

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the following question regarding roadway condition in Killester:

The roads in Killester (particularly St Brigid's Road) are in very poor condition, I believe partially as a result of the apartments built over the last few years and the heavy vehicles using the roads. Can these be included in road maintenance schedule in the coming period and can the removal of weeds on the roadways and pavements also be included in this?

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive the following question:

Regarding the cycle lane on Alfie Byrne Road and into East Wall. This area is extremely congested and dangerous for cyclists. Can an update on the cycle lane on the left (towards East Point) be provided? It is not safe currently. Cyclists have to use the road instead and it is not bike friendly. The cycle lane on the right hand side is painted onto the footpath (Works are now being carried out on this side so there's currently no cycle lane). When will the cycle lanes fully reopen and are there plans to improve the cycling lane on Alfie Byrne road all the way to East Wall? At the moment as well with all the building activity there is a lot of debris on the road, again not safe for cyclists who have no choice but to use the road.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on childcare facilities that have sought planning permission, including extension in 2023, and the breakdown of approval or declines.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update of progression of actions to be taken in the Childcare report commissioned by the office in 2021.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to actively look at alternatives to the Whitehall Car Park developed as there is huge delay on much needed housing for the area.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could give a full report on the Dog Pound including where possible the following information:

Date of arrival / Breed / Details (relinquished / stray) / Microchip? / Age / Requirements (No Dog, No Cats, No Children,) / Still In care? Or date Rehomed

Also, Number of dogs that came in / number of dogs rehomed per month (last 6 or 12 months).

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the regulations examined to make it possible for owners of properties in Architectural Conservation Areas to install electric car charging points or provide for parking within their front gardens in a manner in keeping with the conservation objectives and Government policy of encouraging more sustainable electric cars.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to cut the tree back as branches keep falling off it at (**Details Supplied**) it's a danger to traffic and pedestrians.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider leaving in place the extra winter beds for homeless services for 2024. As numbers of homeless personal are reaching high numbers in sleeping bags and tents .

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the graffiti from (**Details supplied**)

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the overdue traffic plan for (**Details supplied**) begin to be put in place?

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the timeframe to turn around a house or flat that becomes vacant and to be put back into housing for letting.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain Dublin City Council's support for Tuath Housing to deliver 171 social housing units in a proposed Build-to-Rent development at the Steelworks Site, James's Street, Dublin 8. 100% Build-to-Rent developments of this nature were effectively banned by this local authority in our 2022-2028 City Development Plan only then for Government to scrap this lower standard form of housing in its entirety. Can the Chief Executive make a statement on the following:

- Would Dublin City Council directly be able to deliver this scheme for social housing or would it contravene our own City Development Plan?
- If yes, why does it not logically follow that an AHB providing social housing on the local authority's behalf is permitted to deliver social housing via a 100% BTR scheme?
- Can the Chief Executive commit that Dublin City Council and Tuath Housing will seek an immediate alteration to the planning of this site to bring the proposed development up to standard and in line with the current City Development Plan?

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

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to:  
(**Details supplied**) is seeking alternative accommodation for herself and her four daughters (one who lives with her part time). One of her daughters suffers Autism and is nonverbal. When can this family be offered alternative accommodation.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the rubbish removed from (**Details supplied**)

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the EV charging system, outlined in (**detail supplied**) with this question, examined for potential use in Dublin City and respond to the offer by a citizen to the Council to trial the system at his home.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the footpaths on Melvin Road, Derravaragh Road and Neagh Road could be included on the 2024 Footpath resurfacing programme and if

the existing speed bumps on Neagh Road can be repaired to address speeding and rat run concerns.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the trees in the park on Neagh Road, directly behind the Boxing Gym could be pruned; if he could install a latch on the playground gates as parents are concerned that children can walk out of the playground easily; and if he could provide an update on the installation of a new surface in the playground.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if a pedestrian crossing or similar safe crossing area could be installed on Terenure Road West roughly around the junction with Hazelbrook Road/Glenavy Park. There is approximately 0.7km between the pedestrian crossings at the KCR and Greenlea Road junctions which is a long stretch without a crossing particularly for school children or elderly people to navigate.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CÉITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could clarify the status of two dwellings (**details supplied**) and if the rubbish being dumped in their front gardens could either be removed by DCC or if tenants could be requested to remove on a health & safety basis.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full update of the works completed to date on the Victorian Fruit and Veg Market and the current expected timeline for future works?

