

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER 2016

Q.1 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the High Level Group on Street Issues and to clarify its terms of reference, membership and work to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This group of Senior Officials consists of the Assistant Garda Commissioner, Jack Nolan, Assistant Chief Executive D.C.C. Brendan Kenny (now replaced by Declan Wallace,) Head of the Dublin Homeless Executive and representatives from the Drugs Addiction Service in the Health Services Executive.

This group was established in February 2014 and it meets generally every month.

Purpose of Group:

- *To promote ongoing and strong co-ordination at different levels between the key Senior Officials of the Statutory Agencies involved and responsible for addressing the problems caused by a cohort of people frequenting the main streets of Dublin City.*
- *To promote a co-ordinated public health approach to those people who have developed chaotic lifestyles, are frequenting the streets and in many cases causing difficulties for business, other citizens and tourists.*
- *To promote a better sense and perception of safety on the main streets of Dublin City.*
- *To analyse and make recommendations, where possible on how existing resources can be more efficiently utilised in a co-ordinated way.*

The group has co-ordinated the development of a new outreach assertive management programme undertaken by the Ana Liffey Drugs Project which puts an intensive focus on the most chaotic of individuals that are currently very visible on city streets with a view to getting them into the services that they need and off the streets.

It has also overseen the development of greater linkages and communication between the Gardai and staff in the Homeless Executive. The target area is the general city centre area and the target issue is the problem caused by the behaviour of chaotic people on the streets of the city centre, and by doing this in a co-ordinated multi-agency way.

The work of this Group is to augment other services in place not replace or duplicate them because there is a necessity to give a specific focus to issues in Dublin City Centre and to prevent damage to the emerging economic uplift, the tourist industry and the general reputation of Dublin City.

While there exists a debate and argument (for and against) the further provision of emergency accommodation and drug treatment services/facilities in the city centre area (2,000 emergency Shelter places and 1,300 Drug Treatment places already existing) it is estimated that problems on the streets emanate from around 100persons which is a relatively small number. However the issue is very complex. While there are criminal justice matters in many of the cases a criminal justice solution is not always sustainable or appropriate. For the most part the problem is a social and health issue.

The instances of individuals begging on the streets have increased in recent years but it is largely non-aggressive and there is no real evidence of any significant level of organised begging.

It is obvious that instances of highly visible and chaotic drug activity have increased in recent years on city streets.

The group believes that the National Drugs Strategy requires an urgent and radical transformation.

There is also a Dublin City Centre Business Forum that was established in October 2014 and it includes all the relevant business representative groups in the city centre of Dublin, the Assistant Garda Commissioner and the Assistant Chief Executive DCC.

The forum is chaired by Mr Michael McCarthy who is a former (retired) Assistant Garda Commissioner. Its focus also includes problem street issues.

We report regularly to the Joint Policing Committee on the work of both Fora.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR CIARÁN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many of those who are on the housing list are from O'Devaney Gardens and wish to return there, and to make a statement on the matter.”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present there are ten tenants remaining in O'Devaney Gardens the majority of whom, in the context of detenancing, have expressed an interest in remaining in the immediate vicinity of the complex with the option of returning when new residential units are constructed on the site.

Under the original detenancing programme a very small minority of tenants who moved out sought and were given written assurances that, subject to accommodation suited to their housing needs becoming available under the proposed O'Devaney Gardens Regeneration Project, they would be given the option of returning. As stated the numbers who sought this undertaking were very small and, in all probability, given the passage of time they will have settled in their new communities and be less inclined to exercise the option. In relation to Housing List applicants there is no way of extracting information on applicants who may previously have been members of O'Devaney households and who are interested in returning to O'Devaney specifically.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify how much monies have been received by the City Council at this stage from the purchaser of the Iveagh Markets in Dublin 8 and to itemise when such monies were received. In his reply could the Chief Executive clarify what legal rights the purchaser has to complete the purchase?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report No. 218/2004 approved revised terms and conditions for the development and disposal of the lands in question to Mr. Keane (or his nominee). Although the development has not yet taken place an extension of duration of the planning permission (1238/07x2) was granted on the 28th June 2012 which extends the duration within which the works must be completed by to 20/8/2017. The total money

paid to the City Council in two equal payments in 1997 and 2006 was €1,777,633. The Contract in relation to the Disposal is being dealt with by the City Councils Law Agent and Solicitors acting on behalf of the Purchaser.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive whether he would consider bringing details of property acquisitions by the City Council to the attention of elected members shortly after their acquisition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no current provision in legislation for reporting of Local Authority Acquisitions to the elected members however information on property acquisitions can be requested by members in Questions to the Chief Executive and replies will be issued in the normal manner.

Housing Department report monthly to the City Council and quarterly to the Area Committees and also the Housing SPC regarding the number of residences being acquired by DCC for use as social housing. However, we do not release specific address details of these acquisitions.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to take steps to stop HGVS using a street **(Details supplied)** which is resulting in road subsidence and damage to houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he we will supply the statistics captured by the Speed Radar signs on Sandford Road as outlined in the information email supplied with this Question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will assess available data from the system and will get back to councillor with statistics.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make contact with the owner of **(Details supplied)** who has an unrepaired blocked manhole in the back garden which is causing the sewage to back up among their neighbours creating a health hazard in the local area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This is a private issue and the responsibility of the householder to unblock the manhole. DCC/IW have responsibility for the public sewers only.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive the process for taking on charge a lane way on an estate, the relevant legislation applicable, and a list of each of the documents needed by residents to request a taking in charge.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The declaration of a road or lane to be a public road is a Reserved Function. The relevant legislation is found in S11 of the Roads Act 1993. The Policy was noted by the SPC and Council in 2012 and can be found at-
<http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-planning-planning-permission/taking-charge>

Q.10 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the implementation, evaluation and progress of the 2011-2017 Development plan this report to include, what aspects of the plan, if any, were not implemented? The benefits of the overall implementation of the plan. How much of the Development plan was achieved?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The new City Development Plan 2016-2022 was approved by the City Council on Friday 23rd September and comes into effect on 21st October. At the commencement of the process in November 2011 a set of Background Papers was produced which set out the progress in the implementation of the 2011 Plan, and the main opportunities and challenges to be addressed in the new City Development Plan.

At a high core strategy level one of the central objectives of the 2011-2017 Development Plan, the sustainable consolidation of the city having regard to climate change issues, was achieved in that the population increased from 525,000 to 553,000.

The Development Plan 2011-2017 also provides the framework for the assessment of Planning Applications, which is the key method by which the plan is implemented on the ground. In this respect the number of planning applications has increased significantly to 2314 in 2015. Over 50% of the sites in the North Lotts / Grand Canal Dock SDZ are now the subject of Planning Applications.

The implementation of the 2011 Development Plan was pursued in the context of a severe economic recession. In this respect housing supply continues to be a particular concern. The City Council is pursuing initiatives on a number of fronts to expedite housing across all tenures including the promotion of student accommodation in the right locations to free up the rental sector. It is not possible to quantify which aspects of the 2011 Plan were not implemented, as many are on a longer timeframe and / or are dependent on funding and resources from a number of sources.

The implementation of Development Plan objectives depends in many cases on funding from Government and public agencies as well as investment by the private sector. The Development Plan provides a strategic framework for the proper planning and development of the city and guidance for the investment decisions of the City Council and other public sector bodies as well as the private sector and a key delivery mechanism is the Development Management process.

