

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 4th FEB 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to contact Luas re lack of seating at stops. It is not compulsory under the disability act that seating should be provided

Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the playground in Ellenfield Park, Whitehall is cleaned regularly, all play equipment functioning, all graffiti removed and to consider including monies for improvement works for the playground in the Discretionary Fund 2019.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of traffic fatalities at the junction of Davitt Road / Suir Road / Dolphin Road/ Slievenamon Road in the past 20 years. Please set out the steps taken / proposed to be taken to ensure road safety at this location.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the longest periods that families and single individuals have spent in temporary emergency accommodation.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the current status and applicability of the decision of the City Council made in the mid 1980's to ban Gaming slot machines in the City and if there is a need for any further action to be taken to ensure that the spirit of decision is still in force. Please outline any legal changes that have been made in relation to this overall matter since that original decision was made.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a maintenance crew to undertake repairs in the home of **(details supplied 1)**. Please make a statement on the issue of the repeated need for maintenance repairs in the homes of tenants within the complex this tenant resides **(details supplied 2)**.

- Crack in ceiling of sitting room still not fully repaired.
- Leak in the cleaning and exterior wall of flat.
- Extremely strong smell of rising dampness within the entire flat.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council provide a Christmas tree for the green site on Cherrymount Crescent, Malahide Road, Dublin 3, as the new residents group would agree to this request.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council provide a Christmas tree for Ballybough Road Dublin 3, as this is a request off residents in the area.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would issue letters to the houses on **(details supplied)**. Please ask residents who may leave out waste foods on the road, to resist as it could cause a health issue.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive (**details supplied**), that Dublin City Council replace the windows and repair the hall door for the senior resident.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive has the City Council any plans to upgrade the playground in Ellenfield Park. A lot of the equipment is in a bad way.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of (**details supplied**). This young mother has small children and the house has extreme dampness.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for litter notices to be placed on the green area of Derry Drive, Crumlin.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number and names of all businesses and other entities currently exempt from paying commercial rates to Dublin City Council. Please confirm whether or not, more than four hundred operations based in the Irish Financial Services Centre currently pay commercial rates to Dublin City Council.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a percentage break down of reasons for refusal of allocation (including but not limited to fear of racism, antisocial behaviour) to council housing. Provide break down by area and flat complex vs other types of housing.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive, the council recently upgraded the footpaths on Dean Swift Road, Dublin 11. They marked the footpath outside 6 Dean Swift Road to be done, but because cars were parked on the footpath, this section of the footpath was skipped. Can a notice be put on the cars to ask them to park elsewhere and allow the footpath to be resurfaced?

Q.17 COUNCILLOR PADDY BOURKE

To ask the Chief Executive can this Playground be made safe. Details have been attached including photographs.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if any temporary measures can be taken along the Luas tracks by St James Hospital to protect cyclists from getting their wheels stuck in the tracks. To further ask if there are any plans or budget allocation for a cycle lane/segregated cycle lane along this stretch up to Christ Church. This is an area which has a high volume of cycle commuter traffic.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the law agents advice regarding the site at Dolphins Barn following engagement of a senior council to consider the response from the developer, who has not begun or finished works on the site.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR ARY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to when he expects a new fire door to be installed in the home of (**details supplied**). Please make a statement on the matter?

Q.21 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Dog Poo Bins for Willie Pearse Park, Crumlin. This park has many dog owners using it and bins would encourage people to dispose of dog poo bags as they leave the park. Waste management have been requested for bins by our area meeting dated 15th November 2017, but to date this has not happened.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm and supply this councillor with a time scale, when the streets and paths in Crumlin and Drimnagh will be fully repaired following the replacing of water pipes in the areas. The streets and footpath are in a very bad and dangerous condition following this works.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive report on the housing application of **(details supplied)**, currently homeless and living for the last eleven months in a hotel with her husband and four children aged from 2 years of age up to 16 years of age. The report to include what viable housing options are available to this family and to note that the family want to be considered for Area B only, as this is where their familial, educational and social supports are located.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive on how many occasions in 2018 was the Chokecart required to clean out the drainage network relating to **(details supplied)**. Please state the cause of the blockages and to outline whether there is a need to enhance the infrastructure serving the homes affected. Please make a statement on the matter.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for maintenance problems to be repaired in the home of **(details supplied)**. The shower has been broken for four months. The water tank/ boiler does not appear to be working properly. Separately whenever the tenant switches on the washing machine or the cold tap in kitchen, there is then no hot water in the shower. Please provide a report on the actions undertaken to date in rectifying these issues.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full review of the lighting in Bluebell. I have received complaints that the lighting around the school in particular is very bad.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to get road maintenance to repair the pothole that has appeared on Bluebell Avenue (Outside the Our Lady of Wayside Church).