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive To provide a full, comprehensive summary of works ongoing and planned at D-Light studios, the estimated costs, the agreement in place between D-Light and the Council and timeline for the same? There has been ongoing confusion for some time and it is important to have an accurate, comprehensive, written and public record of the current state of affairs.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive How many telecommunications cabinets have been installed in the DCC area in the past year? If there has been a change of policy to install them above ground rather than below ground and if this policy could be reconsidered to look at sinking them in light of the commitment of the Council to avoid street clutter?

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive for a progress update on the preparation for the use of CCTV for detection of litter and dumping, whether a list of locations has been prepared, what the criteria for determining the locations is and what the timeline for implementation is anticipated to be?

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive how much was received from each Leisure Centre in 2023 income wise.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and the Planning Department about the vacant and derelict buildings in Rathgar village. The enquiry is brought by Rathgar Residents Association, regarding the state of commercial property in Rathgar village.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Traffic department, in regard to the enquiry on Sundrive Road and Kimmage Road Lower, provided by LOKRA Core Group.

Residents Association is responding to the build-out at the corner of Sundrive Road and Kimmage Road Lower. They have also focused on co-ordinating the community's submission to An Bord Pleanála on the Kimmage Scheme Bus Connect proposals.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent controversy surrounding the sub leasing of Tailors Hall to a public house can the Chief Executive ensure that any sub lease of a premises belonging to Dublin city council be brought to the attention of Dublin City Councillors under the reserve function of disposals prior to any sign off, in the interest of transparency, accountability and public interest.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full costing of Dublin City Council's Winter Wonder Lights. This also to include the costing of the extension of the Winter Wonder Lights for the month of January.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Ireland is the only EU country adding fluoride to drinking water. It is time now that Dublin City Council got in line with best practice and stop placing such poisons into the drinking and bathing waters.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full audit of the amount of motor cars, vans etc that are now being parked in Dublin City Council flat complexes and housing estates. This report to include how many residents of DCC have parking permits for these locations? And the exact location of these permits? Also, how many cars have been removed for illegal parking from these sites? How many fines or penalties, if any, have been issued to Dublin City Council tenants for breaches in this regard? And a full schedule of when inspections were carried out throughout the DCC housing estates and flat complexes to make sure that the parking criteria was in order. Also, what legal grounds do DCC have to raise the parking fees within flat complexes? Finally, bearing in mind DCC's active travel and greening strategies and the removal of car parking spaces from the public domain are such initiatives envisaged for DCC housing estates and flat complexes? What cycling infrastructure, if any, such as bicycle stands and bicycle sheds have been installed throughout DCC's housing estates and flat complexes.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if it's possible to install thermostats in Senior Citizens complexes where communal heating systems exist to allow individuals to control their own places heat. Complaint was made by a resident in (**Details supplied**) but I'm sure the situation is replicated elsewhere.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many properties Dublin City Council suggested to Fingal County Council as Tenant in Situ purchases and how many were actually purchased? Does the Chief Executive know of the reasons Fingal decided not to purchase certain properties? Can a report be provided please?