An SDZ provides for the timely delivery of Development Plan policies and objectives and two were put in place in the period of the Development Plan: Grangegorman and North Lotts/South Docks.

Local Area Plans carry out a similar function in areas of significant potential and the following LAPs were put in place over the period of the Plan: George's Quay, Clongriffin/Belmayne (North Fringe), Naas Road; Ashtown Pelletstown Local.

The North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Scheme was actively progressed during 2015, following the approval of the Scheme by the City Council. The approved Scheme, which provides for some 300,000m² commercial space and 2,600 residential units, will be provided and co-ordinated by the City Council, in its role as Docklands Agency. A new implementation Unit has been set up in the Docklands to expedite the Scheme. Almost half of the sites have already been subject to pre-planning applications/permissions and work has commenced on the Bolands Mill site.

The Grangegorman SDZ Scheme is being implemented with facilities for 2,000 students now available. Work continued on a number of fronts, including the new Broadstone entrance.

A Local Area Plan was adopted by the City Council for Pelletstown and is providing much needed housing.

Work began in 2014 on the preparation of the new LAP for Ballymun to complete the regeneration of the area. A retail study was carried out in 2015 which will feed into the LAP.

Dublin Housing Taskforce (Construction 2020 Initiative): The Planning & Property Development Department has been in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities, National Asset Management Agency (NAMA), and the DECLG to expand the supply of housing in the city. Quarterly reports are now produced to enable trends to be analysed and acted upon.

Public awareness campaigns helped grow Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme annual membership numbers to over 57,000 in 2015. Members have now taken over 13 million journeys through the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme since 2009.

The Vacant Land survey is being progressed in accordance with the Urban Regeneration areas as identified in the draft Development Plan, and the survey of vacant sites is to be extended to all 5 areas of the city.

The heritage of the city continues to be promoted. A number of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) have been approved by the City Council in 2015 including Phibsborough Village, Great Western Square and Belmont Road. The Georgian Squares Study of Adaptable Uses is progressing.

The Public Realm Strategy is being revised and a masterplan for the city centre is being finalised. Plans for enhancing the public realm are proposed for the North Lotts and Grand Canal SDZ, College Green and for a number of streets in the immediate vicinity of the cross city Luas line.

Dublin Bay has recently been re-confirmed as a proposed United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Biosphere and is included as such in the draft Development Plan. The City Council works with Dublin Port to implement the 'soft edge' approach in the Port Masterplan. An SDRA/SDZ is proposed for Poolbeg West.

The Living City Initiative launched in May 2015, continues to be promoted. A seminar/workshop for the 6 cities involved in the initiative and other stakeholders was held and actions identified. The Planning Department is setting up a 'one-stop-shop' to assist applicants. A study of suitable templates for adaption of Georgian houses is being finalised and the Government is currently reviewing the Initiative.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards the cost of the free phone service helpline for emergency homeless accommodation? This report to also include how many staff man the phone lines and all documentation with regard the tendering and procurement for these services. Also, if possible the call times and waiting times and the level of usage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Cost data for staffing and telephone is not available by area.

The total cost in 2015 for staffing and telephone costs for the homeless helpline was:

Freephone Expenditure	2015
Payroll	€333,779
Telephone	€668,800
Gas/Electricity/Stationery etc	€8,822
Total:	€1,011,401

Four dedicated staff are assigned to the homeless helpline, with additional staff on roster. Dublin City Council is responsible for the administration, effective management and running of this service. The number of individuals that were facilitated with accommodation through this service is set out in the tables below:

Table 3: Number of placements or unique individuals in emergency accommodation				
Service	Number of placements in Q1 2016	Number Offered accommodation	Number of 'No shows'	Number unable to accommodate - insufficient capacity / unsuitability (Sleeping bags booked)
Calls from Service Users: Helpline	16,456	16,701		1,477
Placement Service	8,119	8,119	1,543	7
Total	24,575	24,820	1,543	1,484
Average per night	270	273	17	16

Table 3: Number of placements or unique individuals in emergency accommodation				
Service	Number of placements in Q2 2016	Number Offered accommodation	Number of 'No shows'	Number unable to accommodate - insufficient capacity / unsuitability (Sleeping bags booked)
Calls from Service Users: Helpline	13047	13309		2588
Placement Service	8151	8151	1332	11
Total	21198	21460	1332	2599
Average per night	233	236	15	29

The homeless helpline operates from 2pm to 2am Monday to Friday, and from 10am to 2am at weekends and bank holidays. The average answer time delay from January to July 2016 is ten minutes and two seconds. In the second quarter of 2016 the Helpline received 13,309 calls from service users.

DCC is implementing changes to the operation of the free phone system that delivers the homeless helpline in order to improve its effectiveness and role in maintaining access to information and advice on homeless prevention and effective responses required to prevent the need to sleep rough.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report regarding the implications for the expansion of the Coke-a-Cola Zero Dublin Bike Scheme. What plans have been drawn up, if any in the event that this project cannot obtain a suitable sponsor? Also, if it is not possible for DCC to implement and proceed with Part 8 proposals for metropole and other advertising structures within the city centre and other areas of the Dublin region, due to local objections.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Report on the Potential for Future Expansion of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes Scheme

- Phase 1 'dublinbikes' Business Model (2006) & Current Part 8 Metropole Proposals in South East Area.**

The original 2009 'dublinbikes' scheme (40 stations & 450 bikes), Wayfinding and a Civic Information Network were provided to Dublin City Council on a cost neutral basis under a Public Amenities Concessionary Contract with JCDecaux in return for the granting of 72 advertising concessions in the city. The 'dublinbikes' scheme was extended in 2010 by 100 bikes and 4 stations (292 stands) at; Harcourt Terrace, Charlemont Street, Smithfield Square and Eccles Street. This limited extension was to be funded by Dublin City Council through; (1) the reinvestment of subscriptions over a three year period and (2) the provision of 10 additional advertising structures on the city's streets, which would be subject to Part 8 applications. In 2010, this method of funding the scheme extension was approved by the City Council as well as the Transportation & Traffic SPC and the Planning, Economic Development & International Affairs SPC.

Part 8 consents were subsequently granted for 6 of the 10 advertising panels which are now in place at the following locations: Gardiner Street, North Earl Street, Nassau Street, Mount Street, Baggot Street and Merrion Road. 4 of the remaining advertising structures have not yet been provided due to technical and other reasons related to the difficulty in identifying suitable sites in the city.

Dublin City Council has not fully complied with the terms of the Concessionary Contract as not all of the agreed number of advertising panels have been erected. As such, the Planning and Property Development Department has proposed 4 Part 8s for Metropole advertising structures located in the South East Area in order to fulfil the Concessionary Contract. These Part 8s proposals have been included on the Agenda for the October City Council Meeting.

The failure to provide for the outstanding advertising structures could result in a pro rata service reduction of the existing Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme and related public amenities and/or, an increase in the annual €1.92m scheme operational costs that must be met by Dublin City Council.

2 Phase 2 'Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes' Business Model (2013) & Current Operational Deficit

The Phase 2 expansion of the scheme (57 stations & 950 bikes) was enabled by a National Transport Authority 'Sustainable Transport Grant' of €5.2m that part funded capital works for the extension. The capital funding deficit was met by Dublin City Council resources. No additional advertising concessions were included as part of the Phase 2 expansion. The scheme expansion therefore incurs an annual Operations and Maintenance cost of €1.92m that is a responsibility of Dublin City Council to meet each year. This cost is offset by membership and usage fees that accrue to the Council as well as €312,000 per annum from sponsorship as 'Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes'. Any remaining deficit is met by Dublin City Council. The 2015 deficit was €376,000.