Q.28 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all grants that are available through both Dublin City Council and other departments for community groups and sports clubs.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a costing, of installing Dog Bins in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA and which department would be responsible for emptying these bins

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the planted area inside/behind railings alongside the outer perimeter walls adjacent to and fronting **(details supplied 1)** and say if he can arrange to have same dug up and re-instated with fresh top soil in order to facilitate a local resident to replant and make good the appearance of and plant flowers at **(details supplied 1)**. **(details supplied 2)** is unable to do so currently as the soil/earth at **(details supplied 1)** has become solid and difficult for **(details supplied 2)** to manage/work with;

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to traffic calming ramps. Two traffic calming ramps on Mount Prospect Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3. 1st ramp is approximately 150 yards in from Vernon Avenue and the 2nd is a further 50 yards from the 1st one. Please say if you can arrange proper re-instatement of both as the temporary job that was done on both ramps has left very rough edges, regularly causing damage to motor vehicles and tyres.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to the drains/gullies on the seafront before the Bull Wall (town side) the drains are clogged, causing flooding outside at **(details supplied)**. Please say if you can arrange to have the drain cleared as soon as possible. Please arrange to have the large lump of tarmac which was put down during roadworks removed, as both the blocked gullies and tarmac are resulting in serious flooding here

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the serious break/rise in the pavement concrete at the entrance gate to Scoil Mhuire, Griffith Avenue, Marino, Dublin 9, due to tree root growth and encroachment lifting the concrete. When can you arrange to have the matter investigated and what can be done to resolve same as the broken concrete has created a serious trip hazard, caused very large heavy entrance gates to become misaligned and incapable of being adequately or properly locked (lock and chain has been cut with bold cutters on two occasions and premises burgled). Please arrange to have an official employee directly contact **(details supplied)** with a view to being, of assistance.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the large tree in Greenore Court, close to the boundary of **(details supplied)** which is damaging the boundary wall in these homes. It is also blocking the light from all three homes when the sun shines. Residents would like to see it replaced by smaller trees

Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange to have a yellow box on Macken street at the junction with Hogan Avenue installed, to allow residents in Eblana/Island Villas turn in to Hogan Avenue particularly during heavy traffic.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive have the loose man hole covered in the middle of **(details supplied)** as it makes a very loud noise every time a car goes over it. This is very disruptive for residents. (I have video if required)

Q.37 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive can the overgrown bushes and trees be cut back along the raised bank at the gable end of the block of flats in George Reynolds. Please replace the Irish flag and trim back the tree which is causing the orange section to fray.