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a yellow box and double yellow lines at the junction of Westpark Drive and Ballygall Road East. Residents struggle to get out of the estate at times and it was said that this situation was worsened by the traffic lights which were installed just up the road recently. Residents have also reported that the entrance to the estate is regularly blocked with cars parking on both sides and an ambulance couldn't access the estate recently. There are also 2 dishings on either side which are regularly blocked by cars so double yellow lines should prevent cars blocking the dishing's here.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the DCC Alerts covers roadworks where traffic will be affected. A local resident has queried this with me having been caught in heavy traffic due to roadworks in Phibsboro leading to being late for a hospital appointment.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will (**Details supplied**) be considered for suitable housing accommodation.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider this application for suitable housing accommodation of (**details supplied**).

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that the Public Realm official accept an invite to visit Inchicore National School, Dublin 8, to agree solutions to the dangerous conditions faced daily by pupils and staff that are caused by the ill-placed bottle bank?(**see attached photo**).

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request an update on action taken following refusal of planning permission at (**details supplied**)

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive following the allocation of numerous new units in the past year, how many voids were returned to council stock and if additional resources can be allotted to speed up their refurbishment.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR MÁIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the expanding communities of the Liberties and surrounding areas with a much need Public Library.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR TARA DEACY**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the funding opportunities in Dublin City council for community groups. I am aware that different streams are available at different times of the year through the LCDC etc. but could I get a list of opportunities and rough time of the year they are advertised from smaller once off grants to larger capital grants.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on progress on the Killester Heritage Garden, in particular to clarify if a tree, 2 x park benches and flowerbeds will be included in the final design and implementation of the Heritage Garden.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR ALSION GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange i) for the installation of gates at the entrances of both Albert College Park car parks at the end of Hampstead Avenue and that these be closed when the Park closes and ii) for the upgrading of the car park lighting and the street lighting along all of Hampstead Avenue.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council tenants in private/management run apartment blocks are entitled to attend and, in particular, to vote at AGMs and other meetings called by the apartment/complex management company. If it is the case that only owners are entitled to vote at meetings, could the Chief Executive detail how Dublin City Council, as owner of apartments in a complex, exercises this right to vote and furthermore, should the tenant be contacted and asked how DCC (as owner and possibly entitled to vote) should vote on their behalf if they are excluded from voting.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the additional resources deployed by Dublin City Council in the aftermath of the disturbances in Dublin City Centre of 23rd November last following the attack on children on Parnell Square and furthermore, to detail the cost of the clean-up operation.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail progress made in respect of the outsourcing of the "bike bunker" scheme and how this affects the current bunkers installed by DCC. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, the 300 shelter target (by 2026) will be achieved and if there is a rollout timetable and location schedule for this.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail buildings/properties in Dublin being used, or being considered as accommodation for homeless persons, asylum/international protection seekers, and those afforded refugee status, such detail to include breakdown by postal area, capacity and number of occupants by age and gender. Also, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm that each such premises is operating in accordance with fire regulations and that each has prepared and submitted a Fire Safety Plan to DCC and that these plans have been approved by the Chief Fire Officer.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise both a health and safety and a fire safety inspection at (**details supplied**) and provide a report to this Councillor and relevant officials in the local area office. Should this inspection deem that there is either a health and safety risk or a fire risk that appropriate action be taken to remove the risks.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any possibility of permitting counter flow cycling on Derrynane Parade.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many times in 2023 was the swimming pool forced to close due to lack of available staff at (**Details supplied**)

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a ground plan for sewerage drains for (**Details supplied**)

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing adaptation grants were issued by Dublin city council in 2023 and is there a breakdown of the type of work carried out

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what apprentice schemes are available within Dublin city council in 2024?

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the NEIC Programme Integration Body is a 'public body' as per Section 2 of the Act and what are the NEIC/DCC levels of funding for the NEIC Intercultural work in 2022, 2023 and 2024?

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline anti-theft infrastructure that will be put in place and how DCC plans to collaborate with Gardai in 2024 to combat bike theft in the city.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline DCC's strategy to address proper disposal of cigarette butts including the number of ballot bins and whether the number of ballot bins could be increased.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline contingency plan put in place during public holidays to ensure adequate staffing for essential services such as housing, maintenance etc in light of the fact that residents at (**details supplied**) were without heating for 8 days during the Christmas period.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City Council to urgently install a public bin at the grotto in Maryland at the corner of Our Lady's/Lourde's Road. I have raised the need for a bin in this estate numerous times, due to severe dog fouling issues nowhere for owners to dispose of dog waste, only to be told that public bins cannot be installed in residential settings.

