

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.18 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2024**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive to clean or paint over the graffiti problem in the lane behind Clontarf park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Team will have this graffiti removed as soon as resources allow.

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Marrowbone Lane depot reduction/consolidation project. Specifically addressing the numbers of staff currently working onsite, projected reductions of staff and services over the next year, the progress of plans for the open space which will be vacated by the depot operations and details of the DCC official with responsibility for developing a sporting/recreational use for the lands, specifically a full sized pitch for the community

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Marrowbone Lane Depot provides key operational services essential for the functioning of the city, and there are no immediate plans to reduce the number of staff or services operating from the Depot.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR KELSEY MAY DALY**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to address the maintenance issues in Tyrone Place. Specifically the issues of mould, leaks and structural damage. Is there a meantime solution to improve the health and well-being of residents.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY**

Dublin City Council will engage an independent damp report on any unit within the complex and carry out the recommended measures outlined in the report.

Tenants can request this inspection through the normal channels (telephone, email, local representative, area office) and we will arrange for the survey.

Similarly, any reports of leaks or other structural issues, are dealt with on a case by case basis.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR MICHEAL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the bike bunker scheme, when a tender will likely issue, and how many bunkers are expected in the initial order.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Road Safety and Micromobility Section is currently working on the Bike Bunker scheme tender process. Dublin City Council is planning to launch a competitive tendering process to select a contractor who will manage the comprehensive bike bunker operations, users and assets. After selecting a contractor, the council aims to collaborate with the winning tenderer to provide this service throughout the city and establish a goal of having 300 bike bunkers (by 2026), dependent on funding.

The procurement process for this scheme was scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2024, unfortunately this date was missed and this process is planned to kick off in April/ May 2024.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive how many people are employed in the DCC housing section, how many part/full-time vacancies there are, and at what grades the vacancies are at.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 1026 employees in the Housing and Community Services Department and 120 full-time vacancies.

A number of these vacant posts are in the process of being filled, with further vacancies scheduled for advertising over the coming months.

The breakdown of vacancies across the various levels is as follows:

- Managerial 1
- Grade 8 4
- Grade 7 15
- Grade 6 26
- Grade 5 20
- Grade 4 3
- Grade 3 6
- Operational 45

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR MICHEAL PIDGEON**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of beds/places available within homeless family hubs across Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is an approximate capacity of 4,358 beds in Emergency Accommodation for families (NGO, hubs & Private Emergency Accommodation) across the 4 Local Authorities covered by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE).

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR MICHEAL PIDGEON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Short Term Letting: July 2019 to March 2024

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases Open</b>	<b>S152 Warning Letters</b>	<b>S154 Enforcement Notices</b>	<b>Cases resolved</b>
<b>2024</b>	77	85	4	65
<b>2023</b>	302	370	35	259
<b>2022</b>	336	404	16	452
<b>2021</b>	310	492	9	469
<b>2020</b>	572	650	10	398
<b>2019</b>	295	113	16	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1892</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1694</b>

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive how many rough sleepers beds are available for Dublin City .

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Outreach team contact the Freephone / Central Placement Service (CPS) throughout the day, should they require accommodation for any rough sleepers that they encounter during the course of their work. Beds are then allocated based on availability.

When the Freephone closes at 10pm, the Outreach team have a guaranteed allocation of 16 beds. Additionally, any beds that have not been used by the Freephone by 10pm, will also be made available to the Outreach team.

Should a rough sleeper contact the Freephone / CPS directly themselves requesting accommodation throughout the day, they will be allocated a bed, again based on assessment and availability.

Q.9 **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the section of the path way that has fallen out due to the tree roots be reinstated at (**Details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An enquiry has been created (ref. 11155577) and passed to the Area Inspector who will carry out an inspection and arrange the repair, if needed.

Q.10 **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive about the traffic congestion on (**Details supplied**). That the traffic department see if the congestion can be addressed as local residents cannot open their windows due to the omissions from trucks cars every day of the week.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The predominant pollutant associated with traffic is Nitrogen Dioxide.

Dublin City Council does not have a permanent Air Quality Monitoring Station in that immediate location.

Indicative Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring can be carried out using diffusion tubes. The tubes can be placed in the location for consecutive months and the results obtained by laboratory analysis. More information about this can be found by accessing the below link.

<https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/air/diffusion-tube-results/>

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit and the EPA commenced a diffusion tube survey of streets in the North Inner City area to determine the contribution of traffic to air pollution levels in the area. The survey was initiated because of complaints from residents of the area about traffic volumes and associated air pollution levels. The survey started on 14/01/2024 and must be carried over a one year period to reference the results against annual mean limit values cited in the Air Quality Standards 2011. The results will be available from 14/01/2025.

When the survey is completed the results will be discussed with the Traffic Division.

Q.11 **COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the damaged dish outside (**Details supplied**) be repaired. This Cllr did have a question in on same some months ago .Work was to take place but so far no works have taken place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An enquiry (ref. 11156963) has been created and forwarded to the Area Inspector who will assign a crew to the repair of the vehicular dishing outside (**Details supplied**)

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Set out below are the details regarding planning applications for Short Term Lets received from 2019 to date:

**Short Term Lettings 2019 - 13.03.2024**

DCC					ABP	
Year	Received	Granted	Refused	Current	On Appeal to ABP	Appealed and Granted permission by ABP
2019	15	2	13			2
2020	6	2	4			2
2021	3	1	2			
2022	5	2	3		1	
2023	11	1	10		3	
2024						
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

**ABP Decisions**

<b>2019</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>SHD Application - Permission granted by ABP.</b>
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**Q.13 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if the parks department could investigate the Japanese Miyawaki forestry method for rapidly growing forests to replace trees that are cut down or die.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have been aware of the Miyawaki Method, developed by the Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki in the 1970s, and which has been promoted by some sources for a number of years. However, the planting and husbandry of trees has been practiced and proven in Ireland over many decades both in forests and in urban parks.

There is no evidence that planting forestry transplants and whips in extremely dense copses has any benefit for the trees, for biodiversity and in fact according to the advice of arborists and foresters it is unsustainable in the long term.

While there is an initial impressive growth in height due to the increased competition for light, this growth in height is achieved at the expense of the girth of the trees, which increases their susceptibility to fail and certainly will not enable them to grow to maturity. It is mature trees, which have the most value for carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

There are multiple reasons why we are not planting trees in dense copses in excess of best arboricultural practice in public parks and we are not aware of any independent peer-reviewed evaluations or trials which scientifically confirm the supposed advantages of the Miyawaki method.

As a Parks Services, we plant and support the planting of thousands of trees each year by community groups who wish to enhance their locality and contribute to Climate Action initiatives. We also provide advice to community groups on biodiversity and nature conservation measure suitable for communities.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive further to the reply issued to Question Number 20 at the March City Council meeting if he will respond to the clarifying questions and statements now submitted in relation to that Reply and set out below.

Once again, we have GDPR being misapplied by the Council with the result that it is facilitating non-compliance with motor tax/vehicle registration requirements.

The Officer confirms that residency i.e., 183 or more days in the State at the relevant address is a legal requirement for the issuance of the permit. They also check that the vehicle is insured at the address where the person resides.

Effectively, the Council is ignoring the best evidence of residence at the address which would be a copy of the Vehicle Registration Certificate which will be issued to any purchaser of a car, resident in Ireland or anyone becoming resident in Ireland who is legally required to register the vehicle within at least 30 days, sometimes sooner.

The situation could be easily remedied by the conditions for a successful application for a parking permit to include a copy of the VRT certificate showing the address. A foreign registered vehicle which has not been re-registered will not be able to comply with this requirement.

Having the vehicle registered correctly here should be a duty of all State bodies who have the ability to assist with compliance. As well as dealing with issues around compliance with motor duty and VAT requirements for imported vehicles, it also helps to bring all vehicles driving on the roads here by residents of Ireland within the NCT process. If an English or NI vehicle is imported into Ireland and is not registered here, it falls outside the vehicle safety checks in Ireland.

I accept that the existing position does not require the production of the correct document but it would be interesting to hear why the Council thinks that it could not amend the application process to assist with compliance with tax laws and road safety. GDPR is not an excuse for inaction when already the Council asks for the insurance cert and two other ID documents. The Council is not a private car park operator who might have legal constraints. It is the gatekeeper of legal compliance for vehicles parking on our public streets."

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2024, which are approved by Council, govern the issuing of Residential Parking Permits. As previously outlined, Dublin City Council must work within the remit of these Bye Laws when determining if a person is eligible to obtain a permit based on the criteria, set out in the Bye Laws. Dublin City Council is only authorised to collect this data for the specific purpose of issuing a permit, we are not authorised to collect data for any other reason. Any change to the requirements set out in the Bye Laws would need to be done as per the process set out in Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and would ultimately need to go back to Council for approval.

The issue of requesting VRT as part of a Residential Parking Permit may be examined when the Bye Laws are being reviewed at a later date.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the housing options available to (details supplied), mother of two young children, and living in the parents' home in what is a difficult and stressful environment.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 06/06/2023, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
B	2	709
D	2	414
E	2	831

The applicant has recently been approved for Homeless HAP.

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

Dublin City Council are increasing the number of units that are being allocated through the Choice Based Letting Scheme, such vacancies are advertised on the DCC website. If there are no properties available at present, nothing will be advertised. Applicants can only apply for properties in their chosen areas that meet the size requirement of their household.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a stone facade to be installed on the walls that surround Drimnagh Castle, on Landsdowne Gate, Dublin 12, as well as the wall at the bottom of Slievebloom Park, facing Long Mile Road, Dublin 12.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The walls in question are privately owned structures that the City Council has no role in the maintenance or development of.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of tree stumps on Slievebloom Park, adjacent to Drimnagh Castle Primary School.