- Q.38 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**
To ask the Chief Executive the number of planning applications for 2017 and 2018, for converting multi-unit residential buildings to single homes, providing a breakdown by numbers by local area.
- Q.39 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**
To ask the Chief Executive the total number of vehicles for both 2017 and 2018 bought or leased by Dublin City Council and the number that are electric or hybrid.
- Q.40 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide details and a timeline of providing temporary toilets for Dublin City Libraries currently without public toilets.
- Q.41 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE**
To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Ballyfermot road proposal which Dublin City Council (and their consultants) met with local businesses and local residents in Ballyfermot Library in 2016. Please provide me with a copy of the presentation given on the night.
- Q.42 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of illegal dumping and litter fines issued across the City and to break it down by area for each of the last five years to include the number of litter wardens employed, number of fines issued, number of fines paid and the amount received. Also the number of fines dismissed due to successful appeal.
- Q.43 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE**
To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a list of traffic fines issued across the City and to break it down by area for each of the last five years. Please include the number of traffic wardens in each area for each of the years covered.
- Q.44 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DE ROSITE**
To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the housing waiting lists for area J and if the list can be broken down by band and length of time on the list.
- Q.45 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive, can I get an update on Oscar Traynor, Laurence Lands.
- Q.46 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive can I get a breakdown on the big ticket items, that the Local Property tax monies has been spent on in the North Central Area.
- Q.47 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive can I get an update on Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Plans.
- Q.48 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**
To ask the Chief Executive can the council advise what improvements they have made for wheelchair users in the City Centre over the past 2 years. Can I get an itemised list please.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ask the Housing Maintenance department to inspect the home of your tenant at **(details supplied)** with a view to investigating the waste water coming up through the sinks in this unit.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the council replace the footpaths on St. Pappin's Road. In particular, on the north side of the road, where a previous surface treatment is worn away resulting in a very uneven surface.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive if the City Council will install Children at Play Signs on Clonmel Road, on either side of the public green, where the children play.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR GAYE FAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive do Dublin City Council own **(details supplied)** and if so what are the plans for this site

Q.53 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of damp/mould in **(details supplied)** and for remedial work to be carried out. Can the Chief Executive say when this house will be insulated under the current scheme please.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for appropriate dishing on footpaths at the entrances to Knowth Court. There is a lady who uses a wheelchair in **(details supplied)** who has difficulty in the local area with the lack of dishing on footpaths. Can a survey be done in the entire area to see if more dishing's are required to enable easier movement for people with mobility issues?

Q.55 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this query, the building of a housing Unit on land adjacent to **(details supplied)**. This council owned plot is constantly overgrown and is a site for illegal dumping.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request, can the recently dumped pile of waste spoil at the western end of **(details supplied)** be removed and the area kept clean.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request, can the tree on the grass verge onside **(details supplied)** on the grass verge be replaced. The tree was knocked down a few years ago by a car.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive what quantity (no. of bags, kg/tonnes) of illegally dumped waste was collected by Dublin City Council in 2016, 2017 and 2018. What was the estimated cost associated with the collection of this rubbish in 2018, and how much of this cost was disposal?

Q.59 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, for each year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. How many illegally dumped bags were collected in each year, of these in how many cases was the owner of the dumped rubbish identified. How many cases were fines issued, and in how many cases was the fine eventually received by Dublin City Council?

Q.60 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how much money has been raised through the issuing of fines to private waste collection companies for breaches to the bye-laws. How many fines were issued, in each year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR ÉILIS RYAN

To ask the Chief Executive for details of the operational costs of each of its Bring Centres and each of its Civic Amenities Centres, including a breakdown, for the year 2014 and the year 2018 (or 2017 if 2018 figures are not yet available).

Breakdown of:

1. Quantity of non-recyclable household waste received in each centre
2. Quantity of recyclable household waste received in each centre
3. Annual cost of operation of each centre, including breakdown of labour, disposal of waste
4. Income received by each centre for the disposal of recyclable materials
5. Fees paid by Dublin City Council to the management of each centre
6. Final destination of recyclable and non-recyclable waste received in each centre
7. Any other available information on costs in each centre.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what advice can Dublin City Council give to private households in the end of a sewerage line and constantly having to clean the manhole in their garden.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR SEAMUS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how the apprenticeship programme introduced in last year's budget is progressing.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many staff are employed in housing maintenance compared to 5 years ago. There are currently long delays in getting basic work done for tenants.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would engage with the youth section of Bohemians FC with a view to the club investing money to upgrade the soccer pitches in Albert College and the club taking part ownership of the pitches.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made on Employing/funding a full time Vet for the City.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the CE to arrange an inspection of **(details supplied)**. The tenant reports that severe dampness but council are saying it's condensation. She has followed the instructions/recommendations for treating the problem but it is as bad as ever. Can this please be addressed?

Q.68 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the CE what is the delay in the transfer of land at **(details supplied)** to the residents.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive if he can ensure that tenants who have transferred to new and different addresses as part of our regeneration process in Dolphin House are entered into the election register at their new addresses?

