

List of Motions
14th February, 2017

Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan

While welcoming the development of student housing, this Committee notes the reduction in social housing in the North Inner City as a result of the exemption from Part 5 requirements for student housing developments.

This Committee notes with alarm the advertised extremely high expected rental income for investors of a number of student residences currently under development in the area.

This Committee requests that the Manager write to Minister Simon Coveney on behalf of the Committee on this matter, requesting a review of (a) the impact of student housing developments on Part 5 social housing output and (b) measures which will be taken to ensure student developments are affordable to students in the North Inner City.

Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan

This Committee notes the density of Airbnb rental accommodation in the North Inner City and the resulting impact this has on rent prices in the city. In particular, the Committee notes the high number of multi-property Airbnb “hosts” who rent out multiple properties in the North Inner City on a full time basis for short stays.

The Committee requests that Dublin City Council Planning and Housing Departments prepare a full report, for presentation and debate at the Housing Strategic Policy Committee, in relation to the impact of Airbnb on rents in Dublin, recent court proceedings relating to planning breaches and Airbnb rentals and measures taken by other cities.

Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan

This Committee offers its full support to Bus Eireann workers who are being threatened with pay cuts and cuts to terms and conditions. It calls on the Government to increase funding to Bus Eireann as a matter of urgency in light of the environmental and sustainability benefits of increasing public transport use in Ireland.

Motion in the name of Councillor Eilis Ryan

This Committee supports the use of kitchen facilities at the MACRO centre by the Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland, to continue their successful initiative of providing a space where asylum seekers can cook and socialise, as done previously in the Project Arts Centre. We ask that this possibility be investigated with MASI and the results reported back to the Committee.

Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey

This Committee agrees to request the Manager to see if the following suggestion relating to the Daniel O’Connell monument in O’Connell Street can be advanced:-

“I am writing to suggest that lighting be installed from around the base of the Daniel O’Connell Statue on O’Connell Street. Since this is a focal point on the City’s main thoroughfare, which is also named after him, I feel that it should be visible at night as well as during the day. Currently, the statue is almost invisible from O’Connell Bridge at night-time. By lighting this, I believe that it would greatly improve the aesthetics of the street, and would greatly improve the view along the Liffey at night. Also, such lighting would, I feel, contribute to a decrease in anti-social behaviour in this particular area of the street”.

Motion in the names of Councillors Ray McAdam and Ciaran Cuffe

This Committee agrees to request that the Chief Executive reports on the following proposed variation to the City Development Plan

'That the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 – 2022 Section 16.10.7 Guidelines for Student Accommodation (page 169) be amended as follows:

Change "*The applicant will be requested to submit evidence to demonstrate that there is not an over-concentration of student accommodation within an area, including a map showing all such facilities within 0.25km of a proposal*"

To "*The applicant will be requested to submit evidence to demonstrate that there is not an over-concentration of student accommodation within an area, including a map showing all such facilities within 1km of a proposal*"

Reason: to provide clarity and improved information on the existing and proposed number of students living in the area'

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Manager to provide a detailed report on the feasibility of opening Blacquiere Bridge (at the junction of Royal Canal Bank and the North Circular Road beside Phibsborough Library) to pedestrian and cycle traffic including site investigations and desk based research.

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran Cuffe

That this Committee requests the Manager to provide a detailed report on the feasibility of reopening the water supply from the Royal Canal to Blessington Basin (noting that the Blessington Basin is under the control of Dublin City Council), as an alternative means of ensuring the cleanliness of the waters in the Blessington Basin.

Motion in the name of Councillor Nial Ring

Having regard to the motion passed at the December CAC in relation to naming of the housing development at North King Street and following consultation with the local history group in the area and well and relatives of the proposed name, this Committee confirms that the development should be named after Sean Foster who, at two years of age, was the youngest casualty of the Easter Rising and who was shot while being wheeled in his pram by his mother on Church Street, outside the Father Mathew Hall.