This is a very successful return on investment when considered in the context of the wider economic, public health, liveability and sustainability benefits to the city and its population that accrue each time a journey is undertaken on a Coca-Cola Zero dublinbike. However such subvention is not sustainable in the long term. Notwithstanding the obvious benefits the scheme delivers to the city as a sustainable and efficient transport choice, it is important that the current scheme return to a cost neutral operational basis in order that

planning for future expansion phases can be considered. Alteration of the scheme subscription and/or usage fees presents the most viable short term option to address the current operational deficit of the scheme into 2017 and beyond. This is discussed in greater detail below;

2.1 Increased Long Term Membership Fee

The current long term membership fee is €20. The fees associated with bike share schemes in other European cities indicate that the annual membership fee in Dublin is relatively low. For example London has an annual subscription fee of circa €115 (£90). A reasonable increase in the long term membership fee could be a significant contributor towards addressing the existing deficit in running the scheme which currently stands at €376,000 per annum (based on 2015 figures). It should be noted that membership fees alone do not have any potential to fund future scheme expansion.

Long term membership stands at over 62,000 as of June 2016. An €5 increase over the current €20 membership fee would generate additional annual revenue of circa €310,000; €10 would generate €620,000, etc. This does not take into account the percentage of price sensitive or infrequent users that may cancel membership due to an increase.

One of the major reasons for the success of the scheme has been that it is seen as relatively inexpensive at €20 per year. Increasing the annual membership fee could risk alienating the very scheme users who have made the scheme successful. Any membership fee increase must therefore be carefully considered in the context of retaining equitable access to the scheme for the citizens of Dublin.

2.2 Increased Short Term Hire Membership Fee

The 3-day, short term hire fee is set at €5. This option is generally used by visitors to the city, particularly during the summer months. The offer of an affordable short term option to use the scheme supports a positive image and brand of the city abroad to potential visitors. Short term membership numbers reached 18,650 in 2015. There is limited potential to generate additional revenue through any reasonable increase in the short term membership fee based on the number of 2015 memberships. This situation can be reviewed in advance of the 2017 summer short term membership peak.

2.3 Alteration of the Usage Fee Structure

Primarily the scheme is intended to function as a sustainable transport choice within the city for short journeys. The current pricing structure helps to incentivise shorter trips and maximise the number of trips per day, making the most efficient use of the scheme's infrastructure. Alteration of the usage fee structure would not represent a viable revenue option as it would undermine the original operational principles and functioning of the scheme.

3 Future Expansion Plans & Scheme Funding Options

The 'dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework 2011-2016' document is a developmental plan for the 14 Phase expansion of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme to a capacity of 5,000 bikes and 300 docking stations through the city. This intentionally ambitious plan was endorsed by the City Council in late 2010. Plan implementation was identified as being subject to the identification of funding. The current scheme network represents Phase 2 of the planned 14 Phases.

Research undertaken by the Planning and Property Development Department estimates the total cost of expanding and operating the planned 14 Phases of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme to be in the region of €100m over a 10 year period, or €10m a year for a fully expanded bike scheme.

A number of revenue generation options to facilitate expansion are under consideration at this time and are detailed as follows;

3.1 Advertising Funded

Dublin City Council's advertising funded bike share model consists of the granting of advertising concessions on commercially viable sites on publicly controlled lands. This is carried out in return for the construction/operation of a public bike share scheme by an operator. Advertising structures are subject to a statutory approval process.

As the outdoor advertising market continues to recover in a strengthening economy, the advertising funded bike share model has the greatest potential to facilitate expansion of the Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme. This model has the potential to full or part fund all remaining expansion phases. This is dependent on the number, location and specification of advertising structures.

The most commercially efficient sites in Dublin are located on heavily trafficked radial/orbital routes, or within key civic/retail quarters centred on O'Connell Street, College Green, Grafton Street, etc. The most commercially efficient specifications utilise LED display technology. Not all potential sites in the city are commercially attractive or viable. The main difficulty will be to identify sites that are suitable from a planning, engineering and commercial standpoint, as well as having public support. In addition, the footprint of an expanded bike rental scheme catchment will not replicate the spread of potential advertising sites in the city. This factor must be recognised by all parties to the scheme, including planners, policy makers and citizens in order to provide for future expansion using the advertising funded model.

3.2 Public Funding

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has been supportive of the scheme to date. The NTA have previously made a significant contribution to the capital cost associated with the scheme but are not in a position to assist with the ongoing running costs that stand at €1.92m per annum. It is understood that the South East Area Committee have agreed to write to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to making funding available to the scheme. Recently, the Transportation SPC wrote to the Minister for Health seeking a contribution towards the running costs of the scheme on the basis of the health benefits associated with cycling.

3.3 Naming Rights/Sponsorship

Coca-Cola Zero is the current exclusive sponsor of the bike hire scheme. The Council derives €312,000 per annum from this sponsorship towards the scheme running costs. The sponsorship arrangement will be available for renegotiation during autumn 2017. The market will determine the value of sponsorship at that time.

3.4 Private Investment

Companies, property developers, etc may be willing to contribute to the cost of locating stations on or near their property to enhance the image of a

development or company, or to provide a benefit to staff. Since the launch of the scheme in 2009, The Planning and Property Development Department has facilitated discussions with third parties interested in locating bike stations on, or adjacent to various premises in the city. It is apparent from discussions that any revenue that could be realised from private investment would be modest and would include unrealistic conditions that would negatively impact on the operation of the scheme. Private investment remains a potential funding source in the future but the key consideration with any revenue offer will be the operational impact on the scheme overall.

3.5 Growth of Membership Base

The objective of marketing and promotion is to communicate the benefits of the current scheme in order to increase subscriber numbers to 65-75,000 long term members and 25,000 short term members per annum.

Any growth in membership numbers supports the financial stability of the scheme. The scheme is marketed each year to attract new members to grow the long term membership base and counteract membership attrition. The planned membership increase experienced in late 2014 and during 2015 following scheme expansion has now levelled off, having achieved the necessary target growth rate post expansion.

A marketing and communications program to promote the scheme and new membership was undertaken during 2016 with the involvement of the operator and sponsor and at no cost to Dublin City Council. Subject to available resources, smaller targeted campaigns run by Dublin City Council will be carried out to focus on particular population segments where membership is low.

4 Implications of Stakeholder Opposition to Funding Arrangements

Analysis carried out by the Planning and Property Development Department into public bike share found that membership fees and user charges are not sufficient to cover the expansion and ongoing operating costs that are incurred. There will be an extreme difficulty in planning for any further expansion of the scheme if;

- a) The 4 outstanding advertising structures required under the 2006 Public Amenities Concessionary Contract are not provided.
- b) Any required membership fee increase is not achieved due to subscriber or public opposition.
- c) The existing mandate which provides for outdoor advertising to fund the bike scheme rental model is not endorsed due to a lack of public support.