This part of Maryland serves as a main thoroughfare from the busy Cork Street/Marrowbone Lane area to local schools in Basin Lane and the Fatima Luas stop. There is considerable footfall along this stretch justifying the installation of a public bin. I ask that Dublin City Council at least trial a bin at this location to see if there has been an improvement in litter and dog fouling in the Maryland area.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the official Dublin City Council response to tens of thousands of people living in terraced housing, who cannot accommodate a brown wheelie bin, but are required to do so under new national legislation.

Tens of thousands of people, according to Census 2022 there are 93,356 terraced households in the Dublin City Council area, many of whom have no space to accommodate green, black and brown wheelie bins. Instead, they use refuse bags, but many private bin collection operators will not allow the use of brown waste collection bags, as these would be targeted by seagulls, foxes etc.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information:  
The number of people currently on the various Dublin City Council housing lists giving details of the numbers on each list and further detailed by area.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information;  
In relation to the O'Devaney Gardens development, can the Chief Executive provide an update on discussions in relation to the purchase of units by an Approved Housing Body for a cost rental scheme?

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive when he expects the City Council to prepare a Scheme for the use of CCTV in line with the approvals process detailed in the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2022 given the plethora of hot-spot locations where illegal dumping is rampant and the pro-active enforcement opportunity afforded through this legislation will make it easier for this Council and our Public Domain crews to tackle this scourge; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the update on Kilmore Celtic gaining access to the youth club again?

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm if any of the broken footpaths on Kilbarron road /Castlekevin and other roads in Kilmore west have been fixed in the last year.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive Are there any further updates on the proposed playgrounds for Kilmore west and McAuley Park.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the update on planning at the drive in site in Beaumont? Can the developer be written to and reminded on his responsibilities, the site is attracting anti-social activity and is an eye sore.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for the weeds to be removed from roundabout outside Artane Castle.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DEARBHÁIL BUTLER**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a bin to be installed at the bus stop on Ardlea Road, Artane. Rubbish is being stuffed into the hedging behind the bus stop.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive what steps have been taken in the past to address the ongoing issue of dumping and bins being left on the street in the vicinity of Eugene Street and whether a similar exercise could be conducted as the problem has escalated.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are any plans to install Bike Lockers in the vicinity of Meath Street. If so, could the Manager set out those plans and if not, could a number of locations be considered.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive whether there are any plans to establish a dog park in the Liberties area and if not whether a location for a dog park could be considered.



**Q.75 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are improvement plans devised for Cameron Square. Including for example; electric vehicle charging ports, bike lockers, greening of the square, upgraded lighting and parking enforcement. If not, could these improvements be considered for this area in line with DCC's environmental and greening strategies.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive what criteria is used by the planning office when assessing planning applications to ensure they are compliant with the following objectives in the City Development Plan 2022 to 2028:

*0.3 Climate Action:*

*It is the Policy of Dublin City Council: CA6 Retrofitting and Reuse of Existing Buildings To promote and support the retrofitting and reuse of existing buildings rather than their demolition and reconstruction, where possible. See Section 15.7.1 Re-use of Existing Buildings in Chapter 15 Development Standards*

*Chapter 15: 15.4.3 Sustainability and Climate Action to minimise the waste embodied energy in existing structures, the re-use of existing buildings should always be considered as a first option in preference to demolition and new build. See Section 15.7 for further details on energy requirements*