The trees were cut roughly three years ago.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks will include these stumps into our next stump removal tender. This work is likely to be carried out in the coming months.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to explore the possibility of opening a tourist information office on Long Mile Road, Dublin 12, in close proximity to Drimnagh Castle.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Tourism Information Offices in Dublin and nationally are provided by Fáilte Ireland. The majority of tourist information offices for Dublin are city centre locations where there is high footfall of visitors seeking information. The most recent office opened beside City Hall and is getting a high level of engagement with visitors to the city. Each office supplies information on a wide range of tourism offering and events and information on Drimnagh Castle can be provided through the existing network of offices

and on line resources on [www.visitdublin.ie](http://www.visitdublin.ie) which is also managed by Fáilte Ireland. Information is provided for a wide range of culture and heritage sites in and around the city. Drimnagh Castle is a meticulously restored medieval castle and has its own excellent tourist information website [www.drimnaghcastle.org](http://www.drimnaghcastle.org) while also plays a key role in prominently publicised and promoting this city asset. Other websites *Discover Ireland* contains information for visitors.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the proposed Padel Centre at Bushy Park could he outline the number of tender applications received; the names of those who submitted an application and the date on which a decision will be made.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tender for a Multi-Party Framework Agreement to Manage the Pavilion, Tennis Courts and Padel Courts in Bushy Park, Dublin 6 closed for submissions on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. I am unable to provide the number of tenders submitted or the names of those who tendered whilst the tender process is still active. Tenders received will be assessed in the coming weeks and once completed, a Contract Award Notice will be published on the E-tenders website when the contract is in place, in line with procurement legislation.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive does the council have a policy in relation to Tree pruning and action plan in relation to nuisance claims from residences where repeated request have been made for the council property to encroach on their property.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The policy in relation to public trees overhanging neighbouring properties can be consulted in our Dublin City Tree Strategy ([https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/2018-08/Dublin\\_City\\_Tree\\_Strategy\\_2016-2020.pdf](https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/media/file-uploads/2018-08/Dublin_City_Tree_Strategy_2016-2020.pdf)).

Please see below the paragraph in relation to public trees overhanging neighbouring properties.

Council will not prune trees that overhang neighbouring properties unless the trees are dangerous or are causing actionable nuisance. The Council has no legal obligation to prune overhanging trees unless they are causing direct damage to an adjacent property or are imminently dangerous. This reflects the Council's position as an owner of thousands of trees and the resources available. Given that many thousands of Council trees overhang boundaries, it is not an effective use of resources to prune every overhanging limb. Tree roots in gardens are a natural occurrence and root presence is unlikely to be affected by tree pruning. However, situations where a tree is genuinely generating root encroachment to an exceptional, severe and unreasonable degree are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Kilmore Road/ Ardmore Junction new light junction upgrades as there is a request that it is priorities

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The TAG Group has previously recommended that additional pedestrian crossings at this junction be provided and it has already been included for consideration on a works programme for 2024.

The NTA confirmed the funding allocations for 2024 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Funding of €3,750,000 has been made available for installing pedestrian crossings across the Dublin Administrative Area.

The Traffic Section will be meeting with North Central Area Councillors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April to gather their views on which other locations they wish to prioritise prior to finalising the works programme for 2024.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on a community event to be hosted in the Ellen field Park in Whitehall.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Community and Social Development Team, Artane-Whitehall LEA are starting the process of planning a family fun day for Ellenfield Park, Whitehall, Dublin 9. It is hoped the event will be in Q3 2024. The event will be advertised locally and with all the community contacts within the Whitehall, Santry area.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of complaints made in the last 3 years, in relation to trip and fall where tree roots had caused a lift in the path to cause uneven surfaces, and of these how many request where in for maintenance on the surface in the 12 months prior.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services records customer services requests on a Transport Asset Management System (TAMS). During the three year period from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, over 40,000 individual customer service request have been recorded on this system, that relate specifically to road maintenance issues.

These service requests include the reporting of potholes on the City's roads and streets, damaged footpaths (either due to tree roots lifting the path or other non-tree related issues), damaged street furniture, oil spills, overgrown hedges, utility reinstatement related issues, requests for vehicular dishings, collapsed manholes, fallen trees, street nameplates etc.

Whilst over 7,000 of these service requests have been recorded for issues concerning footpaths for the period in question, the system does not specifically record the number of trips and falls that arose as a result of footpath issues and footpath issues that relate to tree roots.

Please further note that during the same three year period Road Maintenance Services crews repaired and made safe approximately 18,000 defects and hazards on the road and footpath network. These included repairs to footpaths that were damaged as a result of tree roots.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for information on the number and nature of maintenance requests from people living in Cromcastle Court over the previous twelve months, how long it took to resolve each maintenance request and a statement on the maintenance of the common areas of the flat complex, including the bin shoots, grass and play areas

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are currently de-tenanting people from Cromcastle Court. Emergency requests are dealt with within 48 hours and standard requests are dealt with within eight weeks. We have a caretaking service which maintains the common areas of the complex.

**Q.25 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with housing maintenance to replace the front door at (**details supplied**). This is a tenant of ours whose door is in extremely poor



condition. She has tried stopgap measures to remedy this but it really needs replacing as there is significant draft. Furthermore, to ask housing maintenance to look at the work done in her driveway where some potholes were tarmacadam over and work was to a very poor standard. Her contact details are provided.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance have agreed with tenant to replace this hall door. The door has been ordered and it will take approximately 6 weeks for delivery. The driveway falls under the tenant's responsibility.

Q.26 **COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive what measures the council has taken to comply with the motion regarding support for the Palestinian BDS Movement voted through this council in 2018 and if an 'Apartheid Audit' has been completed by the council to assess where and how we can support BDS as per the elected members' wishes.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The legal responsibility for all procurement by the City Council rests with the Chief Executive, as against the Elected Members. In exercising this responsibility, the Chief Executive is obliged to comply with statutory national and EU procurement frameworks that already provide specified grounds for exclusion. Dublin City Council is required to meet its procurement obligations including the equal treatment of all parties and not deliberately restrict the market. The motion agreed by Elected Members in 2018 would have resulted, if implemented, in Dublin City Council being in breach of its procurement obligations.

In this context, the Chief Executive will not conduct an audit aimed at establishing compliance with the BDS campaign as the campaign is in breach of both national and EU procurement frameworks.

Q.27 **COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the planning enforcement section examine the development on Killester Avenue East (65-67) and compare the artists impressions from the application with the actual height of the building to determine whether these are consistent. Local residents believe there is a significant disparity between images provided prior to development and the actual result.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning Enforcement Section will set up an enforcement file and investigate the issue brought up in this question as to whether the building height is planning compliant. The Councillor will be informed of the results of the investigation once the building height has been measured.

Q.28 **COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to erect signage in the vicinity of the bathing shelters on Bull Island to remind people to dispose of food carefully as last year there was an issue with rats. Furthermore, to ask the manager to engage with the food outlet on site – which is under license with the council I believe - regarding same and engaging with their customers to ensure appropriate disposal of food waste.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Parks Service will liaise with the in-house signage department to come up with appropriate signage that might inform the issue which will be erected at appropriate locations at the shelters and café.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full maintenance inspection of (**details supplied**) the family have no heating, no hot water, water ingress on their balcony, their windows and backdoor need replacing. These conditions are intolerable and are having a significant detrimental impact upon the family.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will log this for the tenants and all necessary works will be carried out. An inspection will also be carried out on the water ingress on the balcony, the windows and backdoor.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the level of existing street lighting and public lighting in (**Details supplied**); consider where additional lighting columns can be installed; and to indicate a timeframe for the installation of any new lighting columns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following report provides an update on the street lighting and public lighting (**details supplied.**)

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that a Community Consultative Forum be established as part of the redevelopment of (**Details supplied**); as Co-Chair of a similar forum for the O'Devaney Gardens housing project, such an initiative is necessary and would be of benefit to both the City Council and the local community and I urge the Chief Executive to agree to this request; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The PPP Project Team are due to commence on site in Q4 2024. As part of the community engagement for this site, it was agreed that a Community Liaison Officer would be appointed for the duration of construction.

Once the preferred tenderer has been appointed, the PPP Project Team will engage with officials in the Central Area to establish a Community Liaison Officer.

The Area Housing Manager will work with the PPP Project Team to establish the most appropriate forum in advance of construction commencing on site.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many metered on-street parking spaces are there in the city of Dublin in the various categories, Red, Yellow, Green, , Orange, and Blue, and those metered only on certain weekend days?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently a total of 1,082 meters. They are broken down between the following colour zones:

Yellow Zone – 370 Meters

Red Zone – 281 Meters

Orange Zone – 177 Meters

Green Zone – 230 Meters

Blue Zone – 24 Meters

The “white zone” which is paid parking on Sundays from 2pm to 6pm would usually be considered the yellow zone on all other days of the week. The information on 37 of these meters updates every Sunday from 2pm – 6pm from yellow zone to white zone.

The area concerned would be parts of the inner city (included in the map attached) - <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-12/parking-fees-map-2024.pdf>

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive what was the annual revenue from metered parking in each of the last five financial years 2019, 2020,2021,2022,2023?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A response will issue to the Councillor directly on this.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many residents are in receipt of parking badges (under the €50 per annum scheme) entitling them to park without payment at metered spaces on specified streets?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 20,830 permit holders within the Dublin City Council area. These Residential permits once displayed on the residents' vehicles authorise them to park on the road displayed on their permit. The permit holder can purchase either a 1 year or 2 year permit.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many blue permits for disability claimants are in issue in Dublin.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parking Enforcement don't issue these permits, you would need to contact the Irish Wheelchair Association to find out the numbers issued.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Planning Department, in regard to enquirers about the historic building, Rathmines Post Office, being removed as a post office for so many residents in the areas. See (**Details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Rathmines Post Office, formerly the Telephone Exchange is an imposing 1934 Art Deco building on Rathmines Road Upper and is a protected structure- RPS no.7247. Chapter 11 of the City Development Plan – Built Heritage & Archaeology, includes a series of policies and objectives to conserve and enhance our protected structures. Dublin City Council does not own this building and as such, has no role in the decision of An Post to close the Post Office. Planning permission is required for any works or change of use which would materially affect the character of the protected structure or its special interest. The Conservation Section is available to advise owners of protected structures in relation to development and conservation proposals.

The Planning Authority will assess any future planning application in accordance with the provisions of the 2022-2028 City Development Plan and ensure any proposed use aligns with the zoning objective and the preservation of the integrity of the protected structure.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive and Roads Department in regard to the enquirers about parking in certain parts of Rathgar Avenue which can be dangerous for children in the area. See (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The query regarding the traffic situation at the junction of Rathgar Avenue, Garville Avenue, and Garville Avenue Upper is currently being assessed by the TAG area engineer. Consideration to include the junction in the future road works program is underway.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive when the traffic lights at the junction of Mayor Street Upper and Wapping Street (beside Spencer Dock LUAS stop) will be programmed so that concrete bollards can be removed allowing for through traffic from North Wall Quay, and from Sheriff Street Upper.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The upgrade works at the junction immediately beside The Spencer Dock Luas stop are being undertaken by the developer building the adjacent buildings. Once the upgrade works have been completed by the developer DCC will be in a position to open the junction. We are currently waiting for the developer to complete the works which were originally scheduled for last year. We have written again to the developer's agent asking for an update.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that this council advances the refurbishment and upgrade of (**Details supplied**) so that we can consider utilising the community property for community purposes such as early years childcare and education, training programmes to assist parents of children with neurodiverse needs; dedicated space for senior citizens in the area; and that any alternative plans for the site to be shelved; and if he would make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council acknowledges the needs reported within the Central Area of services for Childcare. This matter is also a focus of the North East Inner City (NEIC) Programme Implementation Board which has a broad representation of Central Government Departments including Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. DCC has committed to the North East Inner City (NEIC) Programme Implementation Board to review vacant properties within the area for consideration as suitable properties for Childcare provision. The (**details supplied**) is one of the buildings currently under consideration. Recommendations as to what the future use of this and other Council owned properties will be brought to the Active Land Management team chaired by the Chief Executive.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR MAIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Requests for help with serious ASB from residents throughout the inner city appears to have increased exponentially over the last number of months? To ask if this is reflected in the demands of those responsible for implementing DCCs "Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy?"