The likely direct implications of a failure to fulfil the 2006 Public Amenities Concessionary Contract (i.e. 4 advertising structures outstanding) will be an increased financial liability for Dublin City Council. This will require one (or a combination) of the following actions to be carried out during 2016, in order to fulfil the Contract and account for the current operational deficit;

- a) 8 stations are decommissioned and removed from the network.
- b) The Long Term Membership is increased to approximately €35.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full list of all emergency housing accommodation locations and drug service centres within the city. This list to include, the number of those in attendance. The number of staff and their budgets. Also, a list of what services are provided in each centre and how much finance and other resources Dublin City Council contributes to these services and initiatives and what if any, auxiliary plans are in the making to deal with these ongoing services in the coming winter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are in the process of verifying the number of service users and will revert back to the Councillor within two weeks.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive report on the cost of illegal dumping to Dublin City Council per year per Electoral Area for the last 10 years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not possible to give a definitive cost for the 10 year period requested, nor is it possible to give a breakdown of the cost per electoral area as this data is not available.

The estimated cost of illegal dumping to Dublin City Council in 2014 and 2015 was previously reported at approximately €670,000 per annum based on the estimates provided in the table below

Labour	€446,940.00
Fleet and Fuel	€131,040.00
Disposal costs	<u>€91,728.00</u>
Totals	€669,708.00

The cost per area can be estimated on the basis of recent specific dumping removal and investigation initiatives undertaken by the Waste Management Dept.

The cost of investigating and removing dumped waste from the north inner city each weekend for July/August 2016 is €23,446 with an average of 4.3 tonnes of material removed weekly as part of this exercise..

This includes costs for provision of:

Litter Wardens	€ 5,760
General Operatives	€ 16,384
Disposal of Waste	€ 1,302

Based on this exercise the estimated cost for 2016 for the area is €211,000 to provide for all dumping removal and investigation throughout the year this includes an additional factor to account for continued removal and investigation throughout the week.

As similar issues and levels of dumping are experienced in the south inner city area it is reasonable to attribute a similar cost to this area.

The remaining 3 electoral areas do not experience the same levels of illegal dumping and as such it is expected that the overall cost for these areas would be no more than half of the cost in areas worst affected by the issue of illegal dumping and are therefore estimated at €105,000 per area.

This gives an overall expected expenditure of €737,000 an increase of 11% on previous years estimates.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if a cost benefit analysis has been carried out on the provision of Council Services by Private contractors and to provide details of same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Council Services have always been carried out by a mixture of direct labour and private contractors. In a situation where work is contracted out, a range of factors are considered, including value for money.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibility of converting current DCC housing into smaller flats/apartments for senior citizens or single people to accommodate the high percentage of 1 bed applications on the DCC housing list. This was raised at a Housing sub group last year but no follow up was forthcoming.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing & Community Services are currently considering densification proposals on several sites in the City which will provide further accommodation for the cohort identified by the Councillor without reducing the availability of larger units to families on the waiting list.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been a review of Councillors Motions and Questions within the last few years considering we have seen a reduction in staff by 20-25% and the number of Councillors has increased since 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There has not been a review of the allowable limit of questions or motions. The same number of staff is dealing with the extra workload generated by 11 extra councillors since June 2014.

It would be a matter for the Protocol Committee to address the possibility of reducing the limit of Questions or Motions to be submitted to City Council or Area Committee meetings. This could be addressed by the current Standing Orders Review Group.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Housing Manager to provide this Councillor with a report on rents paid by Dublin City Council tenants, to include the following breakdown and information:

- The number of households, by size of unit, paying rent
- The rates applied to incomes
- The various income bands as/if they exist
- The average amount of rent paid in total
- The highest amount of rent paid
- The lowest amount of rent paid

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- The number of households, by size of unit, paying rent (See attached)*
- The rates applied to incomes: 15% of net Income
- The various income bands as/if they exist: No bands
- The average amount of rent paid in total : €60.10
- The highest amount of rent paid: €229.66
- The lowest amount of rent paid : €23.40

- Please note that (i) this does not include Traveller accommodation and (ii) the numbers vary from day to day subject to deaths, transfers etc.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Traffic Department to inquire as to the feasibility of installing traffic calming measures on Herberton Drive, at the request of residents on this road

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group at its meeting of 21st November, 2013, reported that Herberton Drive is a typical residential road where resident's park partially on the footpath on both sides, and lane width for two-way traffic is restricted. This forces traffic to reduce speed and give way, particularly at pinch-points, where two cars may only be able to pass in close proximity. A preliminary survey of Herberton Drive indicated that it would not fulfil the criteria for traffic calming in terms of both traffic volume and speed. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend traffic calming measures on Herberton Drive.

The criteria used to determine the need for traffic calming measures 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 50km/h.
- 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 in the Garda Traffic Division, Dublin Castle, relating to an issue of safety.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how much Dublin City Council has contributed to the Local Government Management Agency for each year that the Agency has been in existence.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Local Government Management Agency is a state agency established in 2012 following the merger of the Local Government Management Services Board and the Local Government Computer Services Board and the integration of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna functions.

The contributions paid by Dublin City Council, as prescribed, are set out below:

Year	Total Amount Paid
2012	730,556.76
2013	1,138,725.20

2014	1,129,156.51
2015	1,188,551.86
JAN-SEP 2016	1,080,485.06

Q.24 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have the heavy growth of ivy on the wall at the Plaground backing on to 2-20 South Dock Place, Dublin 4 removed as it is causing severe damage to the properties there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This location has been inspected and it is proposed to cut back the heavy vegetation on the wall over the coming months during the dormant season.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

Can the Chief Executive advise me of the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for repair to the pedestrian gate at **(Details supplied)** the gate was damaged when footpath repairs were carried out, also this OAP had to have her drive in gates adjusted after the repairs at a cost to herself. Can she be reimbursed for this cost?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of Children at play signs or warning signs at **(details supplied)**. This road has a large amount of young children and senior citizens and traffic use it to cut out the use of the busy Crumlin Rd.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to supply this councillor with any planning proposal for housing at **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask Chief Executive to move road maintenance equipment from in front of Garden View Senior Citizen complex on Francis Street, Dublin 8.

The level of debris and dust is extensive and ongoing for a very lengthy period

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A contractor is carrying out essential footpath repairs on Thomas St on behalf of Road Maintenance Services. Materials to be stored on Francis St as there is no other suitable location located in close proximity to the works. The works are at an advanced stage and will be completed in several weeks time. The storage of materials on Francis St will cease then.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Council has estimated figures for

- a) The total number of units of residential accommodation to be built in Dublin City in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and
- b) (b) The number of these units which are estimated to be apartments; and
- c) (c) The number of these units which are estimated to be houses and to ask the Chief Executive to provide these figures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Spatial Strategy 2002-2020, the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022 and the Government's Smarter Travel – A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020, all guide and direct the fundamentals of the City Council's housing strategy.

