

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 03rd OF JULY 2023.

Q.1 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has had a response to its revised application to the Housing Dept. for a higher – per unit- AHF subsidy that will support the delivery of affordable/cost rental units at Emmet Rd development and if he will provide a statement on this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A revised application for increased AHF subvention has been submitted to the Department. This is currently under their review.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive, noting the contents of the motion agreed at the 9th March 2021 Central Area Committee and on several other occasions by Councillors why no action has been taken to implement this pedestrian and citizen friendly initiative and if believe it acceptable that such motions are not implemented simply because Officials don't want to implement them and more importantly what action will now be taken to implement this agreed decision of the City Council – i.e. the elected members of the Council.

Motion in the name of Councillors Declan Meenagh, Dermot Lacey and Joe Costello: That this Central Area Committee, noting that there is a clear alternative Liffey Quays route around Beresford Place, agrees that it would be desirable to close that part of the Custom House Quay immediately in front of the Custom House to vehicular traffic on Saturdays and Sundays, for a trial period of one year to see if it could provide a new civic amenity space. ORDER: Agreed. Area Manager to discuss with stakeholders including the Office of Public Works. Motion in the name

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area around Custom House Quay and Beresford place is currently being assessed for improving pedestrian space. Discussions with stakeholders will commence once a preferred option has emerged.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if DCC will update on how many apprentices will be employed by this year end 2023 at DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently a total of 28 people engaged in apprenticeship programmes in Dublin City Council. A further 5 candidates have been offered apprenticeships in stonecutting and stonemasonry.

The City Council will advertise an Apprenticeship Programme in September 2023, with a view to offering 20 additional places across a number of trades, i.e. Plumbing, Carpentry, Painting and Electrician.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive given the increase in homeless personal will extra beds be in place for the winter months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY

Planning for the cold weather period is happening currently. The Cold Weather Strategy for 2023/2024 will be published on our website www.homelessdublin.ie in late Q3/early Q4 of this year.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the new development at **(details supplied)** will be complete

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Circle Housing expect this development to reach practical completion by mid-2024.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an increase in life guards at Dublin beaches. If the CEO would break down the numbers any time s worked and what stations the life guards are in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has not been an increase in the number of Beach Lifeguards for Dollymount this year as the numbers responding to the recruitment advertisement was again less than in previous years. The same situation appears to apply in our neighbouring costal authorities. 3 fulltime and 1 part-time Beach Lifeguards have been appointed for the 2023 bathing season. The hours of duty are between 11am and 8pm. Rosters are devised to ensure maximum cover at peak expected times such as weekends and spells of good weather. There are 2 stations at Dollymount 1 at the Bull Wall and one on the beach near the end of the causeway road. Each station requires 2 lifeguards to operate so when all 4 are on duty both are open but on day's off and while lifeguards are dealing an incident 1 station may be temporarily closed. In such circumstances the station on the beach is closed by preference as the station on the Bull Wall has better sight of the bathing area.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the strategic policies which underpin the council's ongoing integration work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A framework towards an integration and Intercultural Strategy for Dublin City Council for 2021 – 2025 (Report 177/2021) was presented and adopted by Council on the 14/6/2021.

National policy guidelines are currently under development which will allow DCC to progress with the strategy. In the interim, Dublin City Council are committed to the advancement and support of Integration and Social Inclusion through the Community Development and the Integration Office.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of the Fire Safety Assessment analysis undertaken of at least five homes in **(details supplied)** earlier this year; the stairwells and overall complex; the outcomes arising from that assessment and the actions to be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade visited this address following a request for safety advice. We consequently delivered fire safety advice to the residents association.

DFB are happy to liaise with housing section with fire safety advice in relation to any works that may be planned for this address.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH

To ask the Chief Executive if the council's policy on lending tables, chairs and gazebos to community groups has changed? What caused this change and what factors fed into the decision? Will he provide a full report on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has been no change in policy with regard to the Council's Community Development Section supporting community groups through the provision of equipment to support localised community events.

If the events move to a scale whereby they attract large crowds and include additional elements – road closures, stages, mechanical & electrical interventions etc we work with the lead community organisations around Health & Safety requirements, insurances and general event management planning.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR MÍCHEÁL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive with respect to tenant adaptations, how many tenants are on the Level 1 Medical Priority and how many on Level 2, and the estimated waiting times in each case.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section currently have 54 Priority 1, 56 Priority 2 and 10 Priority 3 applications awaiting assessment. All of these applications will be assessed by end of Quarter 3, 2023.

To date this year we have approved 205 Showers, 13 Ramps, 38 Stairlifts and 49 other small alterations

Q.11 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for footpath repairs to be urgently carried out on Churchgate Avenue in Clontarf. This is a short road that leads from Vernon Avenue to St. John's Church and it is in a very poor and dangerous condition, especially considering a lot of older people use this footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The footpath repair budget for the Major Works Program 2023 has been fully allocated. Churchgate Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2024 works program for localised footpath repairs.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive, following receipt of the Building Survey Report (attached) on the former library at Inchicore, to ask that a meeting be convened with the Heritage Officer, the responsible City Manager and the Inchicore Library Advisory Group to progress its recommendations?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Heritage Officer is available to attend a meeting regarding the former Inchicore Library on Emmett Road if/when requested.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the "urgent work" at the Iveagh Market and to open the doors at Francis Street (while keeping the gates secured) to allow public viewing and interest?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is finalising a tender package for the appointment of a conservation architect-led integrated design team, from an existing DCC framework, who will conduct a detailed condition survey of the building and develop tender documentation for a programme of essential repairs.

These repairs will include -

- Repairs to the roofs, valleys, internal gutters, parapet and large roof-lights of the Wet Market and Dry Market, including repairs to the access ladders and gantries.
- Repairs/reinstatement of the rainwater disposal system.
- Manage vegetation growth to the site and its structures.
- Protect and secure the windows and door.
- Provide safe access to structures to facilitate a regular inspection and maintenance.

Full time security remains on site and for health and safety reasons it would not be appropriate for the Market to be opened at this time.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE

To ask the Chief Executive that a request for reclaiming time-on-list for **(details supplied)** be responded to?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following an investigation, it was found that the applicant's original Housing Application was cancelled during the 2011 Assessment of Housing Needs. No reply was received to all or any of the three letters sent out as part of the yearly revision carried out in line with the Assessment of Housing Need. The applicant had no contact with Dublin City Council until we received the new Housing application in August 2022. Due to the lengthy period of time between contacts made by the applicant, we are unable to reinstate the original application date.

The applicant's current positions on the list are as follows:

Area J	685
Area E	871
Area N	1267

The applicant has previously been advised to contact Central Placement Services to be assessed for Homeless HAP in order to meet his housing needs in the short term. He will also be eligible for the older person's housing list at age 55, if he is assessed as at risk of homelessness. This could assist in reducing his overall wait time.

On submission of a report from the applicant's Community Mental Health Team and with a diagnosis of enduring mental health, he could also be considered for HAIL Housing or HAIL Support at time of housing. HAIL is an Approved Housing Body with a team of community based Mental Health Tenancy Sustainment Workers providing tailored support to council tenants with mental health difficulties.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive for month by month litter management and city cleaning plans from June 2023 to summer 2024 with focus on key city events; times of high footfall in the city; tourism high points. To also highlight what public information/promotion in the city, on media and social media is now being undertaken

to address the dirt and litter in the city. To also advise what, if any consideration is being given to introducing litter wardens this summer and for future?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have over 500 operational staff servicing the city's administrative area, which includes the servicing of c. 3500 litter bins. The department provides a robust street cleaning service to the city, particularly to the city centre commercial district area where over 100 staff are rotated between 3 shifts that service this area 24 hours a day 6 days a week (Sunday to Friday) and from 5.00 am to 9pm on Saturday. In the core city centre all litter bins are serviced several times each day, all pavements are mechanically serviced by mechanical sweepers and manual sweeping also takes place by staff on hand carts.

Other services provided by the department throughout the city are

- Recycling infrastructure through bring centres, banks and civic amenity sites.
- Bulky waste collection
- Halloween Bonfire Removals
- Leaf collection
- Christmas Tree Disposal
- Winter Planning
- Supply and servicing of additional temporary bins for events and summer socialising
- Service request responses over 30,000 per annum
- Prevention and awareness campaigns

In addition, operational crews have fixed routes and cleaning Dublin City Council provides street cleaning services to all roads, footpaths, laneways and bridges within its administrative area using manual and mechanical sweeping methods. We use a grading system that considers location and footfall to decide how often we clean each street. Areas are also inspected daily by locally-based waste management teams who determine whether additional cleaning is required. Additionally waste management services provide residential cleaning on an area based schedule.

Primary services are maintained year round with flexibility for seasonal response activity as mentioned above. Significant sporting events and concerts are manned and cleaning programme is implemented. Waste Management services work closely with Events Team to plan forward and maintain, prepare and clean sites pre and post significant events. This includes parades, state visits, public sport events and concerts and matches in Aviva and Croke Park.

A month by month breakdown is not available and dependant on many external priorities that present themselves.

Prevention and awareness is supported by:

- Educational events in schools: Picker Pals, and Green Flag programme
- Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grants
- Anti-dumping incentives lead by Waste Management
- City Neighbourhood awards
- Pride of Place
- DCC media campaigns
- Social media posts

Dublin City Council currently employ 13 Litter Wardens who operate around the administrative area. They carry out their daily duties in line with legislation such as the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997 and Dublin City Council Bye-Laws.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many Part V units have been delivered in Build To Rent developments and how many more remain in the planning process and have yet to be delivered?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date 62 Part V units (19 acquired, 43 leased) have been delivered in BTR developments. There are a further 1,372 units due for delivery, broken down as follows:

- 176 Units – Agreement in Place (of which 18 will be acquired/158 leased)
- 1,196 Units – Planning Approved (agreements not in place)
- A further 169 Units are currently in the planning process.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive when will the Sons of Divine Providence strategic development group meet again?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Sarsfield Road Working Group was established to assist in the development of lands associated with Sarsfield House. These lands were leased by Dublin City Council to the Sons of Divine Providence on a 250 year lease circa 1971.

