed in the Road Maintenance Asset Management System.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive please look at the following housing applicant **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer List with an application date of 22/4/2010, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	7
Area L	1	17
Area N	1	16

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.

I note that they applicant has applied for Choice Based Lettings at Ross Road recently. The applicant should keep checking our website/social media channels for any CBLs. They are advertised weekly on a Friday.

It is not possible to consider this applicant for Older Persons accommodation as at present he doesn't meet the eligibility criteria.

If the applicant has not found alternative accommodation one month prior to their termination date, they should contact the Central Placement Service for further HAP assessment.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to deal with anti-social behaviour **(Details Supplied)**

**(Details Supplied)** I am aware of a number of dwellings allocated over the past couple of years where serious anti-social behaviour is happening all the time drug dealing, waste left all over the front and back gardens, people living in these houses who should not be there all to the detriment of the existing neighbours who are powerless to do anything as they are terrified. What action can / do we take to try and sort out these issues and how robust is our Garda Vetting are new tenants made aware of the consequences of the tenancy etc for failure to behave in a normal civilized manner? i

have reported things in the past and I am not too sure if those behaving like I mention above give a toss

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All issues raised in relation to anti-social behaviour associated with a Dublin City Council tenancy are fully investigated by the Housing team in the local area office, the first approach is to meet with the tenant and try and resolve the issue informally through agreement and ongoing monitoring. Where necessary the local area team engage with other state agencies including an Garda Síochána and the HSE to try and bring the situation under control and address any underlying problems that the family may be experiencing. It should be noted that all prospective tenants are vetted in accordance with Section 15 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provision Act and informed verbally and in writing of their obligations as tenants prior to occupying a Council property.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive look at maintenance request regarding a dog **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing team is engaging with the tenant **(Details Supplied)** to resolve the issue with the garden and regular inspections of the property are being carried out. The Housing team are available to meet with the neighbours regarding this case.

The Housing team has also engaged with the tenant **(Details supplied)** and arrangements have been made to have the items in the front garden removed. The dogs have been brought to the attention of the Council's Animal Welfare section. Due to concerns around the living conditions of the animals a ten day notice was issued to the tenant and the dog warden will carry out a follow up inspection in order to assess if the issues raised have been addressed.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a clean-up of **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The open spaces in details supplied are maintained by the parks department. The North Central Public Domain Team have waste management cleaning and power washing Darndale spine site and surrounding roads. On Wednesday 26th April Darndale was mechanically swept in advance of the upcoming 5k road race.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to a housing application **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant had a Social Housing Support application cancelled in 2013 due to not returning the Assessment of Housing Need form. The applicant appealed this in August 2018 and the appeal was not upheld. The applicant again appealed this decision in March 2022 and the appeal was not upheld again. It is not possible to appeal this decision again unless the applicant has sufficient new information that was not considered at the time and is of significant relevance to the decision.

The applicant is in position 176 on the Transfer HAP list for Area B.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive to Request a report on the number and location of buildings across the city being used as family hubs, who is operating each hub, the residential capacity of each hub, the number, nature and outcome of complaints made by residents in each year of each hub's operation, and current data in relation to the number, size and length of time families have been living in each hub with information provided on the number of children in each hub and all information in relation to the supports provided to families in each hub.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 8 NGO family hubs across Dublin City (exc hubs in FCC/DLD/SDCC area)

<b>Service Name_NGO HUBs_per PASS Classification</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
Crosscare	Family Hub Clonliffe Rd	50 Units
Hub - Clonard	Clonard Road	25 Units
Hub - Greencastle	Priorswood	28 Units
Hub - Houben House	Mount Argus	48 Units
Hub - PMVT DCC STA	Rialto	3 Units
Hub - Respond	High Park	25 Units
Hub - Respond	St Lawrence Road	47 Units
Hub - Sarsfield Hse	Ballyfermot	12 Units

<b>HUB - NGOs</b>		
<b>Family Breakdown</b>	<b>Number Families of</b>	<b>Number Children of</b>
Family Hub Category One (NGO - 6mts plus)	150	335
Family Hub Category One (NGO - less than 6mts)	42	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>418</b>

There are 7 PEA's family hubs across Dublin City. (exc hubs in FCC/DLD/SDCC area)

<b>Service Name_Private Operator_ HUBs_per PASS Classification</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
Horizon House	Dublin 1	40 Units
Hub - Anna Livia	Dublin 1	38 Units
Hub - Ardagh House	Dublin 6	25 Units
Hub - Bram Stoker	Dublin 3	24 Units
HUB - Sunnybank	Dublin 9	37 Units
Hub - Townhouse	Dublin 1	104 Units

Hub - Viking Lodge	Dublin 8	30 Units
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HUB Private		
Family Breakdown	Number of Families	Number of Children
Family Hub Category One PVT - 6mts plus)	165	306
Family Hub Category One (PVT - less than 6mts)	65	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>388</b>

**Complaints:**

The below table lists all complaints received direct to DRHE since the appointment of a dedicated Complaints Officer in 2021, relating to family services by both PEA and NGO operators listed by category of complaint per year. All complaints were investigated and responded to in accordance with Dublin City Council's Customer Service Action Plan.

Category	PEA 2021	NGO 2021	PEA 2022	NGO 2022	PEA 2023	NGO 2023	Total
Staff	4	2	1	3	0	0	10
ASB Other Residents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASB External	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Conditions of Facility	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
Service Provision	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>

**Support services:****NGO:**

NGO's are staffed with care support / Social Care staff teams and provide their case management within their service structure.

**PEA Supports:**

Housing Support Officer are linked to all PEA Hubs across Dublin City, each family in emergency accommodation will meet with a housing support officer working on behalf of DRHE, and they will be supported with their current housing application and advised of move on options available to them.

Focus Ireland case managers are on site in 6 of the PEA Hubs shown with Depaul in the remaining one, providing a case management service to families that require it, they also provide leap cards to any families that require them for school travel.

Focus Ireland Family Centre is based in Dublin 7, this service operates a case management service to families that require it, referrals for case management come through DRHE. They have a kitchen onsite to offer families the opportunity to cook their own meals if required. The service also has laundry facilities for families. The service also offers a parenting course onsite, which provides childcare for the children of parents who wish to participate.

YPAR is an umbrella network for services working with young people at risk in the NEIC

There is an education welfare officer in Tusla specifically working with homeless families.

National Childcare Scheme NGO staff & housing support officers can make a sponsor referral to NCS; this provides fulltime childcare in a crèche to any family in homeless accommodation.

HSE health link team work with families in emergency accommodation supporting them with accessing health services.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Public Transport Department to request NTA to re-arrange Terenure Bus Corridor proposal for No Right Turns on Greenlea Road. **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Statutory Planning Application for the Templeogue/Rathfarnham to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála, the formal statutory public consultation period for this scheme is now live.

Submissions/observations may be made in writing to the Board at An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure Division), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed road development, if carried out;
- the implications of the proposed road development, if carried out, for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed road development; and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed road development on a European site between Tuesday 25th April and Tuesday 20th June 2023

Submissions/observations can also be made on the An Bord Pleanála website at the following address: <https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation>

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Public Transport Department to request NTA to re-arrange Terenure Bus Corridor in the arborist's report and no doubt in other old villages, in regard to the negative environmental and heritage impact on Dublin roads, in particular where many Protected Structures are listed. **(Details Supplied)**



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**Q.35 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive when was the requirement introduced for librarians to get written parental consent from young patrons' parents before moving the young patrons to the appropriate borrowing category on their 12th or 15th birthday. And what the rationale was for that change.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In order to register a child (i.e. anyone under the age of 18) as a borrower we require parental permission. This has always been the case. Each borrower card has a borrower category, the main ones being Child; Young Adult 12-14; Young Adult 12-14+; Young Adult 15-17, and Adult.

In the past, when a young person reached the next age group, e.g. when a child turned 12, they could apply, again with parental consent, to be moved to the next category, giving them access to materials suitable for the older age group.

It has always been our policy that the parent is responsible for their child's use of the library. Given that policy, it is only reasonable that parents have a general understanding of the type of materials that are available to their children at various ages.

We introduced a new Library Management System in March 2022. This new system, Spydus, has a facility whereby the borrower is moved to the next category automatically, without any intervention by staff or parents. This was a change in practice and once we became aware of it we switched it off, to return to the system that previously applied.

However, we added an alert on the borrower account so that the borrower and library staff would be notified that the borrower was eligible to be moved up to the next age category.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the status of the old model school on **(details supplied)**. Is the building listed on the record of protected structures?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An architectural heritage assessment report on the Old Model School at **(details supplied)**, was undertaken by the Conservation Section in November 2018, following a nomination for its proposed addition to the City Council's Record of Protected Structures in June 2017 and the agreement of Emergency Motion 4 from Councillor John Lyons at the monthly meeting of the City Council on the 5th November 2018. The report considered the special interest of the building having regard to the provisions of section 51 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

The report concluded that **(details supplied)** has some architectural and social interest. However, the building is not considered to be of sufficient special interest to merit inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS)."

