COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar **DÉ LUAIN, 13 BEALTAÍNE 2019** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n,i láthair an tArdmheara Nial Ring sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:	Comhairleoir:	Comhairleoir:
Chris Andrews	Kieran Binchy	Paddy Bourke
Janice Boylan	Tom Brabazon	Christy Burke
Claire Byrne	Brendan Carr	Aine Clancy
Anthony Connaghan	David Costello	Patrick Costello
Ciarán Cuffe	Hazel de Nortuin	Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan	Pat Dunne	Gaye Fagan
Anne Feeney	Declan Flanagan	Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill	Gary Gannon	Alison Gilliland
Paul Hand	Deirdre Heney	Vincent Jackson
Andrew Keegan	Teresa Keegan	Greg Kelly
Frank Kennedy	Dermot Lacey	John Lyons
Micheál Mac Donncha	Tina McVeigh	Sean Paul Mahon
Ray McAdam	Paul McAuliffe	Paddy McCartan
Ruairí McGinley	Seamas McGrattan	Ray McHugh
Edel Moran	Rebecca Moynihan	Criona Ni Dhalaigh
Naoise Ó Muirí	Michael O'Brien	Claire O'Connor
Damian O'Farrell	Ciaran O'Moore	Larry O'Toole
Cieran Perry	Noeleen Reilly	Lord Mayor Nial Ring
Éilis Ryan	Paddy Smyth	Sonya Stapleton

<u>Oifigigh</u>

Dick BradyRuth DowlingCaroline FallonDymphna FarrellOwen P. KeeganYvonne KellyBrendan KennyAntoinette PowerMary PyneDeirdre Ni RaghallaighRichard ShakespeareDermot Stevenson

- 1 Lord Mayor's Business
 - In Memoriam

The Lord Mayor requested the following be remembered at silent prayer / refection

- Lyra McKee who was killed in Derry on Good Friday, 19th April.
- Those killed and injured in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday 21st April.
- Orla O'Moore, Sister of Councillor Ciaran O'Moore who died 3rd May, 2019.

• Flying the Fuchsia flag over City Hall for a week in July

A request has been received from Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann to fly the fuchsia flag over City Hall for a week in July.

Agreed.

Last City Council Meeting

As this was the last meeting of Dublin City Council for this term, the Lord Mayor thanked the members of the City Council for all their work on behalf of the citizens of Dublin over the past 5 years. He thanked the following members who are not seeking re-election for their contribution to local democracy, they included Cllrs Kieran Binchy, Brendan Carr, David Costello, Gaye Fagan, Paul Hand, Teresa Keegan Frank Kennedy, Emma Murphy, Norma Sammon and Paddy Smyth.

It was agreed to suspend standing orders to agree the following Emergency Motion without debate:

Motion No. 1:

Dublin City Council notes that the current housing crisis is the biggest challenge facing our citizens. It is also an obstacle to the socio-economic development of this City.

This council recognises that the crisis can only be addressed with a building programme of social and affordable housing. With a view to proactively addressing public housing in the future a vital part of this programme must include 'cost rental housing'. Mixed income public housing provides an alternative option to the unsustainable, precarious private rented sector and the unaffordable home purchasing market. This council supports a policy of Vienna style cost rental accommodation.

We congratulate the organisers of the series of seminars and events accompanying the Vienna Model: Housing for the 21st Century City exhibition across the city.

This council offers practical support for affordable rental/cost rental by:

Supporting the proposed affordable rental/cost rental public housing pilots on our lands in Inchicore and Ballymun;

Promoting the expansion of the affordable rental/cost rental programme on council lands;

Advocating for affordable rental/cost rental programmes on lands owned by public bodies; Advocating for affordable rental/cost rental programmes on lands owned by private developers; Calling on the Government to introduce a 'cost rental' model of housing." Submitted by Cllr. Ciaran Perry, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Seamas McGrattan Cllr Ray McAdam, Cllr Pat Dunne, Cllr Paul Hand & Cllr Damien O'Farrell. The motion was put and carried.