The Group consists of community and statutory stakeholders and played a valuable role in identifying appropriate development proposals for a 1.5 HA site on the Sarsfield Lands. The proposal identified is a 176 unit development in three blocks. One block would consist of 60 sheltered units owned and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence (an AHB) with Dublin City Council operating intergenerational social housing from the other two blocks. Dublin City Council would retain nomination rights for all 176 dwellings in this proposal.

The Group last met in April 2022 and received an update on Dublin City Council's Strategic Assessment submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). This submission resulted in the project receiving Stage 1 approval with a budget of approximately €67 million in August 2022.

In the period since, Dublin City Council has met extensively with the Sons of Divine Providence and DHLGH on a development agreement to progress the project. Substantial progress has been made on identifying and resolving issues with a number of Council Departments involved at various stages. This agreement will include a Title Exchange and Draft Terms are due to be exchanged shortly.

Once this is done the project will proceed to Stage 2 which will include planning requirements. A decision on reconvening the Sarsfield Road Working Group will be made than as community consultation will be an important part of this process.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive and Roads Department regarding having the damaging footpaths in the Terenure area and other areas repaired and resolved please. The major detail from enquirer is provided here (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will carry out an inspection at the location of the trip reported on Rathfarnham Road footpath at Cormac's Terrace. Any defects present will be noted and included on our Works List for repairs.

Fergus Road footpaths and Rathfarnham Road footpath from Fergus Road to the Bank of Ireland in Terenure Village will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future Footpath Reconstruction Programmes. In the meantime, if specific locations of concern are pinpointed, these will be inspected and local repairs arranged as necessary.

We have a contractor due to carry out footpath reconstruction works in Terenure Village from outside Marlowe's Dry Cleaners to Vaughan's pub in the coming weeks.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive for a response to the enquiry from business executive in Terenure in regard to Rates for Bins to be restored and footpaths to be repaired. Her email is provided so that Finance Department can contact the businesswoman. However, the Rates are not a private request, it is in order to have the footpaths and Bins outside shops along Terenure roads, to be resolved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Commercial Rates are a property-based tax levied by Local Authorities on the occupiers of commercial or industrial properties. Rates are not charged for the provision of specific services but are a general source of revenue finance. The Rates Office has contacted Ms Kennedy to explain the position of rates funding. The matter of bins and footpaths has been referred to the Environment and Transportation Department.

Waste Management Services would remove a litter bin if it was being used primarily for the dumping of domestic waste into and around the bin and actually becoming a focal point for dumping. We also would remove a bin which was constantly vandalised and set on fire. Bins also found to be hindering pedestrian or wheelchair access on footpaths would have to be removed. Also a traffic change such as a new cycle lane for example could mean that a bin would have to be removed as it could no longer be serviced safely. It should be noted that the removal of a litter bin is seen very much as a last resort.

Any damaged bins which were removed from the Terenure area will be replaced as the new supply of bins arrive.

We have a contractor due to carry out footpath reconstruction works in Terenure Village from outside Marlowe's Dry Cleaners to Vaughan's pub in the coming weeks.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the expenditure on new - and repairs to - playgrounds in public parks in Dublin North Central for 2022 and 2023. Please outline if funding has been sourced from Parks central funding or local area Discretionary Funding and also provide a list of future playground improvements/provision scheduled for the North Central area in order of priority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Capital Expenditure:

In 2022 a major upgrade was carried out to Darndale Playground at a cost of €240,000 funded from the Parks Playground Upgrade Budget with a significant contribution from the Sláintecare programme.

Also in 2022 a tender was issued for a new playground in Harmonstown with a budget of €150k which included a 50% contribution from the discretionary fund but as the submitted tenders were disappointing it was decided to re-advertise in 2023 with an enhanced budget.

In 2023 a tender was prepared for issue for 2 new playgrounds in Harmonstown and Kilmore both with a budget of €200k. Publishing of this tender has been delayed by changes to the eTenders Portal but it is expected to be published in the coming days. The Harmonstown budget includes the €75K from the 2022 discretionary fund carried over and the Kilmore budget includes a €100k contribution from the 2023 discretionary fund with the remainder funded from the Parks Playground Upgrade Budget.

Revenue Expenditure:

In 2022 the Playground Repair budget was €4k per playground to carry out minor repairs, cleaning, graffiti removal etc. This budget was increased to €5,250 for 2023 reflecting recent inflation experienced in the cost of repair materials and spare parts etc.

Priorities for the short to medium term:

While the prioritised programme for Playground Upgrades for the next few years will be finalised at estimates time based on the results of the annual safety inspections the following upgrades are considered the priorities in the short to medium term:

Fr. Collins Park: Safety surfacing is degrading and has been repeatedly patched a new surface is required.

Belcamp Park: Playground is an older design and while safe, failed equipment has been removed and the facility is lacking in play value.

St. Anne's Park: Playground is very popular and wooden elements are showing signs of wear from sheer level of usage.

Ellenfield Park: Playground scores well in the annual safety inspection but the play value could be enhanced.

Maypark: One of the older playgrounds in the area where play value could be enhanced.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive why there is a policy of non-placement of litter bins in public parks in the North Central area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service manages a huge number of bins within larger regional and destination parks but does not install bins within residential greens and open spaces as resources are not available to service same. In such areas it is expected that residents would bring their litter home from these public spaces, segregating and disposing of it appropriately in their own bins. Waste Management may consider installing street bins at strategic locations in such areas subject to resources.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive to take in charge the portion of private road stretching from just east of the T junction exit/entrance to Seven Oaks Estate, Whitehall, D.9, to the entrance of Grace Park Manor and Broomhill House apartment complexes. The reasons for this are as follows:

Since the recent completion of Broomhill House there will be residents of 124 new apartments using this roadway, in addition to the residents of 160 units: (151 apartments, 8 town houses and one lodge) in Grace Park Manor and of course the hotel residents. The hotel incorporates a public, well used gym, a conference centre, which hosts poker tournaments on a regular basis and an adjoining Centra shop. The hotel is particularly popular with holiday coach tours from NI and the UK. The parking situation on the roadway is disastrous, with vehicles parked fairly randomly, two deep at times and on both sides of the road, often with several coaches also vying for parking. The original 250 car parking spaces plus six bus spaces that were available for the hotel are gone – the new building is in their place so the hotel is that number of places down and while only 49 underground parking spaces have been provided for the exclusive use of the residents of the 124 apartments in Broomhill House (significantly less than half the required number to give one place per apartment, other residents who own cars will have to find alternate parking in the already inadequate provision. In addition to the above the Hotel has its own delivery traffic for supplies and services as well as constant taxi traffic collecting and dropping off residents. It is a hazard both for road users and pedestrians. As it is a private road, Gardaí have no authority – during poker classics or on match days when, parking is particularly acute, local community Gardai warned motorists with regard to ill-considered parking, but are powerless to take any action.

Access for the 300+ residents of Gracepark Manor is at most times restricted to one way traffic and at times even this is further restricted by inconsiderate parking of delivery vehicles or taxis at times significantly delaying or preventing access. What was previously controlled parking, providing for two way traffic with double yellow lines (if unofficial) on the side of the road opposite the hotel keeping it clear, has now become a free for all with the double yellow lines having been removed as part of the road excavation connected to the recent building work, permitting continuous uncontrolled parking on the roadside opposite the hotel. Meanwhile the marked spaces on the hotel side largely are largely ignored with random parking occurring. There is at present no control whatever over parking on this access road with the situation set to worsen with the near doubling of residents in the two apartment blocks, Broomfield and GPM.

Access for ambulance and fire tenders has on a few occasions been delayed and in addition there is the confusion as to the recommended access for such vehicles with access from Gracepark Road via Respond remaining a prescribed access route. Such access is prevented by a locked gate, the locking of which was demanded by DCC over ten years ago. From time to time ambulances arrive at this gate as a recommended access route or perhaps having found access difficult via the hotel route. These vehicles must then seek alternative routes, residents tell of times when they advised the drivers of the only alternative route via the Bonnington Hotel.

It is poor practice, to say the least, to leave a city roadway catering to the above outlined numbers of residents, hotel users and commercial vehicles in the hands of a private entity whose interests in the management of this roadway is entirely commercially focused.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The process for Taking in Charge is set out under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Taking in charge is a formal legal process by which responsibility for certain public areas, structures and services in a private residential development or estate are transferred to, or put in the charge of, a local authority. When a residential development is complete, the developer or the majority of the homeowners may submit a written request to the local authority to have the

development taken in charge. If the local authority is satisfied that the development has been completed in compliance with the conditions of the planning permission and the local authority's technical requirements, then it is required to take control of the operation, maintenance and upkeep of the public roads, lighting and similar services. As per Section 180, the road referred to, and any additional areas, would have to be brought forward by the developer for taking in charge or by the residents subsequent to a majority vote.

