

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2017

Q.1 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently deal with **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair to the path outside **(Details supplied)** this damage was caused by the tree roots.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to request Dublin Bus to consider moving the bus stop outside **(details supplied)** during the growing seasons this bus stop is not visible because of a large tree.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

Would the Chief Executive state why **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine road at (a) and footpath at (b) **(Details supplied)** from a pedestrian safety point of view and say,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.9 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.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could quantify the total number of Social and Affordable housing units provided via the Dublin Docklands Development Authority Master plan.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An analysis of the social and affordable units as part of Section 25 Social and Affordable Housing requirement is contained in the table below.

	<u>Social</u>	<u>Affordable</u>	<u>DCC Shared Ownership</u>	<u>Total</u>
Social & Affordable Delivered	198	155	10	363

A further 31 Social Units are scheduled for delivery in 2017

Q.11 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to review this matter (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the dog park/dog run in St Anne's park. Can the surface be maintained i.e. replace the bark it's just thick muck at present. Can a suitable bench be installed? Can a watering trough be installed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is planned to carry out resurfacing works to the Dog park during early 2017. It is also planned to install replacement seating and a water supply as part of the Parks Improvements Programme.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the trees within St Anne's Park be topped across from 53 All Saints Road, Raheny? The trees have grown over to the extent that they are tipping the cars and houses of the residents. They block most of the natural light from the houses, and cause damp due to the lack of sunlight and natural light._

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees in question are within the Park and are at least 30 metres from any house. There are no branches anywhere outside the Park boundary and it is difficult to understand how they are coming in contact with cars etc. At present it is not DCC Parks and Landscape Services intention to cut into the trees, however the trees will be inspected and any potentially hazardous trees will be attended to.

Q.14 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.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report into **(Details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to use the DCC street camera system to be used to complete a survey on pedestrian, driver and cyclist road (and in the case of cyclists - footpath) behaviour and if so, can the Chief Executive commission such a survey to get an indication of driver, cyclist and pedestrian behaviour. In particular, can the Chief Executive advise if the system could be used to identify cyclists using bikes from the Dublin Bikes Scheme who break the law and if such information could be used as a sanction against users of the Scheme (up to and including withdrawal of membership).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The traffic camera network is for the monitoring of traffic, detection of incidents, accidents and unauthorised road works. It is not designed to count vehicles or complete surveys in the manner requested.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm exactly how many and the exact location of the parking bays which would be removed if the Liffey Cycle Route were to go ahead. Also, to ask the chief Executive to detail the permanent annual loss of revenue to DCC if these parking bays are removed (from figures given to me at a recent presentation to the Central Area Committee this loss of income may be estimated at €250,000 plus per annum - on top of the €1.8m permanent loss of income from the removal of the c.400 parking bays to facilitate the Luas cross city project for which I assume DCC are still, as indicated to me, negotiating compensation for from the NTA). Finally, to ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Environmental and Economic impact assessment to be commissioned as part of the process will include the economic impact of the loss of parking bays both in direct monetary terms and direct and indirect economic impact of the proposal on city centre retail business.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current proposals for the Liffey Cycle Route would see the removal of the following parking spaces:

Inn's Quay

33 spaces

Ormond Quay Upper	35 spaces
Blackhall Place	8 spaces

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section have estimated the potential loss of income due to the removal of these parking spaces at €500,000 per annum.

Dublin City Council will carry out screenings for both an Appropriate Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment. This screening will be carried out by an independent consultant. The outcome of this process will inform on the appropriate statutory planning process. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by the end of April 2017. If an EIA is required, Dublin City Council will consult with An Bord Pleanála to finalise the various headings on which the EIA will be carried out. This may include an economic impact assessment.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to include a facility on the successful Parking Tag scheme whereby a car can be registered to two users (and mobile phones) to facilitate cases where, for example, a couple have one car which they both use at different times and require parking. Currently, such a facility is not available and this is a cause of inconvenience to car owners in the situation described

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not possible to include this functionality in the Parking Tag system in its current configuration. It is intended to commence a tender process for provision of the Cashless Parking Payment System for on-street parking shortly, commencing with Technical Dialogue with potential service providers and the feasibility of including this functionality can be discussed and considered at that time.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail what, if any, checks are in place to ensure non-abuse of Disabled Parking permits. I ask this question because of complaints I have had by members of the public who note able bodied people getting into and out of cars parked in Disabled Parking Bays and international surveys which suggest that up to 25% of cars parked in Disabled Parking Bays are done so illegally. In particular, can the Chief Executive detail the following?

- a. Number of Disabled parking Bays in Dublin City and cost of providing this much needed facility (i.e. income foregone, maintenance etc.)
- b. Staffing etc. used to check for abuse of the facility.
- c. Sanctions available against people misusing Disabled Parking Bays.
- d. Number of people caught misusing Disabled Parking Bays (2014, 2015 and 2016)
- e. Number of parking passes confiscated for misuse (2014, 2015 and 2016)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Disabled Parking Permits are issued by the Disabled Drivers Association and the Irish Wheelchair Association. Permits which are valid for use in a Disabled Parking Bay. Without time restriction or payment. They are issued by those bodies for a significant number of complaints, illness and disability. It is not necessarily apparent to any observer what the nature of any permit holders disability may be despite the individual being fully entitled to hold a permit. Additionally, any individual whilst

transporting a permit holder may also validly display the permit and rely on the permit when parking. Dublin City Council also allows holders of Disabled Parking Permits Park in any regular Pay and Display Parking Bay free and with no maximum stay time limit.

Offences associated with Disabled Parking Bays and Disabled Parking Permits include non-display of the appropriate permit when parked in a Disabled Parking Bay and inappropriate use of a Disabled Parking Permit, e.g., displaying a permit when the permit holder is not present or being transported. Dublin City Council has previously engaged with the bodies concerned with the intention that appropriate details of permit holders be made available Dublin Street Parking Services Crew for the purposes of carrying out enforcement of inappropriate use of permits. However, due to Data Protection Regulations this information could not be provided.

- a. There are 155 on-street Disabled Parking Bays located within the City Centre area. In residential areas Disabled Parking Bays are generally provided in response to specific request from residents who submit the required medical evidence to support their request. Disabled Parking Bays are not provided for use by any individual or resident and may be used by any individual entitled to do so. Maintenance of Disabled Parking Bays is carried out as part of a general maintenance programme. It is not possible to provide a reasonably accurate estimate of the cost of maintenance. It is conservatively estimated income forgone to provide the free parking service to Disabled Parking Permit holders is €500,000 per year.
- b. Enforcement of illegal parking including those related to Disabled Parking Bays and display of Disabled Parking Permits is carried out by the Council's Parking enforcement Contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services as part of regular routine enforcement patrols and in response to specific complaints of illegal parking. Approx. 60 operational staff carry out enforcement activities on a shift basis.
- c. Sanction for all illegal parking is by way of immediate clamp requiring payment of €80 and/or removal to the pound where appropriate thereby incurring additional related charges.
- d. In 2014, 2015 and 2016 there were 602, 495 and 486 enforcements respectively for offences related to Disabled Parking Bays.
- e. Dublin City Council does not have the authority to prevent the use of or confiscate any Disabled Parking Permit.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to his housing request (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive can the road surface be repaired at **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

What is the proposed transport plan for **(detail supplied?)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

What are the Council plans on the following **(detail supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

Can the Council provide a comment on the following **(details supplied)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many of those on our transfer list are on the list due to overcrowding and can consideration be given to a grant /loan scheme for extensions to address the overcrowding and reduce the transfer list and if he could also consider such a grant/loan scheme for those on housing list who live with family and would then come off housing waiting list

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following table highlights the current number of applications on the councils transfer list within Band 2. (It should be noted that not all cases within Band 2 are in overcrowding, Bedroom Shortage situations as some of the applications would **also have Band 2 status** based on historical medical or welfare points that had been awarded previously). The table also includes applications that are in Band 1 (medical and welfare priority cases, but, it should also be noted, that **not all of these applications in Band 1** would be in overcrowding situations).

