

Motions on Notice Dublin City Council Meeting 4th November 2024

- 1) Councillor Ray Cunningham** **Submitted: 12th June 2024**
That this city council supports expanding the area served by Dublin Bikes and requests a report on how to do so for the relevant SPC.
- 2) Councillor Michael Pidgeon** **Submitted: 13th June 2024**
Dublin City Council backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish government to support the initiative.
- 3) Councillor Paddy Monahan** **Submitted: 16th June 2024**
That Dublin City Council commits to the provision of on-road markings (eg a yellow box) in front of all dished kerbs to ensure parked cars do not block them for people with disabilities and mobility issues.
- 4) Councillor Jesslyn Henry** **Submitted: 18th June 2024**
Replaced: 30th September 2024
I recognize and commend the ongoing efforts of Dublin city council in its aim to become an Autism Friendly City. In line with this, it is crucial that we ensure that all Dublin City Council events are made as accessible as possible for the neurodiverse members of our community. I call on Dublin City Council to make the following commitments:

 - Provision of designated sensory or quiet spaces at all public events, allowing individuals who may become overwhelmed by sensory input a place to regulate.
 - Inclusion of social stories or materials similar to those seen in Dublin City Council libraries to be made available prior to events, outlining key information about what attendees can expect, which can be essential for neurodiverse individuals who may experience anxiety around attending events.
 - Where possible, consideration of adjustments to the sensory environment, such as reduced noise levels, dimmed lighting or fast pass options to be factored into event planning.
 - A commitment to ongoing consultation with neurodiverse individuals, their families and advocacy groups to ensure that all efforts towards accessibility and inclusion are led by the neurodiverse community themselves, and reflect the diverse needs as such.
- 5) Councillor Feljin Jose** **Submitted: 18th June 2024**
That this Council will urgently pursue all unpaid derelict sites levy owed to the Council by the owners of the relevant properties.
- 6) Councillor Cat O'Driscoll** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
Poor air quality causes an estimated 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland per year. This is a particular problem in urban centres and particulate matter from internal combustion vehicles is a major contributor. The Clean Air Strategy for Ireland has noted the role of transport demand management in improving air quality. This motion calls for the introduction of ultra-low emissions zones in Dublin City and supports the introduction of WHO guideline values prior to 2040. The recent Environmental Protection Agency publication 'Air quality in Ireland 2022' shows that poor air quality causes an estimated 1,300 premature deaths in Ireland per year due to particulate matter.

The World Health Organisation has estimated that 4.2 million premature deaths globally were linked to ambient air pollution in 2019, mainly from heart disease, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, and acute respiratory infections in children. The EPA's air quality monitoring has shown that while we met the EU legal requirements in 2022, we did not

meet the more stringent World Health Organisation air quality guidelines for health and the comments by the EPA that “reducing our use of cars to go to school, work and play are actions that will contribute towards achieving the WHO guidelines”

The 2019 report commissioned by the Irish Heart Foundation estimates that by achieving the final WHO Guidelines, Ireland could reduce annual premature deaths by more than 500. The Clean Air Strategy for Ireland says “the establishment of low emission zones or congestion charging as well as other demand management measures in our cities is something which has been highlighted as a potential solution to air quality issues in highly trafficked urban areas.” The findings of a recent review of the use of ultra-low emissions zones in The Lancet Public Health on low emission zones around the world which found positive air pollution-related health outcomes, with the most consistent effect being on cardiovascular disease.

As a city council we agree to introduce ultra-low emissions zones in Dublin City and to meet the WHO guideline values prior to 2040.

- 7) Councillor Patricia Roe** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
This council agrees that we should adopt a Housing First for Youth (HF4Y) strategy modelled on that in use in Waterford which involves the county council, Focus Ireland and the Department of Housing and provides extensive wrap around care and ongoing support to the service users, many of whom are leaving foster care or other care settings or homeless as a result of their LGBTQ+ status. The outcomes from this approach have been extremely positive. The model adheres to the core principals of:
- A right to housing with no preconditions
 - Youth choice, youth voice and self determination
 - Positive youth development and wellness orientation
 - Individualised client driven support with no time limits
 - Social inclusion and community integration
- To that end, the council should establish a working group within the housing SPC with elected representatives, management engagement, representatives from focus Ireland and other potential relevant stakeholders to ensure delivery of same.
- 8) Councillor Eoin Hayes** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
Council notes that as of January 2024, the current social housing list now exceeds 30,000 applicants and counting, and therefore calls on the Minister for Housing to triple the annual housing delivery targets for social and affordable homes for the Dublin City Council under the remaining years in the Government's plan, so the Council's supply plans adequately matches demand.
- 9) Councillor Anthony Connaghan** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That the Council recognises the efforts of Dublin City Council staff over the past few years and calls for a plan to recruit an appreciable number of new staff, especially in outdoor operational areas with a view to further improving the City and its environs and we call on the Chief Executive to give a report on this plan at the September 2024 Council meeting.
- 10) Councillor Carolyn Moore** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
This council agrees to establish a pilot programme for education and activities in nature, providing opportunities for children, particularly in areas of disadvantage, to experience the health and wellbeing benefits of access to nature and to get to know, understand and value the nature in our city through exploration of key habitats and education on key species.
- 11) Councillor Deirdre Heney** **Submitted: 19th June 2024**
That the Chief Executive please give a detailed report on proposed works/works in progress on Phase 2 of the Wad River Flood Alleviation Scheme to include the section under Howth Road

at Glaslyn Apartments/Hollybrook Road and collected works at the Clontarf Promenade to include time line for completion and also provide as promised, a sketch clearly demonstrating the works that will explain the positive changes works to day provide for residents and the benefits the proposed works will provide.