Office of the Planning Regulator has prepared a document relating to Taking in Charge:

<https://www.opr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Planning-Leaflet-15-A-Guide-to-Taking-in-Charge-of-Completed-Residential-Developments.pdf>

Appendix 5 (Section 8.3) of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 also provides information regarding the Taking in Charge process

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2022-12/Final%20Vol%202-Appendices.pdf>

Following a review of our records, I can confirm that no request for taking-in-charge has been submitted to the Planning Department in relation to the private road stretching from just east of the T junction: exit/entrance to Seven Oaks Estate, Whitehall, D.9, to the entrance of Grace Park Manor and Broomhill House apartment complexes.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing units have received planning permission as part of live (private) planning permissions, how many are live for under 12 months, over 12 months, over 2 years and over 5 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the volume of records that need to be analysed from the APAS planning system, the Planning Department will require further time to provide the information requested. Councillor Doolan will be contacted directly with the information within the next fortnight.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular form, how many housing units have received planning permission as part of Part 8 planning for each year since 2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Application Date	Scheme	No. of Units
12/03/2018	St. Teresa's Gardens, Dublin 8	54 units
06/07/2018	29/30 Fishamble Street, Dublin 8	5 units
07/06/2019	Infirmery Road	38 units
25/06/2019	Blocks 19 & 20, New Priory, the Hole in the Wall Road, D13	4 units
16/07/2019	Cork Street, D8	55 units
17/07/2019	Springvale, D20	71 units
18/11/2020	Belcamp B	12 units
24/11/2020	30 Sackville Avenue	3 units

26/11/2020	St. Finbar's Court, Cabra, D7	46 units
24/02/2021	Glin Court, Coolock, D17	32 units
06/09/2021	Dorset Street	163 units
24/09/2021	Avila Park & Avila Close, D11	3 units
22/10/2021	31 Croftwood Drive, D10	2 units
22/10/2021	Reuben Street, D8	1 unit
03/12/2021	Millwood Court, D5	52 units
14/03/2022	East Wall, D3	68 units
10/05/2022	Shangan Road, D9	93 units
10/05/2022	Collins Avenue, Whitehall, D9	83 units
27/06/2022	Cherry Orchard lands bounded to the North by Cherry Orchard Hospital, to the South by Cherry Orchard Football Club and Cherry Orchard Green, D10	172 units
07/12/2022	Constitution Hill, D7	124 units
27/09/2022	19 & 21 Connaught Street, D7	2 units
08/02/2023	1-8 Tyrrell Place, D1	8 units
2018 - 2023	TOTAL	1091 units

The above table provides a list of schemes and units granted Planning Permission as part of Part 8 Planning for each year since 2018.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive the following: Congratulations to the Chief Executive and his team on the opening of the new DCC Waste Management depot in Ballymun and asks him to indicate the timeline for the roll out of segregated litter bins a) across the city centre i.e. inside the canals and b) areas outside the canals

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services continue to explore what is best for the city and environment with regards to public litter infrastructure and segregation at source in the public realm.

Currently waste management services have c. 3500 litter bins across the city, of which we have 65 Circlecitey bins in the city centre and 16 trial triple units in Clontarf.

Waste Management Services have many considerations with the ambition to further scale up recycling bins across the city, these include:

- Contamination: This will be a challenge, Sample audits have not seen strong results here in all areas, significant financial investment in awareness and public engagement of circlecitey bins seen a reduction in contamination but still existed. Success will require public compliance.
- Segregated Collection vehicles requirement and associated manpower.
- Segregated Storage areas in Depots.
- Additional Litter bin requirements to provide both options.
- Deposit Return Schemes and how this will effect public litter bins.
- Traditional Litter bin, recovery rates, segregation at facility

Currently we have no immediate plans to expand segregated litter bins in 2023.

For reference all waste from our traditional litter bins c. 16500 ton per annum is sent to Thornton's Recycling Killeen Road facility for processing. Their upgraded facility in Killeen Road has a recycling and recovery rate of 90.27% as reported to the EPA in 2022.

The items that are recycled are as follows:

- Metals- ferrous (Steel) and non ferrous (Aluminium)
- Timber
- Hard plastic (Large items- from buckets to wheelie bins, to pipes)
- WEEE

The items that are recovered are as follows:

- Trommel fines
- Organic Fines
- Stone and rubble
- Solid Recovered Fuel- (SRF- made up of contaminated or non recyclable plastic, cardboard, paper and textiles).

As this is a shared facility, Dublin City Councils exact recovery and recycling rate cannot be verified but goes full handling and sifting process maximising recovery and recycling rates.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the criteria that is applied when removing a public litter bin?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services would remove a litter bin if it was being used primarily for the dumping of domestic waste into and around the bin and actually becoming a focal point for dumping. We also would remove a bin which was constantly vandalised and set on fire. Bins also found to be hindering pedestrian or wheelchair access on footpaths would have to be removed. Also a traffic change such as a new cycle lane for example could mean that a bin would have to be removed as it could no longer be serviced safely. It should be noted that the removal of a litter bin is seen very much as a last resort and we try to look for alternative suitable location in proximity.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive, noting the extensive new replacement footpath on the Malahide are between Griffith Ave and Collins Ave, why: a) the opportunity to create a bigger green/natural space around each of the trees that would facilitate greening or biodiversity opportunities was not considered? b) if extending the green space could be considered across the board with regard to new footpaths surrounding trees (I'm not referring to encroachment onto the walking space of the footpath more a longer/rectangular space parallel to the road that wouldn't really compromise pedestrian space- see photos of current finish)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services generally replaces like with like. In areas with significantly wide paved areas, there is consideration given for greening. Examples of where this was completed in the past is at large buildouts at Briarfield Road and Roseglen Avenue.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Boules court on Park Road, Dublin 7 will be restored to a usable condition? It has been neglected since the pandemic began.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park services have listed these works for inclusion in our Parks improvement programme 2023/24.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the cleaning schedule for Geraldine Street? having visited the area yesterday and it is poor condition. Which Litter Warden is responsible for the street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The next scheduled area based cleaning is due to take place in Geraldine Street during week 3rd- 7th July 2023. This area is monitored on a regular basis and extra cleaning is arranged between scheduled cleanings when necessary. Extra cleaning was carried out on Geraldine Street on the 22nd June 2023. Our Litter Enforcement Manager will ensure that a litter warden includes this area as part of his regular patrol.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the trees in Wellington Street, Dublin 7 be pruned? Specifically outside 55 Wellington Street?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Tree has been inspected and light pruning works have been recommended, this tree has been added to the works schedule for the coming months.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the trees in Riverston in Dublin 7 which were removed as diseased, will be replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park services have completed phase 1 of replanting programme in the Riverston area recently. With the replanting of 36no trees. This replanting programme will continue over the next three to five years. Further replanting will be carried out on the basis when roots of previous tree have decayed enough to allow space for replacement tree. Additional planting locations will be identified in the nearby open spaces also. Assessment of potential locations will be carried out ahead of placement of tree orders for our winter planting programme 2023/24.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOLLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to improve signage in parks reminding people that dogs need to be on leash at all time and that restricted breeds need to be muzzled. Our parks are not safe because of this and scramblers in working class areas. Incidents with dogs have already happened in Crumlin. Does DCC already have a signage ready to go for dogs on leash?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Bye-laws 2002 and the Control of Dogs Bye-laws 1994, set out a list of restricted breed and how these breeds should be managed on streets and in public spaces. The hours up to 11am in the morning and the last hour before closing are permitted in all parks for dogs off lead.

The Animal Welfare Unit are considering the best means of highlighting the restricted breeds and this can include information posters in parks.

The issue of scramblers in public spaces is a public order issue. It is also understood to be the subject of impending primary legislation.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOLLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to install a filter light attached to the traffic lights outside Sushi Planet on Saint Lawrence Road in Chapelizod, so that cars coming down Lucan Road turning left onto the bridge can see the filter light across the road as when they are stationary outside Mayfield House, they can't see the filter light.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Thank you for your query, a review of the junction layout has taken place, it was found that if vehicles stop at the stop line, there are no visibility issues. It was noticed that some road users are crossing the stop line and stopping in the cycle reservoir which in this case, the vehicle is passed the traffic signal.

It is not recommended to install a secondary left turn filter as it could potentially cause confusion to the majority of vehicles from afar or at night. It has been proposed to refresh the line marking on site as necessary in order to ensure vehicles stop at the correct location.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOLLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive who owns the piece of land in the back alley at the back of 6 St Mary's Drive?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The piece of land directly to the rear of 6 St. Marys Drive (marked in red) is owned by Dublin City Council. The rest of the laneway marked in yellow is privately owned. If the residents of 6 St. Marys Drive are interested in purchasing this piece of land they can make a proposal by emailing the Property Disposals Section at disposals@dublincity.ie



Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive for clarity around provision of/extension of public liability insurance for community groups using DCC parks and facilities and/or being supported by DCC with community development projects locally. Such groups include Tidy Towns, Community growers, etc. While individual residents are covered on visiting Parks, the situation for unfounded and voluntary groups of individuals in our parks is not clear.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's public liability insurance extends to events conducted on Dublin City Council premises including parks, where such use has been permitted by the Council.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the issue of fly tipping of waste in our communities and when those responsible are caught to look at ensuring as part of the Court Case result that those responsible are asked to sign up to a waste management provider to help stem this serious problem in our City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste 2018 require a person to participate in a waste collection service. A person when requested by an authorised officer must provide proof of a waste collection service being in place at their property. With the information gathered by the conviction, the Local Authority will have the details to follow up with that person and request proof that they have engaged with a registered waste collector. Failure to provide proof would result in addition fines or prosecutions.