- (a) Based on currently available Regional Planning Guidelines 2010-2022, the 2011 Census, and population projections published by the CSO in 2013 the current draft Development Plan works to a projected population increase of almost 60,000 persons by 2022. Assuming an average occupancy rate of two persons per residential unit, the housing requirement is 29,500 units approximately or 4,217 units per annum. The City Councillors, in the recently approved Development Plan, agreed to add 3000 residential units per annum to address the housing waiting list. This means Dublin City must aim to build approx 7,200 units per annum from 2017 to 2022. In reality it will take some time to ramp up to this output. It is therefore planned to provide capacity to exceed this figure in the housing strategy for the Development Plan period 2016-2022, in order to accommodate longer-term sustainable growth. At present it is estimated that there is 440 hectares of zoned land available for residential development in Dublin City which can accommodate a total in excess of 52,600 units.
- (b) 76% of all dwellings constructed in Dublin City between 1994-2014 were apartments, and it is envisaged that the majority of new housing in the city will continue to be apartments or another typology that facilitates living at sustainable urban densities.
- (c) Based on the above this would provide for approximately 3,374 apartments and 843 houses per annum.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive, following the BBC Panorama programme about the dangerous state of the Sellafield Nuclear Plant, what action Dublin City Council intends to take in order to protect Dubliners from the threats posed to them by this facility?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The National Emergency Plan for Nuclear Accidents (NEPNA) is designed to minimise the impact on Ireland and its people in the event of a major nuclear accident abroad. The central goal of the plan is to reduce public exposure in the event of an incident. This plan is linked to the Major Emergency Management Framework by a draft protocol, 'A protocol for multi agency response to Radiological/Nuclear Emergencies'. This protocol included role and responsibilities for both central government and principal response agencies.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive:

- (a) Whether the Ringsend Recycling Centre has recently come under new management; and
- (b) To address the complaints of residents at the fact that the quality, cleanliness and service at this facility, which had previously been superb, has in recent times deteriorated.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) Dublin City Council's civic amenity sites continue to be operated and managed on our behalf by Oxigen (September 2016).
- b) The Waste Management office works closely with the contractors and staff at Ringsend Civic Amenity site, visiting the site at least once a week. There have been a number of national issues recently which resulted in a backlog of waste at both civic amenity sites; this may have contributed to the cleanliness of the site. However these issues have been resolved and we expect the level of service to return to usual immediately.

We welcome any feedback including complaints and endeavour to deal with each complaint in an efficient and effective manner. Any issues are discussed directly with the manager and staff on site and the manager.

Feedback can be directed to waste.management@dublincity.ie or to Customer Services customerservices@dublincity.ie or phone: 222 1000.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

In circumstances where the residents of Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin, are not able to find parking on their street on returning home from work due to the prevalence of non-resident parking, to ask the Chief Executive to introduce a mechanism to ensure that a certain number of spaces are available for the use of residents only.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no provision in law to reserve any parking on a public road as "residents only" on that road. It is not possible, therefore, to put any mechanism in place to reserve any parking on Bloomfield Avenue for residents only. The residential permit scheme on Bloomfield Avenue is oversubscribed with 102 residential permits issued for the approximately 85 spaces. The council's parking enforcement contractor has monitored parking on Bloomfield Avenue recently on a daily basis and found no instances of illegal parking.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request. **(Details supplied).**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query **(Details supplied).**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a map and list off all current and proposed DCC/JC Decaux advertising sites.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To date we are short by four the number of advertising panels that we are obliged to provide under this contract.

The proposed new location of advertising signs in the South East Area is as follows:

- Pembroke Road,
- Shelbourne Road,
- Charlemont Street and
- Donnybrook Road.

These proposed signs are the subject of individual Part 8 planning application reports and recommendations which will come before the City Council for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for Monday 3rd October. These four advertising selections are required to fulfil Dublin City Councils contractual obligations in respect of the original concessionary contract signed with JC Decaux in 2006 (advertising panels on public streets in return for a package of public amenities worth €74 million including a bike scheme for a 15 year period) and the limited extension (4 bike stations and 100 bikes) carried out in 2010. The purpose of the concessionary contract using outdoor advertisement was to keep the costs down (i.e. cost neutral to the City Council) which effectively means a free bike scheme which is affordable to all sections of Dublin society including the students and unwaged (95% of journeys are free).

A detailed list of advertising installations is not available at this time. The table below indicates the percentage breakdown of stations and advertising installations in the city.

DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC AMENITY ADVERTISING AND BIKE STATION BY DCC AREA		
DCC Area	Advertising Units	Bike Stations
South East	25%	47%
South Central	16%	18%
Central	30%	35%
North West	19%	0%
North Central	10%	0%
Northside	59%	35%
Southside	41%	65%

Q.38 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can update me on **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange a report and repairs to **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the City Manager if he can confirm **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he would consider **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange that residents of **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR CATHLEEN CARNEY BOUD

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange the following at **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive state why the tender being prepared by SDCC for the attenuation tank in Tymon park has run out of time. This relates to measures to prevent the Poddle River from overflowing and the action was motivated by the 2011 flooding in Harold's Cross and beyond and which resulted in houses being flooded the loss of life of a woman in a basement in Parnell Rd. Currently house owners in the areas affected cannot get house insurance, and some have difficulty in selling their houses.

Is it possible to retrieve the process without having to start from scratch?

Would the Chief Executive agree to re-establish the DCC/SCC working group that dealt with cross border issues such as this?
It's a very urgent and serious issue for DCC

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The existing framework for appointing consultants to review previous studies on the Poddle including the fast-tracked OPW study, go for planning permission in SDCC and DCC, design flood alleviation works and supervised construction has come to the end of its term and documents for a new framework are being put together.

In the mean time, so as not to start from scratch, SDCC are looking at the possibility of fast-tracking some storage works in Tymon Park which would reduce flood risk over the Poddle river catchment as far downstream as Harold's Cross.

The SDCC/DCC/OPW working group is still meeting on this matter and other flood matters which relate to the two Councils.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide answers to the following questions relating to Dublin Regional Homeless Executive?

a) How many individuals/families have been evicted from their emergency accommodation for breach of rules annually over the last two years?

b) What is the current status of the Homeless Tenants Handbook "Information and Guidelines for Service Users and Landlords"? Is it still in draft form and if so, why?

c) Is a homeless service user entitled to have representation/support when dealing with the DRHE and their service providers, and if so, what are the criteria for such representation/support?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A. There are no evictions from emergency accommodation. Exclusions may occur only for reasons related to behaviour and are subject to review and are not permanent.

Numbers excluded from emergency accommodation over two years from 25/09/14 - 25/09/16

Length of Exclusion	Number of Exclusions
Less than 1 Week	567
1 Week - 1 Month	286
1-2 Months	45
2 – 6 Months	83
Over 6 months	54
Total	1035

b) What is the current status of the Homeless Tenants Handbook “Information and Guidelines for Service Users and Landlords”? Is it still in draft form and if so, why?

DCC are currently reviewing the procedures and preparing a consultation process with service operators after which time we will be in a position to issue same. We will revert to the Councillor in due course.

c) Is a homeless service user entitled to have representation/support when dealing with the DRHE and their service providers, and if so, what are the criteria for such representation/support?

Keyworkers are attached to each service user under the pathway to home model in Dublin and are responsible for supporting the service user's needs and access to all required services (eg Housing, health etc.)

Q.56 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive detail the number of official requests made to the Department of the Environment for finance to build public housing on council lands over the last two years? Can he provide me with the correspondence to and from the Department?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Department report on a monthly basis to the City Council and on a quarterly basis to the Area Committees and also the Housing SPC regarding all current developments and future proposals for development of public housing.

Every scheme is subject to detailed submissions by DCC to the DHPCLG regarding the nature and funding of proposed development outlined in the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) provisions for Capital Projects Public Spending Code 2011. Subsequently, and throughout the life cycle of each project, there will be ongoing communications and discussions between DCC and the Department on all aspects of the development.

The Housing Programme monthly report details all projects submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and it's current status under CWMF.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the €150,000 allocated to a trial dog fouling program from the 2016 budget can the Chief Executive provide details for the following?