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Councils Central Estate Management Unit structure will oversee the implementation of the ASB Strategy Fostering Safer Communities across the Council, provide or arrange the provision of necessary training, collect necessary data on activity levels, ensure a consistency of approach to dealing with ASB complaints and finally ensure required levels of inter-agency cooperation. The Unit works closely with all our Estate Management Teams in the Area Offices on these matters.

Our overall objective is to provide safe and peaceful neighbourhoods for Dublin City Council tenants, and their neighbours, to reside and work in. We will aim to prevent and reduce incidences of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in affected communities where citizens are negatively affected. We will deliver this through strategies that are based on Prevention, Partnership, Enforcement, and Continuous Improvement. Below is a summary of the commitments that we will adhere to in the delivery of this strategy. Dublin City Council's commitments to prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour are:

- Proactive Estate Management: Prevention & Early Intervention
- Working In Partnership: Building Key Relationships
- Consequences for Anti-Social Behaviour which affects the Community
- Effective Complaints Response: Efficient Investigation and Proportionate Sanctions
- Continuous Improvement: Investing in the Delivery of our Strategy.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR MAIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Following the Department of Transport's recommendations for cost effective yet safe alternative zebra crossings (without Belisha beacons) can the Active Travel Unit/Traffic Department provide a draft plan of potential suitable locations within D8 that includes a schedule of works for their installation please?"

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DCC Traffic section is currently engaged in a consideration of the recently issued guidelines on Zebra Crossings from the DoT. Issues including road safety, suitability of location, technical engineering aspects and resource availability need to be addressed in advance of a City wide adoption of Zebra Crossings.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR MAIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the Dublin City Council Sports Action Plan 2024-2029 prioritise the refurbishment of the numerous "pocket pitches" dotted throughout the city which will support the vision of "More Active, More Often"?"

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An Outdoor Recreation Officer will be assigned to oversee the assessment of all green / open spaces and parks. The role will involve an assessment of green / open spaces and parks within Dublin City the purpose of which will be to investigate the opportunities available for physical and recreation activities.

The goal is that this role and the work undertaken will create opportunities for highlighting and empowering activity in these spaces on an ongoing basis.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR MAIRE DEVINE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the surprisingly successful dog fouling initiative taken by Galway LA in stencilling messages to owners on foot paths and fluorescent spray painting poo be piloted in the D8 area.

Please refer to the attachment.

[Galway's dog poop problem halved after council's bizarre spray paint campaign | Irish Independent](#)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are considering introducing a pilot stencilling initiative in the Dublin 12 area and if successful will roll out to other areas in the city. There are no plans in place to spray fluorescent paint on dog poo in any area of Dublin

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline progress to date on the upgrading of our public lighting system to a more carbon efficient system across the city and in particular to indicate any public/private collaborations involved in this upgrade

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report will issue to the Councillor in advance of the May meeting of the City Council

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the approach used by our Planning section to assess and adjudicate on planning applications so as to meet the following Development Plan Objective QHSN3 (ii) 'To encourage the establishment of sustainable residential communities by ensuring a wide variety of housing typologies and tenures is provided throughout the city in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Need Demand Assessment and any future Regional HNDA'. i.e. how do we ensure a balanced tenure mix in the immediate and wider area where the proposed residential development is being proposed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The HNDA prepared to inform the Housing Strategy of the City Development Plan clearly demonstrated that there is ample justification for the full implementation of the Part V housing provision of the current Planning legislation; and also any expansion of the 10% social housing to include 10% additional affordable. As a result all planning applications for the City above the relevant thresholds of 10 units must comply with the full extent of Part V as currently allowed for.

Alongside this, the objective is also implemented through the work of Local Area Plans and SDRAs; whereby the Council encourages the provision of a greater level of tenure mix than currently provided for. For example in the implementation of the Ballymun LAP; the identification of sites for affordable rental and/or purchase or varied types of AHBs are actively encouraged to provide a greater mix for the area. Also part of providing this mix is the building of working relationships with the LDA, who can provide affordable rental and/or purchase on a mix of public and privately purchased land to expand the variety of housing typologies in many of the large regeneration areas. The Council will continue to use the current legislation; its functions as a landowner and also by engaging with other key stakeholders working on housing delivery; to ensure that the objective continues to be successfully implemented.

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for a Moatfield Estate name stone to be installed on the grass area at entrance from Tonlegee Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain team will make provision in 2024 for a name stone to be installed in this area.

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for litter bins installed at grass area along Moatfield Park, and at laneway from Moatfield on to Tonlegee Road shops.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned locations assessed and litter levels monitored there over the coming weeks to see if there is a requirement for litter bins there.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for a 'No litter' sign to be erected at laneway from Moatfield on to Tonlegee Road shops.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Team will make provision for a "No Dumping" sign to be erected in this laneway in the coming weeks.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make provision for speed calming measures/ramps to be installed throughout Moatfield estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Administration team have been in touch with the Councillor for further information and when we receive this (Enquiry Ref: 7038532) will be referred to the Area Engineer for assessment and report to the Transport Advisory Group for their consideration.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the EV fast charging point pilot, to ask how many locations are being piloted, their location, the intended timeline for the pilot, the process for assessing the experience after the pilot and DCC's intended timeline for all of this and if he will comment on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy (DLAEVCS) was published in June 2022 to anticipate the demand for services across Dublin City and County. Dublin City Council agreed that the 'Rapid Hub' (rather than 'Mixed') technology scenario would be the better model to align with the City's development, transport and climate action objectives.

Based on the 'Rapid Hub'<sup>(\*)</sup> Medium (Curtailed) Scenario the DLAEVCS anticipates the following demand for Public EV charging points in the City by end of 2025;

- Residential 65
- En-Route 19
- Destination 280
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It is expected that the majority of these charge points will be installed and operated by private sector investors.

DCC's role in public EV charging is as a facilitator rather than an operator in the establishment and maintenance of a public EV charging network. However, to encourage the private sector participation and investment the 4 Dublin Local Authorities agreed to run a pilot project to install up to 200 Electric Vehicle charging points at 'easy win' publicly owned facilities.

DCC identified the following locations as suitable for the pilot project;

- |    |                            |                    |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | St. Anne's Park            | North Central Area |
| 2. | Clontarf Bus Garage        | North Central Area |
| 3. | Strand Road, Sydney Parade | South East Area    |
| 4. | Mary's lane                | Central Area       |
| 5. | Donnybrook (The Crescent)  | South East Area    |
| 6. | Milltown (Strand Terrace)  | South East Area    |
| 7. | Ballyfermot Leisure Centre | South Central Area |

8.	Raheny Library	North Central Area
9.	Cabra Parkside Leisure Centre	Central Area
10.	Finglas, Wellmount St.	North West Area
11.	Clonskeagh (Farmer Browns)	South East Area
12.	Bushy Park (Rathdown Avenue)	South East Area
13.	Cabra Library	Central Area
14.	Walkinstown Library	South Central Area

Procurement for the pilot project was managed by Fingal County Council. The procurement process is currently underway. A number of submissions have been received and are being reviewed.

The DLAs expect that the successful tenderer will be appointed by the end of May, 2024 and that works will be substantially complete by the end of December 2024.

\*Rapid Hub – All public residential charging demands are met by rapid EVCPs. It is envisaged that in the short-medium term this would likely be 1 or 2 chargers installed together, and in the medium-long term “proper” hubs would be developed (e.g. 6 + EVCPs)

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline exactly the options to local authority tenants with regard to waste disposal and collection, to set out the grounds upon which tenants are only allowed use bags for waste collection as opposed to bins and if he will comment on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

Local Authority Tenants who reside in Dublin City Council flat complexes generally have communal bins supplied for their use within the complex and an appropriate charge for this service is applied to their monthly rent.

Local authority tenants who are living in single housing have exactly the same options and responsibilities as all private rented dwellings in that they are required to make an arrangement with a private waste collector of their choice who will provide them with the service they require. There are no properties in the city where tenants are only allowed use bags and it is the preferred option of the City Council that bins must always be used whenever possible because of the problems associated with the presentation of waste in bags. Notwithstanding this it must be accepted that in many properties throughout the city the option to use a bin is not practical because the properties simply do not have off street storage for bins.

In such cases, the street will generally be given a derogation, which permits the presentation of waste in bags. Again, the resident, private or City Council tenant must make a private arrangement with a waste collector for the supply and collection of their waste bags. Currently almost 900 streets around the city have such derogations.

We also actively encourage the use of the many bottle banks and bring centres located across the city to ensure the maximum amount of waste is recycled. Residents also have an option to bring their bagged waste to a local Civic Amenity site and dispose of it there for an appropriate fee if this suits their specific needs.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DECLAN MEENAGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to publish the full terms of the settlement between Greyhound Household Unlimited Co and Dublin City Council on foot of the case taken to the Commercial Division of the High Court in 2023 and if he will comment on the matter.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Legal case in question was struck out on agreement between the parties with no Order as to costs when Dublin City Council took the decision not to proceed with the Competition.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council Housing Department has had an opportunity to review the recently published report "Opportunities and challenges of vacant above the shop units for residential use in Ireland" (collaboration between Dublin Simon Community and Kathleen Stokes of Dublin City University) and if the recommendations therein would be of interest/use to DCC in facilitating over the shop planning permissions in accordance with and in compliance with our Development Plan.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The report "Opportunities and challenges of vacant above the shop units for residential use in Ireland" by Dr. Kathleen Stokes and Michelle Connolly, has been reviewed by officials in the Housing & Community Services and Planning & Property Development Departments. The report is welcomed and the findings and recommendations will of be value in the development of policy in relation to urban commercial vacancy.

The writers of the report have been invited to give a presentation at the next meeting of the Planning Strategic Policy Committee in Dublin City Council, This will enable a discussion of the recommendations and their implication for planning policy.