The issue of fly tipping is a very difficult issue to resolve as people will always find a way to dump without being caught in the act. Those people that do get caught and found guilty in court are given large fines and a conviction against their name. A judge will always detail the consequences to the person about future offences and most of the time this is enough to deter these people from committing similar offences in the future.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive please look into the serious delay in the provision of a stair lift to **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance Adaptations Section assessed this application and approved the installation of a stairlift for this tenant. However, in order to install same we would require an Occupational Therapists Report. Once we receive this, the installation can go ahead.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look into the following in relation to illegal double yellow lines: **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location was inspected. There were no road markings located in the laneway directly behind **details supplied**

Q.39 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to re-instate the public bin next to the Bus Stop at Liffey Gaels Sarsfield Road Ballyfermot Dublin 10. The bin as removed in the past week and now waste is being left in East Timor Park leaving this beautiful Park in a really bad state, accepting some bins are problematic the vast majority of people keep their areas clean and tidy the few should not prevail in others having to lose bins.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will prioritise the replacement of the above mentioned damaged litter bin when the new batch of bins are delivered in June/July 2023.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine overhauling our current approach to CBL advertisements. It is welcome to see more and more of our housing units be allocated through CBL, however, the advertisements themselves have the unfortunate effect of making some of our units or complexes look very unappealing given the low-quality photography that is used. Furthermore, given there is a penalty of removal from CBL eligibility for 12 months should somebody apply and subsequently turn down an offer, we have to do better at providing a description of the housing unit being advertised and also, we should provide photography of the inside of the home, the balcony/garden and a detailed floorplan with room measurements, so that desperate applicants can be as informed as possible before applying. Can the Chief Executive comment on these suggestions and confirm DCC will examine reforming the CBL advertising process?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is currently in the process of reviewing its Choice Based Lettings process and developing a more user friendly system. We have increased the amount of properties allocated through the Choice Based Lettings this year. We recognise that Choice Based Lettings are an opportunity for applicants to be more proactive regarding their own housing situation and will consider the suggestions made above with regard to the descriptions and advertisements of the properties, while also being mindful of the requirement to turn around vacant properties as quick as possible.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the installation of the Suir Road to Thomas Street interim cycling scheme which seems to have disappeared. Initial plans were put out for public consultation which were then tweaked, but we have not yet been presented the revised plan. When will Councillors receive this and when will the interim scheme be implemented?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Consultation report along with the updated Detailed Design Drawings will be published on the Dublin City Council Active Travel Programme office webpage by early July. The scheme is planned to be implemented over the Summer of 2023.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the City Council's stabilisation works to the roof of the historic Iveagh Markets in the Liberties. Can the Chief Executive update members on progress since the 1 February Memo issued to Councillors, detail the works carried out and can he assure us the roof has been preserved? Further, can the CE outline the next steps to fully preserving the Market?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is finalising a tender package for the appointment of a conservation architect-led integrated design team, from an existing DCC framework, who will conduct a detailed condition survey of the building and develop tender documentation for a programme of essential repairs.

These repairs will include -

- Repairs to the roofs, valleys, internal gutters, parapet and large roof-lights of the Wet Market and Dry Market, including repairs to the access ladders and gantries.
- Repairs/reinstatement of the rainwater disposal system.
- Manage vegetation growth to the site and its structures.

- Protect and secure the windows and door.
- Provide safe access to structures to facilitate a regular inspection and maintenance.

Following appointment of the design team, DCC will circulate a programme and costs for the procurement and undertaking of the essential repairs.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify when DCC will be able to make use of CCTV to tackle the scourge of illegal dumping across communities in Dublin City. A year after legislation was passed, Local Authorities are still not able to make use of CCTV – can the Chief Executive provide an update on why this is the case, how this is being resolved and confirm when CCTV will be able to be used?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Circular Economy & Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, provides for Codes of Practice in respect of the use of CCTV cameras for the purpose of prosecutions to be agreed with the relevant government departments before any CCTV cameras are installed. These are being agreed on behalf of the local authority sector under the auspices of the LGMA.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards what work and operations and what streets have been cleaned by private contractors over the past year. This report to include a street by street and a time of the cleaning, the amount of staff and equipment involved and what private companies carried out this work? Was it the BID company or another company? What expertise do these companies have with cleaning streets? And do these private companies liaise with DCC street cleaning services and waste management services to carry out joint cleaning operations within the city? This report also to include a full list of all the social housing complexes and flats that have undergone a deep clean and power washing in the past 6 months and the name and location of such units.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have over 500 operational staff servicing the city's administrative area, which includes the servicing of c. 3500 litter bins. The department provides a robust street cleaning service to the city, particularly to the city centre commercial district area where over 100 staff are rotated between 3 shifts that service this area 24 hours a day 6 days a week (Sunday to Friday) and from 5.00 am to 9pm on Saturday. All litter bins are serviced several times each day, all pavements are mechanically serviced by mechanical sweepers and manual sweeping also takes place by staff on hand carts.

Street washing is provided by the night shift 5 nights per week (Sunday to Thursday) in the Commercial District Area where priority pedestrianised streets such as Grafton Street, O'Connell Street and Henry Street are deep-cleaned with a buffer machine. Additional supplementary cleansing is provided by a third party contractor on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and financial resources have been allocated to continue this service, so that the city pavements can be cleaned in these high footfall areas as quickly as possible. Waste Management Services have just recently added a further cleansing crew to the day time shift work (6.00a.m – 2.00p.m), who will deep clean the Temple Bar Area on a Monday and Tuesday each week, before moving on to College Green, Dame street and Andrew street.

In total there are 10/11 street cleansing vehicles in operation in the city on a weekly basis and it is the intention to add a further 3 vehicles and wash crews over the coming weeks. Every effort is made by the waste management operational teams to keep the city centre's cleanliness to as high a standard as possible.

The Office of City Recovery work closely with Waste Management, focussing cleansing operations across the City Centre also. The Office of City Recovery work with business representative groups, such as Dublin Town and Temple Bar Company, who provide additional cleansing at specific relevant locations in the city.

Internal night time crew also includes a street washing team who carry out street washing as directed by their Inspector where flexibility on need and request is carried out nightly. Street washing must be limited to early morning hours as we cannot safely power wash footpaths etc while shops are open as to do so might cause damage to the shop premises or present a risk to pedestrians. For obvious reasons power washing is not required as frequently during the winter months but it is carried out all year long increasing during the summer period. The City Council has a number of social media accounts and we regularly post photographs of street washing crews in operation all around the city.

Waste Management have supplementary cleaning for specialised gum removal on a planned frequency and locational route is in place. Additionally graffiti removal arrangements are made by the area offices for specialised removal both are carried out by PMAC.

Seasonally the need for additional power washing commences when dry periods arrive and city becomes busier. Since pandemic and the reopening of the city, extra wash programmes and blitzes have been arranged by the Office of City recovery in conjunction with waste management services to increase provisions in dry periods. This seasonal additional programme is supported by PMAC.

A report for the last year on a street by street and time of cleaning is not available from waste management services.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full update regarding the progress of the investigation into job applications for the Dublin Fire brigade services. As you are aware a number of these applicants made serious allegations which are substantiated in writing and are in the public domain that the whole process of the job application and aptitude tests were faulty and unsound which they alleged resulted in their job application failure. This is a very serious public matter and has the potential to cause huge damage to the reputation of DCC and the Dublin Fire brigade services. Can the CEO issue a public statement with regards this matter as many of the applicants have no confidence in the process and are terrified that their disclosures will lead to them being blacklisted? This is an urgent matter and needs to be addressed by the present CEO Mr Owen Keegan before his retirement. It needs to be made very clear that these applicants will be given the opportunity to reapply for these jobs without fear.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The recruitment campaign for the position of Firefighter, Dublin Fire Brigade, which was advertised in October 2022, has concluded and a panel is now in place.

As per the job specification for the position, all applicants are required to pass each of the stages in the recruitment process to advance to the final stage i.e. interview. As with all City Council recruitment campaigns, candidates can avail of an appeals mechanism if they are dissatisfied with the process.

All open competitions i.e. those advertised by way of external advertisement, are open to all applicants once they satisfy the eligibility criteria for the post.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards allegations of illegal clamping and other such matters that are being alleged about Dublin Street parking company. Further, that the CEO include in this report all information relating to the removal of two cars by Dublin Street parking services enforcement that had very young children in the motor cars when they were being removed. This report also to include a full update and report with regards a number of protected disclosures that have been made in recent years by long serving staff of the parking enforcement company. This report to include: what measures are in place to stop wrong doing and to stop the company's malpractice? Also, how many citizens have been reimbursed in the past three years because of wrongful clamping and wrongful parking fines? Finally, will the children who were in the cars that were removed by parking enforcement be financially compensated?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section are considering the various queries contained within Question 46. A report will be compiled in response but it may take some time to gather information and complete a report. The report will be issued when completed.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full comprehensive report as to how DCC and its staff are dealing with horrendous issues that are taking place on our streets, and in our housing estates and flat complex with regards anti-social behaviour and criminality. This report to include what multi agency approaches (if any) including plans have been made to deal with this issue that is taking place not just on our streets but on the canals and on the beaches and in and around the Docklands area such as City Quay and Grand canal dock where passer-by are being assaulted by gangs and residents and business owners are being threatened by drug dealers and the like. It is now a normal occurrence in many of our estates and our city streets to witness wholesale violence, racism, homophobia and drug dealing. Many residents and tourists have been pelted with eggs, water balloons and potatoes. This situation is not exaggerated, it is a living nightmare for many in the city and many of the residents and business owners are considering leaving and packing up. How can this be happening when DCC is constantly boasting about the wonders of the capital and its amenities and how we are all going to be delighted and happy in the 15 minute city? On top of all this is the filth and dirt of our city streets and the constant barrage of noisy music from nightclubs, bars and hotels. The city is fast becoming a hostile place and an obstacle course with the amount of street furniture, barrels etc. strewn about the footpaths.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Anti-social behaviour is a complex and difficult matter to deal with. It is also hard to define the difference between anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour.

Dublin City Council's role is clearly defined with regard to anti-social behaviour. In our estates and complexes we have a primary role in dealing with anti-social behaviour with An Garda Síochána providing support, as clearly defined by our anti-social behaviour strategy. When it comes to criminal behaviour in our estates and complexes An Garda Síochána have the primary role with Dublin City Council supporting.