January 2017 Transfer Waiting List figures by Band Category											
Waiting List Code	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Band 2 Transfer list	211	44	193	192	165	188	192	124	45	39	1393
Band 2 Transfer older	75	4	83	33	25	28	17	36	37	8	346
Transfer Medical priority	30	4	24	19	13	14	14	17		7	142
Transfer Medical older	5	2	9	8	3	3	6	4	3	1	44
Transfer Welfare	55	12	38	24	49	30	24	11	8	5	256
Transfer welfare older	7		1	1	9	1	5	2	1		27
Total	383	66	348	277	264	264	258	194	94	60	2208

There is currently no funding available for overcrowding extensions as all extension funding provided is used for adapted extensions.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the housing waiting list figures can he state re the homeless figures (in same format as the report on current waiting list statistics and lettings report)

How long were those on homeless list on the list before being housed?

How long were they on Housing list prior to being placed on homeless list?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below shows the number of allocations made to those with Homeless Priority in 2015 and 2016 based on type of accommodation and length of time with Homeless Priority.

Showing how long someone was on the Housing List before having Homeless Priority if at all would be quite labour intensive. If required this would take some time as Homeless Allocations would have to go through each applicant housed individually. Should you have any queries on these figures please contact Darren Ryan in Homeless Allocations directly on 222 3848 who I believe has already discussed this query with you.

Year	Property Type	Allocations to Homeless	Avg. waiting time before DCC stock allocation
2015	Older pers.	86	1 to 2 yrs
	1 bed	154	2 to 3yrs
	2 bed	131	0 to 1 yr
	3 bed	36	1 to 2yrs
	4 bed	3	2 to 3yrs
Total		410	
2016	Older pers.	55	1 to 2yrs
	1 bed	98	3 to 4yrs
	2 bed	81	1 to 2yrs
	3 bed	35	1 to 2yrs
	4 bed	5	1 to 2 yrs
Total		274	

Q.32 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate pay and display plebiscite for pay and display on New Ireland Road and Haroldville Avenue requested by a public representative as outlined on the Council website. To further ask what the process for a plebiscite is

and to direct me to the relevant section of the City by Laws or policy of the council which provide the framework for this.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The criteria for the consideration of requests for Pay and Display and Permit Parking Schemes require that written supporting evidence in favour of parking controls be received from 25% of households before the request is referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination. The full criteria were forwarded to the Councillor on behalf of residents of New Ireland Road on 4th November, 2016. A copy of the correspondence is being forwarded to the Councillor for information.

In relation to Haroldville Avenue, the criteria were forwarded to a resident on 9th January, 2015. No further correspondence has been received from the resident to date. On submission of the initial 25% supporting evidence from households of the road, the request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. Where a Scheme is recommended, the residents concerned listed on the Register of Electors will be balloted. The returned ballot determines whether or not the City Council proceeds with the proposed Scheme.

A report regarding the City Council's parking policy was submitted to the Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (now Transportation SPC) at its meeting of 12th September, 2012. The report set out revised policy for (i) the introduction of Parking Schemes and (ii) the survey of residents, and was agreed by the SPC at the time. The revised policy came into effect in September, 2012. A copy of the report is being forwarded to the Councillor.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

That the Chief Executive state how many homeless beds are funded by the Local Authority in the city and could he give a breakdown of the numbers by both postal code and electoral area and make a statement on the matter?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below lists the number of beds that are funded through DCC with Section 10 funding and are broken down by postal code and electoral area.

Project Type	Project Name	POSTAL CODE	LA	Capacity	DCC Area
TEA	Teach Mhuire	D1	DCC	19	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Cedar House STA	D1	DCC	59	Central Area
STA	Depaul - Rendu	D1	DCC	16	Central Area
STA	S. Army - STA Granby Centre	D1	DCC	30	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D1	DCC	32	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D1	DCC	25	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D1	DCC	26	Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC Phibsboro Road	D1	DCC	14	North West Area
TEA	Crosscare - TEA 61/62 Amiens St	D2	DCC	40	Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC - Charlemont St	D2	DCC	36	South East Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA South Inner City	D2	DCC	18	South East Area
ONO	PMVT - ONO Aungier St	D2	DCC	20	South East Area

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STA	S. Army - STA York House	D2	DCC	30	South East Area
STA	Simon - Emergency Shelter	D2	DCC	30	South East Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D3	DCC	14	North Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D6	DCC	14	South East Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D6	DCC	16	South East Area/DLRD
STA	S. Army - Simon - DCC- St Bricins	D7	DCC	25	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Haven Hse	D7	DCC	59	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - St Marys Place STA	D7	DCC	34	Central Area
STA	DePaul - Blessington St - ONO	D7	DCC	17	Central Area
STA	Focus - STA George's Hill	D7	DCC	12	Central Area
STA	Simon - Maple House STA	D7	DCC	34	Central Area
STA	Simon - Oak House CWI	D7	DCC	46	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	18	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	29	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	32	Central Area
STA	Depaul (Little Britain St)	D7		65	Central Area
STA	Peter Mc Verry Trust (Ellis Quay)	D7		75	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	23	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	20	North West Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	9	North West Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	10	North West Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	19	North Wets Area
STA	Depaul - Back Lane STA	D8	DCC	42	South Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Conyngham Road	D8	DCC	28	South Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA St. Catherine's Foyer	D8	DCC	35	South Central Area
Other	Simon Detox, Usher's Island	D8	DCC	20	South Central Area
STA	Depaul - Mount Brown	D8	DCC	30	South Central Area
STA	Depaul - Orchid House	D8	DCC	23	South Central Area
STA	Focus - Caretakers Hostel	D8	DCC	9	South Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Brú Aimsir	D8	DCC	100	South Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D8	DCC	10	South Central Area
STA	Sophia - Cork Street CWI	D8	DCC	76	South Central Area
STA	Carmans Hall	D8	DCC	51	South Central Area
STA	DePaul - Peters Place	D8	DCC	35	South East Area

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STA	PMVT - DCC - Grantham Mews STA	D8	DCC	20	South East Area
STA	PMVT - DCC Richmond Street	D8	DCC	36	South East Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D8	DCC	18	South East Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Canal House	D9	DCC	14	North West Area
STA	PMVT - DCC Whitworth Road STA	D9	DCC	10	North West Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D9	DCC	32	North West Area
STA	Baile na Laochra	D11	DCC	22	North West Area
STA	Depaul - Ballymun Plaza	D11	DCC	24	North West Area
STA	Focus - STA Aylward Green	D11	DCC	15	North West Area
STA	Novas - The Abigail Women's Centre	D11	DCC	24	North West Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Hazel House	D11	DCC	14	North West Area
STA	Focus - STA Aylward Green	D11	DCC	15	North West Area
STA	Novas - The Abigail Women's Centre	D11	DCC	24	North West Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Hazel House	D11	DCC	14	North West Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D12	DCC	21	South Central/South East Area
STA	Firhouse	D24	SDCC	20	
TEA	Rewspod Cuan Alainn	D24	SDCC	9	
STA	Sophia - Donabate	Co.Dub.	FCC	21	
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	Co.Dub.	FCC	43	
TEA	PMVT - Fingal	D15	FCC	6	
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	Co.Dub.	DLRCC	8	
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	Co.Dub.	DLRCC	9	
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	Co.Dub.	DLRCC	8	
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	Co.Dub.	DLRCC	18	
TEA	Sophia - Camberley	D14	DLRCC	6	
STA	Crosscare - Bentley House	Co. Dub.	DLRCC	35	
	Total			1911	

STA – Supported Temporary Accommodation
 TEA – Temporary Emergency Accommodation
 PEA – Private Emergency Accommodation

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

That the Chief Executive state how applications for an extension of working hours have been sought in 2016 that derogate from the terms of the Planning Permission granted in the North Inner City and Pembroke South Dock Ward, and could he give

details of the Planning Reference, address, reasons for derogation, and could he make a statement on the matter?”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Background

An Bord Pleanála approved the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme on the 16th of May 2016. Since the scheme came into operation there have been 79 applications granted permission for development. A number of these are for multi storey complex buildings on sites in close proximity to residential developments. Development has commenced at a number of these sites both North and South of the Liffey. The standard working hour's condition attached to the permissions granted states the following; “The site and building works required to implement the development shall only be carried out between the hours of Mondays to Fridays - 7.00am to 6.00pm, Saturday - 8.00 a.m. to 2.00pm, Sundays and Public Holidays - No activity on site.

Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from Dublin City Council. Such approval may be given subject to conditions pertaining to the particular circumstances being set by Dublin City Council”.

Relevant sites that have applied for extension of standard working hours to date.