Q.70 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the manager to provide the total number of commercial planning applications, and the total number of commercial applications issued a final grant, broken down by city postcode for each year 2014 – 2018.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many complaints were received by families staying in emergency accommodation about the condition of their accommodation in 2016, 2017 & 2018, to give a breakdown of the general complaints and if there will be a monitoring process put in place to ensure accommodation is up to a standard.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive when will the demolition of the Ballymun shopping centre take place.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the new apartments on Hampton Woods Drive, due to no lighting for tenants going in and out. This is very dangerous at night time as it is in, complete darkness.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the future plans for the maisonettes in Ballygall and if a clean-up can be arranged for around them and to cut the grass

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a tabular break down for how much was the Budget 7, how much spent by Parks in each of the Area Committee for 2017, 2018 & 2019.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the contracts for Cornamona have been signed. Has Dublin City Council submitted documentation to the Department for final approval and can he outline a timeframe for construction.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive, how much funding was allocated to the City's domestic waste collection service for the years 2009, 2010 & 2011. How many staff were allocated to the service.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the feasibility studies for the development of the OLV site, Sarsfield Road D10, the Lar Redmond Centre site, Keeper Road, D12. Please give an update on the progress on acquiring Blindcraft, Davitt Road.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full clamp down and zero tolerance on illegal street furniture throughout the city of Dublin. This initiative to particularly target those premises that are placing illegal furniture such as barrels etc in the footpaths in the evening time. Also can you issue a full report on all actions that have been taken over the past 12 months by the Public Domains Unit regarding illegal street furniture. This report to include what warning letters were issued and how much street furniture was removed. Also, a full report of the cost of this unit and a full up to date account of how much money is being generated by legal licensed street furniture. Can you also give me a full list of all premises in the city that are in compliance with street furniture licensing and how many are illegal.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report with regards the convent lands and buildings and former Laundry at Sean McDermott Street. To report and update on any progress that has been made regarding the development of this site. A full list of all inquiries regarding this particular site from all bodies. Also, can you confirm whether **(details supplied)** have approached the Chief Executive with the view to creating a series of plans in and around these buildings on behalf of UCD Research/JFM.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the allocations of funds to the event "Dublin Honours Magdalen's" which took place in the Mansion House in 2018. This report to include a full breakdown of costs and expenditures. All correspondence regarding these monies and who they were allocated to. A full report on the overall expenditures of this project including monies that were given by the Department of Justice and also all costs that were incurred at the Mansion House during the course of this event. This event was co-sponsored by Dublin City Council and in some regards hosted by the Lord Mayor of the Day. Large amounts of public funds were spent on this event and the public, as well as survivors and victims of Ireland's residential institutions are entitled to full accountability, transparency and governance of all monies spent. It is important to note that while large amounts of money were spent on this event many victims are still awaiting redress, compensation and justice and are stuck in lives of abject poverty.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards the NYE festival event. This report to include all monies allocated by Dublin City Council to this event. A full breakdown of the entire cost of the Winter Lights initiative and all staffing costs and overtime incurred by Dublin City Council. Also, what invitations were issued with regards the NYE event. Further, all meetings and who attended these meetings with regards the event management and why this initiative has never been brought to Dublin City Council's attention in any form of report to the Arts Cultural SPC, the Economic SPC or any local area committee.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to comment or provide context to media reports which appeared in December suggesting that an EU Directive would preclude Dublin's street trading community from passing down street trading licences to family members, as has been the tradition for generations.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the event management, and risk assessment plan for the 2011 production of 'Laundry', that was performed by the Anú theatre company in the former Magdalene Laundry/ Convent on Sean McDermott. Could the Chief Executive provide me with all documents in the possession of the council, that pertained to this event.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any architectural drawings or surveys that are currently in the possession of the council, which pertain to the site of the former Magdalene Laundry or convent areas, which are currently in the possession of Dublin City Council.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive could to mend the gutters of **(details supplied)**. This issue has been ongoing for some time.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a decorative naming sign at the entrance of the Rathvilly Estate in Finglas similar to others in the Northwest Area.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a decorative naming sign at the entrance to the Barnamore Estate in Finglas South, similar to others erected in the Northwest Area.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive will the City Council resurface the footpaths on Wadelai Road. Please send me the 2019 programme for footpath upgrades in Dublin North West.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive the following question, the residents are seeking a safe means to cross Sybil Hill Road adjacent to the main entrance to St Anne's Park. When Dublin City Council constructed speed bumps on Sybil Hill Road, one was positioned at this location and it has become common practice for people to try to cross at this point. A lot of visitors to St Anne's park in Vernon Rise and walk through the gap to Sybil Hill. There have many near misses, as some of the older pedestrians in particular seem to regard it as a pedestrian crossing whereas the traffic doesn't and while some cars do stop and allow people to cross most do not. The volume of traffic on this road has increase dramatically since the construction of the apartments at the old swimming baths site and visibility is now quite very restricted as the cars park both sides of the road daily and on weekend some also park on the grass margins, thereby blocking visibility to both cars and pedestrians. The volume of people using St Anne's Park has continued to increased daily which is great to see but I would be concerned that there is a significant risk of injury or worse as it stands.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to establish the status of **(details supplied)** and say whether it is on the Derelict Sites Register. Can you also say how an inspection can be arranged as the property has been vacant and derelict for many years. Neighbouring houses report that rodent infestations have arisen as a result.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on a concern that I have about voter registration for those without permanent addresses or who are in temporary accommodation when registering with Dublin County Council. In theory they are able to use the address of a homeless hostel or emergency accommodation but it is often a lot more difficult in practice and adverse experiences in these hostels could prevent people from picking up a polling card even if they do register there.