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The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 144 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

3 Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated 26th March 2019 from Tipperary County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to introduce a cap on the number of times that a repeat offender can avail of free legal aid.
 - It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (b) Letter dated 27th March from Westmeath County Council, the following motion was passed "That Westmeath County Council, in view of the damage that spiralling insurance costs are causing to community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and small business, calls on the Government to accelerate its insurance reform programme. In particular Westmeath County calls on the Government to immediately establish a distinct Insurance Fraud Unit within an Garda Síochána, establish on interim Judicial Council which will address excessive awards made in our courts and insist on greater transparency in relation to claims and premiums from Irish insurers".
 - It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (c) Letter dated 1st April 2019 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a resolution adopted at their recent meeting. "The All Ireland Pollinator Plan is about everyone working together and contributing to making the landscape more pollinator friendly".
 - It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Letter dated 12th April from Waterford City and County Council, the following motion was adopted "That Waterford County Council supports the campaign for Respect and Loyalty calls on the Government to immediately take action to resolve the issues relating to the pay and conditions of service of Defence Forces Members as they are seriously impacting retention and recruitment".
 - It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (f) Letter dated 1st May from Wicklow County Council, the following motion was passed "That Wicklow County Council acknowledge and support the recent #Climate Strikes [1,2] driven by the young people and families in Greystones, Arklow, Dublin and around the country. That Wicklow County Council have listed and understood the deadly urgency felt by the young people and their

demand that all stakeholders and representatives act immediately to ensure that young people have a liveable future in Wicklow, in Ireland and on planet Earth.

It was moved by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 1st April 2019

The minutes the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on the 1st April 2019, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

5 Report No. 146/2019 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Kieran Binchy and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 146/2019". The motion was put and carried.

6 Report No. 145/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Annual Financial Statements.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 145/2019 and adopts the Annual Financial Statement 2018 as outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

Report No. 140/2019 of the Head of Human Resources and Corporate Services (M. Pyne) - Progress Report on the Fourth Year of the Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Paddy Bourke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 140/2019". The motion was put and carried.

8 Report No. 147/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Dublin City Housing Allocations 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Áine Clancy "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 147/2019". The motion was put and carried.

9 Report No. 157/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements.

It was agreed to suspend the meeting for 10 minutes to allow Group Leaders to draft a proposed amendment to Report No. 157/2019 at 7.10 p.m. Business re-commenced at 7.25 p.m.

The following amendments to the report and the scheme were proposed by Cllr. Daithí Doolan, Cllr. Andrew Keegan, Cllr. Alison Gilliland, Cllr. Tom Brabazon and Cllr. Mannix Flynn "To amend the report at Sections 6.3, 6.3.1, 6.4, 7.3, 7.1 and 7.4 to within 300 km of dwellings". The motion was put and carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 157/2019 as amended". The motion as amended was put and carried.

10 Report No. 150/2019 of the Executive Manager (A. Flynn) - Dublin City Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

It was agreed "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 150/2019 and hereby approves the adjournment of the Adoption of Dublin City Council Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 17th June 2019". The motion was put and carried.

11 Report No. 141/2019 Annual Report of the Joint Policing Committees on the performance of their functions for 2018 - Councillor Daithí de Róiste, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 141/2019". The motion was put and carried.

12 Report No. 155/2019 of the Area Manager Central Area (K. Mitchell) - with reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment to the Public Right of Way over a section of Grenville Lane, that forms part of Grenville Lane, off Gardiner Place, Dublin 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over a section of Grenville Lane, that forms part of Grenville Lane, off Gardiner Place, Dublin 1, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 37151 is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.

13 Report No. 156/2019 of the Central Area Manager (K. Mitchell) - with reference to a proposal to initiate the procedure for the Extinguishment to the Public Right of Way over Wellington Place North, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Councillor Janice Boylan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over Wellington Place North, Dublin 7, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 23216 is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.

14 Report No. 162/2019 of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee - with reference to proposal to hold statutory public consultation on the on the proposed Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2019 - Councillor Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.162/2019 and hereby approves the content therein".

15 Report No. 163/2019 of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee - with reference to proposal to adopt Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2019 - Councillor Ciarán Cuffe Chairperson The following amendment to the report was proposed by Cllr Rebecca Moynihan and seconded by Cllr Dermot Lacey "Bye Law 22 insert a new section 'where a building consists of pre 1970s apartment buildings, each apartment unit will be entitled to 1 residential paring permit on the street. The amendment was put to a vote and defeated. Details can be found in Appendix B.

It was proposed by Councillor Kieran Binchy and seconded by Councillor Seamas McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.163/2019 and resolves to adopt Dublin City Council Parking Bye-Laws as outlined in the report"

16 Report No. 174/2019 of the Environment and Strategic Policy Committee - with reference to Dublin City Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024 - Councillor Naoise O'Muirí, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Ciaran Cuffe and seconded by Councillor Claire Byrne "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No.174/2019 and resolves to adopt Dublin City Climate Action Plan 2019-2024 as outlined in the report".