DSDZ 3749 – Waterways House, Grand Canal Quay, Dublin 2

DSDZ2546-15: Sir John Rogersons Quay, Dublin 2. Application site is bounded generally by Sir John Rogerson's Quay to the north, State Street Bank building and Benson Street to the west, Green Street East to the south, and Britain Quay to the east.

DSDZ3368-15: Site at the junction of North Wall Quay, and New Wapping Street, Spencer Dock Dublin 1, the site is bound to the north by Mayor Street Upper, to the east by New Wapping Street, to the south by North Wall Quay, and to the west by an unnamed St.

DSDZS3796- 15: Grand Canal Hotel, Grand Canal Street Upper, Dublin 4

DSDZ3865-14: 76, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

1057- 08-X1: Site at 1-6 Sir John Rogersons Quay, Rear Of 3-5 Sir John Rogersons Quay, 16 1/2 & 17, (also Known As 16-25) Creighton Street & 21 & 22 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2

Method of dealing with requests

A request is made by the developer outlining the works that are required to be carried out, the reason why they can only be done outside standard working hours and also the required duration and time for completion of said works. The requests are assessed by the Planning Department having regard to, health and safety, traffic management issues, structural requirements, i.e. large concrete pours and associated power floating and also potential disruption to residents/businesses in the area.

The developers in all cases are instructed to notify any residents affected by permitted extended working hours. The Planning Department only grant permission

for extended working hours where they are satisfied that the works concerned cannot reasonably or safely be carried out during standard working hours. On sites that have generated complaints to date the Planning Department have met with a senior member of the site development staff and have reiterated the requirement for the developer to keep residents informed of progress and any out of hours works that have been applied for and permitted. They have also been requested to outline and explain the reasons behind the required hours extensions.

The construction of multi-storey buildings is a complex matter and at various stages during construction exceptional circumstances arise which can necessitate working outside normal permitted times. In order to construct these buildings safely there is a requirement for large scale concrete pours with associated power floating, which has to be completed in one cycle once commenced. Works that generate noise that would cause any undue disturbance are not permitted unless the works are required for Health and Safety reasons. We are anticipating that in the future concrete pours and power floating will be the primary required reason for extended hours of works on the sites concerned, with power floating being the primary work on site after 6pm. This work is generally low impact work from a noise point of view and the Planning Department will limit the number of such pours during the course of any given week.

Dublin City Council is currently reviewing the protocols in place on all sites in the Docklands SDZ area with a view to streamlining the procedure. The council is also exploring additional possibilities, where appropriate and practical, to facilitate the putting in place of further mitigation measures by the developers to further protect residential amenity, during extended working hours.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

That the Chief Executive state how many Dublin City Council staff are authorised to undertake inspections of premises and vehicles for the marketing, sale and distribution of bituminous fuel. Could he state how many prosecutions and fixed payment notices were issued under the Air Pollution Act for breaches of the Regulations occurred in the last year for which figures are available, and could he state how many of these were successful, and what was the total in fines and costs collected. Could he also give details of any breaches including the names and addresses where the breaches occurred?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control Unit carry out inspections of these premises and vehicles during the heating season between October and March each year.

During the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 to date heating seasons a total of 235 inspections were carried out. In the course of these inspections non conformances were found on 9 occasions. These non-conformances may range from technical issues with record keeping up to and including sale of specified fuels. As a result, 6 warning letters were issued and 1 fixed payment notice for €500 was served. It was not necessary to initiate further legal proceedings as follow up inspections were carried out to see assess and verify compliance.

There is 9 staff members of the Air Quality Monitoring and Noise Control unit authorised under the provisions of this legislation.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

That the Chief Executive present a report on actions that Dublin City has taken to render 19 & 21 Connaught Street, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 non-derelict, and to

present any opinion that he may have (including advice from the Law Agent) indicating that the properties are no longer derelict given that they are boarded up, have Buddleia bushes growing out of the roofs, and decaying masonry, and are located in a Residential Conservation Area, and could he outline what action he now intends to take to ensure that these homes are made available to assist in the tackling of Dublin's housing crisis. Furthermore would he agree that the empty state of these homes for more than a decade necessitates a more proactive approach by the Council?"

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No's 19 & 21 Connaught Street, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 was removed from the Derelict Sites Register on 15th June, 2012, following the carrying out of improvement works by the owners to render them non-derelict. The Derelict Sites Section will arrange for the sites to be inspected to assess their current condition and the Councillor will be updated on the findings.

I wish to affirm that the eradication of dereliction in the City is a key priority for the City Council. In order to achieve this objective and to ensure that properties are redeveloped and returned to active use the Council is actively exercising its legislative powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 (the 1990 Act) to acquire sites on the Derelict Sites Register, in circumstances where all efforts to secure the carrying out of improvement works by property owners have been exhausted. In relation to the issue of empty homes it should be noted that the power of compulsory acquisition under the 1990 Act only extends to derelict sites and that vacant homes are not de facto derelict by virtue of them being vacant. The issue of vacant homes is being looked at by a Steering Group chaired by the Housing Agency.

Currently the City Council is at the final stages of the compulsory acquisition process for seven properties that stand entered on the Derelict Sites Register. The process will conclude in early March at which point the properties will have vested in the City Council. The Housing and Residential Services Department is currently reviewing the properties to determine those most suitable to be utilised for social housing purposes, the remainder of the properties, if any, will be put up for sale, by the Planning & Property Development Department, with strict terms and conditions to ensure that they are redeveloped and returned to active use within stated timelines.

The Council is currently identifying a further list of derelict sites for compulsory acquisition.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give me the details of the land that is available to DCC for housing in the north central area and that is ready to start in the next 6 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Department are progressing housing developments at Belcamp "B" & Belcamp "C" which will provide 12 and 16 units respectively of general needs and senior citizen accommodation. We are in the process of appointing a Design Team who will prepare plans and tender documentation for these developments.

Construction has commenced on the Belcamp "H" site. This Rapid Build scheme will provide 38 units of accommodation and will be completed during the 2nd quarter of 2017.

Construction of 35 units at Buttercup in Darndale will also be completed during 2017 with houses scheduled for handover on a phased basis.

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 in the city.

Details of all proposals in the North Central Area are contained in these reports.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a report on the number of applicants removed from the housing list in each of the city council administrative areas as a result of the recent review.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Re- Numbers removed from the Housing List.

The following table shows a comparison in numbers of applications and as a percentage, the actual change in figures from the January 2016 Report to the latest January 2017 Report for each of the Housing Areas. Due to the Boundary issues between certain Housing Areas, it is not possible to give a more accurate breakdown for each Area Committee.

Waiting List Code	Area B	Area D	Area E	Area H	Area J	Area K	Area L	Area M	Area N	Area P	Grand Total
Housing List Total Jan 2016	5960	999	3848	2320	2129	2014	1670	1182	1843	390	22355
Housing List Total Jan 2017	5273	907	3247	1967	1843	1696	1323	984	1405	301	18946
Difference Jan 2017 against Jan 2016	down 687	down 92	down 601	down 353	down 286	down 318	down 347	down 198	down 438	down 89	down 3409
percentage difference Jan 2017 against Jan 2016	down 11.5%	down 9%	down 15.6%	down 15.2%	down 13.5%	down 15.8%	down 20.8%	down 16.8%	down 23.8%	down 22.8%	down 15.2%

Q.39 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive state how many Caretakers DCC has to look after the flat complexes and how many were there doing the same work this time 3 years ago?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 142 Caretakers assigned to both Flat Complexes and the Mobile Units. There were 154 Caretakers assigned to the same duties 3 years ago this month.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive is there any plans to privatise the position of Caretakers for the flat complexes?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no proposal to privatise this service.

A recent review of the caretaker service generally was commissioned to look at the delivery of the service to City Council flat complexes, traveller specific accommodation and senior citizen schemes in light of on-going financial challenges. The review recommended certain changes in the current delivery of the service intended to achieve greater efficiencies and value for money. While the Review also raised the possibility of certain specialised service elements being contracted out it recommended that the bulk of the service should remain in-house.