In public areas the primary role for both anti-social behaviour and criminal activity is the responsibility of An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council plays a supporting role when it comes to public CCTV, public domain interventions and providing an engagement platform through the City JPC.

A special meeting was held last week to discuss issues at City Quay. Issues such as cleanliness, noise, and street furniture can be raised with local area offices.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has ever sought possession or ownership of the grand canal south graving docks and surrounds; if he will seek a transfer of this possession from NAMA to DCC as part of NAMA's wind up to avoid a private sale of public land suitable for potential recreational, cultural, and possibly minor housing development in the city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The land in question is owned by Waterways Ireland, with NAMA holding a lease over a portion of it. The City Council has never looked to acquire the land and understands that Waterways Ireland have their own plans to redevelop the land and have been in discussions over the past number of years to take back the lease from NAMA.

Any development on the lands will have to have regard to the requirements of the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated programme of works and completion date for the proposed "container café" at Sean Moore park

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Department have recently engaged consultant engineers to prepare a tender package for servicing of the site next to the playground in Sean Moore Park for the 'container café' and public toilets. It is expected that this tender will be issued in autumn for these works, works to provide services to the cafe will be completed over the winter. An operator to run the facility will need to be advertised for & secured also. Provided that there is no unforeseen delays, the site will then be ready for the 'container café' and public toilets likely to be in place by the second quarter of 2024.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for cleaning and de-weeding of Derrynane Gardens, Dublin 4.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had Derrynane Gardens cleaned on the 22nd June 2023.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for additional bins and bin collections at and around the Aviva stadium and the Irishtown Nature Park for the summer period

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services put out extra blue barrels to cater for the extra litter generated when there are events in the Aviva Stadium. Irishtown Nature Park comes under the remit of the Parks Division. However Waste Management Services have a litter bin there and we will put a blue barrel near this bin for the summer period.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he has any data to show that Dublin City Council housing stock is being let out as short-term/Air BnB or for long-term residential rental.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Central Area Offices hold no such data. However, we will contact Councillor Costello directly to discuss further.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive CE to state the number and percentage of people with disabilities employed by Dublin City Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The latest data available for the number and percentage of employees with disabilities in Dublin City Council are the figures for our statutory annual return to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the end of 2022. Dublin City Council has 248 employees who identified as having a disability, which represented 4.21% of the workforce.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will consider locating a series of outdoor chess tables around the City in public places for the enjoyment of the citizens as is the case in our Twin City Barcelona and many other continental cities

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks have no plans at present to install chess boards in our parks, however if the councillor has specific locations in mind parks will consider these locations.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide a small grant to assist **(details supplied)** with their visit to perform at the St Patrick's Day Parade in New York in 2024.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is only in a position to fund its own staff (e.g. DFB members) or Elected Members to travel abroad to participate in events.

However, should the Irish United Veterans Association (IUNVA) consider organising an event in the City Council area they can apply for 'community event' grant funding from the City Council.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for a sign measuring motorists speed at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location as **per details supplied** is currently traffic calmed with 6 No. Speed cushions, 30km/h Slow Zone traffic sign, 2 No. 30 km/h road markings and 2 No. Slow road markings.

Radar signs are normally used on 50kmh and high speed roads. Traffic Advisory Group has a limited budget for installation of traffic calming measures in 2023. In general when considering the installation of traffic calming measures, roads without any vertical deflections are considered a priority over roads which are currently traffic calmed.

Speeding is a matter of enforcement. Instances of illegal or dangerous driving should be reported to the local Gardaí.

The location as **per details supplied** is covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone signage, which indicates the lower speed limit and warns motorists that it is a residential area

and to expect children. This sign is provided at the entrance of the housing state. During the site inspection, no visibility issues were observed. Therefore, additional signage is not recommended at this location to avoid a proliferation of signage. Speeding should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the insulation of the property at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are pleased to confirm that the property is eligible for upgrade works under our Energy Efficiency Retrofitting programme. However, due to the overall volume of properties involved, which is 12,000 houses approximately, the scheme operates as a full roll out programme.

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. The timeframe for this will be dependent on the annual allocation of funding received. Consequently, it is not feasible to target individual properties in any area/estate citywide or confirm an accurate timeframe for upgrade works to commence on any individual property. We endeavour to spread the works across all areas in an equal and fair manner where possible and are developing plans to increase the speed of the rollout programme.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will examine putting plastic bollards or examine other methods to stop cars parking at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Section 36, a vehicle shall not be parked:

“(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip;

(l) where traffic sign RUS 031 [bus stop] or RRM 030 [stopping place or stand] has been provided unless the vehicle is an omnibus.”

It's currently Dublin City Council policy not to provide bollards to prevent illegal parking. However, the Area Engineer will assess providing Double Yellow Lines before the bus cage.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cutting back of the very overgrown shrubbery at the entrance to **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks services will arrange for an inspection of the area at **(details supplied)** and report any necessary work to local contractor for attention.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding an estate **(Details supplied)**.

a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads?

- b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting on these roads etc.?
- c) Also, can all the footpaths on these roads be repaired and the trees pruned

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(A)

- **(details supplied 1)** 20 of 22 gullies cleaned on 09/06/2023. Two gullies could not be cleaned due to parked cars. All in good working order.
- **(details supplied 2)** 17 of 19 gullies cleaned on 02/06/2023. Two gullies could not be cleaned due to parked cars. All in good working order.
- **(details supplied 3)** 16 of 16 gullies cleaned on 14/06/2023. All in good working order.
- **(details supplied 4)** 9 of 9 gullies cleaned on 02/06/2023. All in good working order.
- **(details supplied 5)** 9 of 10 gullies cleaned on 09/06/2023. One gully could not be cleaned as it was covered by a parked car. One gully needs further high pressure jetting and this will be organised in the coming weeks. No other defects were found.

(B) 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 these roads 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.

(C) An Enquiry (ref.11139839) has been created for the footpath defects at Triangle Estate: **(details supplied)** and referred to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and assign the works to a crew for repair.

An inspection of the trees at **(details supplied)** will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding sweeping **(details supplied 1)**

Can trees please be cut outside the following houses **(details supplied 1)**

- a) Can Leave collection boxes be placed on the road?
- b) Can the Road be swept every 3 weeks please? It is not being swept.
- c) The gullies are blocked on **(Details supplied 2)** due to leave and need to be cleaned.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) The composting initiative at Griffith Avenue was organised by the North Central Area Office who arranged for training and development. Waste Management Services were not involved. Perhaps the Central Area Office may be in a position to assist.

b) Waste Management Services have **(details supplied)** swept on a weekly basis.

c) **(details supplied)** 26 of 32 gullies were cleaned on 22/05/2023. 4 gullies cannot be opened due to recent kerb works. This has been notified to Drainage Services for repair.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding a park **(Details supplied)**.

- a) Can the broken railings be fixed opposite the library?
- b) Can the perimeter railings please be painted?
- c) Can an Autism communication board be installed?
- d) Can a swing for children with special needs please be installed
- e) Can 'No cycling' be painted on all the footpaths at the exits/entrances to
- f) Can an audit be carried out of all bins in the park to ensure there are sufficient bins and can there frequency of collection be increased.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park services will list these proposals for consideration and inclusion in future Parks improvement programmes.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Traffic Lights (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No visibility issues were observed all traffic lights are operational. The traffic lights are followed by speed ramps with respective road markings and stop lines.

It was observed visibility from vehicles coming from **(details supplied 1)** was affected by vehicles parked on the west side of the road. Near the junction with Iona Road the area engineer will assess the provision of double yellow lines at this location.

Our Traffic Officer visited the pedestrian crossing on **(details supplied 2)** at the Church and found no issues on Iona Road itself with visibility. Push buttons and detection were working correctly. All lamps were lighting, signals head correctly aligned and signals not obstructed by trees etc. Please note also that this site was upgraded to LED signals in December 2022 which are much brighter than what was previously there. There is also a speed ramp at the crossing to slow oncoming traffic. It was observed that parking on the side road **(details supplied 1)** may affect visibility of the traffic signals for those exiting **(details supplied 1)** and turning right onto Iona Road, as vehicles parked close to the junction on the left hand side cause exiting traffic to have to move to the middle of the road.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the boundary fence at **(details supplied)**, say if he can agree/arrange to provide some financial assistance or other, to assist the repair of same to help prevent ongoing anti-social behaviour etc. to this historic place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The maintenance of boundaries to private property is entirely a matter for the property owner concerned, in this case the Church authorities.

Consequently, the City Council is not in a position to provide financial assistance to fund the repair of the fencing at this location.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to road at **(details supplied)** say if he can agree to meet details attached with a view to finding a way forward for proper residential parking at this location; and advise if the residential disk parking scheme that exists on the road perpendicular to details attached can be extended to details attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The appropriate measure to deal with the issues raised is the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme.

If the residents of **(details supplied)** would like to apply for a Residential Parking Scheme details of the criteria can be found on the DCC website:

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

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to immediately reinstate the 'no cycling' signs at **(details supplied)** to prevent pedestrians, particularly vulnerable pedestrians, from being subjected to collisions with cyclists who continue to cycle on details attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Eight No Cycling road markings at **details supplied** were renewed in late June.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to problems of constant parking on road at **(details supplied)** by City Council contractors GMC and say

- (a) When will GMC leave details attached?
- (b) Why DCC/GMC gave residents no notice of the works
- (c) Why DCC/GMC continue to take up circa 12 residential parking spaces at details attached for long periods of time every day as a parking space for works to be carried out elsewhere
- (d) If DCC will clean walls of households that have been covered in dirt following works
- (e) If he can help alleviate this situation which is causing huge upset locally for residents at details attached this and other locations close-by

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

GMC, working on behalf of Irish Water are carrying out rehabilitation works on **(Details Supplied)**

Since mid-May the contractor required the use of parking bays as part of the works area in order to complete the project. It is hoped that these works will be completed late next week and then followed by reinstatement works which will be much quicker than the main rehabilitation phase. Although GMC sent out general details about the water rehabilitation works at the end of March, they did not issue a specific circular advising residents of the actual commencement date for the works which is a requirement under the Council's Directions for the Control & Management of Roadworks in Dublin City. GMC have been reminded of their obligations in this regard. Dublin City Council is not responsible for any alleged damage caused by GMC in the course of their road works and this matter should be taken up by the residents directly with GMC/Irish Water.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to what the FTE Staff budgeted is for Dublin City Council and what the Actual count is for 2023, to ask what measures and initiatives are being

taken to improve the pay and conditions of city council staff and to make it a more attractive place to work in.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The total number of employees at 31st March 2023 was 5,898 (headcount). The full time equivalent (FTE) number (i.e. taking into account work-sharing arrangements) was 5,584.80.