- a) When did the program begin in each of the 5 administrative areas?
- b) How many dog fouling fines have been issued in each of the areas per month?
- c) A breakdown of areas where fines issued relate to (Parks, public roads/paths etc)
- d) Of the €30,000 allocated per area, what amount remains?
- e) Does the Chief Executive intend to carry out a cost based analysis on the program or is he satisfied that the program has been successful?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Questions **a)**, **b)** and **d)** are addressed in the table below.

Area	Commenced	Fines	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Funding Remaining
North Central	June	8		2	1	1	4	15,000
North West	June	4			2	1	1	15,700
South Central	May	50	12	23		7	8	9,000
South East	June	6		1	1		4	11,000
Central	August	1				1		28,500
Total		69	12	26	4	10	17	79,200

c) Of the 69 fines issued to date 58 have been issued in parks and green areas including the canal towpath. 11 fines have been issued for offences on public roads or footpaths.

e) An analysis of the effectiveness of the programme will be conducted once each department is satisfied that it has concluded its activities under this initiative for 2016. This analysis will examine all aspects of the programme to assess what elements have proved successful.

Reports from the areas indicate that in the South East area a high level of compliance has been observed with patrols occurring 16 different locations in the area.

Ongoing high profile policing operations in the Central Area have fully utilised all available Garda resources. As such only 2 patrols have taken place in this area.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In light of the launch of the Limerick City and County Council special purpose vehicle “Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development Designated Activity Company” can the Chief Executive confirm that there is no obstacle to Dublin City Council setting up a similar SPV to deliver public housing?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

There is no obstacle to Dublin City Council setting up special purpose vehicles, be they limited companies or otherwise, to achieve objectives of the Council including the delivery of public housing.

However, the restrictions on a special purpose vehicle owned or controlled by the City Council borrowing for house building purposes are exactly the same as the restrictions that apply to the City Council. These were set out in my Briefing Note to City Councillors on 25 May 2016.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask our Parks Manager to set out the parks budget for each area within the Dublin City Council administrative area for each of the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date, indicating also the total area of park land under administration in each of those areas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The budget for Parks maintenance operations is allocated to Parks Districts which do not correlate with the 5 administrative areas so it is not possible to provide the specific information requested. There are currently in the order of 1410 hectares of open spaces/parks in the Dublin City Council area. A breakdown of hectares per the five administration areas is currently not available but we will endeavour to compile a report setting out the parks /open space areas per administrative area, along with the

Parks budget per year for the years in question. This exercise will not however facilitate an accurate assessment of budgetary spend per hectare as it will be based on a mixture of parks and open spaces.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive when Parks Dept. & Roads Dept. will carry out the works of tree removing and path reinstatement at (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE
To ask the Chief Executive to replace the defective windows at (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY
To ask the Chief Executive (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:
A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON
To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure the following is carried out. (**Details supplied**),

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can I ask for a report on the following difficult issue (**Details Supplied**).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That DCC look at the following housing issue (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That DCC please look into the following housing situation (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the current planning permissions and applications relating to student accommodation in the DCC area (an expansion on the excellent reply to my Q21 at the July 2016 CAC relating to the Central Area), such details to include planning status, number of units, management structure and agreed community consultation process (if any). (The reply to my question No. 21 at the July 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested by the Councillor is very extensive and is currently being collated. A response will issue directly to him within the next 10 days.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive the following in relation to the loss of car parking spaces due to the Luas cross city works:

A. Can the Chief Executive detail all meetings between DCC and the NTA held to discuss the compensation due to DCC from the NTA for the estimated annual loss of €1.8M relating to the loss of parking arising from the LUAS?

<http://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=6600&d=g-Hi1xFlf0XFpNlgPGspcph5nyidYa-V-f7AEbRNA&s=342&u=http%3a%2f%2fworks%2eln>

Particular, when was the last meeting and what transpired thereat?

B. Can the Chief Executive to confirm that the NTA has been informed that this loss of parking spaces has been acknowledged under Policy MT14 in the Draft Dublin City Development Plan following a vote by members on Motion 2107?

C. Can the Chief Executive confirm the income figure which will be included in the 2017 City budget in relation to this outstanding amount due?

D. Can the Chief Executive confirm the exact number of spaces lost to date and if any further spaces are designated for removal?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A. There are ongoing meetings at senior level between the NTA and Dublin City Council in relation to all traffic related matters around the city. Since 2014 these meetings would be concentrated mainly around the LCC project currently underway and the city centre transport study. The question of parking and loss of both long and short term parking income has been discussed at many of these meetings. While there is no record of any specific meetings the matter has been on the radar of both organisations. No final settlement will be possible until the project is complete.
- B. The Question has been referred to Planning and Property Development Department for reply and a response will issue directly to the Councillor in due course.
- C. Work associated with the Dublin City Council Budget for 2017 is currently underway and has yet to be completed.
- D. As indicated, the situation remains fluid as the works are ongoing with spaces temporarily suspended and others reinstated as the works progress. The final total loss of spaces will be known when works and associated traffic management issues are finalised.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the City Council's involvement in an EU supported conference in relation to sustainable urban living spaces reportedly hosted by the City Council (article Irish times 7/7/16 - Tim O'Brien) and to confirm whether, or not, councillors were invited to attend. In relation to the conference, can the Chief Executive also confirm, whether, or not, DCC is entitled to apply for funding under the EU Research and Innovation programme, Horizon 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is assumed that the Councillor is referring to an article on 7/9/16 which referenced a conference held the day before. On September 6th Dublin City Council in collaboration with UCD hosted the EU TURAS project conference and workshop in The Venue titled 'COLLABORATING COMMUNITIES'. TURAS stands for 'Transitioning towards Urban Resilience and Sustainability'. Dublin City Council is one of 11 cities in the TURAS project. The event was opened by the Lord Mayor Brendan Carr. Invitations were extended to the Chairs of the City Council's SPCs and Group leaders.

In relation to funding for the conference, DCC received this funding through the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme (EU and Euratom Treaties)– Research & Innovation.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail whether, or not, it is possible for Dublin City Council and/or Councillors to use any powers we have to open bus lanes/corridors to private motorists during Dublin Bus strikes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has the power to designate Bus and Cycle lanes and put in place the necessary statutory instruments and on-street signage. The City Council can also remove bus lane markings, statutory instruments and on street signage, however this would be done on a street by street basis reversing what has been already put in place. It cannot be done on a city wide basis under the current legislation.

- Q.79 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.80 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.81 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.82 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.83 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive to report be the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.84 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.85 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN**
To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY

To ask the Chief Executive, **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask our Roads Maintenance and Parks Section to survey and repair the uneven path and railings in the vicinity of **(details supplied?)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive arrange with our Parks Section to have the tree at **(Details supplied?)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive arrange that our Housing Maintenance Section complete the work promised to our tenant at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if some type of parking permit can be made available to the "You Are Not Alone" organisation who every Friday from Fri 7pm to 10pm and every Sunday from 6pm to 10pm park their vehicle on Fownes Street opposite the Foggy Dew pub and dispense food and clothes parcels for the homeless and poor as well as hot dinners at Christmas time because in recent weeks they have been asked to move on by the Guards

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Roadworks Control does not issue any permits/licences for parking of work vehicles on clearways. Those seeking any such permission would be instructed to park their vehicle on the nearest Pay & Display road/street during parking restricted times, or on any nearby road/street where there may be some free parking at certain times on a Sunday.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(Details Supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can report on the progress of the promised complaints procedure for residents in emergency accommodation and if in particular he can respond to complaints that have been made about the procedures the Rondu have in place when it comes to residents notifying with staff of occasions when resident children are spending nights with relatives or ex partners

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC are currently reviewing the procedures and preparing a consultation process with service operators after which time we will be in a position to issue same. We will revert to the Councillor in due course.