Though all local authorities act within the provision of the Electoral Act there is reasonable variation between them in practice. For example, Fingal County Council allow those without permanent addresses to register to vote using the addresses of either of their civic offices. The relevant franchise section at Dublin City Council has said in response to being asked if this is something they could consider: "There are legal, data management and other issues to be considered. Registering a large number of individuals at addresses at which they never have resided could have unforeseen consequences".

However, I believe that it's possible for people to collect social welfare payments from the Homeless Persons Unit, which in effect serves as a posting box for such. Given the importance of issues like housing and the role that the council holds in this, I would hope that the council would make more of an effort and accommodations to ensure this group are able to exercise their right to vote and aren't further disenfranchised. Can the Chief Executive please advise on what measures might be put in place to ensure those who are homeless are not disenfranchised.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in relation to the progress on the enforcement file for the Clontarf Baths site.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all sites which were considered for inclusion on the derelict sites register but eventually weren't, and the criteria for selecting the sites for inclusion.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the horrific damage been inflicted on the beautiful Old De La Salle Monastery Road, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10 that this City Council seeks to secure. This historic building from the 1950's from the new owners in order to provide family hubs in the short term and a Ballyfermot Arts, Irish Cultural Centre in the longer term. There is very little building left in Ballyfermot which present opportunities to develop something special for the future which at the same time giving future generations a building that developed when Ballyfermot commenced development. The damage to this building is something which will happen to the De La Salle School when it closes in June this year if we don't put a plan in operation, to protect same. Waiting for the owners to secure same is not something I would have much faith in. I feel Dublin City Council should try and secure the whole site from the new owners.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the serious concerns from residents in the Chapelizod Area to the proposals from Dublin City Council to advance with the development of the Springvale site in Chapelizod that Dublin City Council afford residents the opportunity of a public meeting with Dublin City Council in attendance answering question in relation to the proposed development.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive in view of the following **(details supplied)** is living at the above on a HAP payment for the past 18 plus months having waited years to be housed since the HAP residency the ladies' youngest son was diagnosed with serious health problems, autism & other behavioural issues resulting in the HSE providing him with 1 to 1-day care in a private facility in Inchicore 5 days x 4 hours per week costing over €700 per week. This lady has to bring her son down to Goldenbridge on a daily basis and collect him on public transport as she has no transport of her own. I am deeply worried about her mental state as she has an older son who is now neglected with all the running around with her young son. Can this woman be considered for some accommodation near her mother's on Rossmore Avenu, Ballyfermot as she has all the supports needed to her here to give her children the best possible start in life.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive about the following gentleman's housing situation **(details supplied)**. He is on our list for the past few years despite some false hopes he would be considered for Annamore House Kylemore Road nothing came from this. He is moving in the wrong direction on the housing waiting last having been 21st is now 22nd. Can I ask he be housed in Rivercourt Chapoelizod or some similar suitable accommodation he is an excellent perspective tenant who would be a good addition to any estate. Why is he not moving up the list many units are regularly allocated however he never seems to get an offer,