Pay scales for local authority employees are determined by central government and are regulated by Circulars issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The City Council is operating in a very competitive labour market. We are competing with private sector organisations and with other public sector employers in an environment where there is near full-employment, skills shortages in key areas, high rates of employee turnover and cost of living pressures on pay.

Notwithstanding these challenges, the City Council is undertaking a significant level of recruitment and is still seen as an attractive employer in the City. We provide a diverse range of roles, projects and programmes, career paths, learning and development opportunities and flexible working arrangements. In addition we have commenced a number of initiatives, through our corporate Communications Unit, to highlight the City Council as an employer of choice.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding signage (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has recorded enquiry 11139841 on to our works management system. A repair will be scheduled for the local Road Maintenance Services inspector and where required, new nameplates will be ordered and scheduled for installation when a works crew is available in the area.

The Parks Service does not install bins at such residential open spaces as resources do not exist to service same, rather it is expected that local residents would bring their waste home and dispose of it in their own bins. Alternatively there are 2 street bins located less than 100m from the entrance to this open space on (**Details Supplied 1**)

We will examine the public lighting columns on (**Details Supplied 2**) 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.70 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding traffic (**Details supplied**). Can a Traffic audit be carried out on this road as it is gone extremely busy and it is very difficult for elderly people to cross the road to Supervalu such as the volume of cars using this stretch at peak times. Can the Traffic examine the prospect of traffic lights or a zebra crossing at this location please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request (Enquiry Ref: 7033804) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration. The Councillor will then be informed of the final recommendations of the Transport Advisory Group.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding an estate **(details supplied)**

- a) Can the gullies be cleaned on these roads **(details supplied)?**
- b) Are there any plans to replace the old lighting with new LED lighting on these roads **(Detail supplied)?**
- c) Also, can all the footpaths on these roads be repaired and the trees pruned **(details supplied).**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a)

Lorcan Park 12 of 13 gullies cleaned on 12/06/2023. One requires high pressure jetting and this will be carried out in the coming weeks. No defects found.

Lorcan Crescent 24 of 25 gullies cleaned on 12/06/2023, 1 gully covered by a parked car. No defects found.

Lorcan Grove 33 of 34 gullies cleaned on 25/05/2023, 1 gully covered by a parked car. No defects found.

Lorcan Avenue 34 of 38 gullies cleaned on 11/06/2023, 4 gullies covered by parked cars. No defects found.

Lorcan Green All 23 gullies cleaned on 17/05/2023. No defects found.

Lorcan Villas All 26 gullies cleaned on 18/05/2023. No defects found.

Lorcan Drive 18 of 19 gullies cleaned on 27/03/2023. No defects found. They will be included in the cleaning schedule for July.

Lorcan Road 11 of 12 gullies cleaned on 27/03/2023. No defects found. They will be included in the cleaning schedule for July.

(b) The public lighting on the following roads in the Lorcan Estate, are planned to be upgraded to LED.

- Lorcan Drive
- Lorcan Green
- Lorcan Road
- Lorcan Villas,

These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

The existing public lighting on Lorcan Avenue, Lorcan Crescent, Lorcan Grove, and Lorcan Park, 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 these roads 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.

c) There are over 100 street trees within this estate growing along the roads listed. The Parks Service does not have the capacity to inspect or prune this number of trees as part of the current tree care programme for the area. From an initial look the majority of the trees seem to be in an acceptable condition and do not require pruning at this time. If there are any specific trees of particular concern if the locations are forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie a detailed inspection can be arranged.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update and timelines for the regeneration of the Dublin City fruit, vegetable and flower Market off Capel Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Project is currently at design detail to bring to tender for construction in Q4 2023. A tender for a Multi-disciplinary Design Team issued in August 2022 and was assigned in February 2023. The Design Team led by Cotter & Naessens Architects are charged with design of the conservation and refurbishment works to preserve the building and with the production of tender documents for construction. They carried out site investigations and identified survey work needed which has been procured and commenced. They are working to a 26 week programme with a view to tender for construction in Q4 2023. Procurement of an Operator to fit out and operate the facility will commence when the construction tender has been assigned.

Dublin City Council continue to facilitate requests for temporary uses where possible, which include filming and events with reference to the local community. The Members Advisory Group on Refurbishment of the Market is made up of representatives of each Group of Council. They meet bimonthly and sign off on proposed temporary uses and are briefed on project progress.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on what progress has been made in the last six months to bring about the refurbishment and regeneration of the Iveagh Market, Francis Street; 1 and 3 John Dillon Street; and the Mother Redcap Market, Back Lane Dublin 8 and can he make a statement on the matter?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is finalising a tender package for the appointment of a conservation architect-led integrated design team, from an existing DCC framework, who will conduct a detailed condition survey of the building and develop tender documentation for a programme of essential repairs.

These repairs will include -

Repairs to the roofs, valleys, internal gutters, parapet and large roof-lights of the Wet Market and Dry Market, including repairs to the access ladders and gantries.

Repairs/reinstatement of the rainwater disposal system.

Manage vegetation growth to the site and its structures.

Protect and secure the windows and door.

Provide safe access to structures to facilitate a regular inspection and maintenance.

Following appointment of the design team, DCC will circulate a programme and costs for the procurement and undertaking of the essential repairs.

The site at Mother Redcap Market is not in the ownership of Dublin City Council and is the subject of High Court Judicial Review proceedings.

In relation to Nos. 1 and 3 John Dillon Street, the Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the properties inspected 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.74 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive provide me with a copy of the brief for the redevelopment of George's Dock, Dublin 1 and give me an update of his plans and timetables for the provision of water-based recreation on the site?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The former proposals for either the White Water or the Lido projects that were developed over recent years by the Docklands Office, have both been removed from the capital programme. Furthermore, only a small amount of funding (€500,000) was provided in the capital programme for the period 2023-2025 to cover design costs and minor works in relation to Georges Dock.

The Docklands Office are currently progressing with the redevelopment of the Quayside Buildings at Custom House Quay which will deliver a new DCC water sports centre focused on animating the Liffey. This project is projected to be delivered early in 2025.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive in regard to the vacant structures at 13, 13A and 13B Conyngham Road, and 10, 11 and 12 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 can he clarify:

- whether they are on the Derelict Sites Register;
- who the owners are;
- what fines, levies or rates have been placed on the buildings and what has been paid in the last five years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The derelict site at 10-13 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 which is in the ownership of CIE was entered on the Derelict Sites Register on 20th August, 2019. As per the derelict Sites Act 1990 State Authorities are not liable for a derelict sites levy. There are no active derelict sites files for Nos. 13A and 13B. The Derelict Sites Unit will arrange to have the properties 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.

Q76 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to review the bin collection system in regard to resolving the removal of Bins in the Terenure and Rathgar and others in South East Area. I refer to correspondence in **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services would remove a litter bin if it was being used primarily for the dumping of domestic waste into and around the bin and actually becoming a focal point for dumping. We also would remove a bin which was constantly vandalised and set on fire. Bins also found to be hindering pedestrian or wheelchair access on footpaths would have to be removed. Also a traffic change such as a new cycle lane for example could mean that a bin would have to be removed as it could no longer be

serviced safely. It should be noted that the removal of a litter bin is seen very much as a last resort.

Any damaged bins which were removed from the Terenure and Rathgar areas will be replaced as the new supply of bins arrive.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Question 86 as submitted by me to the May 2017 North Central Area Committee regarding build-out works to enhance pedestrian safety at the Castle Avenue/Vernon Avenue junction in Clontarf – I don't recall ever receiving a follow-up analysis and response on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The aforementioned junction forms part of the No. 104 bus route from Clontarf to DCU. The wide radius at this corner is required to facilitate bus turning movements. The Traffic Advisory Group does not recommend a buildout at the above location.

Records indicate that a response issued to the Councillor from TAG on 26th July 2017.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the analysis undertaken by a DCC structural engineer of the 3rd-party report submitted by **(details supplied 1)** of **(details supplied 2)** in relation to damage to his boundary wall caused by the roots of a tree on the public footpath.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parks Service does not assess such reports directly rather once a claim for remedy has been initiated the report will be assessed by the independent claims assessor. It is understood that claim forms have previously been forwarded to the resident.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the footpaths outside 29-37 McAuley Drive and 27-17 McAuley Drive to be renewed as they have been in poor order for some time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road maintenance services has scheduled an inspection number 11140321 for the footpath between 17-27 & 29-37 McAuley Drive by our Road Maintenance Services area inspector. Should any repairs be required, these will be scheduled when a works crew is available in the area. There is currently a large backlog of footpath repairs.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to DCC lands between the entrance to Casino Park/St Vincent's GAA club and the Casino in Marino can he:

- 1) Provide an update on the status of these lands and previous discussions with the OPW in relation to land transfer
- 2) Plan for the lands to be revitalised in the interim and brought into use for the benefit of the local community as discussed previously with Area Office officials
- 3) Ensure that the graffiti on the boundary wall with St Vincent's facing this site is removed as it is an eyesore for the local community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Valuer's Office issued terms to the OPW for their consideration on 19th June 2023 and we await hearing from them in due course.