The report and its recommendations are under review and it is intended to meet with the Unions to discuss the recommendations and implementation of the proposals this month.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive have the bollard that was in place for just two days outside number 1 Pembroke Cottages in Donnybrook replaced and put more than one in this time as clearly there is a problem with trucks mounting the footpath and it is very dangerous for pedestrians and the home owner?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to replace this bollard and the possibility of installing additional bollards will be examined.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

Can the Chief Executive have an engineering survey of Glovers Court carried out to establish why the water service is so bad in these flats and why there is an ongoing flooding problem due to blocked drains?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Housing Maintenance are currently repairing 3 breaks in the drains of Glover Court. We would expect this work to be complete by mid February.

Once Drainage works are complete, it is our intention to investigate the feasibility of installing pumps to address the water pressure issue.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report detailing all of the events surrounding the unlawful occupation of Apollo house. This report to include all financial costs for Dublin City Council's operations at that site. Details of all of the accommodated from that site. All procedures and responses press and otherwise that Dublin City Council

initiated in response to the allegations that were levied and were put into the public domain with regards the failures in Homeless Services.

Also, what efforts have been put in place to respond to such incidents that may take place in the future similar to the Apollo house incident?

Have DCC or any lawful authority made any efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of the many financial and other donations that were given in good faith by the public to the organisers of this event.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On the 15th December 2016 a group calling themselves the Home Sweet Home initiative occupied a building know as Apollo House on Tara Street, Dublin 2. Following a High Court order on the 21st December 2017 Peter MC Verry (PMVT) staff entered the building on 22nd December and began working with the homeless individuals inside in order to carry out assessments and secure alternative accommodation. As of 13/01/2017 PMVT had carried out a grand total of 85 assessments. The table below shows the number of moves and where they progressed to.

Service Progressed To	Female Move-Ons	Male Move-Ons	Grand Total
Carman's Hall	5	29	34
PMVT - Ellis Quay	1	11	12
PMVT - Clonturk	1	3	4
PMVT - Richmond St	3	1	4
Haven House		3	3
Maple House	1	2	3
PMVT - South Inner City		3	3
PMVT - Whitworth Rd	1	1	2
PMVT - Hazel House	1	1	2
PMVT – Phibsboro Rd	2	2	4
PMVT - St. Catherine's Foyer		1	1
Georges Hill		1	1
PMVT - Conyngham Rd		1	1
PMVT – Drug Free STA		1	1
Amiens St		2	2
Little Britain St		1	1
Backlane		1	1
Hotel (TEMP)	1	1	2
Grand Total	16	65	81*

*2 individuals who were progressed returned to Apollo House and were progressed a second time

*1 Couple returned to their original home

Dublin City Council did not incur any additional costs for the operations at Apollo House. PMVT provided the above services by way of an existing contract.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive answered a number of press queries in relation to Apollo House which outlined that we had sufficient capacity in place to meet the needs of rough sleepers across the Dublin Region. We also provided

details on the number of persons who were moved out of Apollo House and into more suitable accommodation over the four week period.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Executive both gave radio and press interviews in relation to the availability of appropriate beds in the system to deal with the homeless demand.

Should a similar incident occur again the DRHE would once again use the homeless action teams to engage with the homeless persons.

DCC is not aware of any lawful authority making a request to ascertain the whereabouts of any financial or other donations that were given by members of the public.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive engage with the community and the management at the Carmelite Community Hall, Whitefriar Street in order to assist in the continuing provision of the Creche facilities at this centre? This is a vital community service for the many children and families in this area. Indeed, it is the only Creche facility available. There is now a shortfall in funding and also a shortfall in trained staff. This is something that DCC community section can get involved in. Also, in terms of the local area discretionary fund and DCC's community fund. All efforts to keep this Creche open must be made and I'm asking the Chief Executive to please address this issue as a matter of the utmost urgency and to use DCC's resources to assist.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We are currently discussing the issue with management of this crèche and with the other statutory agencies involved.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards to overtime that is being allocated to Waste Management section particularly with regard to street cleaning and emptying of bins etc. Also have Waste management staff/workers been instructed to lift black plastic bags that are untagged that are belonging to private waste collectors. Also can the Chief Executive supply a full breakdown of all staff deployed in this area including road sweepers, drivers and supervisors and inspectors. And what is the overtime budget allocation between the various grades and roads.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Overtime is worked by the Waste Management section for the following reasons:

- To provide a service at weekends in suburban areas
- To service events (mid-week and weekends)
- To service Bring Centres
- To boost numbers in the City Centre particularly Apr – Sept.
- To carry out litter enforcement duties

To provide specific service where required to deal with issues such as:

- Illegal dumping in Inner City
- Cleaning crew at Cumberland Street market
- Halloween
- Christmas Tree Collection
- Power washing at certain locations.

Waste Management staff have not been instructed to remove bags belonging to private waste collectors except for the purposes of carrying out enforcement investigations. Untagged black bags are investigated where possible before removal as they are dumped and are not prepaid for collection by an authorised waste collector.

At year end 2016 there was 435 operational staff in the Waste Management section. Of these 178 are B Licensed Drivers. 64 are C Licensed Drivers.

Coordinating Inspector	1
Inspector	11
Supervisor	32
Litter Wardens	16
General Operatives	375

The overall budget allocation for overtime in 2017 for all waste management operations is €1,564,698 of this €165,675 is the budget allocated to the inspector grades and the remainder to the other grades. Approx 25% of the total staff complement are available to carry out overtime.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

Can the Chief Executive compile a report and list of all private houses bought by DCC for social housing purposes and other purposes? This report to include cost of each unit. Location of each unit and present use of each unit. Also, the manner in which these units were acquired- whether acquired in bulk or in one off purchases. What is the present budget for such purposes and what is the procedure with regards such purchases.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Recent social housing acquisitions:

Year	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	TOTAL
2011	32	27	11	46	12	128
2012	6	9	14	43	1	73
2013	4	1	1	6		12
2014	1	1	3	6		11
2015	20	47	26	50	1	144
2016	11	49	36	58	3	157
	74	134	91	209	17	525

The average cost per acquisition is as follows:-

Year	Average Cost
2011	€148,000
2012	€117,000

2013	€133,000
2014	€156,000
2015	€205,000
2016	€246,000

The Council does not divulge details of the specific properties that we acquire for social housing. Accordingly, I regret that I am not in a position to respond to your query regarding the location of units acquired. However, in assessing the suitability of properties for acquisitions, we seek to acquire units throughout the city and avoid over concentration of acquisitions within any one street, estate or area.

All Council acquisitions for social housing are funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and the Council's procedure with regard to such acquisitions is to assess the housing need, condition of the property, standard of any extensions or alternations to the premises and whether or not any such alterations are compliant with planning regulation etc.

The 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 private acquisitions.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive does he think it is appropriate that Dublin City Council sponsors the Temple Bar Tradfest alongside Smithwicks, a company piggybacking on a music festival promoting the use of alcohol in this city. Although the festival is independently organised, on all advertising the DCC logo appears beside that of Smithwicks, which gives the perception that Dublin City Council is promoting and supporting the use of alcohol at events. Can the Chief Executive confirm that it is not Dublin City Council policy to promote alcohol use and can the Chief Executive give me assurance that for any future events DCC will pull out from advertising events with alcohol companies?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Tradfest was established in 2006 by the Temple Bar Company to draw footfall to Temple Bar during a quiet month in the City's calendar. Since then, the festival has grown significantly and now includes an impressive cultural programme, which aims to grow domestic and international audiences, in line with the recommendations of the Grow Dublin Strategy.

Tradfest is now considered to be a key element of Dublin City's calendar of events. It continues to be supported through Dublin City Council's annual Festival and Events programme, and a requirement of this funding is that Dublin City Council is recognised as a sponsor on all publications and advertising. The sourcing of additional sponsorship, however, is at the discretion of the festival organisers and Dublin City Council has no authority to influence this.

Any changes to Dublin City Council policy on supporting events with alcohol companies should be referred to the Arts, Culture and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to immediately (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate steps to have this "keeling" at the first lamppost on left hand side after St. Johns Church, (approximately outside number 70) Park Avenue, Sandymount included on the list of protected structures. Further details submitted with this Question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Any structure (or part of a structure) to be added to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), shall form part of the architectural heritage and be of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest.

The assessment of special interest of a structure of architectural heritage is an executive function and the programming of assessments is an operational matter for the Planning & Development Department.

At present, there is a backlog of approximately 330 requests for the proposed addition of structures to the RPS which have yet to be assessed by the Conservation Section.