Q.99 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if the street light at **(details supplied)** which is not working be repaired as soon as possible.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive to give the funding allocations that have been determined for Road Maintenance in 2019. Can you give me the commencement dates for carriageway improvements scheduled at Brighton Avenue, Dublin 3 and Celtic Park/Collins Park, Dublin 9.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can a serious problem of dampness in both bedrooms in a house at **(details supplied)** be dealt with once and for all.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive when will this property at **(details supplied)** be refurbished and brought back into the housing stock.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIARAN O'MOORE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Dublin City Councils communication and engagement with those involved in, the Dublin Central Development, of the 2.17-hectare site located at the heart of Dublin City, adjoining O'Connell Street as well as Parnell St and Moore Street.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive where unused sign posts are being removed as part of the City Council's objective to de-clutter our streets, if less obtrusive Sheffield bike stands can be situated in those same streets by way of replacements of the poles for cyclists

Q.105 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if an update can be provided to this councillor on whether clarity has been achieved via Dublin City Council's engagement with Tristan Capital Partners and/or Twinlite and/or Gannon homes regarding the wholesale purchase of the so called 'Trinity Suite' of three apartment blocks currently under construction along Marsfield Avenue, Clongriffin by Tristan Capital Partners. Also the failure to set aside 10% of the 372 for Part V housing or if the matter has now been referred to planning enforcement.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the status of efforts by the Assistant Chief Executive to mediate with staff in the Traveller Accommodation Unit so that the LTACC can resume its meetings.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council officials responsible for Housings Standards and Fire Safety keep a watching brief of the @RentalProperty8 twitter account which highlights substandard rentals in the Dublin City Council area and in particular the activities of Spotahome (see email below to councillors by way of background).

Dear Councillors,

I am the curator of a Twitter Account Dublin Rental Investigator (@Rentalproperty8) where I highlight sub-standard, overcrowded properties or properties that potentially breach various regulations, for example, Minimum standards are set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017 or Housing Act 1966 Or the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 or the Property Services Regulation Act 2011, to name a few. I believe I provide a valuable service, where I identify properties and explain the relevant legislation to my growing 3000+ Twitter followers. Sadly, Spotahome, a Madrid based online platform is trying to censor the work I do.

Spotahome lists properties available in Dublin from one night to over a year. Many long term, what I consider traditional tenancies. However, Spotahome is not registered with the Property Service Regulator, or the Company Registrations Office although they have 'agents' who view the home on behalf of the tenants and 'Homecheck' the property approving it for rental. They are acting as property service providers but are exploiting technology to circumvent Irish regulations. We should not be accepting of this.

I want to share two things with you, firstly two properties Spotahome feature and approved for rental on their platform. Secondly, how Spotahome is working already to circumvent the incoming tightening of Air BnB regulations.

*When I first featured the 'Lean-To' approved by Spotahome it was picked up by The [Journal.ie](http://TheJournal.ie) and I will share that article with you. See attachment. Then the second property I want to show you is a property listed by Spotahome at **(details supplied)** It potentially breaches Minimum Standards Legislation, no fixed heating appliances and RTA 2004 as it accepts Cash-Only and no evidence of being registered with the RTB. I am also extremely worried about fire safety as the Spotahome Staff member admits that there are bunk-beds in every room and in one room it visibly blocks the window.*

We all need to work together to make sure that platforms advertising properties for rent are regulated. In the seven months I have curated the twitter account there is a decline in the standard of accommodation and because of the lack of enforcement people are putting up sheds, cabins, openly flouting planning laws.