As the City Valuer's office are awaiting the OPW to agree the terms that were issued to them on 19th June 2023 the area office are not in a position to carry out any interim works at present as there is an unknown timeline. However, if more negotiations are required between both parties, the Area Office will consider the feasibility of interim works having due regard to the anticipated timelines involved in completing the transfer.

The Public Domain team have arranged for a contractor to paint this boundary wall with in the coming weeks.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MAC OSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the repair of potholes in the path on the green in **(details supplied)**, particularly around the edging of the pathway throughout the green?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Park services completed significant upgrade of the pathways in the Tolka estate green during 2021. Park services will arrange for an inspection of the pathways at this location and list any necessary work for consideration and inclusion in our Park improvement programme.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MAC OSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to review the lighting at the corner of **(Details supplied)** as there are not many light-poles and the area is quite dark due to tree canopy cover.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The public lighting on Cedarwood Road is mounted on the ESB Network poles and is installed in a single sided arrangement. This is a standard arrangement for the installation of lighting on a road of this type, which provides sufficient lighting for both pedestrians and road users.

There are no trees in the immediate vicinity of houses 44 & 46. However, as pointed out by the councillor, there are some trees along both sides of the whole road here, and some of the trees may be causing a blocking effect on some of the lights along the road.

We will ask the Parks Department to prune the trees along the side of the street opposite to the ESB Network poles. For the trees on the same side of the road as the ESB Network poles, we will request the Parks Department to liaise with ESB Networks around pruning the trees beside the ESB overhead cables.

Please note also that the existing public lighting on Cedarwood Road is planned to be upgraded to LED this year under the Public Lighting Upgrade Project. These works are expected to be completed by the end of 2023. Until the upgrade works are completed, routine maintenance work on the existing street lighting will continue to be carried out

Q.83 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MAC OSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the trees at 8-10 Cedarwood Road as both appear to be in poor condition, particularly the one at number 8?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection of the trees at **(details supplied)** will be arranged in the coming weeks as local schedules allow and any works deemed necessary will be listed for inclusion in the prioritised tree care programme for the area.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MAC OSCAR

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the grass cutting policy where residents cannot maintain the verge themselves or it otherwise has not been done?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our assessment is that residents in the vast majority of situations have adopted the verge outside their house and they maintain same as best suits their needs either as a neatly trimmed margin or as a wildflower sward. In cases where there are elderly or hardship cases, neighbours provide assistance as they do in every other city, town and village in the country.

If there are elderly or other hardship cases where this level of community spirit and citizenship does not appear to be present we can arrange for a one off cut during the summer if the specific address and circumstances are forwarded to parks@dublincity.ie.

Last autumn we undertook an assessment of verges after the growing season with a view to arranging a once off cut of unmaintained verges going into the winter if there was a significant number of same. However this proved to be unnecessary as the vast majority proved to be well maintained. Such an assessment will be carried out again this autumn.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive For an update on the roll out of waste separation facilities in the DCC housing complexes, including the provision of green bins, including a list of complexes where the Green Bins have currently been provided, the timeline for the provision for the remaining complexes and the percentage of Council tenants who have access to green and brown bins respectively?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All new complexes coming into the City Council's ownership are being supplied with a mix of residual (black), recycling and compost bins. All existing bins that are being replaced as required will also be a mix of residual, recycling and compost bins. A more targeted roll out of residual, recycling and compost bins will commence shortly.

Housing Maintenance is continuing the roll out of the secure bin areas programme in our housing complexes. We have found the introduction of these secure bin areas to be beneficial for tenants, more in keeping with the surrounding built environment, the secure bin areas can lead to reduced volumes of waste and they assist in the overall upkeep of the complex. We currently have two teams working on this project. Each complex has its own individual requirements and the teams will continue the rollout across the city.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for details of requests received by Dublin City Council under the new Speed Limits Appeals Procedure including name of street/road, Local Authority Panel decision and Regional Panel decision (if applicable).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Road Safety Engineer will provide the councillor with a comprehensive response. Once all the information is collected the councillor will be informed.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what data is provided by private waste providers about the destination of household waste collected, the percentage recycled, composts, send to landfill or incinerator, both in Ireland and abroad?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Private waste providers do not provide any data or statistics to the City Council on the types or quantities of waste they collect or dispose of, as there is no regulatory obligation for them to do so.

All private waste contractors are required to furnish the National Waste Collection Permit Office with details of what type of waste they intend to collect, where they will dispose of it etc. as part of their waste collection permit applications. There is also an obligation for collectors to furnish end of year reports on all these stats to the N.W.C.P.O.

The National Waste Collection Permit Office is a national body based in Tullamore, Co Offaly, contactus@nwcpc.ie.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a full list of the roads to be resurfaced in the South East Area in 2023, what works are completed to date ,the work plan and timelines for completion of the works, will these deadlines be met and if not can he outline the reasons for not meeting the targets and deadlines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

List of roads included in the 2023 South East Area Carriageway Resurfacing Programme:

- Sandwich Street Lower (Fenian St to Pearse St)
- Merrion Road /Simmonscourt Rd junction
- Merrion Road (Anglesea Rd to Ballsbridge Terrace)
- Adelaide Road (Leeson St to Earlsfort Tce)
- Merrion Row (St Stephen Green East to Ely Place)
- Bride Street (Golden Lane to Peter St)
- Charlotte Row
- Shelbourne Road (IBM to Pembroke Rd)
- Nutley Lane - Merrion Road to Hospital entrance
- Monasterboice Road
- Winton Road (Appian Way to Fitzwilliam Court)
- Oaklands Drive (asphalt sections only)
- Leeson Park Avenue
- Chapel Avenue
- Pembroke Gardens
- Beechwood Road (Beechwood Ave Lwr to Mountainview Rd)
- Winton Avenue
- Elm Park Terrace (Massey gates to Terenure Road North)

We are currently at the design stage preparing documents for the tender competition. When the tender and procurement process are complete, a contractor for the works will be appointed. At this stage, the contractor will provide a schedule of dates for the works on each road.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a full list of footpaths to be resurfaced / fixed in the South East Area in 2023, what works are completed to date, the work plan and timelines for completion of the works, will these deadlines be met and if not can he outline the reasons for not meeting the targets and deadlines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please find below list of roads included in the 2023 South East Area Footpath Reconstruction Programme:

Larkfield Grove
Ramleh Close
Frankfort Ave at Tesco
Digges St Upper
Shelbourne Road (Lansdown Rd to Lansdown Park inbound side)
Kells Road (cul de sac 46 to 54 and gable 57)
Lismore Road (Clonmacnoise Rd to Bangor Rd)
Havelock Square
Cowper Gardens
Park Drive
Tudor Road
Mount Tallant Avenue
Charlston Road (Oakley Rd to Belgrave Sq)

We are currently at the design stage preparing documents for the tender competition. When the tender and procurement process are complete, a contractor for the works will be appointed. At this stage, the contractor will provide a schedule of dates for the works on each footpath.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please provide an update on the Dublin City Demand Management Plan and the date for publication.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The update of the City Centre Study is progressing and a presentation on the study and its outcomes will be made at the September meeting of the Transportation SPC.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive when we will see the proposed pilot shared bin schemes for homes that cannot use wheelie bins. It was agreed back in 2018/ 2019 to trial in two locations, one on the south of the city and one on the north of the city and there has been no progress to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Shared Bins BETA Project arose from the City Challenge on Dumping and Waste. The project text (and public callout for the solution to be trialled on their street) went public in April 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic. This callout has resulted in 66 requests from across the city.

Those enabled us to pick a few potential trial locations which were then assessed for learning suitability via our trial location selection criteria.

Considerations for this project included waste collection via private operators, fire safety and facilitating waste streams – and resolving these took longer than was originally expected. A prototype enclosure for the project is currently being made by our Civic Maintenance and should be ready in the coming weeks.

Waste Management Service and Beta team will further update councillors when the project goes live – in order to gather further input into this trial.

Relevant links:

City Challenge on Dumping and Waste
<http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/DumpingWasteBETA>

Shared Bins eBETA Project <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/Shared-Bins>

Criteria for Picking a Trial Location <http://dccbeta.ie/process/article/criteria-for-picking-a-trial-location>

Q.92 COUNCILLOR KARL STANLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide guidance for mobility impaired residents of Bayview Avenue and Waterloo Avenue off the North Strand, now that their local bus stops (numbers 617, 4384 and 518) have been removed as part of the C2CC project? To be specific, guidance on walk time to the nearest high-frequency bus stop from the midpoint of both Bayview Ave and Strandville Ave is required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The general design layout for the Clontarf to City Centre Scheme has been defined by the planning consent which was obtained in late 2017, requiring amendments so that 'The locations of bus stops shall be examined and all bus stops along the route shall be redesigned to segregate buses and bicycles...'. A detailed report which provides further information on the bus stop spacing along the entire length of the Clontarf to City Scheme is available at this link ([Bus Stop Spacing Report](#)).

The proposal to remove bus stop 617 and 4384 was incorporated into the scheme detailed design since 2019. In order to share the design rationale as to how this design decision was reached specifically for bus stop 617 and 4384 a further report has been drafted and shared on the Scheme website [Design Considerations for Bus Stops 617 and 4384 - North Strand Road](#).