Therefore, the report recommended that the building not be included on the RPS.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what affect will the recent Government decision to waive development levies have on DCC budgets and particularly on the capital budget?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has notified Dublin City Council by Circular letter PL 04/2023 dated 28th April 2023 of the operational details of the temporary-time limited waiver in respect of development contributions. It applies to all permitted residential developments that commence on site between 25/4/23 and 24/4/24 and completed not later than 31/12/25.

The scheme provides that instead of developers having to pay the relevant contribution in the normal manner, The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, will, further to the submission of commencement notices from developers to the planning authority and subsequent verification that development has commenced on site, pay the relevant charges due on behalf of the person liable for the contribution. Therefore the scheme will not financially impact on the City Council's Capital Programme 2023 – 2025.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many general operatives does the City Council plan to employ in 2023 and how can people apply for such a position ?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council has employed 44 General Operatives to date in 2023 with additional appointments currently underway. A panel is in place which will allow further appointments to be made as the need arises.

In 2022 the City Council held targeted recruitment campaigns in the North East Inner City and Ballymun. It is proposed to hold a similar targeted recruitment campaign for General Operatives over the summer months in the South Central Area.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many houses have DCC bought back under the financial contribution scheme since 2019, and does the City Council plan to increase this figure in the future?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has acquired twenty nine properties under the financial contribution scheme over the period 2019 to 2023. Acquisitions under this scheme are dependent

on the availability of older person housing to allocate to these applicants. The Allocations Section offers out properties in order of time on list and need. The financial contribution list is balanced with other needs for older person accommodation but Dublin City Council is committed to the scheme.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will confirm that all Frontline Fire Brigade Workers have received the €1,000 payment promised by the Government and if not when they will receive their long-awaited entitlement.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC/DFB have allocated payment to 835 paramedics based on the criteria, which was outlined by the Department of Health.

Discussions are ongoing with respect to payment for DFB staff who are outside of this criteria.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will list all the insurance pay-outs by Dublin City Council on issues relating to footpaths between 2019 and 2023 (to date)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is currently collating the statistics required to answer this question. A detailed answer will be provided to the Councillor prior to the next Council meeting in June.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive how much Dublin City Council has raised in Development Levies over each of the past five years; and if the Minister for Housing has agreed to compensate the Council in full during the period of suspension of Development Levies, to ensure that essential infrastructure, amenity development and landscaping can be continued.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Total Levies:

2018	39,646,177
2019	45,977,403
2020	21,147,648
2021	28,782,461
2022	39,027,074
2023	7,722,880
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The scheme provides that instead of developers having to pay the relevant contribution in the normal manner, The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will, further to the submission of commencement notices from developers to the planning authority and subsequent verification that development has commenced on site, pay the relevant charges due on behalf of the person liable for the contribution.

Therefore the scheme will not financially impact on the City Council's capital programme 2023 – 2025.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has made a submission to Ireland's Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the Sustainable Development Goals which is taking place at the UN High Level Political Forum in July; and if so if he will circulate to all Councillors.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council did not make a formal submission to Ireland's Voluntary National Review (VNR) of the Sustainable Development Goals.

During the development of the Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024, the City Council undertook an assessment across 30 local statutory plans and other strategies and initiatives of our contribution to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Helen O'Leary, SEO, Corporate Services & Transformation Department is now the nominated SDG point of contact for Dublin City Council. A draft plan on the City Council's implementation of the recommendations in the National Implementation Plan for the SDGs 2022 – 2024 will be provided to the July City Council meeting.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much is owed to DCC in development levies and to outline in tabular form how much levies is owed to DCC for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Levies outstanding as at 18/04/23

2019	2,800,482
2020	5,986,522
2021	6,788,773
2022	24,595,756
2023	30,771,473

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what contact and consultation has taken place between government departments and DCC about the Government's proposal to suspend development levies?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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The scheme provides that instead of developers having to pay the relevant contribution in the normal manner, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will, further to the submission of commencement notices from developers to the

planning authority and subsequent verification that development has commenced on site, pay the relevant charges due on behalf of the person liable for the contribution.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to 'suck out and drain' the shore at 23 Rossmore Road D12 and organise for repair work to be carried out? The damaged shore is having a serious negative impact on all houses, 1 to 23 Ross ore Road, on that row.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The public sewers at this location were inspected and found to be unobstructed and functioning normally. The outfall chamber in the front garden of House No. 23 was inspected and also found to be clear and unobstructed. Consequently, any problems being experienced on this shared drain are located on private property, most likely in the gardens to the rear. Responsibility for investigating and clearing a blockage on this drain rests with all households served by the drain at the point of obstruction. Neither Irish Water (nor DCC Drainage operating on its behalf under the SLA) has any responsibility for this matter.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive, how many people, including families, who presented seeking emergency accommodation were not provided with this emergency accommodation by DRHE in 2022 and so far this year?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE began recording the number of households who presented seeking emergency accommodation who were not accommodated, in September 2022. The figures for single adult households from September 2022 to April 2023 are attached. There has been capacity for families available every night. All households are advised to contact the placement service as early as possible in the day to access emergency accommodation.

The DRHE consider placement in emergency accommodation a last resort if no other alternative can be identified. The initial response from the DRHE to any household who present to homeless services is to try prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the household's position on the social housing list, advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising on the level of HAP the household may be eligible to receive, advice on finding alternative rental accommodation and in some cases assessing if we can acquire the current dwelling under the Tenant-in-Situ Scheme, where it is being offered for sale.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**

To ask the Chief Executive can the reasons for rejecting (**details supplied**) application for tenant purchase be clarified as it seems the criteria in terms of years of housing support and the new lower income threshold (12.5k) have been met?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Tenant Incremental Purchase scheme allows eligible tenants to purchase their homes from Dublin City Council at a discounted cost of either 40%, 50% or 60% of the market value of the property. The discount awarded is based on the tenant's income at time of application.

There is no record of a completed Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme application form from (**Details supplied**). The tenant has been contacted by the Loans, Sales and Grants Section and it has been established that when she previously enquired about the Scheme she was ineligible based on her income at that time. However,

based on the information given by (**Details supplied**) today, she may now eligible for the Scheme under the revised income limits. An Application Form has been forwarded to her. If / When the application is received it will be processed in the normal way.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the following information be provided:

- How many units of DCC stock have been retrofitted in the periods Jan to Dec 2022 and Jan to March 2023.
- How many are currently in progress?
- What funding streams have been accessed?
- How much in funding was made available to DCC by central government for upgrading & retrofitting DCC stock in 2022 & how much was drawn down?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find relevant information below with regards to the aforementioned queries above:

201 units were retrofitted in the period Jan to Dec 2022 and 57 units were retrofitted in the period Jan to March 2023 under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. 63 units are currently in progress under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Funding is accessed via the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the national Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme (EERP). The target of housing units for the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in 2022 was 114 houses. The Energy Efficiency section completed 201 housing units and so €6,317,651 was drawn down under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme in 2022.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to what steps DCC has made as a local authority to protect its reputation particularly in relation to recent media coverage of a high profile case involving a former member of Dublin City Council? There has been a number of high profile incidents involving members of Dublin City Council in the past number of years that have cause untold reputational damage. What steps have DCC taken to protect the standing and reputation of Dublin City Council and its staff and councillors? Does DCC have a policy or a protocol in relation to these matters? Or is it that the council believes that silence is suffice? Irrespective of the politics and the demarkation lines, the local authority has an obligation to protect its reputation on behalf of all the citizens and tax payers. You simply cannot bury your head in the sand. In many of these incidents it involved wholesale criminality which has no political protection or immunity. The confidence of DCC has been seriously undermined not just by these incidents but by the fact that the city council has refused, for some odd reason, not to acknowledge these matters. It is high time that the local authority stand up and address these issues in order to give confidence to the public and indeed be a local authority fit for purpose. It is highly inappropriate that the council would go down a line of silence on these matters in order to protect the reputation of the institution itself along the same lines of the Catholic Church and other such entities. It is time for the council to come out of denial and acknowledge these matters.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council takes its reputation very seriously. The City Council actively seeks to promote its vision and its work through the Communications Office. It answers queries on a range of issues from the media every day through the Communications Office. The Communications Office also seeks to clarify any factual inaccuracies relating to the Council in the media which are brought to its attention. The Council very

rarely, if ever, comments on ongoing court cases. Any alleged incidents involving criminality and members of staff are always referred to An Garda Síochána.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full update as to when the plebiscite that was agreed some time back regarding the retention or not, of the title Lord Mayor and also whether the motto of the city 'happy is the obedient servant' is appropriate in this day and age bearing in mind that we live in the republic of Ireland and not a colony attached to the British empire.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been discussed previously at both City Council in 2017 and at Protocol on a number of occasions.