The City Council agreed to allow Councillor Cuffe to propose his motion on the Agenda, Motion No 2. Accordingly, the following motion was proposed by Councillor Cuffe and seconded by Councillor Claire Byrne

"That Dublin City Council declares a 'climate emergency'; and

- 1. Acknowledges that the Climate Change Strategy of the four Dublin local authorities states that we must act now if we are to limit global temperature rise to less than 2°C:
- 2. Notes with concern that Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions significantly exceed our international commitments and are rising;
- 3. Welcomes the establishment of a Climate Action Regional Office in Dublin City Council:
- 4. reiterates Dublin City's commitments under the EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy initiative
- calls on national government, council management, communities and citizens to take appropriate action to reduce Dublin City's emissions by 5% per year going forward;
- 6. Seeks assistance from national government to move the Council towards carbon neutrality in its own actions at the earliest possible date;
- 7. Shall write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government seeking assistance in this regard;

And requests the Chief Executive to present a report to the June meeting laying out measures for approval by the incoming Council to achieve the reductions required." The motion was put and carried.

17 Proposed disposals of property:

(a) Report No. 175/2019 of the Executive Manager (R. Kenny) - with reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 15 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Ruairí McGinley and seconded by Councillor Ciarán Cuffe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 175/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 164/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a site at 24 Harcourt Road and 1 & 2 Richmond Street South to Charledev Properties DAC.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ruairi McGinley and seconded by Councillor Ciaran Cuffe "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 164/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put to a vote and defeated. Details of these results can be found in Appendix C.
- (c) Report No. 165/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a site at Knockraheen, Vartry Reservoir Co. Wicklow to Prisim Engineering Ltd.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ruairí McGinley and seconded by Councillor Tom Brabazon "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 165/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (d) Report No. 166/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed grant of a further licence for use of part of the Drury Street Car Park, Drury Street, Dublin 2.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 166/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Report No. 167/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed grant of three year sublease in Unit 3, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 167/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (f) Report No. 168/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 7 Marino Park, Dublin 3.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 168/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (g) Report No. 169/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 25 Marino Park, Dublin 3.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 169/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (h) Report No. 170/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 81 Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 1702019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (i) Report No. 171/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of 61 and 63 Ratoath Avenue Finglas, Dublin 11 to Arlington Novas CLG Approved Housing Body.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 171/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (j) Report No. 172/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) with reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's fee simple interest in a site in the Belgard Square North Tallaght Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 172/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (k) Report No. 173/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) with reference to the proposed grant of a Short Term Business Letting Agreement in Unit 1 Shangan Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 173/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (I) Report No. 176/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) with reference to the proposed disposal of land to the rear of 31 Marino Green, Marino, Dublin 3.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 176/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 18 Report No. 177/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed grant of a further licence for the use of part of the premises at Longmeadows Pitch and Putt Club, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 19 Report No. 179/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) with reference to the proposed grant of a licence of a portion of the Waste Management Section Depot at Aldborough Parade and three Railway Arches adjoining the Depot to Sunflower Recycling Limited, Shamrock Terrace, Five Lamps, North Strand, Dublin 1.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Mannix

- Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 179/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 20 Report No. 143/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) Monthly Management Report.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 143 /2019 and hereby approves the contents therein".
- 21 Report No. 154/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 154 /2019 and hereby approves the contents therein".
- 22 Report No. 137/2019 of the Corporate Policy Group Breviate of the meeting held on 22nd March 2019 Lord Mayor Nial Ring, Chairperson
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 23 Report No. 139/2019 of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 21st March 2019 Councillor Ruairi McGinley, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 139/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 24 Report No. 159/2019 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of the special meeting held on 11th April 2019 Councillor Daithí Doolan Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 139/2019." The motion was put and carried
- 25 Report No. 160/2019 of the Transportation Special Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of the special meeting held on 3rd April 2019 Councillor Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 26 Report No. 161/2019 of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 10th April 2019 Councillor Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 27 Report No. 158/2019 of the Central Area Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 9th April 2019 Councillor Gaye Fagan, Chairperson.