Spotahome trying to censor the account is insidious and they should be held accountable for the properties they approve. I look forward to hearing from you.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the following as agreed in the Council Budget for 2019:

- 1) Public drinking water fountains
- 2) Public toilets

Q.109 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on the full pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street, please provide more bike parking there also as this street is currently at capacity.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many Cleansing Staff, Litter Wardens and Dog Wardens were assigned to the South East Inner City in each of the last five years for which figures are available. Given the recent disappointing showing in the Irish Business Against Litter Survey and constant complaints about dog poo could he make a statement on the matter.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if he can please provide an update on the redesign and upgrade of the Dublin City Council Website, including the planning submissions section.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the extinguishment of the laneway to the rear of **(details supplied)**. Could you please tell me if there a live application under consideration. There are regular issues with illegal dumping at this location.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied)** who has asked me to check her position on the housing list. I recently emailed the Housing Allocations Section on her behalf.

- Why was there no response from the Allocations email address.
- Why when I go online to check do I get a "logon error" error message.
- Can you confirm her current allocation/position on the list and for what areas.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the appropriateness of the temperature/heating provided in the Kilmore Community Centre during the older citizen's activities, particularly their bowling sessions.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the installation of traffic calming ramps outside **(details supplied)**.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the level of work evaluation and supervision carried out by a) housing contractors and b) grass cutting contractors. Please outline the protocol should work be found to be below standard.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the erection of steel hand rails at the stepped entrances to the sea (Dublin Bay) along Clontarf Promenade between the Wooden Bridge and Vernon Avenue. There are steel hand rails provided at the steps / sea entrance near 'Clontarf Baths' and residents living at the Wooden Bridge end request similar. These are practically helpful to aid residents whose dogs use the steps to enter the sea.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Dublin City Council's Plans for the Vernon and Clontarf Park area of Clontarf. Please include green areas, trees, footpath and carriageway repair, roadside verges, public lighting, street cleaning and drain cleaning etc

Q.119 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Dublin City Council's Plans for the Kincora Road area of Clontarf. Please include green areas, tree care & maintenance, footpath and carriageway repair, kerbside areas, public lighting, street cleaning and drain cleaning etc

Q.120 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise and aid the connection of electricity and water (ESB / Irish Water) at our City Farm and Ecological Centre at St Anne's Park. I understand the connection fees etc have been paid. It is imperative that these services are connected as soon as possible as without water or electricity it is impossible to run any of the workshops, generate income, care for the animals or open up properly to the public.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive further to the reply to question Number 3 at the South East Area Committee on the 10th September 2018. Please outline what items/works are included in the "Area Landscape Maintenance Contract" apart from grass cutting.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive the following questions about Motion 12 & 13, which I proposed at the South East Area Committee meeting in July 2017. I have received a report which I have attached.

- What happened when the matter was referred to the Environment SPC.
- What reply, if any, did the Council receive from the Tidy Towns Unit, in the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
- If the Council received no reply, did it follow up at any stage with the Tidy Towns Unit in the intervening eighteen months.
- Can the changes which I want to see introduced be made by way of amendment to the Dublin City council waste bye laws.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive about the following question 83, which I asked at the City Council meeting in December 2018. I have received the attached response. Despite the response provided I did not receive any detailed report at the January 2019 meeting of Dublin City Council. Please provide this immediately.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the ever increasing problem of double parking in Ranelagh village, especially on the main thoroughfare through the village, to ask the Chief Executive to introduce clear and effective signage which reminds/informs motorists that:

- Double parking is illegal.
- Identifies the sanctions which follow for these breaches of the law.
- Prevails upon the Gardai and Dublin Street Parking Services to enforce the law in Ranelagh village.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the proposal for a public plaza at College Green, and while accepting that scarcity of resources may be a significant obstacle, to ask the Chief Executive, has consideration been given as to the feasibility of an underground tunnel from one end of the proposed plaza to the other (perhaps going underground at College Street or thereabouts, to resurface perhaps before the turn at Fownes Street) to address traffic concerns. The State has already incurred a liability which will ultimately run into hundreds of millions of euro on a 700 metre tunnel in Limerick. A tunnel at College Green would be less than half the length and would not need to bore as deeply as one which goes under the River Shannon.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an extension of the Dublin Bikes scheme to Suir Road Bridge in Dublin 12, this is an ideal location close to the LUAS stop.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for our road engineers to contact Irish Water and together carry out a road by road survey of the footpaths in the Dublin 12 area on which Irish Water contactors have recently replaced lead pipes. On many of these footpaths, the contractors have left defects and some are poorly finished. There is also still a residue of cement and sand still on the footpaths and roadways.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposals to deal with the issues surrounding the installation of log cabins/similar in domestic back gardens for use as dwellings.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the housing maintenance waiting lists in the North Central Area addressed with regards to improving waiting times for initial inspections and works to be carried out.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the road markings inspected at the junction of Oscar Traynor Road with the entrance to Aulden Grange and Woodlawn Estates, Dublin 9. The paint markings including the yellow box have practically been removed by the heavy volume of traffic using this junction including many HGV's delivering daily to the Centra.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many families have been housed coming from the Family Hub on Greencastle road, Dublin 17, since the Hub has been operating.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to provide detailed answers to the questions below in relation to recent works undertaken in St Anne’s Park as outlined below and in the attached photo, taken yesterday (Sun, Jan 20th) of poured concrete steps which have been installed near the area of the Duck Pond leading from ground level to the elevated area containing the old tower overlooking the pond. I am dismayed at the lack of consideration for the surroundings that has taken place in this instant and it gives serious concern for what (if any) future plans are in place for this wonderful public space.

The questions I have are as follows:

- When was the decision taken that steps were required.
- Why was it decided that steps were necessary.
- What alternative options were considered.
- Why was the decision taken to use poured concrete over other (if any) proposals.
- What other areas of the park are being considered for similar installations.
- Are alternatives to poured concrete being considered.
- Are alternatives to ugly iron hand rails being considered.
- Was there (or will there be) any public or stakeholder consultation for the this and/or future plans

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O’MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive, I have received a number of representations in relation to a lack of clarity in relation to recent speed limit changes, particularly where the limits change from 50 to 30 km and vice versa.

Please see this example:

I would like to draw your attention an issue that I find problematic. There is a proposal that the government is considering a regulation which would give increasing penalties points depending on the number of kilometres by which a motorist has exceeded the speed limit. I believe that this is a good idea. However, I live in Dublin where a large area is now within a 30 kilometres speed zone. My problem is that is largely impossible to know when you enter and leave these zones through lack of signage. I drew this issue to attention of Road Traffic Authority and Dublin City Council in 2017 (see response below) and in both cases received unhelpful answers. The Council response says the signs are put up where the new speed limit starts but

I am at a loss to see any such sign in Dublin Area. I believe that one of the areas covered by this regulation is 'Between the Canals'. I regularly drive along Drumcondra Road and pass the canal and there is not such sign. This is just one such example but there are many more.

Authorities have the responsibility of enabling people to keep the law but this issue highlights where this is not the case. I would appreciate if bring this matter before the Dublin City Council.

Please provide a comprehensive response on this particular example and on the issue in general.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following to be addressed on Stannaway Road, Poddle Park and adjacent roads, as despite local residents trying to keep their neighbourhood tidy, the area needs greater support from the Council to achieve this.

- Weed spraying and clearance from kerbsides and footpaths.
- More regular emptying of litter bins and clearance of street litter which has increased in recent weeks given that the road looks untidy with weeds, etc.
- Rubbish bins placed at bus stops with regular scheduling for emptying on this busy road.
- Rubbish and dog poop bins needed along Stannaway Road as there is a park at each end which is attractive for dog walkers. Bins at parks are regularly overflowing.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to either arrange for the bin at the bus stop on St. Mary's Road, Crumlin to be emptied more often (regularly overflowing) or removed.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the program of works for paths and roads in the South Central area for 2019.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the trees that were removed in 2018 from St. Theresa's road.