Part 5, Chapter 1 of the Local Government Act sets out the provisions in relation to the name Cathaoirleach or Mayor. Section 32 specifically reference the title Mayor or Deputy Mayor. A local authority could by resolution amend the name to Mayor as per Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act.

Following the establishment and report from the Dublin Citizens' Assembly in December 2022 it may be appropriate to await the outcome of the plebiscite for a Directly Elected Mayor of Dublin before reviewing the title of the Office and City motto.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the issue of compensation and / or a rates rebate for retailers at Fairview please. Particularly since the C2CC construction works changed to the outbound side of the carriageway retail businesses have been experiencing an extreme downward spike in business. Many of these businesses are struggling to survive and I'm calling on DCC to introduce financial supports please. Also, are there other financial supports (outside of local authority) available please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council recognises that infrastructural projects may cause disruptions to both businesses and citizens and can be difficult to live with but such projects nonetheless are essential to the future economic life and development of the city.

During the course of major infrastructure projects and other civic improvement works it is almost inevitable that some ratepayers will be subjected to inconvenience despite the best efforts to keep such inconvenience to a minimum. In a city of Dublin's size many ratepayers will at some time be affected by such projects or works. However the long-term benefits to businesses arising from these works greatly outweighs the inconvenience caused during their construction phase.

Rates are a tax on property. The City Council at the Statutory Budget meeting determine the rate on valuation each year which is applied to the valuation of all rateable properties and from which commercial rates are determined. There is no legislative provision or discretion to waive or reduce rates on any business in regard to any mitigating circumstances and therefore rates liabilities cannot be reduced. In situations where financial pressures are impacting on the business, the only flexibility that can be offered is that the ratepayer contacts the rate collector to make a mutually agreeable arrangement to discharge the outstanding rates over a period of time. There are no other exchequer financial supports to businesses in such circumstances.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive, in recent months where we have experienced various bouts of heavy rainfall, many pedestrian junctions across the city, particularly the North Inner City, have flooded, rendering the tactile paving useless and requiring pedestrians to cross away from the given crossing point. Is there a strategy in place to upgrade these junctions to address flooding issues and what junctions are due for upgrade works to ensure accessibility is maintained when it rains?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services (RMS) have no plans or strategy in place to upgrade junctions to address any flooding issues which may arise. They are dealt with by a case-by-case basis as they come to our attention. If there are any junctions, which are of particular concern please provide location details and RMS can investigate further.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive when the City Centre Transport Strategy is due, what are the parameters of the study and will a revised plan for the permanent Liffey Cycle scheme be included?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Centre Transport Study update is nearing completion and it is expected that it will be presented at the June Meeting of the Transportation SPC. The study parameters are based on the new city development plan and alignment with the revised Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy. There is no proposal for a revised permanent Liffey Cycle scheme included in the study as that is outside its scope. Rather the various networks across the city are shown and they would be able to be revised in the light of the required objectives. The study will set out a range of measures which will allow the objectives within the mobility chapter to be met, especially the mode share targets.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive whether a decision has been reached regarding the retention of planning permission for the JC Decaux advertising boards across the city and which ones will be removed as a result of expired planning permission?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There were 14 no. decisions in 2023 relating to planning applications to replace scrolling internally illuminated double sided 'Metropole' advertising display case(s) with double sided digital advertising display case(s) and associated works. 2 no. applications were refused permission and 12 no. applications were granted permission usually for a temporary period between 3-5 years. Permission was refused for the proposals under plan ref. 5353/22 (Charlemont Street) and plan ref. 5356/22 (Church Street Upper). It is envisaged that these metropolises will be removed in due course unless there is a separate grant of permission.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the footpaths be cleaned at **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned footpaths cleared of leaf debris on the 2nd May 2023.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following, regarding the Pelletstown area and the wider taken in charge issue:



- A) What are the timings and how long would the works take for the road at Rathbourne Vale, where Pelletstown Educate Together National School is situated, to be open up onto River Road (Part of Phase 2 of the taking in charge process in 2023/2024)?
- B) Is it be possible to keep the road closed where Rathbourne Vale meets River Road, at Pelletstown Educate Together National School, and instead implement a safe drop-off zone at the school?
- C) Would Dublin City Council consider the transfer of ownership of the land where attenuation tank B is located adjacent to the school to the Department of Education to be used for sports and recreation purposes?
- D) What are the timings for the taking in charge of phase I at Royal Canal Crescent?
- E) What is the update on the school warden for Educate Together National School where Royal Canal Crescent meets Rathbourne Vale?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 'Pelletstown development' / 'Rathbourne Vale' has not been 'taken in charge' to date. River Road is 'in charge'.

Replies to the remaining aspects of this question are currently being compiled and will be forwarded to the councillor in due course.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what the update is regarding the Residents' Permit Parking Scheme at **(details supplied)** and can the matter be expedited for residents?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The residents on Elizabeth Street will be balloted for a change of hours in the operation of residential and pay and display parking scheme in the coming weeks.

If the vote is in favour of introducing the scheme, it will take some time yet for the statutory process to be carried out and the scheme implemented.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the laneway at **(details supplied)** be maintained as it needs to be cleaned, weeded and the footpaths needs to be repaired.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway scraped and cleaned on the 2nd May 2023.

An enquiry (reference 11137014) has been added to our asset management system. The Laneway at **(details supplied)** will be inspected and any localised repairs will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

The area office will arrange for the laneway to be cleaned and weeded. A request will be sent to Road Maintenance to have the footpaths repaired.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when will DCC have Casual Trading By-Laws that will reflect, vindicate, and implement the 2009 EU Services Directive?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 2013 Casual Trading Byelaws are currently being reviewed and all relevant EU Services Directive will be considered in the context of the draft byelaws review. It is planned to initiate Public Consultation on the draft byelaws during the summer.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are two separate allocated budgets for the maintenance or refurbishment of vacant Local Authority housing and the maintenance or refurbishment occupied Local Authority housing? In relation to that, was there any underspend in the allocated budget for the maintenance of occupied Local Authority housing in the previous ten years?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Yes there are two separate budgets for vacant properties (voids) and occupied properties (Planned Maintenance). The budget for Planned Maintenance has changed since 2017 whereby it has come under the stewardship of the Engineers working within Planned Maintenance. This budget is funded solely by the City Council. The only year that we came under budget was in 2020, which was mainly because of COVID. In all other years we have overspent.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive what health and safety and fire safety standards apply to Local Authority housing and who is legally responsible for inspection and compliance?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All houses should be constructed in accordance with the Building Regulations. A Fire Safety certificate application is not required for the construction of houses but the works must be carried out in accordance with the Building Regulations. The Building Control Amendment Regulations BCAR process has introduced more supervision and oversight of housing developments since 2014. The Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 provides general obligations for fire safety to all types of buildings except a single dwelling;-

***FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE SAFETY***

***18 General obligations with regard to fire safety.***

18. — (1) this section applies to premises or any part thereof put to any of the following uses—

This section applies to premises or any part thereof put to any of the following uses—  
( a ) use as, or for any purpose involving the provision of, sleeping accommodation, excluding premises consisting of a dwelling house occupied as a single dwelling;

We provide advice to homeowners and persons who live in a single dwelling.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when was the last day trading took place in the Iveagh Market?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The last Notices to Quit and Deeds of Surrender in relation to the Iveagh Markets occurred in 1997.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR MAÍRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive if Planning Enforcement action can be taken against a developer who has commenced development on foot of a Planning Permission by

demolishing buildings but has not commenced nor completed the development required by the Planning Permission.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Permissions generally have a lifespan of 5 years from the date of final grant of permission to get to completion stage. Therefore constructions works are not required to be carried out immediately after approved demolition works. Any part of the development including demolition that is carried out within the 5 year period of the granting of the planning permission is deemed to be approved.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the under resourced Road Maintenance Department can I be provided with the number of all claims and costs against DCC or its Agents over the past 10 years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is currently collating the statistics required to answer this question. A detailed answer will be provided to the Councillor prior to the next Council meeting in June.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on my request regarding the addition to the Protected Buildings List numbers 2-3 Marks Alley, D8

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) was recently updated and reviewed under the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028, which was adopted last November.

It is intended that the next phase of proposed additions to the RPS will commence in the autumn, based on the methodology prepared by the Planning & Property Development Department. This methodology includes the prioritisation of categories of buildings of special interest that are considered under-represented on the current RPS, including early/17<sup>th</sup> century structures; also where portions of early structures are identified as forming part of later or remodelled buildings.