Assessment of special interest is also undertaken by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), under a national, rating system. The NIAH is currently undertaking a comprehensive survey of Dublin City, which informs the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, in the making recommendations to the City Council for the addition of structures to the City's Record of Protected Structures. No recommendations have been received to date for this Sandymount area of the city.

Given that the City already has a Record of Protected Structures (RPS) with, in excess of 8,500 entries, it is considered both prudent and good practice to await any recommendation regarding proposed additions to the RPS to be made by the NIAH, arising from its current survey of Dublin City, including the formal recommendation to be made by the Minister. This is also relevant, given the legal and other liabilities of owner(s) and occupier(s) of a structure where it is added to the RPS.

Following the adoption of the new Development Plan, the assessment of additions to (or indeed deletions from) the Record of Protected Structures has commenced, in association with:

- the consideration of recommendations for additions to the RPS published by the NIAH/Ministerial Recommendation, and
- the surveying of 10 priority areas to be considered for potential designation as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) as provided in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, which came into effect on the 21st October 2016.

The available resources of the Conservation Section will focus as much as possible over the coming years on the survey, review and drafting work associated with the programme for the preparation of these 10 priority ACAs for the historic core of the

city, along with associated additions to (amendments of or deletions to) the RPS for these areas, as required under the newly adopted City Development Plan.

A file for the proposed addition of the "keeling" at the first lamppost on left hand side after St. Johns Church, (approximately outside number 70) Park Avenue, Sandymount, has been opened and added to the list of candidate additions to the RPS to await consideration in the future. The additional, historic details provided in relation to the "keeling" structure, are appreciated and have been attached to the file.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with a detailed report on the Chartered Land application for an extension of planning permission (Reference 2479/08X1): on what grounds was the application for an extension made; what evidence was produced by the applicant to support their extension application; what criteria did the city council use when scrutinizing and deciding upon the validity of the extension application; what evidence did the city council request of the applicant; the report to include also all details and communications in relation to this planning extension application process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 5th May 2016, an application for extension of duration of planning permission was sought for a site consisting of the majority of a city block bounded by Parnell Street, Moore Lane, O'Rahilly Parade, Moore Street, Henry Street, Henry Place and O'Connell Street Upper (Plan No. 2479/08). The developer sought an extension of duration on the basis that: that there were *considerations of a commercial, economic or technical nature beyond the control of the applicant which militated against the commencement of development or the carrying out of substantial works pursuant to the planning permission*. The application was assessed in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 (as amended) which required assessment under 4 main criteria. In conclusion, it determined the following:

1. there were considerations of a commercial, economic or technical nature beyond the control of the applicant which substantially militated against the commencement of development,
2. there had been no significant changes in the development objectives in the development plan or in regional development objectives in the regional planning guidelines for the area of the planning authority since the date of the permission such that the development would no longer be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
3. the development would not be inconsistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to any guidelines issued by the Minister under section 28, notwithstanding that they were so issued after the date of the grant of permission in relation to which an application is made under this section,
4. an environmental impact assessment was carried out before the permission was granted, that no appropriate assessment issues arose.

The Planning Authority was also satisfied that the the application was made in accordance with article 43 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and made prior to 23 March 2017.

Judgement of the High Court and Statutory Context

The judgement made by the High Court on 18th March 2016 following the lodgement of three related sets of proceedings in respect of this site was also noted, as was the appeal lodged by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the Supreme Court relating to the judgement in this matter.

While the Planning Authority gave due consideration to the judgement of the High Court, it was also cognisant of the relevant statutory provisions for assessing an application to extend the ‘appropriate period’ of a particular planning permission i.e. Section 42 of the Planning and Development Act 2010 as amended and to relevant case law in this matter.

The nature of the jurisdiction of the planning authority to extend the duration of a permission was considered by the High Court in *McDowell v. Roscommon C.C...* While in that case Finnegan J. was considering the original section 42, as opposed to the modified version of section 42 (substituted by Section 28 of the 2010 Planning and Development (Amendment) Act), one observation of the High Court in *McDowell* is particularly noteworthy:

*“The wording of section 42 is clear. It provides that if the Planning Authority are satisfied on certain matters the Planning Authority must grant an extension. It is clear on the authorities that **to take into account any other matter, fact or circumstance is ultra vires.**”*

Thus as the application satisfied all the material considerations for the Planning Authority as set out in section 42(1)(a)(ii) and section 42(b), (c) and (d), the application for extension of duration of the planning permission was granted for a further 5 years.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.57 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.58 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.59 COUNCILLOR NORMA SAMMON
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

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

Q.60 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

In circumstances where there has been repeated and serious instances of illegal dumping at a particular spot at Kingsland Park Avenue, Portobello (see attached photo) to ask the Chief Executive (a) to arrange for the clearing of this waste, and (b) to place a warning sign about illegal dumping (similar to that at Longfield Avenue) on a nearby lamppost at this location or at an appropriate obvious alternative location nearby. If the Chief Executive is not prepared to erect such a sign, to explain why not, given that there is one at Longfield Avenue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Supervisor will arrange with the local litter warden to monitor this area and take appropriate action.

Arrangements have been made to put in place a "No Dumping" sign at Kingsland Park Avenue, Portobello as requested.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain the purpose behind the large metal container cabin placed on Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh on approx. 23/24 January and to state how long it will be there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This container has been moved.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to reinstate the pedestrian crossing outside Brady's Pharmacy on Brady's Corner between Harrington Street and the top of Camden Street and to explain why it was recently removed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No pedestrian crossing has been removed from this location.

There are traffic signals directly outside Brady's Pharmacy but no pedestrian crossing facilities.

Pedestrian crossings are situated at this junction on both Harcourt road and Richmond Street South approaches.

Clarity of exact location of pedestrian crossing in question is required to further investigate this matter.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to install pedestrian lights at the crossing at Harold's Cross Bridge on the Canal where crossing from the bookmakers to the north side of the Canal on the Bridge, and also on the other side. A major junction without a pedestrian crossing is extremely dangerous.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A pedestrian crossing is being provided across Parnell Road, further to the two pedestrian crossings recommended across Grove Road and Harold's Cross Road, at the above junction. Following completion of the current construction works, all arms of the junction will have pedestrian crossings. The current crossing on the city side of the junction is also being moved closer to the junction.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide full details regarding the development of DCC owned Bunratty Road, D17, site (Phase 3). This site has been subject of several conflicting reports including media reports asserting that the units will be stackable module units and may or may not be for homeless families - this site was originally to be developed for social housing from the general allocation system. Therefore full clarification regarding the type of development and details of who will occupy the units when completed is sought

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council are in the process of procuring a design team to develop plans for this site. It is proposed to develop the site as a pilot for rapid system build apartments under the housing delivery programme. It is expected that the development will be completed in 2019 with the 60 units to be provided currently designated for use as general needs housing.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Has DCC management established a purchasing list of properties held by NAMA and the big Three Banking companies and has DCC indicated which properties would be of interest and has DCC management conducted negotiations on these properties and/or on any other properties held by NAMA, AIB, B of I or the Permanent TSB which are deemed distressed by these institutions but may be deemed suitable for purchase by DCC and if so does the NAMA Property at number 1 Gateway or the PTSB properties in Old Town figure as potential assets that DNW area would purchase.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

NAMA contact the Housing Agency in the first instance in relation to its properties. The Housing Agency carries out due diligence on these properties and the Council works with the Housing Agency on properties offered for social housing.

The Council does not divulge details of specific properties that we acquire for social housing but, in assessing the suitability of properties for acquisition, the Council seek to acquire units throughout the city and avoid over concentration of acquisitions within any one street, estate or area.

The Council are in active discussions with the receivers for the Gateway property with a view to acquiring the unit. The Council have also been in communication with the owners of the properties in Oldtown Road who are currently not in a position to dispose of the legal interest of the properties to the Council. The owner of the properties was attempting to resolve these issues and our interest in the properties has been noted by them. If there is no progress on title matters, the Council will refer

the properties to the Development Department for whatever action may be taken under derelict sites or vacant lands legislation.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Is DCC management aware that commercial premises are being used by homeless people, young and old and are at best not documented and that these homeless people are being charged to reside within these commercial premises with little or no facilities, sleeping on office chairs, under desks and on the floor, and are forced to beg on the streets to pay to whomever is in charge of these premises. I have counted 4 number premises this weekend and have confirmed that the people are being charged to keep out of the cold.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing First Intake Team is available to people who are sleeping rough and in need of accommodation and other supports. If the Councillor provides details of the commercial premises referred to in his question we will immediately notify the Housing First Intake Team of these locations.