*15.7.1 Re-use of Existing Buildings Where development proposal comprises of existing buildings on the site, applicants are encouraged to reuse and repurpose the buildings for integration within the scheme, where possible in accordance with Policy CA6 and CA7. Where demolition is proposed, the applicant must submit a demolition justification report to set out the rationale for the demolition having regard to the 'embodied carbon' of existing structures and demonstrate that all options other than demolition, such as refurbishment, extension or retrofitting are not possible; as well as the additional use of resources and energy arising from new construction relative to the reuse of existing structures. Existing building materials should be incorporated and utilised in the new design proposals where feasible and a clear strategy for the reuse and disposal of the materials should be included where demolition is proposed. I would ask that these concerns and those raised by the local school and the wider community.*

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress, if any, has been made on the following objective as set out in section 15.14.1 Hotels and Aparthotels of the City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 (see below) and when a report on this analysis will be published.

**15.14 Commercial Development/Miscellaneous**

**15.14.1 Hotels and Aparthotels**

*To ensure a balance is achieved between the requirement to provide for adequate levels of visitor accommodation and other uses in the city such as residential, social, cultural and economic uses, there will be a general presumption against an overconcentration of hotels and aparthotels. Pending the outcome of an analysis of the supply and demand for tourism related accommodation in the Dublin City area (to be carried out by Dublin City Council), hotels and aparthotels will be considered on a case by case basis having regard to the location of the site and existing hotel provision in the area. In all instances, where the planning authority deems there to be an overconcentration of such facilities in an area, the applicant will be requested to submit a report indicating all existing and proposed hotel and aparthotel developments within*

*a 1km catchment providing a justification that the development will not undermine the principles of achieving a balanced pattern of development in the area, and demonstrating that the proposed development fully complies with the criteria set out in Policy CEE28 and in Section 15.14.1.1 and 15.14.1.2 below.*

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the former 'pocket park' at the corner of Dame Lane and Georges Street South (behind the Mercantile redevelopment) be reinstated and brought back into public use, when will the new plans be made public and will those plans go out for public consultation, and can he provide a timeline on this please'

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the feasibility study on the pedestrianisation of South William Street as set out in the City Development Plan 2022 to 2028 be carried out and can he provide a clear timeline please.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of Road Maintenance expenditure per LEA for the years 2019 to present in tabular form.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the neighbourhood scheme/traffic calming for **(details supplied)**.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the extension of double yellow lines at **(Details supplied)**.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Dublin Fire Brigade's plans to purchase a high turn table ladder for Finglas Fire Station due to the amount of high-rise buildings in the area.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when will DCC retired staff get the 1% increase? It has been 5 months and the increase has not be applied to retired staff. How many retired staff are affected by this delay? The same delay happened from October 2021 and I emailed Owen Keegan about it on the 14th of February 2022? How does Dublin City Council explain how this delay happened in the first place and how is it happening again?

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive when is **(details supplied)** be getting the attic insulation done? DCC and contractor were there today 31/1/23. Will all the attics get measured and insulated and if so when? Please provide a timeframe.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive the timeframe for the windows and doors to be to measures and fitted? How many flats and their windows and door measures in **(Details supplied)** How many are waiting for windows and doors replacements? How long have the ones waiting been waiting for?

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MACDONNCHA**

To ask the Chief Executive what discussions have so far taken place with the Land Development Agency regarding the proposed housing developments under its aegis

in Clongriffin; if in further engagements with the LDA Dublin City Council will stress the need for the development of community facilities in parallel with housing, as well as the need to ensure that infrastructure meets the required standard and that taking in charge by the City Council can proceed without the totally unacceptable delays which persist in Clongriffin to this day; and what measures and proposals will the Council bring forward to ensure these outcomes.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the need for improvement works to be carried out to public facilities at (1.**Details Attached**) can he please, with reference to the reply to my motion as per (2.**Details attached**).