Nos. 2-3 Mark's Alley, Dublin 8, will be considered for inclusion in the next phase of proposed additions by the Planning & Property Development Department in accordance with the methodology as agreed

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planning enforcement at Reuben House, Reuben St, D8 regarding the unauthorised use of the property?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following investigation by the Planning Enforcement Section, an Enforcement Notice (Section 154 of the Planning and Development Act 2000) was served on the owners of the premises concerned on the 29th March 2023. This notice requires the cessation of the unauthorised use of the property at Reuben House, Reuben Street, Dublin 8 for short term letting purposes.

This notice is to be complied with, within the period commencing Friday 31st March 2023 and ending Friday 28th April 2023. Further inspections will be carried out in May to ensure that the Enforcement Notice concerned is complied with.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is currently a database of public hedgerows owned and managed by DCC and are currently any targets to increase this via planting or biodiversity enhancement programmes, similar to the city tree planting targets? There is a severe lack of native, high nature value hedgerow in many public green spaces and parks which could easily accommodate thriving hedgerows, and there should be a target-based approach to growing and establishing a hedgerow network.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Hedgerow are an integral part of the city's green infrastructure and are managed through a variety of plans and strategies:

The Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan 2015-2020 completed a city-wide survey of hedgerows and woodlands in 2020, which updated the 2006 survey that identified key hedgerows across the city. This data is collated in a report and in GIS files. The recommendations from this report are part of the Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2025, which includes actions to improve hedgerows. While the recommendations did not include targets, a project with the Hedge Laying Association of Ireland is in development, which will look at maintenance regimes and enhancing the length, depth and species mix of current hedgerows - which is crucial for biodiversity.

In addition, the Dublin City Development Plan includes policies and objectives for green infrastructure to maintain and improve connectivity of habitats, including hedgerows. Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services also manage several greening strategies, which has increased hedgerow species planted across the city. These strategies are continuing and being expanded. An update on the progress of these works can be presented at year end.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in tabulated form by Area:

- i) How many streets are on the regular street sweeping schedule in each of the five Areas?
- ii) What is currently the average amount of time (in days, weeks or months) between street sweepings in each area?
- iii) If targets exist, what is currently the targeted, planned or maximum amount of time (in days, weeks or months) that should be between street sweepings in each area?
- iv) By this metric, what percentage of streets in each area have a time span longer than the average time between street sweepings?

Furthermore, to ask the manager to outline how often street sweeping targets are set, how often they are revised, and if a field could be added to the official street sweeping schedule to indicate when each road on the schedule was last swept?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services are currently compiling this information and it will be forwarded to the councillor in the near future.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail all or any plans for a segregated bicycle lane on Pearse Street, and in particular the parts from Bridge Street to Trinity Gym.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The section of Pearse Street from Bridge Street to Trinity Gym is included in the walking & cycling route from Ringsend to College Green which is part of the proposed Dublin City Active Travel Network.

The projected timeline delivery of this project is between 2025 and 2027. The project timeline could accelerate depending on allocation of additional resources.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could set out in tabular form in respect of each separate recommendation, all actions that have been taken to date to implement the recommendations from the 'Review of the construction costs associated with the building of housing units for Dublin City Council' dated 30th of January 2023 and authored by Seán Ó Riordáin and Associates Ltd.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Review of construction costs associated with the building of housing units for Dublin City Council, dated 30th January 2023, examined factors that impact the construction costs in the delivery of social housing. Presentations were made to the Housing SPC on the findings and recommendations of the review in November 2022 and March 2023. Below are the recommendations listed in the report and actions to taken to date.

		Status
1	ICMS/BIM system being developed should be fully embedded into the Council's Housing Delivery Plan and with the four-step approval process of the Department of Housing	As noted at SPC  ICMS/BIM system is being examined by OGP.  Department of Housing and Community will roll out measures to prevent /reduce Claims /Disputes arising via the "Project Outturn Review" Reports i.e. dispute avoidance via Lessons Learnt
2	Staff development/induction and continuous professional development to underpin cost management processes of the Council	Ongoing training for all Housing Delivery staff in support of cost control measures aligned to Department Circulars and DCC and industry best practice.
3	Members of the Council should be briefed on these incoming system improvements and reporting to the Housing SPC should be advanced to reflect	Ongoing engagement with members at monthly Council meeting, Area Committees and Housing SPC.

	these new system advancement.	
4	Members should be provided, where possible, with briefing material to ensure consistency of message	As above
5	Arrangements should be put in place within the framework of the Dublin Housing Delivery Initiative, to provide comparative data based upon the ICMS/BIM platform, that examines cost movements over the four-step approval process, and exploration of a similar exercise across the principal urban areas of the State should also be considered by the Housing Delivery Unit at the Local Government Management Agency	<p>Dublin Housing Delivery Group meet monthly where cost management and cost control exercises are examined.</p> <p>The meeting is attended by senior management of Dept of Housing, Local Government and Planning and the HDCO.</p> <p>Separately new Base Unit Costs have been set by the DHLGP following analysis of returned data from social housing schemes over an extended period up to and including Q2 2023 and updated based on published tender index information as required.</p>
6	Over time as the ICMS/BIM system is introduced across the OECD the opportunity to engage with Councils and others at international level should be explored in order to develop an international perspective on cost comparators in similar scale urban settings within the OECD	To be progressed
7	The on-going need to revisit the Housing Needs Model for the City is critical given the current population trend of the City, the data becoming available from Census 2022, as well as the impact of current and likely future inflation trend	To be progressed with Planning Department

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could detail the total number of queries Dublin City Council have received from tenants seeking to avail of the cost-rental backstop and how many referrals have been made to the Housing Agency arising from these queries.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC has received five applications to date for the Cost Rental Tenant in Situ (CRTiS) and is in the process of assessing their income.

In the case of CRTiS the role of the local authority is to firstly establish that there is a valid Notice to Quit for reason of a and lord sale, then to assess the tenant's earning to determine if they qualify for social housing. For anyone who is earning over the income threshold for social housing, the City Council assesses their income to determine if they may qualify for CRTiS with the advice to the applicant that to qualify, their income, net of income tax, USC, PRSI and superannuation, must be below

€53,000 Once this assessment is done DCC will refer the details onto the Housing Agency.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the current status and completion date for every residential void in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following is a summary of the citywide vacant properties. (attached).

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of maintenance requests made in 2021 and 2022, the nature of the maintenance request, the length of time it took to address each maintenance request and information on who carried out the work.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There were approximately 128,512 maintenance requests made over the course of 2021 and 2022. Approximately 62,178 in 2021, and 66,334 in 2022.

Maintenance repair requests are logged under 'Type of work' which fall under the following categories: Adaptations, Boarding & Shuttering, Brickwork, Carpentry, Choke car, Concrete works, Dampness, Electrical, Fitting, Glazing, Guttering, Heating, Joinery, Masonry, Mobile Plumber, Painting, Pest Control, Plastering, Plumbing, PVC doors, PVC windows, Roofing, Scaffolding, Tiling and Welding.

Repair requests are categorised as either Emergency, Urgent or Routine. The timelines for completion of jobs, as per the Annual Service Delivery Plan, are as follows: Emergency - immediate, Urgent - 5 days, Routine- 8 weeks, which we strive to adhere to.

Depending on the nature of the work, it is allocated to either direct labour staff from within our Housing Maintenance depots or to an external contractor, especially where specialist works are involved. In some cases it may be a combination of both, for example a job may be first assessed by our own staff, or an immediate emergency issue dealt with, and then afterwards allocated to a contractor for follow on works.

In a related update, Housing Maintenance has been working on a new initiative aimed at improving the repairs requests process and accelerating digital innovation to the way we deliver our repairs service. This initiative allows housing maintenance repairs requests to be sent directly from our repairs database straight to the Foreperson's phone, who can then assign the job to the relevant tradesperson or team for completion. When the tradesperson marks the job as finished, this writes back to the repairs database and updates the system. This project has begun its first roll out in our existing Ballymun depot and the rollout will be expanding to another depot in the coming weeks.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the legal status of a derelict house at **(detailed supplied)** which has been empty and derelict for the best part of two decades. Can the Chief Executive make a comment on the matter outlining Dublin City Council's efforts to get this home back into use?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Derelict Sites Unit has an active file for this property which is considered derelict. It is intended that a Notice of Intention will be served to enter it on the Derelict Sites Register (the Register). The owner will have a month from the date of the Notice to

make representations against entry. If representations are not received or if representations are received but are not considered satisfactory the site will be entered on the Register and will be subject to a derelict sites levy of 7% of market value.

As part of the Derelict Sites Unit's ongoing acquisitions strategy sites/properties entered on the Register can be considered for acquisition pursuant to Section 14 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, cited below. Sites do not have to have been included on the Register for a particular period of time before doing so.