12) Councillor Punam Rane

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That the Chief Executive installs outlets for charging electric cars, particularly in areas where residents cannot install them themselves. The growing need for eco-friendly charging stations makes this initiative essential for promoting environmental sustainability.

13) Councillor Vincent Jackson

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That in view of the serious problems some of our tenants encounter with the shocking behaviour of a very small minority that Dublin City Council seeks to put in place rear estate management sanctions which will ensure that the few don't prevail in our communities all too often we can see a neighbourhood destroyed because of a lack of supervision of minors, etc.

14) Councillor Donna Cooney

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That this City Council supports the construction of two secondary schools on their lands on Alfie Byrne Road just before Clasac centre, a Gaelcholáisté and an Educate Together. The lands where zoned Z15 for institutional use in the City Development plan with a view to these needs in the community.

15) Council Jen Cummins

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That this Council recognises the right of its citizen's to recreation and leisure facilities in their community that are inclusive and safe. Council calls for an audit of recreation and leisure facilities in the South West Inner City. With a view, pending the audit outcome, that locations for such facilities are identified, and that a plan and process is put in place for their development.

16) Councillor Micheal MacDonncha

Submitted: 19th June 2024

Aithníonn Comhairle na Cathrach

- Gur cuspóir i mBunreacht na hÉireann é athaontú na hÉireann
- Go bhfuil plé Náisiúnta ag fás faoi athrú bunreachtúil le daoine ó chúlraí éagsúla ag fiosrú faoi féidearachtaí na hAontachta

Tugann an Comhairle faoi deara go dtugann Comhaontú Aoine an Chéasta bealach daonlathach chun an tír a aontú, trí na reifrinn.

Mar sin glaonn an Comhairle seo ar an Rialtas chun

- Comhthionól Saoránach ar Aontú na hÉireann a bhunú, chomh maith le Coiste Oireachtais
- Plean do Aontú na hÉireann a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú i gcomhar le sochaí sibhialta, agus le príomh geallchoimeádaithe, na húdaráis áitiúla san áireamh
- Dáta do reifreann mar atá leagtha síos i gComhaontú Aoine an Chéasta a fháil trí obair ar a shon.

Dublin City Council recognises that

- The reunification of Ireland is an objective of Bunreacht na hÉireann.
- There is a growing national discussion around constitutional change with people from diverse backgrounds now exploring the possibility of Irish unity.

This Council further notes that

- The Good Friday Agreement provides the democratic means to achieve reunification, through the unity referendums.

Therefore this Council calls on the Irish Government to plan and prepare for Irish unity through the following actions:

- Establish an all-island Citizens' Assembly and a Joint Oireachtas Committee on Irish Unity
- Produce and publish a plan towards Irish unity in conjunction with civic society and key stakeholders, including local government
- Work to secure a date for the referendums on unity provided for in the Good Friday Agreement.

17) Councillor Kourtney Kenny

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That Dublin City Council is committed to enhancing the safety and wellbeing of residents, visitors and those who work along the Quays and, to address the ongoing concerns commits to:

- Enhanced Public Lighting: Installation of improved lighting systems to deter anti-social behaviour and increase visibility during the night.
- Public CCTV: working with the Gardaí to strategically deploy CCTV camera at key points including the Matt Talbot Bridge, The Samuel Beckett Bridge and The East Link Bridge to monitor antisocial behaviour;
- Increased Gardaí Presence: ensuring that we are advocating at every level for deployment of additional Garda patrols along the Liffey to ensure a constant security presence.

18) Councillor Cian Farrell

Submitted: 19th June 2024

Replaced: 23rd October 2024

To allow Dublin City council to publicly auction vacant and derelict sites where there is no clear path for public housing to be built.

19) Councillor Daniel Ennis

Submitted: 19th June 2024

That the City Council put in place and agree to create a consultancy group that will actively engage with local sports clubs and community groups in relation to the roll out of, the first ever, DCC Sports Plan 2024-2029 and as part of that Sports Plan open up correspondence with clubs to deliver a full size, 11 aside football pitch in Dublin 1.