- (a) Indicate what date the last inspection of the steps was carried out
- (b) Say what standards are used to identify problems with steps and rails
- (c) Say if it is possible to view the latest inspection report

As it is the widely held view amongst local users of the facilities, that the current condition of steps and rails are dangerous, and an accident waiting to happen.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to location as per (**details attached**) please say what action he can take to improve the poor public lighting that exists along this stretch of public domain, as the current poor lighting is making life difficult for our elders walking that route.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please refer to vacant property as per (**details attached**) (about which local residents have communicated with City Council on but have received no feedback) and say what if any action he can take to either (a) acquire the premises or (b) encourage the owners of the property to bring it back into active use as the current condition of the property is adding to a feeling of dereliction and a sense of unsafeness for local residents;

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive refer to traffic lights installed at location as per (1.**Details supplied**) and explain the reason behind their installation in the first instance and if same can be reviewed as requested by local resident in the correspondence at (2.**Details supplied**).

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to housing transfer application at (a. **Details supplied**) and say if tenant can be accommodated in the nearby vacancy at (b. **Details supplied**) and if tenant cannot be so accommodated, please explain the reason why this is the case.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to housing applicant, (**details supplied**) and confirm her place on the housing list from which she seems to have been removed at some stage in the past.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to location as per (**details supplied**) and say if he can clear some of weeds overgrowth etc.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive refer to previous request and his advice that the flowerbeds at (**details supplied**) would be attended to and maintained by Parks Department and say why this is not happening and if he will arrange to have the matter dealt with as soon as possible.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the issue of dog fouling:

A) To request the amount of dog fouling fines issued and the amount of fines paid for, in tabular form each year for the past five years.

B) What recent initiatives have Dublin City Council taken to tackle the issue of dog fouling?

C) What initiatives are Dublin City Council going to undertake in 2024 regarding the issue of dog fouling?

D) Dublin City Council took on board my previous request to trial dog poo bag dispensers on lampposts across the area to tackle the ongoing issue of dog poo on paths. What areas was this piloted in and can it be trialled again in the Cabra-Glasnevin Local Electoral Area?

E) To request that more general waste bins across Dublin City to not just tackle litter but also dog poo, considering that Dublin City Council now has a 'any bin will do' policy as dog poo bags can be disposed of in any public bin. This would also help with the increasing issue of dog poo in bags being dumped on streets and in gardens/driveways.

F) Dublin City Council took on board previously my request to put signs on every public bin reminding members of the public that they can dispose of waste in any public bin. This has worked well, could it please be ensured that every new bin has this signage, particularly in Cabra-Glasnevin?

G) Is there a hotline across the city that residents report dog fouling?

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding footpaths and roads:

A) To provide the number of legal claims made by members of the public regarding falls on footpaths and roads due to their bad condition in Dublin City Council (to be provided in tabular form) and the number of payments made each year for the past five years.

B) What has been the budget to maintain footpaths and roads in Dublin City Council each year for the past years?

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding parking enforcement and clamping:

A) How many wheel clamps did Dublin City Council/Dublin Street Parking begin the year with in 2023?

B) How many wheel clamps did Dublin City Council/Dublin Street Parking end the year with in 2023?

C) How many new wheel clamps were purchased throughout 2023?

D) How many wheel clamps are believed to have been removed/stolen/damaged by members of the public in 2023?

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to tackle the issues of cars parking in a laneway and thus blocking vehicular access of a resident at the back of their house (**Details supplied**)

- A) Could anything be done from a Public Domain perspective to stop people parking in the space at the back of the house (details supplied).
- B) Can bollards be reinstated at the space at the back of house?
- C) What is the policy regarding DCC putting double yellow lines here?
- D) Could Parking Enforcement and Dublin Street Parking Services ensure that the resident who parks at back of house can get out due to cars parking in laneway and blocking access?
- E) Dublin Fire Brigade previously wanted to close access at this location, is this something still being considered?

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on the installation of the new playground at McAuley Park including timeframe to completion?