14. — A local authority may acquire by agreement or compulsorily any derelict site

Situated within their functional area.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: A Business Post article claimed that planning permissions for up to 27,000 homes were at risk due to a "legal problem" and that An Bord Pleanála may have to refuse planning for 77 large housing projects. Can the Chief Executive outline Dublin City Council's understanding of this "legal problem" and can he confirm the number of housing units and housing projects in Dublin City Council that may be at risk due to this "legal problem"?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are a number of Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanála. Dublin City Council has 10 no. SHD planning applications currently awaiting decision containing c.4,500 units.

In some SHD cases, new development plans have been introduced since the SHD applications were submitted. There is limited scope in planning legislation to allow the Bord / applicants to alter proposals in order to comply with any new development plan requirements. .

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether Dublin City Council purchases properties on the open market to add to our social housing stock, particularly larger homes for those living in overcrowded conditions in much smaller units that no longer meet their needs. These acquisitions would be separate to Buy & Renew acquisitions which are aimed at getting vacant and derelict homes back into use. Can the Chief Executive outline how many general acquisitions of homes have been made during this council term since 2019 - could the information be provided in tabular form by year, Administrative Area, and no. of beds?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has an acquisition programme with a target of 400 properties set by the Department for 2023, the priority for acquisitions is Tenant in Situ Purchases to prevent homelessness, four bedroom properties for larger families and one bedroom properties.

DCC acquired 1702 properties from 2019 to date. We have acquired 85 four bedroom

Status of four bedroom acquisitions	April	No of properties
2023		
Property Inspection		9
Offer and Valuation Stage		8
Sale agreed & Legals		4
Closed		5
properties from 2018 to 2022		



A further report with a breakdown by area and by year will be collated and sent to the Cllr.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline a clear timeline for the delivery of a full-size municipal sports pitch for the Dublin 8 community at Donore Avenue. A number of local sports clubs under the umbrella of Sporting Liberties, as well as many other sporting organisations in the area continue to be totally deprived of any adequate community sporting amenities compared to other DCC Administrative Areas. Some clubs are forced to travel to DCC pitches in Dublin 12 and beyond, but because they are not “local” they are not able to avail of discounted community rates – this ignores the fact there is no DCC-provided community sports amenity in their locality. Can the Chief Executive 1) outline a timeline for delivery of a pitch at Donore Avenue and 2) commit to reviewing “local” discount rates for impacted teams in the Dublin 8 area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council in collaboration with the LDA are developing the site of the Former St. Teresa’s Gardens Flat Estate. A planning application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála for residential development of 543 units on the northern section of these lands. A decision is due on this by end August. The southern portion of the lands are to be developed by Hines under a Development Agreement between the Developer and DCC. As part of this the Municipal Pitch with underground infrastructural works serving the LDA development is to be delivered. This planning application, by Hines (Bailey Gibson 2), which includes the municipal pitch is currently with An Bord Pleanála pending a decision. A decision was due last November, but it is likely that the excessive delay with SHD decisions in An Bord Pleanála has impacted this application. In addition there are a number of legal challenges relating to the site. The latest of these is the challenge to Dublin City Council’s Development Plan 2022 – 2028. The development of these lands will not be advanced until these challenges are concluded and the relevant statutory approvals secured.

Due to the undeterminable timelines involved in the planning process and the legal challenges related to the site, the request to outline a clear timeline for the delivery of a municipal sports pitch at Donore Avenue cannot be forecast with accuracy at this point.

CRES will continue to review rates across its facilities.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive the total amount owed by the owners of **(details supplied)** in vacant site levies for the past 4 years; and if any other penalties currently apply with the site being derelict.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The property identified as **(details supplied)** was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, as it met the criteria, as set out in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015. The market value of the site was then determined by the City Valuer’s Office on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at €400,000.

Demands for Payment of the Vacant Sites Levies, based on 7% of the market value of the site i.e. €28,000 per year, were served on the owners in February 2021 in respect of 2020 and February 2022 in respect of 2021.

On 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the market value of the site was revised by the City Valuer’s Office to €550,000. As provided for under Section 13(1) of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, the site owners have appealed the revision to the Valuation Tribunal. Demands for Payment of the Vacant Sites Levy in respect of 2022 will be raised when this matter is adjudicated by the Valuation Tribunal.

While there is no provision to impose penalties under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015, Vacant Site Levy charges now appear on pre-contract planning searches and purchasers are now on notice of these charges. Where a Vacant Site Levy becomes due and payable, it becomes a charge on the land concerned until it is paid.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the repair of the pathway at **(details supplied)** and if an inspection of the tree causing the pathway to dislodge can also be carried out.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks will arrange for the planting bed at the above location to be replanted in the coming weeks.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on his strategy to deal with Sea and Herring gulls in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Seagulls, or gulls, have become a visual component of Dublin City's biodiversity. However, many species of gull have dramatically declined over the past 40 years. Gulls along with all birds, are protected species under the Wildlife Acts (1976 to 2023), which is enforceable by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). Dublin City Council does not have a role in the control of gulls, however, we strongly advise people not to feed gulls, as this influences the interactive behaviour between birds and humans. An education campaign to increase awareness of this is being undertaken as part of the Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on his strategy to deal with dog fouling in Dublin City and to provide a breakdown of the numbers of fines per LEA for the past 2 years up to including 2023.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The working group on dog fouling issues set up by the Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC are looking at ways to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to clean-up after their dog and to "Bag it and Bin it". One of the initiatives we have in place at present is an audio visual system where a programmable audio visual devices is placed on poles with a message to users that come into range. The system will be in place for a period of 4 weeks. This overt solution has been proven to significantly change behaviours of users in the area where it has been placed.

At present there are audio visual systems in place at 12 sites throughout the city including at the entrance to Poppintree Park and the entrance to Albert College Park.

In conjunction with the above a Behaviour and Attitude survey will be carried out by a market research company, as a result of our membership of Leave No Trace Ireland. The surveys will be carried out at a combination of sites including where the audio visual systems are in place, sites where complaints have been received from and a number of random sites.

From 1 January 2021 to 3 May 2023, one (1) litter fine was issued in the North Central Area.

Plans are in place to carry out an Intensive Compliance Campaign (ICC). For this initiative, DCC require the support of the Gardai and we are awaiting confirmation that they can provide same.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the possibility of attending to removal of scrub and brush in the bottom corner of Ashington Park. The spot is being used for anti-social and illegal activity. Compensatory biodiverse planting would be acceptable to residents if this were possible.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks services have inspected this area on a number of occasions previously and little or no evidence was found of antisocial behaviour activity. This tree lined shrubbery area would be considered a valuable area for biodiversity and is not replaceable. Best practice would be to leave this area for nature.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when resurfacing work will commence on Home Farm Road, which is in particularly poor condition.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The contract documents are currently being prepared. Homefarm Road should be resurfaced by end of September 2023.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to address the lack of public bins on Baggot Road, Dublin 7. In particular outside the shopping area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is currently being investigated and if the bin here is missing, it will be reinstated when the delivery of new bins arrive later this month.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when residents of Crawford Avenue can expect to see the road resurfaced. Again, a road in very poor condition with potholes and reports of pedestrians tripping on the uneven surface.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has not included Crawfords Avenue in the 2023 carriageway resurfacing program. An enquiry (reference 11137021) has been added to our asset management system. Crawfords Avenue will be inspected for potholes and any localised repairs will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the LED public lighting upgrade for Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The first call-off contract for the Public Lighting Upgrade Project (PLUP) was awarded in December 2022 and the contract commenced in January 2023 with the mobilisation and set up of the Contractor.

The Contractor has started the surveying, designing, programming and procurement of lighting equipment associated with the first call-off contract.

The actual works themselves that includes upgrading of the existing street lights to LED street lights and the installation of heritage columns is scheduled to commence this May. The initial area of works will be in the North Central Area and the respective Directors of Services have been informed of the works, with a view to setting up meetings with the affected Elected Members and the DCC Project Team to brief them on the details of the project.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if any of the upcoming DCC summer festivals or events such as Rose festival will have any deposit/return schemes for hot beverage cups or take away containers?

Examples: 2GoCup or Vytal

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

For outdoor events procured by Dublin City Council Events Section, no single use plastics are permitted by concession stands serving food/beverages at the event. All items such as coffee cups, cutlery, food receptacles, serviettes, must be biodegradable, and compostable bins are in situ at the event site. In addition single use plastic bottles of soft drinks/water are not permitted for sale at the event site. Power usage by each concession stand must be through metered power or generators that use hydrotreated vegetable oil as a fuel source.

This would apply to events such as Funtropolis (Family Park Event), Stokerland (part of the Bram Stoker event), Merrion Square Park Winter Wonderland (part of Dublin Winter Lights event) and family events in Meeting House Square that are organised by DCC Events section. In addition at the Funtropolis event a potable public drinking water supply is available to attendees at the event.