The units are 6 month supported temporary accommodation (STA) service for homeless adults with child dependents and all statutory regulations on child welfare and well being apply. If there is active TUSLA involvement in any household placed in Rendu then a request for an 'overnight' elsewhere is forwarded to TUSLA for their sign off and direction.

Where there are requests for prolonged durations of stay away from the service affecting a child dependent this is considered on a case by case basis.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the progress made on the enquiry into the circumstances of the Sunday Independent coming into possession of confidential information pertaining to **(details supplied)** and whether the enquiries have extended to questioning current and former public representatives who negatively commented on Ms Fleming's declining of the Housing Assistance Payment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council confirms receipt of a formal complaint under our corporate complaints procedure regarding an alleged release of an official record that may have led to a disclosure of private personal information into the public domain.

This matter has been examined in line with relevant and required procedures under the Data Protection Legislation.

Dublin City Council has concluded its investigation and has communicated the outcomes of same with the complainant.

- Q.99 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.100 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH**
To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration can be given (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.101 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**
To ask the Chief Executive to find suitable accommodation for (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.102 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.103 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**
To ask the Chief Executive if (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.104 COUNCILLOR SONYA STAPLETON**
To ask the Chief Executive if they can identify (**Details Supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.105 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND**
To ask the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council if he could investigate if there are any violations to the granted planning permission and to building regulations at the Incinerator in Poolbeg. I have heard reports of building taking place through the

entire 24 hours of the day and this can be quite dangerous at nighttime when there is little or no illumination.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no non-compliance issues with the construction of the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility. It is noted that the planning application had set out that it was proposed that work will take place 24 hours/day during the construction phase and all works on site are being undertaken in compliance with the relevant health, safety and welfare at work legislation.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive how much in development levies DCC has collected in the year to date 2016 and for the same figures for 2015 and 2014.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following amounts were received to 31st August in respect of development contributions received under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended:

2014	€6,147,481
2015	€9,398,609
2016	€13,135,148

Q.108 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update on the old ABC Hall and site, Bluebell Avenue and whether the building can be retained as part of a community project to include allotments and other community projects.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A report was presented at the June 2015 Area Committee meetings in relation to the former ABC Hall in Bluebell.

The report stated that *"Dublin City Council has no plans for the utilisation of the old Community Centre on Bluebell Avenue and that it would cost a significant amount of money (€250,000 - €300,000) to reinstate the vacant and damaged premises. Dublin City Council does not have a budget provision for such work and it is very unlikely that the necessary finance will be made available in the future. It would also be very difficult to justify ongoing management and running costs for this building as it is immediately adjacent to the new Community Centre."*

It is considered that the most sustainable future would be to demolish the building and develop the site for community allotments with the possibility of a storage area that could facilitate the allotment holders and local anglers who use the adjacent canal. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 individual allotment plots could be accommodated on the site.

The new Community Centre in Bluebell was developed at a cost of €3.3m. There is availability at various times throughout the day/evening with the upstairs meeting rooms having particular capacity for additional use. The refurbishment of the old hall could result in user groups moving from the new Centre thereby putting the viability and future of the Centre at risk".

There is no update in relation to this report.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROISTE
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN
To ask the Chief Executive the area around the main shops and Colepark estate are in a disgraceful condition with dirt and litter. Rat infestation of the housing estate and around the shops is now clearly visible to local residents and shopkeepers and must be urgently dealt with as a public health hazard. Given the high level of rates and of property tax paid by all in the area, can the relevant Dept intervene and urgently clean the area and to move to increase the frequency of street cleaning which has been at an all time low for the last few years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned area cleaned on the 22nd September 2016. The area around the main shops is cleaned on a daily basis. The residential Colepark estate is cleaned on a twelve week cycle which is the standard

cleaning schedule for residential estates throughout the city. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this area to see if some improvements can be made.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

Can Dublin City council confirm if they have or are the owners of 338 Kildare Road, Crumlin? It's not clear from the register who owns this property but residents seem to think DCC do.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This property is not owned by Dublin City Council

I can confirm that 338 Kildare Road, Crumlin is not a Dublin City Council tenancy dwelling.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

Can I Have an update from the housing Department around all Council flat complexes in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh ward on

- 1) What plans the Council has on refurbishing these complexes?
- 2) If some of the complexes are not to be refurbished then is there any plans to rehouse tenants in these flats which are in severe disrepair?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- 1) There are currently no plans to refurbish flat complexes in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area.
- 2) There are currently no plans to re-house current tenants in this area to alternate housing units on maintenance grounds. If any individual tenant wishes to identify a maintenance issue in their unit this will be investigated and any necessary repairs by Housing Maintenance carried out.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to install a pedestrian crossing on Winetavern Street towards Christchurch Cathedral so that citizens and visitors can cross here safely between two of the City's key tourist attractions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In April 2016, Lotts Architecture and Urbanism Ltd were retained to provide services as a Conservation Consultant to design a pedestrian crossing and a coach pull-in area for St. Michael's Hill at Christchurch Cathedral. Due to the complexity of the solution to modify the existing paving outside Dublinia, the final design was agreed only in August.

It is our intention to review the proposals of Lotts Architecture and proceed with a Request for Tender. An element of this Request for Tender will be the procurement of granite, which has a lengthy procurement and supply time, therefore it is not anticipated that this crossing will be constructed this year.

It is hoped that this crossing and coach pull-in area will be constructed prior to the tourist season of 2017.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposals to review the cycle lanes at the junction of Nicholas Street and Dame Street / Thomas Street at Christchurch Cathedral.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A proposal to design a pedestrian crossing on Winetavern Street at Christchurch is currently in train. As part of this design process a review of the cycle lanes in the vicinity will be incorporated.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware of applications for a change of use from residential to commercial by apartment owners in Music Hall, Temple Bar, if he can outline how many applications have been received and how many have been awarded a change of use

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following are only planning applications on Dublin City Council APAS system for said address (Music Hall, Temple Bar)

4309/04 Retention permission for the construction of a canvas Awning measuring 3.5m x 2– Granted

3579/02 Unit 5 - RETENTION permission, CHANGE OF USE from opticians to retail coffee shop etc – Granted

3426/01 Retail unit 5, Music Hall, Cow's Lane, Temple Bar Dublin 8 – Decision Deferred

1692/02 Rear of units 3 & 4, Music Hall, Cow's Lane, Temple Bar, Dublin 8 – Application Invalid.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how often litter picking takes place along Grand Canal and whether he can increase the frequency of these services as there has been an increase in litter along the canal in recent months, particularly from Baggot Street Bridge to Grand Canal Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Litter picking along the Grand Canal is carried out by Waterways Ireland.

Waterways Ireland carries out litter picking on a continuous, on-going basis along the banks of the Grand Canal from Grand Canal Dock in Dublin City Centre to Robertstown in County Kildare. This is a significant length of canal bank to maintain and usually by the time our workers reach the end point of this stretch, having completed a full sweep of litter picking, more litter has begun to accumulate at the start point.