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive please provide an update on footpath inspections of 29-37 McAuley Drive and 27-17 McAuley Drive to be undertaken by Road Maintenance Services as referenced in the response to my question to the July City Council meeting (Question 79)

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Local residents have contacted me a number of times about the new traffic lights at the Gracefield Road/Brookwood Avenue junction; they say that there is too little time provided in the phase for traffic coming from Brookwood Avenue onto Gracefield Road resulting in long tailbacks on the Avenue during peak times. Can the Area Manager request ITS to investigate and rebalance the phasing?

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the tree audit being undertaken in Grace Park Heights including work done to date and related findings.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate double yellow lines along (**details supplied**) as they are no longer visible since the road was resurfaced.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to have 'Children at Play' signs erected at entrances to (**details supplied**).

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider lobbying the relevant minister to enact legislation to allow DCC to levy a "bed tax". I have put this question to the previous Chief Executive but the reply has always been that DCC could not do so without the appropriate legislation being in force. Considering the demands on DCC's budget particularly the costs in dealing with dumping, littering and enhancement of the public realm, perhaps it is eventually time to enforce a tourist tax similar to that in force in other European cities which could be used for the benefit of the city.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council Housing Department respond to the following with positive solution focused responses.  
In relation to Claddagh Court Ballyfermot Dublin 10 that the following be addressed.

- A. That all vegetation needing cleaning out / thinning be removed from the grounds of the complex as residents are looking at rats in this badly maintained grounds, that all waste be removed on a regular basis.
  - B. That the central area be provided with raised beds to allow residents with limited mobility plant flowers etc.
  - C. that the seating / benches be replaced as promised 3 years ago.
  - D. That the SKY Connection in the common room be repaired it is broken over 8 months now.
  - E. That 2 to 3 large concrete flower planters be positioned opposite the Claddagh Green Shops to deter parking on the footpath the current flower planters are regularly moved by motorists.
  - F. the Dryer is broken for the past 8 months leaving it impossible for order persons to dry clothes can we repair or replace as a matter of urgency.
  - G. That they be able to get a community grant to support complex events.
  - H. That we hold scheduled meeting 2 to 3 times a year with residents committee in the complex to review issues.
- Residents are proposing to stop paying rent if routine maintenance is not done in the complex.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive can the proper parking restriction box be positioned outside Borza`s Take-Away at Ballyfermot Road Dublin 10 between the Gala Centre and the busy strip of Shops. This trader lives over his Shop as has his family for over 70 years they cannot get in and out of their home with the lack of enforcement by DCC, An Garda Siochana etc. I need another onsite meeting with traffic department staff, new signage and enforcement. We promised 18 months ago to do the proper Yellow Box alas it was never done.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the on-going issue with waste left in the private Car-Park at Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre Ballyfermot Dublin 10 be addressed in a proactive manner, this issue is going on for years and every few months DCC clean the area up. This simple fact is the area needs daily / weekly maintenance to keep the busy area clean and tidy. Can the owners introduce a pay parking regime with the ring-fenced funds used to keep the area clean. 30 Min free parking and then a payment would generate substantial funding which could pay for someone to keep the area clean. Without action from DCC this area will remain in a filthy poor state.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that the NTA be asked to hold community wide meetings to alert residents from Ballyfermot of proposed changes to the road layout in Ballyfermot that they leaflet to area to inform people of what they propose to do, the implication for local Parks / Open spaces etc. It is essential people are made aware before things start to happen.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive Dublin City Council's position on shared micro-mobility - is there a policy paper/implementation roadmap available?

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the rationale for the preparation of a Noise Action Plan for the city; what impact its preparation and ultimate implementation will have for my constituents in the North Inner City; how the establishment of quiet areas will benefit Inner city communities; the timeframe for the undertaking of a public consultation and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive the potential cost of (**Details Attached**) how the council would determine where and what areas would be prioritised for planting should such an initiative be advanced by the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm when Dublin City Council will be engaging with residents in Lissadel maisonettes to evaluate the next round of maintenance works and will the manager please meet with the residents committee to discuss the process in detail?