Alternatively the Housing First Intake Teams can be contacted directly by phone on 086 813 9015 (9am – 11pm, 7 days a week) or by email to aquinn@dublinhousingfirst.ie.

Further information about the Housing First Service is available on www.homelessdublin.ie

Q.69 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Subsequent to Chief Executive Owen Keegan's announcement that there's plenty of accommodation for homeless people over the Christmas period, has homeless services informed management of the undocumented homeless residing in commercial properties across the city and have you provided additional accommodation for homeless services to allocate places for these homeless people.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council and the Dublin Region Homeless Executive are currently seeking further opportunities to provide an additional 100 hostel beds in the city to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

The Housing First Intake Team is available to people who are sleeping rough and in need of accommodation and other supports. If the Councillor provides details of the locations of the undocumented homeless people and the commercial properties referred to in his question we will immediately notify the Housing First Intake Team of these locations.

Alternatively the Housing First Intake Teams can be contacted directly by phone on 086 813 9015 (9am – 11pm, 7 days a week) or by email to aquinn@dublinhousingfirst.ie.

Further information about the Housing First Service is available on www.homelessdublin.ie

Q.70 COUNCILLOR ANDREW KEEGAN

Has Dublin City Management noted and consulted with the Dept. of Communications, Climate Action & Environment and the Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport that within the Ministers' **Rebuild Ireland Proposal** that no mention within the proposal of concrete plans to build transport infrastructure for the North Side of our city, (**not proposals but definite dates to turn sod**) where there is a veritable transport black hole from the Eastern Sea Board to Blanchardstown and northwards

out to the Fingal communities and has DCC advised the Minister that under no circumstances should there be thousands of homes or business premises built or proposed to be built, along the M1, M50 and the M2 transport corridors, without provision of proper high-speed transport, underground or over ground, infrastructure before any construction of homes and/or business premises. And that the proposal to wait until 2030 for any transport to be considered for the North Side of Dublin and the communities in Swords and Navan is not sustainable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, launched in July 2016, is part of the Government's "Rebuilding Ireland" Programme. It concentrates on ways of tackling the housing shortage and addressing homelessness, and complements other Government strategies such as the National Transport Authority's (NTA) 2035 strategy. The promotion and implementation of these transport strategies are included in the City Development Plan. Examples include the proposed Metro line from the City Centre, through Drumcondra and Ballymun, the new Luas line linking north-west to the Maynooth line at Cabra and proposed Bus Rapid Transit Line from Swords and Blanchardstown through the northern suburbs to the City Centre. The Phoenix Park tunnel rail link via Drumcondra opened recently. In addition Dublin City Council submitted an application under the LIHAF (Local Infrastructure Activation Fund) to the DHPLG, for road infrastructure in the Belmayne-Clongriffin LAP area and in Ballymun, which is currently under consideration.

- Q.71 COUNCILLOR PAUL MCAULIFFE**
Can the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.72 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MAC DONNCHA**
To ask the Chief Executive if he will set out fully (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.73 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**
To ask the Chief Executive, (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.74 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**
To ask the Chief Executive, (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

- Q.75 COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**
To ask the Chief Executive, (**details supplied**):

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.76 **COUNCILLOR EMMA MURPHY**
To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.77 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**
To ask the Chief Executive how many homeless people are on our Housing List but currently resident in HSE units?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information required to answer this question is not available as HSE units are not recorded as a category on PASS (Pathway Accommodation Support System).

Q.78 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**
To ask the Chief Executive what process needs to be under taken by this council and its 63 councillors to change or amend the Scheme of Lettings. I asked this due to the seriousness of issues such as down-sizing, retention and the numerous people who lost their place on the Housing List due to the way we deal with renewals.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The amendment of the Scheme of Letting is a Reserved function of the City Council. Generally what happens when we need to make changes to the Scheme is that Allocations and Transfers put together a draft Scheme and present it to the Housing SPC. Once agreed by the Housing SPC the Draft Scheme would go to the full City Council for adoption.

The current Scheme is due to be reviewed as provision has to be made for the Housing Assistance Payment scheme which is due to commence in Dublin city on the 1st March 2017.

Q.79 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**
To ask the Chief Executive: What is this council's policy regarding dual tenancies when both parties no longer can or want to live together. Will the council allow them to make two separate transfer applications?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no provision in the Allocations Scheme to split a joint tenancy. A tenant may surrender their side of the tenancy and the other person then becomes the sole tenant. The person who has surrendered can then move into private rented accommodation and make an application for Social Housing Supports from the new address.

Q.80 **COUNCILLOR JANICE BOYLAN**
To ask the Chief Executive the following: Why is there a lengthy delay in maintenance issues being addressed by DCC? How many complaints/reports have been received in Jan 2016? How quickly are they addressed? How much has been paid to contractors since Jan 2016. Can I request this information month by month please?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive, (**details attached**),

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive, (**details Supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

Can the Chief Executive please refer to requests from residents of road at?
(**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC is engaging and seeking to buy the 9 housing units that I brought up in the form of an emergency motion, which I later withdrew. Additionally I asked a council question (Question 94, January 2017) seeking an update on whether they purchased these dwellings at auction, but was told that these units were withdrawn from the auction. I would ask that DCC try to purchase these dwellings before they go to auction again at a higher price, in order to increase housing supply and get good value for money for the City.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council has previously registered their interest in acquiring these properties. However, there are significant legal issues relating to title which would need to be resolved prior to any acquisition.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive why did the DCC Housing Department give me an incorrect and misleading answer to one of my Council Questions (Question 42, January 2017 South Central Area Committee) where they stated no Part 5 housing units were refused in the South Central Area by DCC over the past 10 years. I have asked previous questions regarding Clancy Quay and Clancy Barracks, Islandbridge and was told that of the 475 housing units built at those locations, DCC refused the 10% Part 5 accepting a financial contribution instead.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Section 96 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2002 outlines proposals as to how an applicant can propose to comply with Part V. Under Section 96 (3)(b) of the Act, a payment of an agreed amount in lieu of units can satisfy Part V compliance. Therefore, Part V was not refused in the South Central Area but rather another option was utilised in this instance in order to comply.

Q.86 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.87 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to address the following query [details supplied]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.88 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.89 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'CONNOR

Can the Chief Executive please confirm how many cars entered the City Centre area in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

From table 1 – Summary results canal cordon counts (1997-2016)

Year:	2016	2015	2014
Car:	51,907	53,064	53,033

Attached is the table with all the data.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to advise in detail on consultation steps with local businesses in Newmarket D8 as regards proposed changes in Newmarket 'Square'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details of meetings held with business and external stakeholders are as follows:

- Meeting held with Business Stakeholders on 14th July 2015
- Public meeting held on 17th August 2015
- Meeting held with individual Business Stakeholders on 18th November 2015
- Meeting held with individual Business Stakeholders on 20th November 2015

Q.92 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to fix the kerb following tree removal on St Anne's Row South, between number 2&3.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance carried out an inspection of the footpath outside Nos 2/3 St Anne's Road South. The footpath at this location does not require a repair and there is no indication that a tree was located there.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many hostels for homeless service are under the contract of Dublin City Council and what is financial cost per.annum to run these hostels.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

To respond to the varying needs of persons requiring homeless accommodation, there are different categories of homeless accommodation services funded via DRHE:

1. Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA): stable placements for up to 6 month for persons/ families with higher support needs, with staff competent to respond to and manage higher support needs, and support people into housing.
2. Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA) stable placements for up to 6 month for persons/ families with lower/ accommodation-only support needs, with staff who are competent to respond to and manage lower support and needs and support people into housing.
3. Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) (either hotels or non-hotels): provides accommodation placements with lower support levels, either visiting or on-site.
4. One Night Only Accommodation: provides accommodation placements with lower support levels, either visiting or on-site.

The cost in 2016 of providing emergency accommodation in 45 services was €21.2m.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will put in place a dry hostel free of alcohol and other substances and if units for couples be also put in place at homeless hostels.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council and the Dublin Region Homeless Executive are currently seeking further opportunities to provide an additional 100 hostel beds in the city to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

There are already a number of emergency accommodation services that are funded through DCC's section 10 funding that provide units for couples as shown in Table 1.1. Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) services provide supports onsite for people dealing with alcohol and other substances abuse but have policies in place where by such substances cannot be consumed on site. This also applies to Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA). Temporary Emergency Accommodation (TEA) services provide units that are free of alcohol and other substances.