20) Councillor Máire Devine

Submitted: 19th June 2024

This council acknowledges that The Liberties is a place apart- a place that is in danger of losing the very characteristics that make it unique. Hotels, Student Accommodation, Build 2 Rent, Co-living, Air BnBs are over concentrated in a mile radius of the area's core- this plethora lends to transient populations and unaffordability for local families and businesses. It is time the Planning Authority stood up for the Liberties and to support this we call for it to be recognised as a place of special designation that holds and protects the characteristics and memories of our city's working class , it's industrial , historical and social heritage.

21) Councillor Nial Ring

Submitted: 1st August 2024

That the members agree to the reinstatement of the monthly/weekly report to local councillors informing them of housing allocations in their area which should include information on address, tenant, list from which taken and list position.

22) Councillor Gavin Pepper

Submitted: 13th August 2024

Replaced: 23rd October 2024

That random drug and alcohol tests be carried out on all City Councillors prior to Council Meetings & that this Council recommends same for all Houses of the Oireachtas.

23) Councillor Hazel De Nortúin**Submitted: 21st August 2024**

To review long term leasing tenancies within Dublin City Council to see what community resources are idle within the residential blocks.

24) Councillor Gayle Ralph**Submitted: 21st August 2024**

That Dublin City Council should show leadership and contribute to the Circular Economy by rolling out Repair Cafes in each of the 5 administrative areas. The council should provide the space and expertise to encourage people to repair items such as household furniture, appliances, clothes, rather than throw them away. A strong marketing campaign by Dublin City Council would show their strong involvement and belief in the Circular Economy and encourage community participation and engagement.

25) Councillor Conor Reddy**Submitted: 21st August 2024**

This council regrettably notes that the numbers of families and individuals in homeless accommodation continues to rise each month (1496 families and 10396 individuals were homeless in the Dublin Region at the end of June 2024) and that the government is failing to reach its own targets for new social and affordable homes.

We therefore condemn the recent guidance note to councils from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DoHLGH) limiting the numbers of homes that can be bought under Tenant in Situ and other programmes.

We call on the Minister to immediately rescind the recent guidance note and to ensure that all councils have the necessary funds and powers to purchase any and all homes to prevent evictions and to increase their stock of social and affordable homes.

Furthermore, we call on the Department to:

- Increase their supply of social and affordable homes so that social and cost rental housing accounts for a minimum of 20% of the total housing stock per the Housing Commission Report.
- Reinststate a moratorium on evictions to stem the tide of private renters into homelessness.
- Direct local authorities to prioritise households in emergency accommodation for intensive case management to facilitate exits out of homelessness – this should include increased resourcing for case managers, local authority social work sections and appropriate support services.
- Direct local authorities to establish new allocation procedures to give fairer access to housing for those in long term homelessness – including schemes like Housing First.
- Draft legislation requiring local authorities to regard the best interests of children when responding to families presenting as homeless.

26) Councillor Dermot Lacey**Submitted: 5th September 2024**

That this council commits to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this council's discussion and debates.

This council is aware of the harmful impact that misinformation has on marginalised communities, including but not limited to those protected under the Equal Status Acts, namely on the grounds of gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion and membership of the Traveller community.

In making this commitment, this council affirms its obligation as a Local Authority, as per Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, to have regard to the need to:

- a) eliminate discrimination,

- b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and
- c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

27) Councillor Rory Hogan

Submitted: 7th September 2024

That this council commits to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this council's discussion and debates.

This council is aware of the harmful impact that misinformation has on marginalised communities, including but not limited to those protected under the Equal Status Acts, namely on the grounds of gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion and membership of the Traveller community.

In making this commitment, this council affirms its obligation as a Local Authority, as per Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, to have regard to the need to:

- a) eliminate discrimination,
- b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and
- c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

28) Councillor Fiona Connelly

Submitted: 20th September 2024

Airbnb presents as an issue that is compounding the housing crisis in our city. Other European cities have moved to increase restrictions on Airbnb operating in their cities. I call on DCC to identify what can be done to limit the use of Airbnb in Dublin City and further call that this committee agree to support limiting the prevalence of Airbnb in Dublin so that people have more opportunities to secure a rental agreements under fair terms. I call on Dublin City Council to allocate the necessary resources and funds to strengthen the governance of short term rentals such as Airbnb in our city.

29) Councillor Supriya Singh

Submitted: 23rd September 2024

This Dublin City Council recognises the significant residential growth and evolving needs of the Belmayne and Clongriffin communities. While these areas have seen substantial development in recent years, this expansion has not been matched by the necessary community infrastructure. With thousands of additional housing units still underway, there is an urgent need to address the shortfall of well-serviced community hubs, parks, schools, and sports facilities.

This Council calls on Dublin City Council to urgently prioritize the development of a large-scale, fully-funded community hub and sports centre on available land in the Belmayne Clongriffin area. These facilities are crucial to fostering vibrant, dynamic communities and maintaining a high quality of life for both current and future residents.

Despite the area's great potential, the absence of essential infrastructure to support its growing population risks turning it into an unbalanced urban landscape. Therefore, I call for immediate action to prioritize the development of community-supportive infrastructure.