- It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 158/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 28 Report No. 151/2019 of the North West Area Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 16th April 2019 Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 151/2019." The motion was put and carried
- 29 Report No. 148/2019 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 15th April 2019 Councillor Larry O'Toole, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 148/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 149/2019 of the North Central Area Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 15th April 2019 Councillor Ciaran O'Moore, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 149/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 31 Report No. 152/2019 of the South Central Area Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 17th April 2019 Councillor Pat Dunne, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 152/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 144/2019 of the South East Area Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 8th April 2019 Councillor Ruairí McGinley, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 144/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 33 Report No. 138/2019 of South East Area Joint Policing Sub Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 21st March 2019 Councillor Mannix Flynn, Chairperson
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 138/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 34 Report No. 153/2019 of the South Central Joint Policing Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 25th February 2019 Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 153/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- Report No. 142/2019 of the Protocol Committee Breviate of the meeting held on 28th March 2019 Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson
 - It was proposed by Councillor Teresa Keegan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 142/2019." The motion was put and carried.
- 36 As decided by Council on the night
- 37 Emergency Motion(s) to be taken no later than 8.30pm followed by motions 1 and 2 on the Agenda. Revert to Business on the Agenda no later than 9.pm.
- 38 Motions on Notice

The City Council agreed to allow Councillor McAuliffe to propose his motion on the Agenda, Motion No 1. Accordingly, the following motion was proposed by Councillor McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor Carney Boud "Motion Calling for the Chief Executive to appoint senior official to attract investment to Ballymun. With the Ballymun LAP concluded and the Shopping centre site due to be cleared, The City Council calls on the Chief Executive of Dublin City Council to appoint a senior council official in the City Valuer's office with special responsibility for attracting investment in Ballymun." The motion was put and carried.

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LORD MAYOR	MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 13th MAY 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if you can formally clarify that the large tree at the location described below is NOT on land owned by Dublin City Council and is part of the property containing Crosbie House/Willbrook House on Northbrook Avenue. It is the responsibility of the owner's/management company to prune same and further on clarification of this matter if you will contact the same Management Company and request that they do so prune the tree. To reduce the light reduction and overshadowing caused to residents of Northbrook Avenue. If the tree in question is on Council property if he will arrange for Council to do that work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree in question is on a public footpath that was taken in charge by Dublin City Council.

Parks Service will carry out a survey of the tree, which will include an assessment of necessary works. Any works deemed necessary by DCC will be carried out in accordance with DCC's Tree Strategy 2016-2020.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a comprehensive report on the housing file of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Housing List with an application date of 27th May 2004, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	35
Area E	3	46

The applicant is also on the RAS Exit List with an effective date of 01/04/2018 and alternative accommodation is actively being sought.

On the 13/12/2018 the applicant was offered to attend a viewing of a property in her area of preference, the applicant declined.

The RAS Exit team are currently seeking suitable alternative accommodation for the applicant, when suitable accommodation is sourced, the applicant will be made an offer.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR RUAIRÌ MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to build a wall to side of (details supplied). This will eliminate nuisance for resident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Details supplied is not a Dublin City Council property and therefore the erection of a wall at that location is not a matter for the council.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to install public lights in the park at Ravensdale Park Kimmage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not intended to place lighting in this open space. Well lit public footpaths are available for pedestrian access on Lower Kimmage Road, Ravensdale Park, Kimmage Road West, and Brookfield Green.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the total annual cost incurred by Dublin City Council in removing illegally dumped rubbish from across the city in each of the past five years (2013-2018).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The most recent estimate of the costs and quantities of illegally dumped waste removed from the Dublin City Area in the years 2016 – 2019 is set out in the table below.

Year	Fleet & Fuel	Labour	Disposal	Tonnes	Total
2016	€255,253	€602,172	€109,238	3115	€ 966,663
2017	€352,611	€637,328	€110,485	3156	€1,100,424
2018	€356,465	€637,328	€165,426	3932	€1,159,219