Table 1.1

Project Type	Project Name	POSTAL CODE	LA	Target group	DCC Area
STA	PMVT - DCC - Charlemont St	D2	DCC	M,W,C	South East Area
STA	Simon - Emergency Shelter	D2	DCC	M, W, C	South East Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D8	DCC	W, C	South East Area
STA	Crosscare - Cedar House STA	D1	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Haven Hse	D7	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Crosscare - St Marys Place STA	D7	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	DePaul - Blessington St - ONO	D7	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Focus - STA George's Hill	D7	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
STA	Simon - Maple House STA	D7	DCC	M, W, C	Central Area
TEA	Crosscare – Amien Street	D2	DCC	M,F, C	Central Area

PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	W, C, F	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D7	DCC	W, C, F	Central Area
PEA	Private Emergency Accommodation	D1	DCC	W, C, F	Central Area
STA	PMVT - DCC Whitworth Road Couples STA	D9	DCC	C	North West Area
STA	PMVT - DCC STA Hazel House	D11	DCC	F, C, W	North West Area
STA	Depaul - Mount Brown	D8	DCC	M, W, C	South Central Area
STA	Crosscare - Brú Aimsir	D8	DCC	M,W, C	South Central Area

M = Men, W = Women, C = Couple, F = Family

Q.95 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when development will start on the site for housing at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive how many court cases have taken place for illegal dumping and if fines have been given out and how many fines have been paid.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Year	No. of fines issued	No. of fines paid in full	No. of fines partially paid	No. of prosecutions initiated	No. of convictions obtained in court
2016	1508	618	14	533	79

Please note that above figures represent fines issued for an offence date in 2016. Legal proceeding will be issued for unpaid fines issued during last quarter of 2016. Since the introduction of the Fines (Payment and Recovery) Act 2014 which came into effect on the 11th January 2016, it is now possible to pay fines by instalments.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.102 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.103 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.104 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.105 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.106 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive has lands in Cherry Orchard been secured for the Horse housing project? 4 Acres or similar to Clondalkin Equine centre?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Discussions are ongoing with various sections of Dublin City Council with a view that a satisfactory outcome will be reached for all parties involved.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

Can I have a report and an update on the Culture Connects project that was rolled out in the Dublin South central area? Has the funds been secured for the same project next year? Can a list be given of all projects that participated?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

South Central Area The National Neighbourhood Project (titled (y)our Story

A range of diverse communities in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and South Circular Road are working together with artists to tell their stories, exchange cultures and skills, and co-create a new telling of 'our' story. These re-tellings are supported and inspired by

the collections and programmes of The National Concert Hall and Chester Beatty Library.

Spoken word artist Stephen James Smith is working with a range of other artists, engaging communities from both theatre and Traveller backgrounds through spoken word and poetry. Musician Sam Kavanagh is working through music and film with 10-14 year olds from both Irish and Filipino heritage based in the Bosco Youth Centre. They are working on mapping their area through sound and will both make a film and compose the soundtrack. Two women's groups from the South Circular Road area – the Islamic Foundation Amal Group and the newly formed Local Women's Craft Group from the F2 Centre are working with visual artist Helen Barry and videographer Hanan Dirya with key input from story teller Xanthe Gresham.

Upcoming celebrations / Roll out in February 2017 of the project include:

- A final showcase for all groups at The National Concert Hall on 20th February in the evening of the films and performances created. Open for anyone to attend
- A public story-telling event at the Chester Beatty Library with Xanthe Gresham on 21st February. Open for anyone to attend
- A celebration and display of all the pieces created including the Batiks by the F2 and IFI - Amal Group women at the Chester Beatty Library on 22nd February, Open for anyone to attend and this display will remain in place for two months.
- A performance of the musical created by the Bosco Youth Centre at Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh (date to be confirmed, Open for anyone to attend)
- A singing session at Labre Park, Ballyfermot on 24th February. Open for anyone to attend.

Media Coverage secured so far for the specific South Central Area Projects
Southside People:

https://issuu.com/dublinpeople/docs/southside_people_october_19th_2016

The Echo: <http://www.echo.ie/ballyfermot/article/tapping-into-the-wider-culture-of-the-travellers>

Alongside other media coverage for other Area projects or the overall initiative in Dublin Enquirer; Business World; Irish Examiner; Irish Independent; Northside People; Southside People; NewsFour; RTE 1 Radio; RTE 2 Television

Groups involved in designing and participating in projects

- Ballyfermot Action Project
- Labre Park Women's Group, Ballyfermot
- Out Of the Blue Theatre
- Filipino Community Group
- The Bosco centre Youth Group
- Islamic Foundation of Ireland Amal Group, S.C.R
- Fatima women's group
- Ballyfermot Library and SC Area Public Libraries
- SC Area Office – Community Development Section
- Chester Beatty Library – Education & Collections Departments
- National Concert Hall – Education Department

More details, participants comments and blogs, photos at

www.dublincultureconnects.ie (specifically

<http://www.dublincultureconnects.ie/category/the-national-neighbourhood/your-story/>

Funding

Funding has been secured to continue with the National Neighbourhood Project in each of the 5 Areas of Dublin City Council, working again in collaboration with the Area Offices, City Arts Office, Dublin City Libraries and the 8 National Cultural Institutions in Dublin on projects that are lead with community groups and artists working collaboratively on matters important to them. Groups will be invited to join in from March 2017 onwards.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

To ask the Chief Executive what is happening to address the dumping and burning in Labre Park? This has been ongoing for a couple of years now with no evidence of it been addressed with the entire residents been held to ransom because of the actions of one or two. It is my belief that individuals causing this have been reported to DCC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Issues of dumping and burning of waste have been ongoing in Labre Park for many years. In 2016 DCC received 3 anonymous complaints regarding burning of waste at the site. DCC's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy requires that complainants give their name and address on condition of confidentiality. Without complaints and/or evidence relating to the persons who are involved in anti-social behaviour Dublin City Council cannot proceed with action.

Nonetheless, in view of the evidence of dumping and burning at the site, the Traveller Accommodation Unit engaged in a targeted operation with Waste Enforcement and An Garda Síochána and actions from this operation are proceeding. There are further, planned waste enforcement operations for 2017 to respond to the ongoing reports of dumping and fires at the site.

There have been regular clear-ups of dumping at, and in the vicinity of, the site. This is likely to continue in 2017. As requested by residents and the Advocacy group, large boulders were placed in an area identified as being used for burning and other site works are planned to address estate management issues.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR HAZEL DE NORTUIN

Has anyone, group, developer, individual expressed any interest in the lands around the De la Salle school in Ballyfermot for Housing, recreation, leisure or any developments? Has DCC agreed to acquire any of these lands?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council are interested in acquiring lands which are suitably zoned for residential purposes. I note these lands are zoned to provide for institutional, educational, recreational, community, green infrastructure and health issues. Any change of use of these lands would require consultation with the Planning Authority as per the City Development Plan.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this councillor with the city council guidelines regarding the assessment of bedroom requirement for families living in temporary emergency accommodation, if such guidelines exist; and if not, to provide this councillor with the protocol and standard practice city council officials use to ensure that siblings nine years of age and older have separate bedrooms.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Properties contracted to Dublin City Council for the provision of emergency accommodation are subject to the standards and conditions set out in the

“Information and Guidelines for Service Users and Service Providers” which came into effect in 2016.

Dedicated self contained housing units ensure separation of living space for parents and children when families are housed via social letting our Homeless Assistance Payment (HAP). In emergency accommodation, it is not possible to provide dedicated self contained housing units, therefore adults and children are sharing individual sleeping space within their own unit of emergency accommodation, whilst the families work on an exit from homelessness into housing.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to illegal dumping can the Chief Executive confirm the tonnage collected in the council area for the past 5 years?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

It is not possible to provide a comprehensive figure in respect of the question as not all illegally dumped waste is isolated from other waste before it is transferred to an authorised facility for disposal. Illegally dumped waste may be combined with other street cleaning and litter bin waste before transfer from waste management depots for disposal.