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive will the Director of Services ensure that Dublin City Council engage with St. Laurence's National School, Chapelizod to help assess the property fenced off outside the school with the view to accessing some safe space to securely park pupil's bicycles there?

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the number of empty Dublin City Council properties in each of the DCC areas for each of the years since 2019 up to 2024 and the number of units brought back in to use for each of those years and the budget spent in each year since 2019 returning these properties to use?

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give serious consideration to allocating one of the retail units being developed opposite St. Ultans, Cherry Orchard to Familibase so as it can be used by Cherry Orchard Running Club.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for reinstatement of the path at (**details supplied**). During recent pavement upgrades a mucky verge was left where there was previously a pavement.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the tree at (**details supplied**) and arrange appropriate interventions as it is very large and has caused cracks to the pavement and adjoining wall which is now causing people to trip.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MCOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if parking restrictions apply on (**Details supplied**) whereby parking is only permitted on one side of the road due to the width of the road and whether such restrictions are normally advertised by way of signage or road markings.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on a planned survey of (**details supplied**) in order to assess whether traffic calming measures can be installed as TAG advised that an engineer would be assigned to survey the road in January 2024.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the cleaning schedule for the lane behind Haverty Road, D3, on the side backing on to Fairview strand and if an improved schedule can be put in place as residents complain of public ruination/defecation, dumping and littering in the lane.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to add Croydon Park Avenue, Dublin 3 to the programme of works for carriageway repair as the surface is in very poor condition from heavy bus use.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to install bins in McAuley Park, Dublin 5 as indicated on the map as there are no bins in these areas making it difficult to avoid/prevent littering.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of local reports that the pitches in St Anne's Park, Dublin 5 were unusable for up to 7 months of the year last year due to condition/water logging, if the relevant department has examined any options to manage/prevent this problem given the importance of sport in our communities and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive if a regulation sized pitch for use in St Anne's Park can be made available to Scoil Uí Chonailí Ladies Gaelic Football as the current pitch allocated does not meet the requirements.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to the following regarding Traffic survey **(Details supplied)**. Can the council please carry out a traffic survey on the above roads & monitor the traffic flow at Donaghmede Roundabout. Can an engineer please visit during peak busy times to see what improvements can be made as I've had some complaints recently about excessive delays and huge traffic congestion particularly at peak times.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if further to the images below; if Anna Villa, Ranelagh could receive road resurfacing works and footpath repair, with necessary inspections carried out, if required; if Anna Villa could have the grass growing along the footpath adjacent to the double yellow lines pictured removed; if Anna Villa could be scheduled for a street clean.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to alter the parking permits for residents of Elmpark Avenue, Ranelagh and allow them to park on Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh in addition to their street and Winton Place, having regard to the content of the email below **(Details supplied)**.



**Q.133 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if the grass pitch located at Beach Road, Dublin 4, formerly Rosyln House and now Sandymount Park Educate Together Secondary School is on the record of protected structures; if the grass pitch is on the record of protected structures, is it precluded from being transformed into an all-weather pitch; and if it is on the record of protected structures, if he could outline the process for removing the grass pitch, only, from the record of protected structures.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if further to the reply given to question 17 at the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 South East Area Committee and subsequent email sent from the principal of Sandymount School, a school for children with complex intellectual and physical needs, if the dispensation sought in respect of the removal of the parking space has been granted, and if not, why not.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed update report on the proposed regeneration of the Cromcastle Court flat complex in Kilmore West and the development of the Old Coalyard site. The report should include detail on the overall masterplan for the site, inclusive of all phases, as well as detail as to the timelines involved and the proposed consultation with the residents of the flat complex and the wider community.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive report on when the footpaths at Willow Park, Cabra East will be repaired. A recent visit showed their poor condition.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate if it might now be possible to return to the previous programme of grass verge cutting for the Dublin City Council of area of responsibility? The current situation is not fit for purpose.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the possibility of providing speed ramps on Park Road, Dublin 7.