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ures are not available for the years prior to 2016. At that time an estimate of the cost was made which has now been improved upon by carrying out a more thorough analysis of the costs of vehicles, fuel, labour and disposal of waste for those resources that are assigned to dealing with the removal and disposal of illegal dumping.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the legal situation regarding a motorist leaving their car in a disc parking area for longer than the signage permits but pays "top up" via mobile phone and if the phone app system could this be adjusted so that all day parking in areas not suited for same, would no longer be possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All on-street parking, including the Parking Tag System is based on zone parking, i.e. parking is paid for a zone colour rather than a specific street location. Motorists may therefore make just one Pay and Display ticket purchase or complete one parking tag transaction but park on multiple streets within the zone if still within the time limit paid for. Enforcement of the 3-hour time limit for parking on any one street requires enforcement crew to determine that a vehicle has been present on the street in excess of the 3 hours and that the motorist has not moved their vehicle from the street in that time period. Where Dublin City Council is made aware of issues with regard to motorists breaking the 3-hour time limit arrangement can be made for appropriate monitoring of the location and enforcement if required.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could arrange for Waterloo Lane to be resurfaced and to further report back to this Councillor why a member of the public did not receive any update from the Council on her submission in this regard in October 2018 (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waterloo Lane will be put forward for consideration for our 2020 Road Resurfacing Programme. In the interim it will be put on our works list for local repairs.

I apologise that a reply was not issued to the referenced correspondence. This will be rectified.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to place a bollard at the junction of Sundrive & Clougher Road junction, opposite the main gate of the church to protect a residents wall which has been knocked down 3 times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will assess the suitability of traffic calming measures at the signalised junction of Sundrive Road and Clogher Road. A site investigation will be required and the public representative will be informed of the next steps.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY

To ask the Chief Executive to consider installation of CCTV in the vicinity of the bus shelter on Stannaway Avenue. This bus shelter has been severely vandalised on a number of occasions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council install CCTV for the purpose of assisting in the maintenance of order, usually in our housing and flat complexes. Vandalism of a bus shelter on a public street is more appropriately a matter for the Garda Siochana.

Under new General Data Protection Regulations, a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) must be undertaken before CCTV can be installed in any area. CCTV has, by its nature, the potential to capture personal information, which can infringe on the privacy rights of citizens. Therefore, a PIA is required to ensure that the installation of CCTV is a reasonable action to address high levels of anti-social behaviour. As part of this assessment, a report is required from An Garda Siochana providing evidential support outlining the ongoing and serious nature of anti-social behaviour in that area. It must also state why such behaviour cannot be addressed through normal policing methods. While there is some vandalism at the bus shelter there is not a high level of anti-social behaviour in this area. It is therefore extremely unlikely that the Data Controller would deem the installation of CCTV to be a reasonable action.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to implement the following: installation of PACE flower boxes on Shanowen Crescent, Dublin 9.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

PACE flower boxes are allocated to Community/Environmental Groups that are willing to maintain the planters themselves. In order to arrange for the group to avail of the planters please arrange for them to contact:

Q.11 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the examination of the plinth wall at **(details supplied)** it needs repairing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Some areas of the plinth wall are damaged at this location. There is no specific budget allocated for here at present but costs can be estimated so that repair can be considered in the context of next year's allocations.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to explore the proposal from residents of permit-parking on Shanowen Cresent. Please carry out path-improvement works along the entirety of Shanowen Grove and to investigate raising the height of the kerbs that frame the green space on Shanowen Grove as a deterrent to the illegal car parking on the grass, which is having a negative impact upon the community amenity.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected Shanowen Grove footpaths and informs that the condition of the footpath surface is generally satisfactory excepting a number of trips caused by protruding tree roots.

Road Maintenance Services in liaison with Parks will arrange to repair the uneven areas where tree roots may cause an obstruction.

This service request is rated Priority 6 and it should be noted that a service request ranges from Priority 1 (high) to Priority 8 (low). As this is a low priority road (i.e. traffic impact 1), Road Maintenance Services cannot give a definite timeline as to when these works will be carried out.

Dublin City Council can consider the introduction of a scheme on Shanowen Road and if recommended arrange for subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a Scheme, i.e. 25% of households in favour of the request. This may take the form of a number of written requests or ideally a signed petition from the residents of the road. A request for a Parking Scheme will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report. On referral to the Traffic Advisory Group the request will be examined in accordance with the following guidelines:

- the road is mainly residential where in excess of 80% of available on-street parking is normally occupied on inspection during business hours.
- a proposed Parking Scheme would be subject to a plebiscite of the residents.
- the road must have a minimum width of 6.5 metres for two side parking and a
 minimum width of 4.6 metres for one-sided parking to allow access for emergency
 services and refuse collection. These are minimum dimensions which only provide
 for one lane of traffic and are only suitable for roads with low traffic volumes.