Vendors at the Rose Festival are advised that food should be served in Biodegradable / compostable containers where possible and that all packaging being used by concession stands serving beverages at the festival should be biodegradable / compostable / recyclable. Power supplied at the Festival to concessions is generated using only hydrotreated vegetable oil as a fuel source.

There is no deposit return scheme planned for the Rose Festival at this time.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: the resident at **(details supplied)** has been in touch via a neighbour to say that they have a sewage blockage to the rear of the property with the attendant health hazards. I understand that this property is owned and managed by Dublin City Council – can the CEO organise to get the blockage cleared and service restored ASAP?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance attended the property to investigate the sewage blockage. We have identified that the issue is not in this property, but may be further along in another property. The Housing Maintenance local depot are investigating further in order to identify and clear the blockage.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: there used to be an afternoon school warden crossing service on Griffith Avenue (at the former Credit Union building). Local residents tell me that it is no longer available – can the CEO confirm if the service has been moved or reconfigured?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The school warden service added an additional school warden location on Griffith Avenue outside St. Vincent De Paul primary school to cater for the senior primary school children that previously had to walk to Ard Scoil Ris secondary school in order to cross with a warden.

The wardens outside Ard Scoil Ris, are there to cross all children in the morning and the secondary school children in the afternoon, there are 2 wardens outside St. Vincent's and Scoil Mhuire to cater for the senior primary school children in the morning and the afternoon.

The school warden service is provided to unaccompanied children going to and from school. These children are in the senior side of primary school/secondary school as younger primary school children must be accompanied in order to leave school ground.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for footpath repair at the following location (**details supplied 1**) as highlighted in the following correspondence (**details supplied 2**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location previously. A repair is scheduled in the coming 12 weeks. There is a large backlog of repairs which we are working through on an ongoing basis.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update in relation to the installation of a playground in McAuley Park in Artane.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks Service will be tendering for design and construction works in the coming weeks in relation to this issue.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the next steps of the Jamestown Masterplan process including whether or not the Masterplan will be voted on by local councillors or all Dublin City Councillors.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The draft Jamestown Masterplan is on public display from March 27 to May 15, 2023 (both dates inclusive and including extended period requested). To date, approximately one hundred submissions have been received. All submissions received concerning the Masterplan will be summarised and responses issued via a Chief Executive's Report at the end of the consultation period, which will be brought to both the Area Committee and the full Council for amendment as necessary and noting the masterplan as amended..

It is proposed that following the Council's agreement ; a variation process will be initiated to the Dublin City Development Plan 2022–2028 to provide for the relevant elements of the masterplan to be incorporated into the SDRA for Finglas in the City Development Plan; subject to the agreement of the Council.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR MARY CALLAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the new North City Operations Depot (NCOD) in Ballymun will be wholly run by Dublin City Council or if any part, including the recycling depot, will be outsourced, and if so, to whom?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Civic Amenity Site adjacent to the North City Operations Depot will be managed by Panda Recycling under contract to Dublin City Council for its first year of operation. This contract will be facilitated through the existing Single-Party Framework Agreement for the Operation and Management of Civic Amenity Sites. A feasibility study, and cost benefit analysis into the potential insourcing of the operation of Civic Amenity sites by direct labour is however currently underway. Pending analysis of this report, Waste Management Services will review how our Civic Amenity Sites will operate going forward. The North City Operations Depot itself will facilitate the operations of a number of different Dublin City Council Departments and will be entirely managed and operated by DCC personnel.

The NCOD will be occupied by Dublin City Council staff from Housing Maintenance, Waste Management, Public Lighting & Electrical Services, Traffic, Drainage Planning and Surface Water & Flood Management. The campus will be managed by a City Council depot management team.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive if double yellow lines and a 'No parking' sign can be provided at a location **(details supplied)**? There is a fear that when emergency services need to access this stretch of road, that they should not be hindered or delayed because one person parks their car in this corner, making very difficult for the emergency services to turn their vehicles. There are a number of elderly and ill people living along this stretch of houses

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Transport Advisory Group recommended installation of double yellow lines **(details supplied)** at the end of April 2023.

This measure will be implemented subject to the completion of the necessary statutory consultation process with the Gardaí. The provision of Double Yellow Lines is dependent on the Road Lining Crew current workload the line marking may take a number of weeks to complete.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of the two "floating" parking spaces outside of the An Post sorting office on Griffith Avenue. While it is appreciated that there is a need for parking provision for those using the parcel collection service at the sorting office, the positioning of the two spaces so close to the major junction with Drumcondra/Swords Roads causes confusion with traffic queuing to turn left and entering /exiting from the adjacent Coroner's office and poses a danger to both drivers and pedestrians (using the parking spaces). There is parking available on nearby side roads and in the yard behind the sorting office.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parking spaces in the vicinity of the An Post Sorting Office were installed in response to requests received from residents of Griffith Avenue during the consultation process. The parking in the yard behind the sorting office is not in charge to Dublin City Council and is restricted to employees of on Post. The only side road close to the sorting office is on the opposite side of Griffith Avenue.

It is proposed to install planters in advance of “floating” parking bays in the near future and these should improve the appearance of these bays and hopefully reduce any confusion that they may be causing.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to a) have the footpath at **(details supplied)** repaired as it has been badly damaged over time and b) to have the base of tree at this location protected as its roots have been exposed due to vehicles mounting and parking on the path around the base.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will carry out an inspection at this location and where required, a repair will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a large backlog of repairs that we are working through.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if in relation to laneway at **(details supplied)**, he can detail the history of the laneway in relation to any previous attempts to take same in charge. Now initiate the process of the taking in charge of this laneway and give a report on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The taking in charge process is initiated by the property owners abutting the laneway and is coordinated by the North Central Area Office. The area office in turn will consult with RMS to assess the condition of the lane and what works will be required to bring it up to RMS standard to progress the TIC procedure

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please at this stage arrange to the repair of depression in the road carriage at **(details supplied)** which I have been requesting be repaired now for over 2 years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has arranged works at this location by our maintenance contractor in the coming 8 weeks. Works will involve joint sealing.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to attend overgrowing/overhanging bushes at **(details supplied)** cut back as same are a serious danger to pedestrians and cyclists

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The growth at Details supplied is emanating from under a wall on to the Cycle Path. This is entirely a hard surface landscape and is not under the charge of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscapes Services.

Arrangements are being made in consultation with the Roads Department, Active Travel and the Parks department to have this over growth at above location addressed.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to tenant **(details supplied)** who is seeking a transfer from his current accommodation, and who is awaiting a response from the City Council on the matter and confirm (a) if he is being considered for a transfer and (b) when it is likely he will be accommodated with same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older List with an application date of 11/10/13, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	13

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.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the road at Herberton Drive, Crumlin could be resurfaced as it is in bad condition in a number of parts.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Herberton Drive has not been included in this year's Road Maintenance Carriageway Resurfacing Annual Works Programme. It will be considered for inclusion in future works programmes, but in the meantime if we could be notified of any particular locations of concern these can be addressed.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Speed Bump on Bangor Drive could be resurfaced and if it could be explored whether additional speed bumps could be installed on Bangor Drive.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Transport Advisory group Area Engineer made an inspection of the ramp on Bangor Drive. It is deemed suitable and in the appropriate location. As part of the criteria for installation of ramps, they should be only installed on roads that have a minimum of 200m straight section and have to be placed 70 - 100m apart but they have also to be placed near a Public lighting column so they are visible.

The current arrangement is deemed suitable for this section of Bangor Drive between Crumlin Road and the Old County Road roundabout and there is no suitable location for another ramp to be added based on the criteria above, The speed ramp on Bangor Drive was inspected and is not deemed to be in need of resurfacing or repair.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if additional traffic calming measures could be considered for Slane Road, D12 and Aideen Drive, D6W, such as footpath widening or additional speed bumps, as both are being used as rat-runs and are quite dangerous at present.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Both roads were assessed and monitored on site by the Transport Advisory Group Engineer

Slane Road is a narrow 4.5m residential road with appropriate footpath widths and is located within a 30Km/h Slow Zone. The appropriate signage is in place where the 50Km/h changes to 30Km/h on Downpatrick Road off Sundrive Road and at Slane Road of Clogher Road junction. There is also a 2 no. 30Km/h road marking roundels on Slane Road



The parking on the carriageway offers traffic calming by reducing the available carriageway width for motorists and increases driver caution.

Slane Road does not meet the minimum requirements for the installation of ramps as the road is only 160m long and one of the criteria for installation of ramps is that the straight section of the road needs to be 200m long. As a result ramp will not be installed.

There was no incidents of speeding observed during the site inspection by the Transport Advisory Group Engineer.

With regards to, the request for traffic calming on Aideen Drive, it has been reported that these roads are used as a rat-run for traffic. Following an inspection on site by Transport Advisory Group Engineer, it is noted that Aideen Drive is a residential road, and there is a No Right turn from 07:00-10:00 Mon-Sat from Kimmage Road lower inbound onto Aideen Avenue and then right turn onto Aideen Drive.