It has previously been estimated that the tonnage of illegally dumped waste collected and disposed of by Dublin City Council was approximately 2600 tonnes in 2014/15. It is estimated that the figure may rise by up to 10% for 2016/17.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive list the organisations working in the homeless area which receive funding from the Dublin Region Homeless Executive and the amounts allocated per organisation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The attached table outlines the organisations working in the homeless area and the amounts paid Quarter 3 2016 and estimated budget for 2016.

Funding allocations are made on an individual project or service basis as opposed to funding allocations to an organisation. The funding allocations are made under Section 10 of the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1988 with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government recouping up to 90% expenditure with the four Dublin Local Authorities sharing the balance by agreement.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the Passport for Leisure scheme can the Chief Executive detail the usage of the scheme for the last 3 years in each of the council facilities where the scheme applies?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

I am not in a position to provide the level of details requested at this time. All of our centres do not have a sufficient level of recording which would allow easy access to the required usage figures. However as agreed at the January Arts Culture and Recreation SPC a detailed report will be prepared which will include all recorded usage figures and set out an overview of the Passport for Leisure scheme. As agreed by the SPC there will be no further changes proposed to the scheme until this report is brought to the SPC for discussion. As soon as this report is completed I will forward a copy to Councillor Perry.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

Can the Chief Executive provide further details in relation to the reply to part (b) of Q.104 from May Council meeting regarding litter fines? Can the fines where no further action was taken be broken down by the listed reasons?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Year	Availability staff resources	Quality of Evidence deemed not sufficient to proceed	Complainants not prepared to attend court	Summons returned undelivered	No legal entity found in relation to companies – could not proceed	Fines re-issued	Total
2013	32	24	4	572	32	4	668
2014	46	18	2	267	25	7	365
2015	60	21	5	69	38	8	201

Q.115 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many offers of homes from NAMA to Dublin City Council were declined because Dublin City Council viewed that accepting the units would lead to an overconcentration of social housing. Please provide the location and number of units declined in tabular form.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

828 apartments were initially identified by NAMA since 2012 as potential units for social housing. NAMA subsequently withdrew or sold elsewhere 190 of these units. Of the 638 available units Dublin City Council confirmed demand for 400 units. 377 of these units are now purchased or leased for social housing and are tenanted. The

remaining 23 units, for which demand was confirmed are now unlikely to complete for various reasons including in some cases the high acquisition and ongoing costs

NAMA identified	Available Nama Units (excluding sold/withdrawn)	Not Suitable	Demand confirmed	Completed
828	638	238	400	377

238 apartments in 5 developments were assessed as not suitable either because of the condition of the building or the existing high concentration of social housing in or near the development. This amounted to 1 in 3 of available units

Reason	No of Units
Poor condition & structural issues	38 units (2 developments)
Extent of existing social housing in immediate environ	200 units (3 developments) Clare Village is one of these developments. 194 units were offered by NAMA to the Council in this development, 48 were accepted and the balance of units were subsequently sold.
Total	238

Q.120 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive what date did Dublin City Council obtain the 60 Units from NAMA in Prospect Hill, Finglas and what date were councillors first informed of this acquisition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The acquisition by the Housing & Residential Services Department of Block 2 (58 apartments), at the Prospect Hill Apartment Complex, Finglas, D11, from the Receiver appointed to McCabe Builders Limited (In Receivership), is not concluded.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.122 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.123 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for a (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can supply me the following (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can arrange for the (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can supply (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive, (**Details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive provide me with a list of all current voids in Area K showing their status, i.e. with framework, with depot and the expected date of completion?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will be issued directly to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

Can the Chief Executive ask the section that deals with traffic lights to once again examine the sequencing of the lights at the Crumlin Road /Sundrive Road/ Herberton Road Junction? This busy junction has seen a number of road traffic accidents in recent times. Additionally pedestrians crossing at the pedestrian crossing on Sundrive Road complain that cars coming from Herberton Road and cars coming up the Crumlin Road from town and turning onto Sundrive Road often drive through this pedestrian crossing as they cannot see a red light.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the junction will be undertaken by an ITS officer and a response issued following this review

Q.130 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

Can the Chief Executive please report on what action we need to take to start of process of recruitment of staff after many years of job losses in the local Authority, from my observations we need to start recruiting,

20 Staff for public domain units, duties in the City to support pro-active approaches to waste management to include litter wardens, dog wardens etc.

30 staff for area based offices such as Crumlin, Ballyfermot Marrowbone Lane etc.

50 House Maintenance trades people plumbers, plasters, carpenters, painters, painters etc to ensure we can return properties, voids asap to the housing stock.
50 Parks Staff to support the management / maintenance of parks, open spaces etc.

50 Staff for cleansing duties in the suburbs of Dublin the City Centre is well resources which communities are starved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a number of years of reductions in staffing levels, staff numbers have now stabilised with significant recruitment having taken place in 2016. While staffing levels and associated costs will continue to be carefully managed, reviews are taking place in a number of areas including Housing Maintenance and Cleansing Services, which, if agreed, will result in greater efficiencies and recruitment in certain key areas.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That the public footpath broken outside number 68 Rossmore Ave Ballyfermot Dublin 10 be repaired asap.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services carried out an inspection of the footpath outside No 68 Rossmore Avenue, Ballyfermot. There is a section of an old footpath disking showing signs of wear and tear. Arrangements will be made to repair the defect when a concrete crew becomes available.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That the public lighting lamp standard outside number 4 Drumfinn Park Ballyfermot Dublin 10 be re-commissioned as a matter of urgency. The light has been out of operation for the past few months whilst all the other new ones are operating.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The electrical supply needs to be switched on for this outstanding light. DCC will arrange to get this completed with ESB as soon as possible.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

That Dublin City Council try & come up with a solution to the ongoing littering at the public seating at Ballyfermot Road opposite the Ballyfermot Credit Union every night / morning the area is littered with waste from the adjoining take-aways. Residents are deeply annoyed with this ongoing problem and are looking for some solution to the problem, can the bin be located right beside the benches & additional signage / cleansing done to deter waste at this location.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have the Ballyfermot Road cleaned on a daily basis and we will ensure that particular attention is paid to the area at the public seating opposite the Ballyfermot Credit Union. There is a litter bin a few feet away from this public seating which doesn't cause any obstruction to the people availing of this seating. The adjoining take-aways will be approached and reminded of their responsibility to keep the area outside their premises as free of litter as possible.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Council install LED lighting on Coolatree Road, to replace the current lighting. The residents are concerned that the current lighting is too low for their street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no public lighting improvements programme for 2017. However, Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services are replacing all the existing low pressure sodium (orange coloured) lighting throughout the city with LED lights over the next few years and the existing lighting on Coolatree Road will be included in this replacement programme. Until such time as the existing lights on Coolatree Road are replaced with the LED lights, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Council make changes to the Parking Tag system to allow people park until the motorist returns to the car and turns the tag off? The current system requires the motorist to estimate how long they will require parking, which they can top up as needed. Some would prefer just to turn the parking tag on when they park the car, and turn the tag off when they return.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Tag system functionality to some extent mimics the process which applies to motorists making payment and at a Pay and Display Ticket Machine. Payment is made for the required period of parking and may be topped up as and when required if necessary. Parking Tag enhances this process by way providing a reminder at the appropriate time that a period of parking is set to expire. The functionality described would require motorists to ensure that they initiate parking and also remember to cease parking through Parking Tag at the appropriate time, without the benefit of any reminder to do so. It is likely that such a fundamental change to the system would lead to considerable error by motorists who inadvertently pay for parking while not actually parked, having forgotten to terminate their parking on Parking Tag when returning to their vehicle.

It is not possible to include this functionality in the Parking Tag system in its current configuration. It is intended to commence a tender process for provision of the Cashless Parking Payment System for on-street parking shortly, commencing with Technical Dialogue with potential service providers and the feasibility of addition of this functionality can be discussed and considered further at that time.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Council provide a traffic warden for the new Glasnevin Educate Together School, on Griffith Avenue Extension?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present there is an application for a School Warden for the Educate Together School, Glasnevin. The application has been recommended and it has been given a positive decision by the Traffic Advisory Group at their last meeting in December 2016. The matter is now with the Gardai as part of the statutory consultation process. In the event of the Gardai giving a positive reply a School Warden will be put in place as soon as possible.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Council provide a report on the potential negative effects of white daylight LED street lighting? See (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for (**detail supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for (**details supplied**)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.