Dublin City Council continues to grant permission for proposals for the conversion of over the shop units for residential purposes, with over 60 new residential apartments granted permission in the past four months. In the same period 3 notifications of intention to avail of the planning exemption for change of use from commercial to residential with a potential to provide 9 residential units have been entered on the record.

The Planning Department continues to deliver the Living City Initiative. It is acknowledged as identified in the report, that there are limitations to this initiative which has led to a low uptake of the incentives available.

The Adaptive Reuse Unit in the Housing and Community Services Department, established in October 2022, is managing a programme of projects involving the acquisition of commercial property and the conversion of these properties to apartments for residential use. This programme addresses the complex challenges associated with addressing vacancy over the shop as outlined in the DCU/DSC VATSU report and is taking advantage of opportunities that are presented by increasing commercial vacancy for the creation of new housing solutions. The findings of the Adaptive Reuse Unit over the past 18 months, having completed a number of feasibility studies on the conversion of commercial property to residential, have been broadly in line with the findings of the VATSU report and this unit would agree with most of the recommendations that are made in the report. The availability of appropriate funding mechanisms for these types of projects is a limiting factor for expansion of the programme.

Some of the recommendations made in the report are already being progressed. For example:

Adaptive Reuse projects are being delivered with the support of a multi-disciplinary Programme Advisory Group that has been established to include colleagues from a range of departments in Dublin City Council including planning, valuers, architects,

conservation, heritage, quantity surveyors, building control and fire safety. This allows projects to be de-risked from a planning and cost perspective.

Representatives from the Adaptive Reuse Unit in the Housing and Community Services Department and from the Planning and Property Development Department form part of a working group established by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that has been tasked with making recommendations for promoting the development of vacant commercial property. This group is looking at all vacant commercial property including vacancy over active and inactive commercial units at ground floor level. A draft report from this working group is due to be presented to the Minister for Housing in June of this year.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

Given that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DOHLGH) sets targets for DCC for inspection of dwellings in the private sector, can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, the subvention/recoupment received from the DOHLGH for 2021, 2022 and 2023 covered the cost of the inspections carried out or if not, how much does DCC have to pay for this scheme from its own resources.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Inspections are undertaken by Environmental Health Officers to enforce standards in private rented properties under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulation 2019. These Regulations require landlords of rented properties to ensure that the properties meets certain minimum standards. Funding for inspections paid by the DOHLGH is paid at a rate per inspection of a dwelling and per dwelling that is compliant or brought into compliance with the standards. The funding received does not cover the full cost of inspections. The table below sets out the summary outcome for each of the three years concerned.

	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Net Cost to DCC</b>
<b>Inspections 2021:</b>	3,663	€ 1,422,789	€ 513,200	€ 909,589
<b>Inspections 2022:</b>	6,532	€ 1,423,709	€ 815,900	€ 607,809
<b>Inspections 2023:</b>	6,611	€ 1,460,064	€ 943,900	€ 516,164

The funding Rate is €100 per inspection and up to the end of March 2023, €50 per property that is compliant or brought into compliance with the standards. The €50 rate was increased to €100 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 in recognition of the importance of the objective of bringing properties into compliance with the standards, something that Dublin City Council had made representations to the Department regarding.

An additional point of note is that targets are set for Dublin City Council based on the number of registered tenancies to be inspected, however, subvention is not paid per inspection of a registered tenancy, instead, it is paid for each inspection of a dwelling.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR NAIL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

In relation to the COVID-19 essential works carried out at Belcamp (Traveller accommodation) can the Chief Executive confirm the final cost of the works completed

and to also confirm how much of this has been recouped from the DOHLGH and if there are any outstanding amounts to be recouped.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Covid Essential works in the Belcamp area commenced in 2020. Total spent to date amounts to €4,777,907.07. To date, the Traveller Accommodation Unit has recouped €1,790,343.50 of the overall spend from DOHLGH. Total spend of €331,993.08 was deemed to be un-recoupable by DOHLGH. Total spend of €2,647,774.29 relating to permanent ESB works remains under review with DOHLGH.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the amount of the Financial Contribution towards the St. Patrick's Festival 2024 (paid by CRES under Manager's Order 31490 CRES/0048/2024) and the payment made to the St. Patrick's Festival (paid by the Central Area under Manager's Order 29664 CA/0021/2024) and could the Chief Executive explain the rationale behind the latter payment give that the Festival is a citywide event and not confined to the Central Area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**CRES Response:**

I can confirm the financial contribution towards St. Patrick's Festival 2024 (CRES/0048/2024) from CRES is €423,000 to be paid as follows:

- 50% on signing of Memorandum of Agreement
- 20% on the launch of the core festival programme
- 30% post event, on the satisfactory completion of a post event report

In relation to the payment authorised to St. Patricks Festival under Central Area under Manager's Order 29664 CA/0021/2024 this relates to the North East Inner City (NEIC) Pageant which took part in St. Patricks Day Parade 2024.

The proposal for the NEIC to take part in the 2024 parade was proposed by the NEIC Programme Office, in consultation with the Central Area Community Development team. A funding application was considered and approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board and Budget Sub Group in January 2024 to contribute €25,000 to St. Patricks Festival from the NEIC Initiative with match funding of €25,000 from the Central Area NEIC budget programme.

St. Patrick's Festival, Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative partnered to celebrate the North East Inner City and its historic relationship with the St. Patrick's Festival.

A co-production between the three organisations, a first for 2024, included over 200 participants on March 17th as the pageant celebrated the energy, resilience and talent that make up the community of the NEIC, shining a light of positivity over the story and power of the NEIC and the Talent, Strength, Hope, Diversity and Joy in this community.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would list the Dublin City Council sponsored applications to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht Sport and Media for consideration under the current round of the Sport Capital Grants scheme which closed some months back, also if the projects under consideration or being implemented under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund can be similarly listed

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Sport Capital Grant Applications under the last round which have yet to get approval from the Department are:

1. St Catherine's Cardiac Rehabilitation –gym equipment.
2. Irishtown Refurbishment of the Athletic Track.

In respect of large scale infrastructural fund, an announcement is due in the first half of 2024 with dates, T & C's etc. to be published on department's website as per Dail response to item 1226/24. Two applications were made in the last call for applications namely:

1. Dublin City Council is the applicant for the Dalymount Park Redevelopment Project.
2. Technological University Dublin as part of the redevelopment of Grangegorman intend to design and construct a new Indoor Sports Complex, Dublin City Council is the sponsor for this project.

Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services submitted eight (8) applications under the 2023 Sports Capital & Equipment Programme operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media. The eight applications are as follows:-

1. Brickfield Park - 7 a side All Weather
2. Herbert Park - Bowling Green
3. Kildonan Park – All Weather
4. Rockfield Park - Tennis Court upgrades
5. Silloge Golf Course – Drainage Works
6. Bunting Park - St. James Gaels - toilets
7. Willie Pearse Park - Outdoor Gym
8. Albert College Park - Tennis Ireland – new dome, upgrade to court lighting, improved shower/toilet facilities

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to playground equipment at (**details supplied**) and arrange for repair of same as a matter of urgency and give a timeline for same and if not repairable, please say when replacement equipment will be provided.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This piece of play equipment does seem to be particularly attractive to groups congregating in the playground after dark who overload the trampoline resulting in the damage observed and forcing the piece to be taken out of commission. This item has been repaired twice in the last 12 months and a contractor has been lined up to affect repairs once again. It seems that the previous repairs have used up the necessary parts that were in stock with the contractor and unfortunately replacements had to be ordered to affect this repair causing some considerable delay. If the damage experienced continues consideration will have to be given to the removal of this piece and its replacement with another item which might not be so vulnerable to damage.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

- Can the Chief Executive, in relation to trees at (**details supplied**), say:
- (a) When the work that was begun over a year ago will be completed
  - (b) What efforts he plans to make to put right the damage caused by tree to properties at details attached
  - (c) Why the work, begun over a year ago, has been left to drag on

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) The Parks Service has no record of any communication with this resident nor any commitment to remove this tree.
- b) The Parks Service does not carry out repairs to privately owned walls. If residents wish to initiate a claim against the council for repairs contact should be made on [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie) requesting a claim form.
- c) The Parks Service has no record of works having being commenced at this location.

A visual tree inspection 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 2024-25.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify the situation in relation to industrial/business units at (**details supplied**) and say:

- A) What is the current zoning of these properties
- B) When were they rezoned and who requested same, was it a management recommendation or a request from Councillors/Developers
- C) If he will agree to establish a Local Area Plan to guide future development
- D) If he will set up a Sub-committee of Area Committee to meet occasionally with DCC officials, and reps from local residents to discuss/future and provide input to them
- E) If the rezoning was done as support for this view that old industrial sites should be moved out to the M50 and these areas changed to residential
- F) If this is a City Council planning idea or a Government strategy
- G) If it is "old thinking" at this stage and if the strategy has been proofed against City Council & Government 2030/2050 climate strategy plans which seem to promote the creation of work places close to residential locations
- H) If he can point to locations where this policy of rezoning old industrial sites to residential can be viewed as achieved or successful
- J) If he will examine and make a statement on the matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In response to the question's nine elements, each are addressed below.

- a) The lands are zoned Z10- "to consolidate and facilitate the development of inner city and inner suburban sites for mixed uses".
- b) They were identified as part of the Z6 and Z7 study, on foot of an objective of the 2016 Development Plan; which took place in 2017-2019. As part of this study all Z6 and Z7 lands were reviewed. Some lands were brought forward for variation in 2020 and others were brought forward through the development plan process.
- c) The lands are not identified as one of the 18 locations for a local area plan/village improvement plan within the City Development Plan. Considering the limited size and extent of the area in question, the LAP process would not be appropriate.
- d) Any future development of these lands must be progressed through the statutory development management process which requires public consultation on any development proposal. None of the lands in question are in Council ownership. It would not be appropriate to set up a sub-committee of the NCAC to address future development management proposals or applications.
- e) The zoning of Z10, which has a requirement for a mixed use approach; supports the retention of employment uses on the lands by seeking consolidation and densification of uses; alongside the development of new residential as appropriate. All existing uses can continue to operate and expand as recognised existing operators, whether they are a conforming or non-conforming use.