There is numerous traffic calming measures such as speed ramps, 3.5t signage, 30kph "Slow Zone" on Aideen Avenue, and the road contains parking on the carriageway, which offers traffic calming by reducing the available carriageway width for motorists and increases driver caution.

With regards to, the request for traffic calming by means of using a ramps systems, Aideen Drive has a number of speed ramps already installed.

It was observed that the slow markings marking were worn on Neagh Road which is a continuation of Aideen Drive and these will be reinstated by Dublin City Council's Signing and lining team.

There was no incidents of speeding observed during the site inspection by the Transport Advisory Group Engineer.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have benches installed in the Irishtown Nature Park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Replacement of existing benches along the coastal path with new seating is anticipated to be undertaken in 2023.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**

To ask the Chief Executive to update on plans to install bike bunkers across the DCC area; to detail if there are any plans to install bike bunkers in the Inchicore/Tyrconnell road area/ to detail the funding available to DCC for such projects this year and how the council plans to install them.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please be advised that a scheme review of the Bike Bunker Pilot Project is currently underway. The scheme review will produce a comprehensive report on the Bike Bunker Pilot Scheme from its initial trial, including the existing pilot scheme, providing strategic recommendations, review alternative cycle parking options and possible future proposals.

The report once finalised will be presented to Dublin City Council's Transport SPC, as per normal procedure, prior to being published.

Therefore it would be premature to comment on how this pilot scheme is going until the current review & its findings are complete.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CRONIN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any communication with the landlord in Tathony House and what efforts have been made to contact him.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC and DRHE have contacted the owner of Tathony House and their solicitor over email on five occasions over the last four months. No response has been received.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a building **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently no plans to acquire the property in question

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

- a) What is the update re: demolition and construction of 2 new houses?
- b) Can the front and back gardens of both houses please be added to a monthly cleansing schedule and be cleaned and swept on a regular basis?
- c) When is new LED Lighting going to be installed on this road?
- d) Are there any plans to carry out an audit and improve the road signage at the **(details supplied 2)** and other adjoining roads.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council continues to progress plans for the demolition and construction of 2 new properties on this site. These plans are at an initial stage and once finalised the City Council will seek the necessary approvals for same.

Arrangements have been made to have the properties inspected and the gardens front and rear cleaned on a regular basis.

An audit of signage **(details supplied)** will be carried out in the next 2 weeks.

The existing public lighting on **(details supplied)** will be upgraded to LED under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project, although an exact timeframe for these future improvements cannot be provided at this time, other than to say they will be upgraded within the next five years or so.

Until such time as the existing lights on **(details supplied)** are replaced with the LED lights, they will continue to be night checked and we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

d) Dublin City Council has no plans to improve road signage at the aforementioned roads. But if residents wish to apply for any improvements, a request can be formally requested through the Dublin City Council website on <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie>.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding the roundabout at **(details supplied 1)**. Can the Parks Dept. plant some planters or shrubbery that is low maintenance on the roundabout and on the green island between **(details supplied 2)**? Can the shrubbery that is there please be cleaned up. Is there any other way that it can be improved upon? Can the Roundabout be named also for ease of using it as reference point?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no plans to carry out additional planting at the locations at **(details supplied)**

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding housing:

a) Can the CEO please list the housing schemes that DCC operate? And are any other housing schemes being considered?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All housing schemes that are in operation are listed on DCC website. The following schemes outline an example of housing schemes contributing to an increase of housing stock in Dublin City Council:

- Delivery of Affordable Purchase
- Cost Rental Delivery
- Regeneration Projects
- Acquisitions
- Approved Housing Bodies (CALF & CAS)
- Long Term Leasing
- Part V
- Public Private Partnership (PPP)
- Adaptive Reuse
- Vacant Homes
- Buy & Renew
- Repair & Lease
- Croí Cónaithe
- Capital Funding
- RAS
- HAP
- LAHL
- Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme
- Housing Aid for Older People Grant
- Housing Adaptation Grant for people with a disability
- Mobility Aids Housing Grant

Development of Housing Schemes is a matter for the Department of Housing.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a public sewer at **(details supplied)**. Are the public sewers clear and cleaned on a regular basis as some neighbours have reported a problem on the public side of things

b) Can the gullies be cleaned in the **(details supplied)**?

c) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting etc.?

d) Has an audit being taken of the road signage. Is there any plans to upgrade on the signage?

e) Also, there the road is fairly broken up on **(details supplied)** road. Are there any plans to carry out any repairs etc.?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The street lighting on **(details supplied)** will be upgraded to LED Street lighting this year.

In general all street lights in the Dublin City area will be upgraded to LED lights under the Lighting Upgrade Project.

With regard to **(details supplied)** a timeline for the upgrade of those street lights to LED lights cannot be provided at present except to say that they will be upgraded to LED over the course of the next 5 to 8 years.

In the meantime the existing street lighting will, however, continue to be night checked and maintained as usual.

An audit will be undertaken of signage in the areas indicated.

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of **(details supplied)**. This will be considered for localised carriageway repairs in 2024. The major works budget for 2023 has been fully allocated.

The gullies in this area were last cleaned as follows:

**(details supplied):** 13 of 15 gullies were cleaned on 21/02/2023 (2 were covered by parked cars). Two of the gullies need further high pressure jetting and this will be carried out in the coming weeks.

**(details supplied):** 4 of 5 gullies cleaned on 28/03/2023 (1 covered by a parked car).

**(details supplied):** 4 of 5 gullies cleaned on 27/03/2023 (1 covered by a parked car).

**(details supplied):** 11 of 15 gullies cleaned on 27/03/2023 (4 covered by parked cars). This road will be cleaned again on 04/05/2023.

An inspector will travel these roads again on 04/05/2023 and if any of the gullies are found to require cleaning again a crew will be dispatched to the area.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding road repairs **(details supplied 1)**.

- a) Can DCC fix the potholes temporarily at the apartments and close to the library and add to a permanent listing for resurfacing
- b) Can DCC help with the project to improve the appearance of **(details supplied 2)**?
- c) Can DCC Paint the green lampposts from the Park at **(details supplied 3)** to the school and all other traditional green lampposts and others in the Triangle.
- d) There is regular dog fouling on **(details supplied 1)** down to the school. Can a litter warden patrol this road on a regular basis and can new signage be placed on this road and around the Park. Perhaps a new anti-dog fouling trial could be piloted in this area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Litter Enforcement Manager will instruct the Litter Wardens for the area to patrol the streets detailed above on a regular basis to enforce section 22 of the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997. New signage will also be requested for the areas mentioned also.

The request for pothole repairs has been added to Confirm and assigned to the Area Inspector who shall assign a crew to repair same.

We will examine the public lighting columns on Ferguson Road and Millbourne Avenue, and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to a list for inclusion on a future painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Road sweeping **(details supplied)**. Can the following roads be swept:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have the above mentioned streets swept on a weekly basis by a road sweeping machine as they are in charge of Dublin City Council.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding housing being built at **(details supplied)**. Also can the large road signage outside **(details supplied 2)** be replaced as it worn out and too large for the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Permission was granted for the development **(details supplied)**. Under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), it has been agreed to lease 33 units as Part V compliance. The Housing Department has also secured a lease on an additional 60 units, totalling a lease of 93 units. These units are expected to be completed in Q4 2023 and the table below outlines the unit mix:

Type	No of Units
1 bed (2P)	34
2 bed (3P)	1
2 bed (4P)	56
3 bed duplex	2
Total	93

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, given the flagship nature of the C2CC project and the arterial nature of the route, will this cycle route and new continuous footpath alongside be added to the Winter Maintenance Services gritting route? This will prevent cyclists being forced out onto the road due to slippery surface conditions in cold weather. It will also protect the council from legal liability arising from slip and fall claims caused by icy conditions on the cycle lane.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The roads on the C2CC cycle route are included in Winter Maintenance Plan 2022-2023 gritting routes. The Winter Maintenance Plan is reviewed annually in advance of the Winter Maintenance season which starts in October each year. The gritting of the vertically segregated cycle track along C2CC route will be examined as part of this review. Un-segregated cycle tracks along the C2CC route will be gritted as part of the standard gritting operation.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the council plans to purchase any kind of mechanised gritting equipment (mini gritting machines) for the network of bike lanes it intends to install over the duration of the current development plan. Last winter, 135 waste management staff were assigned to grit footpaths during the cold weather, which had the knock-on effect of pulling them away from their core responsibilities. If we have no equipment to allow timely de-icing of cycle ways we run the risk of more resource leakage as staff members will be required to spread grit on the cycle lanes manually.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In the event of freezing temperatures, forecasted ice or snow, approximately 300km of the road network in the City Council's administrative area is treated with gritting salt.