Due to limited resources, Waterways Ireland cannot increase the frequency of litter picking along the banks of the Grand Canal. Waterways Ireland does however support additional litter picking efforts by providing rubbish bags and litter picks to volunteer groups that organise monthly clean ups of the Grand Canal from Mount Street to Rathmines.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to **(Details supplied)?**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the steps taken by Dublin City Council to expand the Coke-a-Cola Zero Dublin Bikes scheme to the Grangegorman following the provision of €1m in funding by the Fine Gael-led Government in Budget 2016? Why is it, that after almost twelve months, the proposed thirteen new bikes' stations and along the North Circular Road, Grangegorman Lower, Rathdown Road among others will be put in place?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issue is the operational costs associated with any expansion to the existing scheme. While the offer of capital funding from the NTA of €1.2 million for the proposed Grangegorman expansion is very much welcomed the estimated cost on an annual basis of operating such an extension would be in the order of €500,000 per annum. As you are aware the bike scheme was introduced first in 2009 on a cost neutral basis. Initially by way of a concessionary contract with JCDecaux who were to provide a package of public amenity worth €74 million over a 15 year period including the dublinbikes scheme (40 bike stations and 450 bikes) in return for concessions for outdoor advertising.

A limited extension was carried out in 2010 (4 bike stations and 100 bikes) and this was funded by a combination of outdoor advertising and subscription revenue.

The most recent expansion increased the number of bikes from 550 to 1,500 and the number of stations from 44 to 101 and this expansion was funded out of revenues generated through subscriptions so as to continue with the cost neutral policy.

This recent expansion of the scheme which was completed in 2015 was based on a business plan which was considered and approved by the City Council meeting at the meeting in May 2013. The business plan identified that the annual cost of operating the scheme would be in the order of €1.92 million and this revenue was to be generated by:

- a) An increase in membership from €10 to €20
- b) An increase in overall membership to 64,000 annual members
- c) The selling of the branding rights to the bike scheme

As you are aware Coca-Cola Zero obtained the branding rights which resulted in €300,000 in revenue to the City Council over a 3 year period. Despite the growth in membership the operating deficit for 2015 was €360,000. This deficit must be met by the City Council.

A recent meeting of the Planning SPC a report was considered which identified how this deficit could be addressed and it was agreed to allow for an increase in membership fee from the current €20 to €25/€30. However, as you are aware the existing concessionary contract i.e. the original scheme together with the limited extension has not been fully fulfilled by Dublin City Council and there is an outstanding requirement for us to provide 4 additional advertising units to fulfil our obligations to JCDecaux. It was decided not to increase the membership until the full implications of this deficit is evaluated and assessed.

At the October City Council meeting the Members will debate four Part 8's that will allow for the fulfilment of the concessionary contract. If the Part 8's do not go ahead there will be an additional need to review the operational costs as there could be an additional operating cost resulting from our inability to fulfil our obligations under the contract. For this reason we did not carry out an increase in subscription until we

were fully aware of the full impact of the Part 8 applications. When this process has concluded we will have a better knowledge of the full operational deficit arising from the current scheme (any further expansion of the scheme including an expansion of Grangegorman must look at a separate source of funding to cover the operational costs). As you are aware the success of the scheme has in effect been brought about by the fact that it is viewed as being a free scheme (95% of all journeys are free i.e. they do not last in excess of 30 minutes) and the annual subscription of €20 is deemed to be relatively inexpensive when compared to other European bike hire schemes. However any increase in membership to cover further expansions is not sustainable as the necessary increases in annual subscription fees would be such that it would be detrimental and have an adverse impact on the scheme and could not in any way generate the level of revenue required, which are estimated to be in the order of €10 million for a fully developed expansion as outlined in the strategy in 2010.

Going forward therefore the issues are:

- Addressing the existing deficit of €360,000 through an increase in membership
- Assessing the impact if the four Part 8's which are due to be determined by the City Council are not approved at the October City Council meeting and the impact that this will have on increasing the deficit
- Identifying an alternative source of revenue that will allow for the expansion of the bike scheme to take place without adversely affecting the City Council's budget and retain the concept of being cost neutral to the City Council.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to respond (**Details supplied**)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to respond (**Details supplied**)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with the commercial water rate payment levels for each of the last five years 2011-2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The commercial water rate collection % from 2011 – 2013 is set out below. Details in relation to 2014 – 2015 should be directed to Irish Water as the function transferred directly to Irish Water from 1st January 2014.

Year	%
2011	57 %
2012	60 %
2013	61 %

Q.126 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with an itemised list of Government departments and agencies in the city that are exempt from paying

commercial rates to the council and an idea of the amount of monies that these exemptions cost the city council on an annual basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The revaluation of Dublin city was effective from January 2014. Prior to the revaluation of the city, property directly occupied by the state was valued and entered on the valuation list but was not rateable. This is no longer the case. The Valuation Office no longer value state occupied property, as such it is not possible to gauge the value of exempt rates in respect of government buildings. However prior to 2014 the value of state occupied properties was €30m.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a report on the meetings and communications that city council staff have engaged in with parties relevant to the Moore Street site: the report to pay specific regard to all contacts with the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and the company Hammerson & Allianz, and the nature of these contacts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the disposal of the lands by Nama/Receiver a meeting took place between Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive and representatives of Hammerson (new owners) on 2nd February 2016. The purpose of the meeting was for Hammerson to introduce themselves to the Executive on the basis that they were now a significant commercial developer in the city. The fact that this meeting took place was referenced at the Moore Street Forum meeting which took place on 9th March 2016.

There have been no meetings with the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs other than the meetings that took place pursuant to the compliance with the Ministerial Order / court proceedings.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a detailed list of the names of every person, group, organisation, fund, investment firm and company who expressed an interest in the Housing Land Initiative - Feasibility Study and a report as to how many of the above have been contacted by city council officials in 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Expert procurement advice was sought by Dublin City Council in February 2016, to clarify whether the council under the procurement framework, could respond to councillors requests and issue information as referenced above.

The advice noted that the publication of a PIN notice followed by the engagement of technical dialogue / market consultations is an integral part of the public procurement process as indicated in Directive 2004/18/EC, and Recital 8 of the preambles provides for contracting authorities to seek or accept advice which may be used in the preparation of the specifications.

It goes on to state that such advice should not have the effect of precluding competition. That means that contracting authorities have an obligation to take the necessary steps to ensure both the confidentiality of information provided by market players and indeed to protect their identity as is the case throughout each of an award procedure.

It is particularly important that those who are not engaged in the procurement procedure, per se, but have an interest in the outcome should be protected from any possible conflict of interest or accusation of any involvement in the event that particular market players are awarded public contracts.

In addition, contracting authorities are prohibited from disclosing information forwarded to it. Data protection laws seek to protect the identity of individuals and their data.

In conclusion it is recommended that the identities of those who are engaged in technical dialogues are not made known to any party who is not directly engaged in the procurement process as this could compromise any decisions taken by the Council under public procurement procedures, possibly leading to cancellation of contracts and High Court litigation.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide whatever necessary infrastructure in the shore at Shelmalier road, due to the fact this has been the cause of health hazards over last number of months. It has cost a lot of money and inconvenience to Cllr Christy Burke and shore feeds for other Houses. If the Chief Executive would have it inspected by sewage department in Dublin City Council and upgraded and replaced with whatever work is required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A baiting programme has commenced on Shelmalier Road. Further to this a camera survey will be undertaken, in the next two weeks, of the drainage network in the area to ascertain if any deficiencies are present.