- f) Supporting sustainable compact growth directly adjacent to existing high quality rail based transport station is a national, regional and local planning policy and also a key part of our climate response.
- g) The Z10 zoning seeks to create a mixed use environment that provides the opportunity for densification of both employment and residential locations.
- h) The Council recently adopted a masterplan for the Jamestown area of Finglas which saw a substantial area of land move from industrial zoning in the 2016 Plan to a regeneration mixed use zoning by way of variation. New planning applications for these lands are anticipated to be lodged over the coming months that will deliver a mix of housing, commercial and community uses. As an as built location, the North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock is over 90% complete as a post industrial area that has been significantly intensified for commercial and residential purposes from a low density and low use industrial area of the city at a highly accessible location.
- i) DCC will continue to actively promote and implement the policies and objectives of the City Development Plan, including Z10 sites such as the one identified in the question, through the statutory development management processes; to achieve positive sustainable regeneration and the delivery of much needed housing in high quality accessible locations, in tandem with employment.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive issue a full update regarding the cherry orchard investigation into cash payment for protection

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive is not in a position to provide an update at this time as the matter is with the Department of Housing and the Gardaí.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive present a full and frank report regarding the ongoing financial and governance issues that are ongoing regarding at Smock alley theatre

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Temple Bar Cultural Trust is currently involved in a legal process with the tenant of the building, Smock Alley Theatre CLG regarding the proposed municipal theatre at the venue. The TBCT board is being kept informed on developments in this regard and this is the appropriate forum given the fiduciary responsibilities of the board relating to the activities of the company. However, when this process has concluded a report will be brought before the Council and or the SPC.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the ongoing governance and financial crisis that is continuing at the Peter Mc Verry trust this report to include what measures and safeguards the DRHE have put in place and has a forensic audit been initiated by DCC into PMcVT.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

PMVT has ongoing engagement with the DRHE and the Department of Housing in relation to financial and governance matters. The DRHE is concerned with ensuring a continuity of services to people experiencing homelessness and that none of PMVT's service users are negatively affected during this time.

The AHB Regulatory Authority (AHBRA) and the Charities Regulatory Authority have appointed inspectors to carry out investigations into the affairs of PMVT.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to present a full report into the use of the building design yard in temple bar that is now being use by the Dublin theatre festival, this building was to have multiple use and multiple occupancy and was also to facilitate Arts companies and artists in its envelope, the building would have full occupancy and be arts active under the heading festival house. However, it would appear that this building which is closed for most of the year is actually excluding Artist and Arts practice and at companies.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Temple Bar Cultural Trust (TBCT) intends to carry out a series of fire and life safety improvements in 12 East Essex Street (formerly Design Yard). An architect has been engaged by TBCT with a view to commencing works in the coming months. There are a number of complexities with the building which has limited its ability to achieve full potential. Part of the planned refurbishment will involve an upgrade and reconfiguration of the front glazed screen, which will allow for enhanced heat retention in the building creating a much more usable space in the process. Temple Bar Cultural Trust are committed to working with the current tenant of the building to deliver a more visible and vibrant cultural building moving forward.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the amount of funding Dublin City Council allocates youth services in Dublin City and what are the services that receive this funding?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply will be issued to the Councillor within two weeks of the Council Meeting.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on any contact made with Ramallah and any progress made with the Treaty of Friendship.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In December 2023 the Lord Mayor, Daithí de Róiste and Mayor Issa Kassis of Ramallah, Palestine formally signed a City to City Friendship Agreement. International Relations are working to establish a programme of engagement that will support the City to City Friendship Agreement.

**Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive In noting concerns raised by youth services at the recent D12 Community Safety Forum, will Dublin City Council consider installing lighting in Eamon Ceant Park Crumlin, this would greatly assist night time outreach work with 'hard to reach' young people?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of now, there are currently no immediate plans for the installation of lights in Eamon Ceant Park. Although discussions have been held regarding the potential installation of lighting fixtures in the park, no concrete steps have been taken towards actualizing this proposal. Despite the interest and consideration, the decision so far has tended towards not proceeding with the installation of lights

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive manager to outline in tabular form how many people were charged for illegal dumping in Dublin City for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & so far in 2024, how many fines were issued during this time, how fines were paid during

this time and how much did DCC spend on removing and discarding illegal dumping during the same period?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Year	Fines issued	Fines paid	Fines cancelled on appeal	Prosecutions Initiated	Convictions obtained in court	Out of Court Settlements	Cost of illegal dumping removal, fleet, disposal, staff
2020	763	330	127	169	7	15	€991,403
2021	914	514	150	237	23	0	€904,670
2022	806	413	100	159	48	4	€997,784
2023	1197	645	139	263	31	17	€945,017
To date 2024	66	19	23	0	16	1	Q1 2024 not available as yet

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Road resurfacing could be arranged for (**Details supplied**), could DCC also examine installing more water drainage, there are only two drains in the entire cul-de-sac and this combined with the uneven road surface is leading to a large build-up of surface water and spot flooding during periods of rain.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Engineer will carry out a site visit on (**Details supplied**). Any extensive rutting/potholes will be repaired. The Area Engineer will review the surface water drainage in conjunction with our drainage colleagues.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if a speed bump could be installed on Hazelbrook Drive as the street is seeing an increase in use as a rat run.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following an assessment it was found that Hazelbrook Drive does not meet the criteria for speed ramps. The criteria for the installation of speed ramps are as follows:

- The road should have a straight run of approximately 200 metres.
- The 85th percentile speed (speed exceeded by 15% of vehicles) should exceed the posted speed limit.
- Traffic volumes should exceed 60 vehicles per hour.
- There should be genuine road safety concerns based on accident statistics or observed road safety patterns or a written report from an Inspector of the local Garda Síochána. As Hazelbrook Drive does not have a straight run of 200m, speed ramps are not recommended.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if an update could be provided on the proposed inclusion of Melvin Road and Neagh Road on the 2024 Footpath Resurfacing Programme.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Melvin Road and Neagh Road are not included on the Roads and Pavements Maintenance Programme 2024. The Area Engineer will add Cllr. Ceitinn's request to a list with other pavements seeking resurfacing for consideration in 2025. This list will be reassessed should future funding become available in 2024.



**Q.72 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive if further action could be taken in relation to the compulsory purchase of an abandoned property (**details supplied**).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A number of sites on the Derelict Sites Register, including the one which is the subject of the question, have been identified for potential acquisition and preparations are underway to commence the process.

These acquisitions form part of the Council's ongoing acquisition strategy, in place since 2017, which is a key part of our Active Land Management Initiative to tackle dereliction and which has yielded very positive results. All sites entered on the Derelict Sites Register can be considered for acquisition and sites do not have to be entered on the Register for a particular time before they can be considered for acquisition.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the programme of works planned in 2024 for each administrative area as part of (**Details Attached**); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These are the works that the Division has planned to do this year with the budget that has been made available (**attached**).

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to account for why there is no left turn allowed from North Wall Quay onto Samuel Beckett Bridge to facilitate access by North Wall residents to the south quays.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Samuel Beckett Bridge states that the purpose of the bridge "is to provide greater levels of accessibility for all transport modes within the Inner City, while continuing to restrict thru-traffic from the City Centre." Dublin City Council implemented the 'No Left Turn' in accordance with the conditions imposed by the planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanála, in order to make provision for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. The bridge was intended to facilitate the orbital route traversing the City from North to South and visa-versa. During the public consultation phase held at the time, traffic noise and traffic volume levels would have been a factor considered as part of the EIS for residents living in the vicinity of the Bridge.

The Area Engineer therefore does not recommend rescinding the 'No Left Turn' from Sheriff Street Upper onto Guild Street, because the turning angle at the location is far greater than 100° and many motorists would be unable to safely manoeuvre around the corner.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the plans to open St. Werburg's Church for arts and culture use and if he will comment on the matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A Design Team was appointed a year ago and in 2023 and has set about the preliminary Design, Issues of alternative access through Castle Street are being resolved with assistance from the OPW. A Conservation plan for the cemetery one of the most important historical cemeteries nationally has been completed. Part 8 Panning already in preparation should proceed by summer 2024, Construction Procurement in the last Quarter of 2024 with construction to begin in early 2025.

It is intended that the Church will function as heritage visitor site and as a performing Arts venue. The Dublin city Council Culture Company will bring forward plans to operate the building when completed.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that when NO2 indicative level testing devices are installed across the city later this year that one is installed at the junction of North King Street and Bolton Street in Dublin 1.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Indicative Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring can be carried out using diffusion tubes. The tubes can be placed at site selected locations for consecutive months and the results obtained by laboratory analysis. More information about this can be found by accessing the below link.

<https://www.epa.ie/environment-and-you/air/diffusion-tube-results/>

The tubes must be placed at locations having regard to the site selection criteria in the Air Quality Standards 2011. They cannot be placed directly at junctions.

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit and the EPA commenced a diffusion tube survey of streets (including North King Street) in the North Inner City area to determine the contribution of traffic to air pollution levels in the area. The survey was initiated because of complaints from residents of the area about traffic volumes and associated air pollution levels. The survey started on 14/01/2024 and must be carried over a one year period to reference the results against annual mean limit values cited in the Air Quality Standards 2011. The results will be available from 14/01/2025. The diffusion tubes in place at North King Street will give an accurate indication of NO2 levels in this area.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR DEBORAH BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my question submitted in December 2023 which remains unanswered, whether the Chief Executive would, as outlined in the 2022-27 Dublin City Council Play Strategy and provided for under Temporary Minor Street Play Orders as per the 2013 DCC Traffic and Transport SPC, prioritise outdoor street play for children in Dublin Central by 1. Re-instating the Play Officer role and 2. Forming a Street Play Committee made up of local political and community representatives, community Gardaí, local area officials and other interested parties such as school boards.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services are committed to working cross departmentally to identify and develop Street Play opportunities as outlined in the 2022-27 Dublin City Council Play Strategy and provided for under Temporary Minor Street Play Orders as per the 2013 DCC Traffic and Transport SPC, prioritising outdoor street play for children in Dublin Central.

In addition a dedicated Parks person as Play Officer will work collaboratively with the area office and relevant stakeholder interests including other Dublin City Council Departments in forming a Street Play Committee for improving 'street play' opportunities such as pilot street play initiative/temp road closures.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the home adaptation of (**details supplied**) based on medical grounds.

The person is waiting for an update on the downstairs bedroom and bathroom, he can no longer get up the stairs due to bad health.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance received an application for adaptations from the tenant of **(details supplied)**. The clerk of works inspected the unit and the tenant was approved for works including ramped access, level access shower and a stair lift.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for a follow up on question 96 of the December 2023 meeting in relation to the cutting of grass verges.

- a) Has it been decided how the €650,000 will be spent?
- b) Will there be a change in policy from last year?
- c) Will verges be mapped or done through request?
- d) Did the meeting take place as planned in January?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2023 the Park Service collated a list of locations where grass verges were identified by residents and Councillors as being in need of maintenance and these were attended to in Q3 of 2023.