Bus Stop 617 (inbound);

With reference to bus stop 617 adjacent to Strandville Avenue the alternative bus stops are outlined below;

- The closest stop nearest to town is stop 618 (located outside James Larkin House). The distance from bus stop 617 to stop 618 is approximately 316m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 3.8mins.
- The closest stop in the Marino direction is stop 616 (located outside North Strand Road Fire Station). The distance from bus stop 617 to stop 616 is approximately 276m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 3.4mins.
- If the point of measurement is taken as the midpoint of Strandville Avenue there is approximately an additional 100m or 1.2mins to be added in each direction. Table 1 has accounted for walking distances from midpoint of Strandville Avenue to the adjoining bus stops.

Details relating to alternatives to stop 617 are summarised as per Table 1 and Figure 1 below.

Location Description; North Strand Rd adjacent to Strandville Avenue (inbound)

Bus stop Number	Location (travelling from Clontarf)	Distance to nearest downstream stop	Distance to nearest upstream stop
617	North Strand Road near Strandville Avenue	316m to stop 618 (located outside James Larkin House, North Strand Rd) Approx 3.8 mins walk	276m to stop 616 (located outside North Strand Fire Station) Approx 3.4 mins walk
	Midpoint of Strandville Avenue	416m to stop 618 (located outside James Larkin House, North Strand Rd) Approx 5 mins walk	376m to stop 616 (located outside North Strand Fire Station) Approx 4.5 mins walk

Table 1 Nearest Stops and walking distances from Bus Stop 617

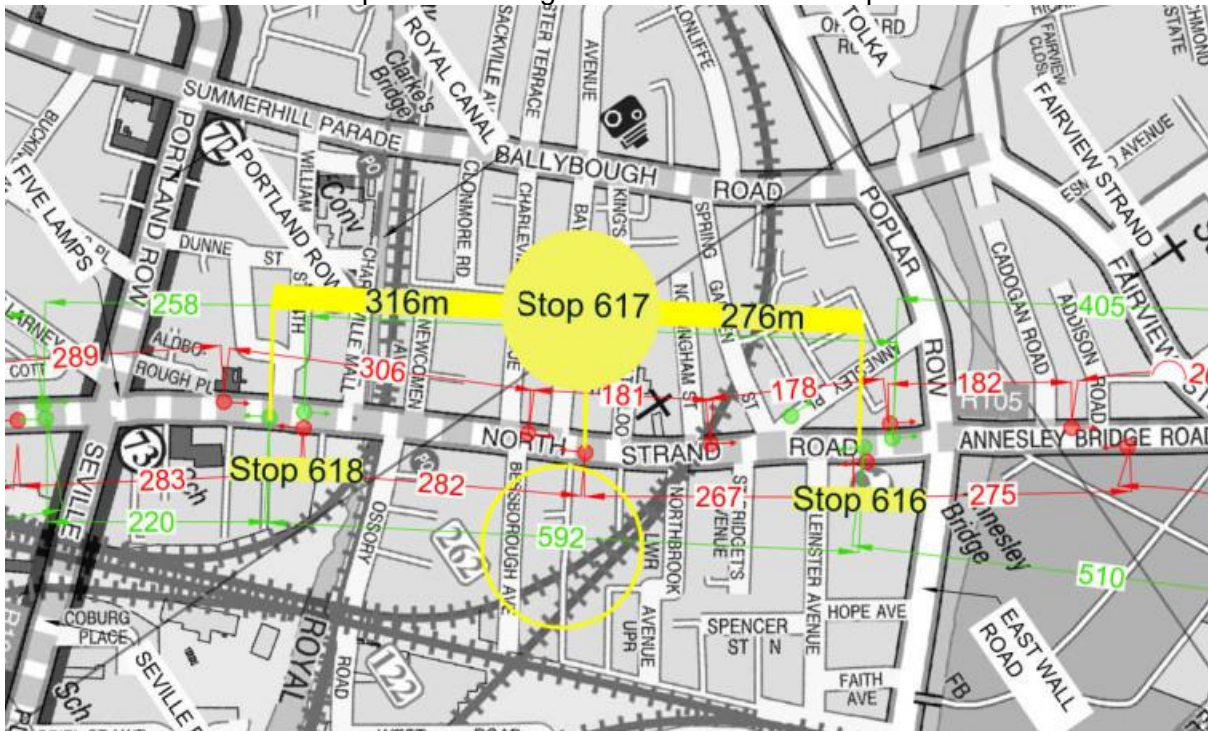


Fig. 1 Nearest Stops and walking distances from Bus Stop 617

Bus Stop 4384 (Outbound);

With reference to Bus Stop 4384 (located between Charleville Avenue and Bayview Avenue) the alternative bus stops are outlined below;

- The closest stop nearest to town (from 4384, once removed) is stop 516 (which is to be re-located by approx. 90m to the corner of Charleville Mall). The distance from bus stop 4384 to the proposed new location of stop 516 is approximately 221m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 2.5mins.
- (It is noted that the existing stop located outside the Health Centre on North Strand Road, Stop 516 is to be moved by approximately 100m closer in the direction of bus stop 4384).

- The closest stop in the Marino direction (from 4384, once removed) is stop 519 (located opposite North Strand Road Fire Station). The distance from bus stop 4384 to stop 519 is approximately 365m. This equates to a walking time of approximately 4.5mins.
- Table 2 has accounted for walking distances from the midpoint of Strandville Avenue to the adjoining bus stops.

Details relating to alternatives to stop 4384 are summarised as per Table 2 and Figure 2 below.

Location Description; North Strand Road near Bayview Avenue (outbound)

Bus stop Number	Location (travelling from City)	Distance to nearest city side stop	Distance to nearest out of city stop
4384	North Strand Road near Bayview Avenue	221m to relocated stop 516 (moved from outside Health Centre approx. 90m closer towards Canal) Approx. 2.5 mins walk	365m to relocated stop 519 (located on North Strand Road near East Wall Road) Approx 4.5 mins walk
	Midpoint of Bayview Avenue	391m to relocated stop 516 (moved from outside Health Centre approx. 90m closer towards Canal) Approx. 4.7 mins walk	475m to relocated stop 519 (located on North Strand Road near East Wall Road) Approx 5.7 mins walk

Table 2 Nearest Stops and walking distances from Bus Stop 4384

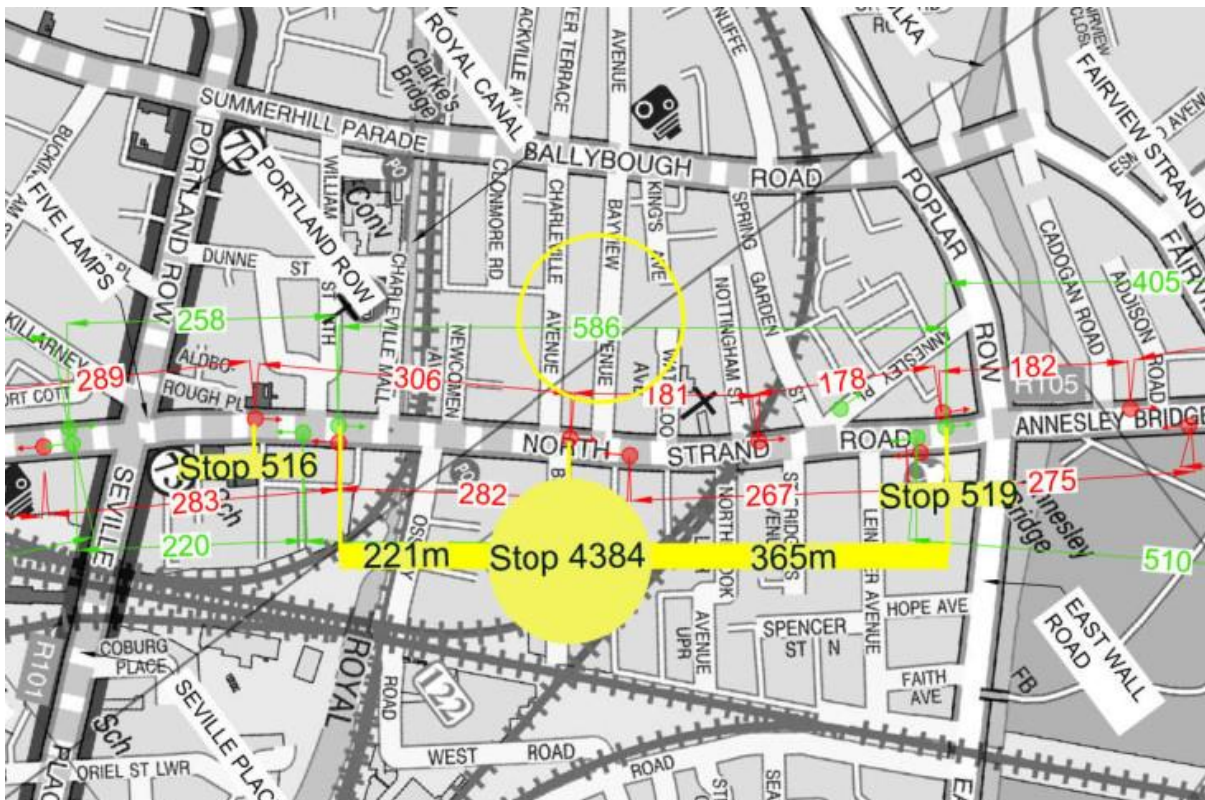


Fig. 2 Nearest Stops and walking distances from Bus Stop 4384

It is also worth noting that the Scheme is in process of upgrading all aspects of the public realm on North Strand;

- All footways on North Strand shall be reconstructed. At side-roads there is no drop to cross the road and instead the footway is to be raised and on one level. Without a kerb at the side road crossings this should make walking on the footway an easier and more pleasant experience.
- The bus stop platform, or 'island' will also be of a higher quality and standard, thus improving the passenger experience while boarding, alighting and waiting for a bus.
- The reorganisation of bus stops will result in a significantly faster and more reliable bus service in both directions.