In many case there are cycle routes along these main roads as the gritting routes correspond to the main commuter routes and bus routes. As the cycle routes run on the road for the most part, the main gritting operations spreads salt onto these parallel cycle lanes. In addition to this, a selection of existing city centre segregated cycle lanes are gritted using a small tractor that can access protected cycle tracks.

The Winter Maintenance Plan is reviewed annually in advance of the Winter Maintenance season, which starts in October each year.

The gritting of additional vertically segregated cycle track will be examined as part of this review.

Un-segregated on road cycle tracks along the gritting routes will continue to be gritted as part of the standard gritting operation.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection over the heavy smell of sewage at **(details supplied)** over the last few months. With summer around the corner it's going to get worse.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A DCC Drainage Crew attended and investigated both the public sewers and the private drainage at this location. The public sewers were found to be unobstructed and functioning normally. The outfall chamber on the foul private drain in the front of House No.48 was found to be blocked. Although not their legal responsibility, the Drainage Crew cleared the chamber ex gratia when on site.

In relation to smells, the DCC Drainage Crew separately found foul sewage in the private surface water drain to the front of House Nos 1-14. It is likely that both of these issues are causing sewage smells locally.

Surface water drains connect to public surface water sewers which then discharge to natural waters (e.g. a river/stream/or bay) – surface water is not sent to pumping stations and treatment works before discharge. Consequently, the foul sewage in the surface water system here is likely causing pollution somewhere in the downstream environment. The matter has therefore been referred to DCC's Protection of Water Bodies office for follow up investigation.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the path and area alongside the house **(details supplied)**, to be fixed & replaced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection at this location. A number of localised repairs will be carried out when a works crew is available in the area. We are currently working through a backlog of repairs.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the path adjacent to **(details supplied)** to be repaired as it is very rough and the gaps are difficult for senior citizens to walk on.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY**

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection at this location. A number of localised repairs will be carried out when a works crew is available in the area. We are currently working through a backlog of repairs.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the tarmac in middle of the road between (details supplied) to be repaired, there is a long strip of tarmac missing, very deep.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of the road at this location. A number of localised pothole repairs at house 14-19 and at house number 7 will be carried out when a works crew is available in the area.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive how many planning applications there have been for Short Term Lets in Dublin City in each year since July 2019, and how many have been approved, rejected, or are currently in progress?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning applications 2019-2023

Year	Granted	Refused	Invalid	Withdrawn	Other
2023 (Jan – April)	0	2	0	0	2 Awaiting decision
2022	0	2	0	0	2 Additional info
2021	3	1	1	0	
2020	4	1	1	0	
2019	1	10	3	3	
<b>Total</b>	8	16	5	3	4

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

STL Figures from July 2019 to April 2023

Year	Complaints/Open files	S152 Warning Letters	S154 Enforcement Notices	Complaints/Files resolved	S157 Legal Proceedings
2023 (Jan - April)	105	132	13	107	0
2022	336	404	16	452	1
2021	310	492	9	469	2

<b>2020</b>	572	650	10	398	3
<b>2019</b>	295	113	16	51	0
<b>Total</b>	1618	1791	64	1477	6

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to specify when work will start on the window replacement programme committed to for **(details supplied)**; the specific details of the programme, what windows, balcony doors, etc. will be covered and to indicate when the initial assessment work will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are currently working on the windows at 2 other complexes and once this work is near completion we will focus our efforts on **(details supplied)**. Every unit will be assessed and looked at individually. The assessments will give us an accurate condition of each window and balcony door which in turn will enable us to have a good indication of works required and costs. I would hope to have assessments complete by quarter 3 and out to tender straight afterwards.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine whether **(details supplied)** can be inspected within the terms of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990; what steps will be taken on foot of this request and when will an inspection be undertaken and the actions to be completed by DCC following an inspection; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the site inspected as soon as possible and will take action as appropriate following the assessment of its condition. A full report on the findings of the inspection and details of any proposed action will issue to the Councillor.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an indicative timeframe for the completion of the evaluation for **(details supplied)**; what is involved and what steps DCC will take upon completion of this evaluation process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Two permanent design options have been developed for the **(details supplied)**, the Active Travel team were aiming to go to non-statutory public consultation in March/April this year, accordingly the proposals were submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for their approval to proceed to public consultation, however on review the NTA have requested that the options proposed be further evaluated. This is in line with new requirements for a Rapid Build Options Report to be submitted for all NTA funded active travel schemes, in Phase 2 – Concept Development & Options Selection.

The Consultant working on the Project has been requested to provide a quote for the additional requirement of an Options report, this quotation with an accompanying timeline for preparation is expected in the coming week.



The proposed options will then be considered by Active Travel and the NTA once the Options Report has been completed, the Elected Members will be updated accordingly.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what inter-departmental examination of **(details supplied)** has taken place since the first presentation of the draft scheme to the Central Area Committee; has agreement been reached on how the draft scheme will be implemented; the funding to be provided for these works; the timeframe for the start of said works and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traffic department and the Parks department, in conjunction with City Recovery, are working together on the proposals for the **(details supplied)**. A final review is underway with a tender for the first section **(details supplied)** expected to be issued early May and starting on the ground mid to late June. The proposals once finalised will be issued to the Central Area councillors.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the Dublin City Council investigation into the background to the death of a tenant in Kevin Barry House last September? When does he expect a report to be available?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC Estate Management, Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) and Peter McVerry Trust participated in a critical incident review, chaired by Mary Hayes, Director DRHE, on 18th October 2022.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of evictions carried out by DCC over the last five years by individual area and reason for eviction? How many eviction cases are currently before the courts?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A response will be issued directly to the Councillor within the next few days

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of Exclusion Orders issued by DCC over the last five years by individual area?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A response will be issued directly to the Councillor within the next few days

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Derelict site at **(Details Supplied)** and if the City Council intends to CPO it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following its entry on the Derelict Sites Register in July 2022, this site was identified for acquisition. A 'Notice of Intention to Acquire' compulsorily was issued on 16th December, 2022. The compulsory acquisition was subsequently deferred following representations received from the owner. In situations such as this, it is the Council's

preferred option to acquire the property by agreement through the City Valuer's Office. The matter is being kept under review.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the pooling issue at **(Details Supplied)** as the pavements were upgraded in 2021 but ever since there has been an issue with water pooling in number 89's front drive. Can something be done to change the gradient so the water is not flooding the gate?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The response to this question is currently being compiled by the Environment and Transportation department and a response will be issued directly to the councillor in due course.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive if the tenant in **(Details Supplied)** is on the list for wrap around insulation as the house has very little insulation at present.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are pleased to confirm that subject to a site survey, the property in question is eligible for upgrade works under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme. Due to the volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, the scheme operates as an overall roll out programme and it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area or estate citywide.

The programme has proved hugely successful to date and will run for a number of years, subject to continued Departmental funding support, until it reaches its conclusion. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible and are seeking to expand the number of properties that we undertake each year so that all properties are completed as soon as possible.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask Chief Executive for another review of the traffic light sequence at **(Details Supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the protected cycle lane scheme from **(details supplied)**, a contra flow cycle lane has being provided, between junction of **(details supplied)** to enable unbroken cycle access along the one way road way system.

Additionally 'all Stop' pedestrian crossings have been provided to ensure all traffic is stopped when pedestrians are crossing to ensure pedestrian safety, especially for schoolchildren.

These facilities have necessitated removal of some vehicle lanes, adding additional pedestrian crossings and amending traffic signalling.

As a result of this focus on active travel, available green time for vehicles at these junctions may, at times, be reduced.

In addition to the above, and in keeping with Dublin City Council's policy to prioritise sustainable travel, public transport routes approaching eastbound from **(details supplied)** receive priority traffic signal timings which can also reduce traffic signal green time available to other approaches.

Currently in the junction there is no capacity to allow any significant additional green time for private vehicles without causing delays to public transport or active travel users.

The ITS section will continue to monitor traffic and pedestrian movements through this junction and make amendments to traffic signals timings as required where there is scope to do so.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to make changes to Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub website by adding a new tab that would allow residents to request the removal of a taxi rank.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The removal of a taxi rank is covered by the relevant bye laws. It would not be appropriate to have it available as a service request on Citizen Hub.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to make changes to Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub website by adding a new tab that would allow residents to request wider and safer corners at junctions for pedestrians

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Citizen Hub Traffic Request form includes a Traffic Calming request. Customers can use this form to outline details of the issue being encountered at a particular junction, and to request the required design changes.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to make changes to Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub website, by adding a new tab that would allow for the reporting of Invasive Species, such as Winter Heliotrope and Japanese Knotwood, with the option of map location, nearby landmark and uploading photo.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Citizen Hub Team have commenced working with colleagues in the Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services department in order to develop a form for reporting Invasive Species. This will be available on Citizen Hub in the coming months.