In 2024, funding has been allocated to maintain these locations once a fortnight throughout the growing season. In addition, we have identified a number of roads with wider margins which we have added to our landscape maintenance contract.

We can add any other locations that are identified in 2024 but there is no reason to expect that there will be many more locations. The evidence is that the majority of residents in the City are maintaining their grass margin as residents do in every other local authority.

As previously stated, any locations where residents or communities are in need of support by the City Council to cut grass margins can be emailed to [parks@dublincity.ie](mailto:parks@dublincity.ie).

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise the tag decision 7037289 in relation to double yellow lines for Ballygall Road West.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The aforementioned service request is currently going through the statutory process. The area engineer has requested it to be prioritised, and once the statutory process is completed, the traffic officer will be contacted to prioritise the installation of double yellow lines on Ballygall Road West.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in relation to Dublin City Council's role in deciding the locations of new bus stops for proposed changes with the City Wide Bus Connects role out.

- a) Are residents notified if a bus stop is being placed outside their home?
- b) As it goes through the TAG process how do residents raise concerns/objections
- c) Is a map available of new proposed bus stops per LEA?
- d) Is it the area committee roles to note the new locations or can a review be requested?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) Dublin City Council Bus and Coach Section have asked the NTA to provide an answer regarding notification of residents if a bus stop is being placed outside their home.

- b) The TAG section has been requested to complete the statutory consultation process with An Garda Síochana for the NTA BusConnects measures and to include the measures on the Area Agendas for Councillors information purposes.
- c) Dublin City Council Bus and Coach section have asked the NTA to provide a map per LEA of proposed new bus stops.
- d) Queries in relation to the measures should be forwarded to the NTA.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update on the following (detail supplied - when will his back garden be remedied and cleaned up? This is going on far too long I have sent in numerous representations, if funding is needed please use discretionary funding.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements were made with our contractor to cutback all the overgrown trees in 16 but they were unable to gain access to the property/rear garden on two occasions. Estate Management is liaising with the tenant and contractor to agree on a date for the works to be carried out. This will be done as a matter of urgency.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what is the update on (**details supplied**) housing application on exceptional social grounds, can you write out to her please so that we can progress housing for herself and her family

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I can find no record of an application to the Exceptional Social Grounds (ESG) Scheme from (**details supplied**). A copy of the ESG application form including information about the Scheme can be obtained by downloading it from <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/social-work-section> or by phoning the Social Work Section on 01 2222233.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive has the site (**details supplied**) been check for fire hazards, if it is commercial zoning, how can any residents be housed there?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DFB have received two separate applications for a Fire Safety Certificate, which were made through the BCMS for the proposed new use of this building to be used for residential purposes. DFB are assessing these applications to determine if compliance with Building Regulations has been demonstrated and achieved, and through engagement with the technical advisor we hope to be in a position to grant this application, once it has been finalised with our administrative processes it will be sent to the applicant.

Additionally the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 places responsibility on those in control of a premises for the fire safety in the premises.

In this regard, DFB has written to outline these responsibilities, to those in control of this building, and to request that a fire safety management plan is prepared and submitted to DFB outlining how they will meet their responsibilities.

DFB will continue to engage with the persons in control of this building going forward.

Exemptions from Planning exist for properties seeking to house IPA's and those fleeing war in Ukraine, there is no requirement to seek an Exemption Certificate, this matter is progressed by the Dept. of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The Zoning of land is not a restriction on the use of property for temporary accommodation under these Exemptions.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief can the below be dealt with please **detail supplied**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The cycle path arrangements referred to above have been in place for over a decade. They are due to be upgraded as part of the National Transport Authorities Bus Connects proposals for the Swords to City Centre Route. Further information can be found at <https://swordsscheme.ie/>.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following:

People are living longer than ever and many people still have so much skills they want to share within their community and City, Can Dublin City Council please look at developing a volunteer strategy to harness this potential where people could volunteer to do a few hours a week in their local Sports Centre, Library, Park etc. The knowledge many people have in the autumn years of life could be invaluable in bridging the intergenerational divide.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section works closely with the Dublin City Volunteer Centre that hosts the Public Participation Network (PPN). One of the main aims of the Dublin City PPN is to provide a mechanism for the sourcing of community representatives for Dublin City Council committees and networks such as SPCs. These roles are voluntary and the PPN actively seeks nominations from older people in the community who have a diverse range of skills.

In addition, the Dublin Volunteer Centre also connects individuals looking for appropriate volunteer roles to organisations looking to work with volunteers.

As part of this, older volunteers are encouraged to get involved through events such as 'Experience Counts – Volunteering for People 50 +'. The next session is taking place on Thursday 18 April 2024, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in Kevin's Street Library. This is a free event, booking in advance is not necessary and participants will find out about the latest opportunities in this space.

Dublin City Libraries very much appreciates and encourages the engagement by older people with our public libraries. However, we do not see the delivery of library services as a suitable role for volunteers.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive please ensure good estate management procedures are agreed before the allocation of the new apartments at Chapelizod Hill Ballyfermot Dublin 10 later in the year. I would have some concerns that due to the very high density here that it is essential we start the project off well to ensure all new tenants can aspire to and have a good life here. Is it our intention to appoint an approved housing body to manage this extensive development? If so can we ensure one is chosen who has a good track record in running, maintaining and managing such schemes.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This development will be managed by Tuath Housing on behalf of DCC, Tuath are required under the Service Level Agreement to provide a Tenant Induction training to all new tenants covering the following areas, the tenancy agreement – rights and responsibilities of tenant and landlord, how to make a complaint, repairs and maintenance, tenant participation, harassment, neighbour disputes, rents, paying utility bills. Anti-social behaviour will be managed by both Tuath Housing and the local

Area Housing staff in line with the DCC anti-social behaviour policy. Tuath Housing has many years' experience in managing schemes for Dublin City Council, along with the development and management of their own housing stock. DCC Housing management work closely with Tuath Housing in terms of management and maintenance of both new and existing housing schemes under their remit. All efforts will be made to ensure this new scheme is managed to the highest of standards for both tenants and the wider community.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please give an update of the schedule that will have to happen in order to deliver the new long awaited library for the people of Drimnagh / Crumlin at the Ard Scoile Enna Site at Crumlin Road, indicative time span, financing of the project and when the proposal will go to construction / expected completion.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Indicative Timespan:**

Stage	Timeframe	Note
Part 8 Planning Permission	5 months, ending September 2024	City Architects intend to lodge the Part 8 planning application by the end of April. Without objections, planning would be granted by the end of September 2024.
Detailed Design & Tender Documentation	12-16 months: January 2026	We anticipate that the detailed design and preparation of tender documentation could take a further 12-16 months, to include a consultant procurement process for a Design Team (3 months). Subject to grant of fire safety certificate and disabled access certificates.
Tender Action/Evaluation/Award	3 months: May 2026	Subject to availability of suitable framework to tender works to.
Construction	10-14 months: July 2027	Indicative construction programme of 9 months, subject to preferred tenderers availability to start on site and lead in times for materials.

Funding for this project is included in the current DCC CRES Capital Programme.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive Can the Planning Department please look at the following **(details supplied)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The relevant planning application number is **(details supplied)**. The compliance submission was received in relation to Condition no. 2 on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and the submission was considered to be in compliance with said condition. This submission was dealt with expeditiously by the Transportation Planning Division within the statutory time period, with a decision issuing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to direct Planning Enforcement and the Chief Fire Officer to carry out an inspection of the site at Beaumont Road, Beaumont, Dublin 9, formally known as Beaumont Drive-In,

a) To ascertain if the recent fire has caused the building to become a hazard for people who can currently access the site, and if the owner should be directed to demolish what remains of the building.

b) If the site could be properly secured with hoarding to prevent the persistent and serious dumping which is taking place at the site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DFB is aware that there is deliberate setting of fires at this site. The site consists of two derelict buildings on the site with heras fencing surrounding it. The Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 places responsibility on the owner of a Building for the fire safety in their building.

DFB wrote to the owner of the site (Urban Life) on 07/03/24 requesting that they act to prevent the deliberate setting of fires with the potential for fire spread to adjoining properties.

They responded via email on 13/03/2024 and confirmed that they would demolish the buildings and remove combustible material from the site. They also made the point that hard hoarding would afford privacy to individuals seeking to set fires. They committed to re-inforce the existing heras fencing.

DFB were informed that work to remove asbestos on the site was to start immediately, in March 2024, and it was considered it could take 2 weeks. The rest of the work to demolish the buildings and secure the site should take a further 2 weeks.

DFB will continue to monitor this site

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive if traffic lights can be installed at the junction of Ardmore Drive and Kilmore Road, Artane, Dublin 5. Residents of Admore/Montrose estate report severe difficulty in exiting from Ardmore Drive onto Kilmore Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The TAG Group has previously recommended that additional pedestrian crossings at this junction be provided and it has already been included for consideration on a works programme for 2024.

The NTA confirmed the funding allocations for 2024 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Funding of €3,750,000 has been made available for installing pedestrian crossings across the Dublin Administrative Area.

The Traffic Section will be meeting with North Central Area Councillors on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024 to gather their views on which other locations they wish to prioritise prior to finalising the works programme for 2024.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to direct the North Central Area management team to provide councillors with a Periodic Statement of Account in relation to the Discretionary Fund to provide a detailed overview of the financial activities throughout the year including allocations, disbursements and transfers. This will provide the transparency to ensure that the funds are being directed towards the intended purpose and highlight areas where most allocations are being made. Currently a statement of account is provided at the outset of the financial year when decisions on annual funding of projects are being made, with 'indicative' costs only provided for under the various sub-heads but no Statement of Account is ever provided at the end of the financial year showing the expenditure and /or carry-over of unspent monies into the following year's fund.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area office is liaising with the Councillor in regards to this request.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive does Dublin city council owns the laneway that starts between (**details supplied**) and if so could dcc arrange to have the lane cleared of dumped rubbish.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange for the lane to be cleared of rubbish.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update to when the overcrowding extension will be built for (**Details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Tenant (**details supplied**) is currently number 68 for an overcrowding extension. At present we are currently working through 41 medical priority extensions.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive when will the residential parking scheme begin on (**Details Supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

(**Details Supplied**) is on a Bus Connects Route funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA). It was agreed between the NTA and the residents of the road that regulated parking would be provided outside their homes. However, the NTA is still awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanála regarding the next steps on this matter. Dublin City Council has contacted the NTA for an update, and the Area Engineer is awaiting a reply. Once a reply has been received, the Area Engineer will inform the Councillor.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to contact (**Details supplied**) to discuss the installation of a drive-in for his garden).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proprietor of (**Details supplied**) will need to apply to Dublin City Council for planning permission to remove the property's front wall and construct a driveway within their front garden. They will also need to consult with Road Maintenance Services ([roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie)) in relation to the provision of a vehicular dishing in the existing footpath, outside of their property. Full details in relation to the provision of vehicular dishings, including associated costs, are available on Dublin City Council's website."

As such planning permission is required for the driveway rather than the vehicular dishing in the footpath

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the timeline for the completion of the signalised pedestrian system on the Coolock flyover? I'm conscious this is being led by TII and involves Fingal CC but many are frustrated at the drip feed progress of the infrastructure that is being put in.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Works are still ongoing but the pedestrian crossing at the Coolock Flyover is expected to be operational at the end of quarter two this year.



**Q.98 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange to repair and re-erect/ reinstall removed gate at (**details supplied**)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Repairs have been completed.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive for Dublin City council to address the following (**details supplied**).

The audit should consider:

1. The placement of Double Yellow Lines throughout the Estate, especially on corners. Due to illegal parking near corners, there are a number of blind spots for residents and through traffic which create dangerous situations. A total audit of where Double Yellows are necessary should be carried out and implemented;

2. The ad-hoc approach to dished footpaths for access to driveways. Footpaths throughout the Estate are grossly uneven and difficult to walk on for old people, people with mobility issues and people pushing buggies. DCC needs to standardize the dishing of footpaths throughout the Estate for access to driveways and ensure there is sufficient room on the footpaths for people walking by foot; and

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- (1) It is not current Dublin City Council policy to provide parking restrictions, such as double yellow lines, where restrictions are already covered under legislation. Under Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 section 36:2:c "A vehicle shall not be parked - within 5 metres of a road junction;"

Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS (email [info@dsps.ie](mailto:info@dsps.ie) or tel. no. 01 602 2500) or an Garda Síochána for enforcement.

If residents still feel parking is an issue, they may wish to apply for a pay and display/permit parking scheme (<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/parking-dublin-city-centre/start-parking-scheme>).

- (2) Dublin City Council manage vehicular dishing's through an application process. Residents must make an application for a vehicular dishing and further details on the process are available on the Dublin City Council website: <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/transportation/road-maintenance-services/modify-footpath-allow-vehicular-access>

On successfully applying for a vehicular access the dishing is constructed to Road Maintenance Services Construction Standards.

If there are footpaths within Bulfín estate that you would like to focus on, then these could be looked at for possible inclusion in our 2025 minor works program depending on condition and available funding.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much in derelict sites levies are owed and how much have been paid to DCC by owners of the following sites: Rialto Cinema, Dolphins Barn and 47-50 Dolphins Barn Street. Can the Chief Executive comment on

DCC's efforts to engage with the owners of these sites and current state of play with regard to bringing them back into use?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

355-361 South Circular Road, D8 – Rialto Cinema and 47-50 Dolphins Barn Street, D8

The Derelict Site Levy is 7% of market value. Outstanding levies attract interest at the rate of 1.25% per month. Outstanding levies including interest automatically become a charge on the land and will remain a charge on the land until all outstanding levies have been paid. In all cases the levies have been outstanding since entry on the Derelict Sites Register. Attempts to get the owner to render the properties non-derelict have been unsuccessful.

Levies demands, first and final, have issued, in these cases in 2022, 2023 and 2024 and remain outstanding. The Outstanding Derelict Sites Levies at 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024 are as follows;

<b>D.S.No</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Entered on the Derelict Sites Register</b>	<b>Amounts outstanding</b>
928	355-361 South Circular Road, D8 – Rialto Cinema	06.01.2021	€836,062.50
1518	Dolphins Barn Street, 43, D8	25.05.2021	€47,775.00
1122	Dolphins Barn Street, 44, D8	25.05.2021	€71,662.50
1123	Dolphins Barn Street, 45, D8	25.05.2021	€62,107.50
1124	Dolphins Barn Street, 46, D8	25.05.2021	€74,051.25
1125	Dolphins Barn Street, 47, D8	25.05.2021	€93,161.25
1126	Dolphins Barn Street, 48/48a	25.05.2021	€83,606.25
1127	Dolphins Barn Street, 49, D8	25.05.2021	€62,107.50
1128	Dolphins Barn Street, 50, D8	25.05.2021	€76,440.00

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR DARRAGH MORIARTY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on Dublin City Council plans for improvements to the disused informal carpark space at Goldenbridge Terrace, near the canal in Bulfin Estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A landscape architect firm have finished working on first draft of concept design for the Goldenbridge Terrace gravelled space. These concept plans have now been reviewed by internal Dublin City Council Departments, including South Central Area Office, Parks and Landscape Services, Drainage and Roads, with feedback given to the landscape architects and the draft plan is currently being revised.

Once design plans are agreed, the next stage includes finalising plans for presentation and public display (expected May/June 2024). Once feedback is received and considered then detailed design, bill of qualities for landscaping elements and planting schedules will be prepared.

It is expected that contractors should be on site for 6 to 8 weeks, in the second half of 2024.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on any plans to install a pedestrian crossing at the Hole in the Wall on Blackhorse Avenue and to install two speed bumps one either side of same at this dangerous location? A very popular spot, at all times, there needs to be speed reduction and pedestrian safety features added as a matter of urgency.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Currently there are no plans for a pedestrian crossing at the Hole in the Wall Pub as there is no suitable location to provide a controlled crossing. Blackhorse Avenue has currently 21 No. speed ramps along its entire length, including at the approach to the Hole in the Wall area. Roads where there is no traffic calming are considered priority over roads currently traffic calmed.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the residents of Connaught Street, Phibsborough, can hope to see the road surface replaced? Temporary pothole repairs were recently carried out, but the entire length needs attention.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will inspect the road and will add it to a list to be considered for future works programmes based on the road conditions. Please note that we prioritise the worse conditions due to the long list and budget limitation.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR EIMER MCCORMACK**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on why the speed bumps were removed at Quarry Road, Cabra, Dublin 7, and at what cost please?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The speed ramps were removed as they were not located within 8m of a road traffic junction and within 5m of a public light stand.

The Area Engineer is assessing the inclusion of further traffic calming measures for Quarry Road in 2024.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive outline if any traffic calming measures are currently being considered for **(details supplied)** particularly around the green due to the speed of vehicles.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are currently 5 No. speed cushions and one raised table on **(details supplied)**. According to Traffic Management Guidelines, it is recommended on bus and emergency service routes that speed cushions rather than ramps are provided to facilitate emergency vehicles and the safety of bus passengers. This allows the buses and emergency vehicles to straddle the cushions and proceed unhindered without damage to the vehicle. Therefore additional traffic calming is not recommended on Tolka Estate.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive outline if the cause of persistent flooding/pooling of water at the junction of Shanliss Way and Santry Avenue as it is a recurring problem

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We will liaise with our colleagues in the Drainage Dept. to arrange for gullies at this location to be jetted which should resolve this issue.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline if the traffic lights at the junction of (**Details supplied**) have been reviewed as there has been complaints that the sequencing is unsafe for pedestrians. Are any further changes being considered?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A review of the operation of the current traffic signals at the junction of (**details supplied**) will be carried out and a response issued once the review has been completed

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the installation of extra lighting at the entrance to (**details supplied**) as the walk from the N2 to the estate is quite dark for bus users and pedestrians.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A lighting assessment will be carried out at the entrance to (**details supplied**) to determine whether or not additional lighting may be needed at this location.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR FIONA CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive is there an update on the bike bunker scheme? Residents have been emailing to request a bike bunker for their street as they would like to have secure bicycle parking. I understand that the tender process for bike bunkers was due to conclude at the end of Q1 2024.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Road Safety and Micromobility Section is currently working on the Bike Bunker scheme tender process. Dublin City Council is planning to launch a competitive tendering process to select a contractor who will manage the comprehensive bike bunker operations, users and assets. After selecting a contractor, the council aims to collaborate with the winning tenderer to provide this service throughout the city and establish a goal of having 300 bike bunkers (by 2026), dependent on funding.

The procurement process for this scheme was scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2024, unfortunately this date was missed and this process is planned to kick off in April/ May 2024.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR FIONA CONNELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive Could Dublin City Council please clarify the legislation around footpath parking and how it is enforced. Recent changes to enforcement have caused significant distress to local residents who without notice have had the terms of how they use the public realm changed.

Clarity is needed on footpath parking. I get frequent emails from residents who previously parked with two wheels on the path to allow for road users to pass as well as leaving enough space for footpath users to pass and are now being clamped. Forcing them to park on the road is impacting on traffic and congestion, limiting parking spaces and increasing damage to parked cars. What is the current strategy for managing this issue? This is a divisive issue and leadership on this would be very welcome.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Section 36 (i) of The Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, outlines that parking on a footpath is illegal. Dublin City Council have to consider the needs of pedestrians and wheelchair users to be able to safely navigate the footpath. DSPS,

our enforcement contractor, carry out enforcement for footpath parking where vehicles have encroached onto the footpath making it unsafe for pedestrians and forcing them out onto the road to get past the vehicle. DSPS also must respond to complaints received from the public in relation to footpath parking. The onus is always on the motorist to ensure they park legally to guarantee that they are not enforced.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR FIONA CONNELLY**

To ask the Chief Executive could a children at play sign be installed at Grosvenor Park, Leinster Road please? Residents have raised this as an issue that was agreed previously and hasn't been fulfilled by DCC.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The South East area engineer has conducted an assessment of Grosvenor Park, Leinster Road for Children Crossing (W 142) road sign. Following the assessment, the Traffic Advisory Group recommends installing a Children Crossing (W 142) road sign at the entrance to Grosvenor Park. A request will be forwarded to the Councils Signage Team for installation in the coming weeks.



Proposed location of a Children Crossing (W 142) road sign at the entrance to Grosvenor Park.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the light poles at **(details supplied)** be painted due to bad condition they are in with rust.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The poles on **(details supplied)** are ESB Network poles and the painting of those poles is a matter for ESB. Only the lights, brackets and fuse units on those poles belong to DCC. This request will be forwarded onto ESB for their consideration.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the footpath at **(details supplied)** be repaired. Developers who were accessing an adjacent site damaged the path and put tarmac in to fix a number of years ago but the site is now developed and the footpath needs to be reinstated. The lip of the shore ud also coming up

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpaths on **(details supplied)**, have been examined and there is no indication of a damaged footpath. If possible can Councillor O'Rourke provide further details on the location of the issue referred to and Road Maintenance Services will arrange for a further investigation.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that the light poles at (**details supplied**) be painted.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a combination of ESB Wooden poles and ESB Steel poles on (**details supplied**). These poles are ESB Network poles and the painting of them is a matter for ESB Networks. Only the street lights, brackets and fuse units on those poles belong to DCC.

This painting request will be forwarded onto ESB for their consideration. If they agree to painting it will only be the ESB steel poles that they would paint.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive regarding my previous requests for the junction at (**details supplied**) to be improved that, A) the junction be redesigned with safety measures to be examined due to how unsafe the junction is. B) To report on Fingal's liaison and plan with Dublin City Council to improve the junction, what the plan is and what the timeline is for the improvements?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The junction of (**details supplied**) is part of the National Transport Authority funded Blanchardstown to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme, with designed improvements planned for the junction as part of this scheme. The boundaries of Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and Office of Public Works are located at this junction. In advance of the Bus Connects Scheme being constructed, Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council have been liaising on a regular basis to discuss the provision of temporary traffic measures to improve the safe operation of the junction. Dublin City Council will be liaising with Fingal County Council again in the near future.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can the pot holes on Shanliss Road please be repaired urgently.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Could house address details please be provided to pinpoint locations of potholes. We will then arrange for these locations to be inspected and arrange repairs as necessary.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can the damage Road on St. Pappins Green be replaced as soon as possible

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

St. Pappins Green carriageway will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future Carriageway Resurfacing Programmes. In the interim, if house address details could be provided to pinpoint specific area of concern, these will be inspected and local repairs arranged as necessary.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can the paths on Shanliss Avenue please be replaced/repaired urgently. I've requested this over the last number of years. There has been many falls by older persons on this path.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The footpaths on Shanliss Avenue will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our future Footway Reconstruction Programmes. In the interim, if house address details could be provided to pinpoint specific area of concern, these will be inspected and local repairs arranged as necessary.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive can safety measures be put in place outside lady of Victories school urgently as this is a very dangerous junction. As cars park along the stretch to the school, cyclists are pushed out into the traffic, children can't being seen if crossing and residents can't get out of their own homes on that stretch of road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Our Lady of Victories has applied for a School Zone and is on the School Zone waiting list. At the moment the team only has funding to progress School Zone applications as part of the Safe Routes to School Round 2 list, funded by the National Transport Authority, and is not in a position to progress applications outside of this list. The team hopes to be in a position to progress works on the waiting list subject to securing alternative funding.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to respond the following regarding traffic lights (**details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The TAG Group has previously recommended that additional pedestrian crossings at this junction be provided and it has already been included for consideration on a works programme for 2024.

The NTA confirmed the funding allocations for 2024 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Funding of €3,750,000 has been made available for installing pedestrian crossings across the Dublin Administrative Area.

The Traffic Section will be meeting with North Central Area Councillors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024 to gather their views on which other locations they wish to prioritise prior to finalising the works programme for 2024.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Based on previous investigations, it was noted that (**Details Supplied**)has several features that contribute to traffic calming, as outlined below:

- (**Details Supplied**) is short in length and is currently traffic calmed with two speed ramps placed at appropriate distances for optimum traffic calming. At the junction with (**Details Supplied**), traffic is calmed by a raised table (large ramp).
- The 30 km/h Slow Zone signage covers Hazelwood Drive, signalling the reduced speed limit and designating the area as a Home Zone/Slow Zone. This alerts drivers that the road is residential and to be cautious of children. The signs are prominently displayed at the entrances from Kilmore Road and Ardlea Road.
- There is a 30km/h road marking at the entrance of Chanel Rd from Brookville Park, accompanied by additional 30 km/h Slow Zone signage when entering from Malahide Road.
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Instances of erratic driving/speeding should be referred to the Gardaí as a matter for enforcement. Transport Advisory Group will raise the Councillor's concern with the Gardaí at the next TAG Meeting.

Also the residents can apply for a Neighbourhood Traffic Scheme which can be found on the DCC website: [https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic\\_Request](https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request)

Q.122 **COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update regarding meetings with ((**Details Supplied**)) and if he will make a statement regarding the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lands at (**Details Supplied**) are not on the DCC/LDA led Delivery Programme, these lands were not acquired from Dublin City Council. The LDA have a Stakeholder Engagement Strategy which will apply for this development, as part of that engagement process the Area Committee Members, local residents and all other stakeholders will be informed as this development progresses.

Q.123 **COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding (**Details supplied**) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

A) What work has happened on this LAP since January of this year?

B) What is happening with DCC empty units in the estate. What are the plans for them over the short term, medium and long term etc?

C) Has a meeting took place with the traders to ensure that the plan retains a community space where the market can continue to trade in?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A workshop was held with the Central Area and North West Area Committees on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March to input into the LAP, the drafting of which has now commenced. Ongoing engagement will continue with elected members with further workshops planned post local elections. Consultation continues with public and private stakeholders including landowners.

Background and supporting research and analysis is being carried out with respect to economic viability, population and demographics, and community infrastructure needs. Following a procurement process, consultants have now been appointed and are completing technical surveys and statutory assessments on behalf of DCC related to flood risk and surface water management, Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

DCC interests at Slaney Road and Bannow Road Depots will be assessed in the context of their future potential to contribute to the overall regeneration of the LAP lands in the medium to long term. Shorter term uses are governed by the existing Z6 employment and Z1 residential zonings until such time as a local area plan is in place.

A meeting was undertaken with representatives of the Honest 2 Goodness Market on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January to discuss the process for preparing the LAP and potential opportunities to incorporate market uses in the area.

Q.124 **COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise a further review and assessment of the signal timings at the upgraded Grace Park Road/Collins Avenue junction as local residents tell me that there is much great traffic build-up on Collins Avenue since this junction was upgraded.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**



Dublin City Council policy priorities Active and Sustainable Travel modes across the city. In line with this policy, in 2023 two extra pedestrian crossings has been added to the site and the site now runs an all pedestrian phase.

The above measures have slightly reduced the green time available to vehicles each cycle of the traffic signals (Traffic signal cycle is the time whereby all approaches and the pedestrian crossings are serviced before cycle restarts)

The traffic signals at the junction are controlled by City Council's Urban Traffic Management System, SCATS. SCATS is an adaptive traffic control system that automatically alters signal timings, in real time, based on traffic demand taken from on street vehicle detectors.

In addition, traffic in the city is monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by the City Council's Traffic Control Centre, and amendments are made in SCATS in response to incidents and problems / congestion as they arise.

The ITS section will continue to monitor the junction operation and amend traffic signal timings and sequences as required, where there is scope to do so.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive confirm if the Dublin City Council Traffic Department have considered the installation of a pedestrian phase for crossing Collins Avenue within the traffic light installation at the Collinswood entrance and provide a detailed report on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The TAG Group has previously recommended that additional pedestrian crossings at this junction be provided and it has already been included for consideration on a works programme for 2024.

The NTA confirmed the funding allocations for 2024 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Funding of €3,750,000 has been made available for installing pedestrian crossings across the Dublin Administrative Area.

The Traffic Section will be meeting with North Central Area Councillors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024 to gather their views on which other locations they wish to prioritise prior to finalising the works programme for 2024.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the status/position of the following applicant (**details supplied**) on the Dublin City Council housing list and confirm their application reference number.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Older Persons Transfer Housing List, with an application date of 23/01/2019, the applicant holds the following position on this list;

<b>Area</b>	<b>Bedsizes</b>	<b>Position</b>
B	1	31

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

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

To ask the Chief Executive provide a detailed update on the installation of the new playground at McAuley Park.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Parks Service has consulted with local residents and has fed recommendations back to the designers. Revised layout drawings have been circulated to the residents. Once agreement is reached contracts will be signed with the suppliers and a timeframe for delivery will be fixed.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAND**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full update on the plans to increase the caretaking staff in Dublin's north inner city. The staff are doing the best job they can and I want that noted however I can see clearly that they are severely understaffed.

A. What is the plan to replace staff?

B. When will the power washing van that's off the road be finally fixed?

C. How many staff have we currently in these roles?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council agree with the Councillors comments that the caretaking service is a vital part of maintenance. Our Senior Executive Officer, recently employed in this role, is currently carrying out a full review of the service, its structure and resources. When complete this will be made available to the members.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a list of all road resurfacing plans for the South East Inner City for 2024.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Roads Engineer is finalising a list of roads to be resurfaced in 2024. It is anticipated that this list will be made available to Cllr. Byrne for the May Area Council Meeting.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can please provide a list of all footpath resurfacing plans for the South East Inner City for 2024.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Roads Engineer is finalising a list of pavements to be resurfaced in 2024. It is anticipated that this list will be made available to Cllr. Byrne for the May Area Council Meeting.

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline if planning permission is required for mobile digital advertising screens at sporting and other events, do the promoters pay an advertising fee for these mobile units, if so how much is that fee and who is it paid to, and if planning permission is not required how are these units allowed to operate during large events in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Class 16 and 16A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) provide a broad suite of exemptions for advertising associated with both sporting and non-sporting events. Such advertising signs are considered to be fleeting and temporary in nature and do not require a fee to be paid.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide an update on the expansion of the Bike Bunkers Scheme, has the tender for an operator been issued; if not when will the

tender be published; when is it anticipated the new scheme likely to be up and running; what funding is in place for city wider roll out and has Dublin City Council applied for further funding from the NTA for the scheme.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Road Safety and Micromobility Section is currently working on the Bike Bunker scheme tender process. Dublin City Council is planning to launch a competitive tendering process to select a contractor who will manage the comprehensive bike bunker operations, users and assets. After selecting a contractor, the council aims to collaborate with the winning tenderer to provide this service throughout the city and establish a goal of having 300 bike bunkers (by 2026), dependent on funding.

The procurement process for this scheme was scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2024, unfortunately this date was missed and this process is planned to kick off in April/ May 2024.

Funding from the NTA was not secured and therefore DCC will fund this scheme.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of complaints made by people living in emergency accommodation in each year 2017-2023, the nature of the complaint, the outcome, the name and address of each accommodation unit where the complaint arose from and a statement from the DRHE on the inspection regime in place and what measures can be taken to ensure the standard of the temporary emergency accommodation in Dublin improves.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of 2023, a complaints report detailing the complaints received by the DRHE is published on a quarterly basis on the DRHE website and can be viewed at <https://www.homelessdublin.ie/info/publications>

The complaints for 2022 have been attached to this response. Prior to 2022, complaints were dealt with on a departmental basis, so responses were not recorded centrally.

There are Quality Standards Frameworks in both NGO and PEA accommodation which monitor the standards of all emergency accommodation and make targeted improvements where necessary. There is also an independent Inspectorate that complete cyclical inspections on all NGO & PEA services. In addition to this, the DRHE standards and facilities teams complete unannounced site visits on a monthly basis across all Emergency Accommodation.