However, it is important to note that a Parking Scheme cannot be recommended on a road where the minimum width is less than 4.6 metres. Where a road is wide enough for a Scheme with one-sided parking only, double yellow lines will be required on the opposite side of the road. As a result, there may be a reduction in the number of parking spaces currently available to residents on some roads.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Dublin Fire brigade:

- 1. What is the standard or policy in relation to frontline vehicles. (age and mileage).
- 2. What is the standard or policy in relation to reserve vehicles. (age and mileage).
- 3. What is the standard or policy in relation to training vehicles. (age and mileage).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade operates a frontline fleet that consists of 21 Water-tenders, 9 Special Appliances (Emergency Tenders, Aerial Response, Foam tender, Tunnel Response and Incident Command Units), 12 Ambulances and 6 District Officer Vehicles.

Fire Appliances are funded nationally from the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management. Fire Appliances are replaced when funding is secured from the Capital Fund for vehicles. Throughout their lifespan Fire Appliances are cascaded based on mileage within the frontline fleet. As new vehicles enter service vehicles are cascaded to the reserve and training fleet and finally retired from service. Frontline DFB Ambulances are currently funded and supplied to DFB from the National Ambulance Service. When new ambulances are supplied, existing vehicles are cascaded to the reserve and training fleet and retired from service. District Officer Vehicles are funded by Dublin City Council on a 5 year lease plan. When new vehicles enter service, existing vehicles are cascaded to reserve and support fleet

Q.14 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the new aerial appliance in Dun Laoghaire station Delta 126 a 03D truck:

- 1. Where and how much was paid for it.
- 2. What was the reason it was purchased.
- 3. Did it fail any of its DOE's since purchased.
- 4. What if any modifications have been done to this vehicle since it was purchased by the DFB and has these modifications been certified by a qualified person.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The cost of this particular Vehicle was €52,000. It was purchased for operational reasons in order to replace and existing Vehicle.

It has not failed any of its D.O.Es since it was purchased.

An additional seat was fitted to accommodate a third crew member as per current agreed crewing arrangements.

This work was carried out by a competent agent.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the cut back of trees backing onto (details supplied) as these trees are causing a major problem for elderly residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at this location are scheduled for pruning and thinning. This work will be carried out once the bird nesting season is over at the start of September.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the area around (details supplied) with a view to installing planters and making the area more welcoming.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer is working with Parks and Traffic to identify suitable locations for three-tiered planters in the Dublin 12 Area. If this site is not suitable, an alternative greening/floral option will be considered to maximise the visual impact at this junction.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR RAY MCHUGH

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the placing of Double yellow lines on **(details supplied)** as motorists have difficulty exiting from the Cul-de-Sac due to cars blocking the view.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that it is not current City Council policy to install double yellow lines at junctions as under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked.....(c) within 5 metres of a road junction"

Under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked... (k) "In a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;"

It is therefore, not recommended to provide parking restrictions where they are already covered under the Regulations, as this would lead to a proliferation of same.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive, given the desperate state and the threat to user's health and safety, to arrange for the immediate refurbishment of the toilets in Ellenfield Clubhouse and to provide a timeline for the refurbishment of this much used DCC owned building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This facility requires a major refurbishment to bring it up to standard which will require a detailed assessment, specification and procurement process and allocation of an appropriate budget. In the mean time in the interests of health and safety the facility will remain closed.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what is causing repeated delays in the redevelopment of the lands at **(details supplied)** for public housing; when does he expect a planning application to finally come before this Council; what is the indicative start date for construction work to begin; to provide the number of units to be provided and a breakdown of relevant sized units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details Supplied) has entered into discussions with (details supplied) to transfer the site into their ownership and(details supplied) continue to try and progress these discussions with a view to developing a scheme of 53 older persons units of accommodation on the site.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of what plans are for street cleaning in Raheny and co-ordinate more often with the local resident's association, so that everyone knows what's happening. Especially as Raheny is anxious to keep doing well in the tidy towns and city neighbourhood competition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services clean the main street in Raheny, the Howth Road and Station Road on a daily basis. The side turns and residential areas in Raheny are inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. Every effort will continue to be made to keep the Raheny area as clean as possible. The local residents association can contact us at waste.management@dublincity.ie for assistance with their clean ups and we will assist them in every way we can.

Locations which consist of urban villages, shop fronts and main thoroughfares are serviced every day, bins are emptied, streets are swept, litter removed and recycling facilities cleaned.

The Public Domain Team facilitate Community Clean Ups in Raheny when requested and organise for the swift removal of bags.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise of the cost of cutting grass in the North Central Area. How often is this contract is put out to tender. Why is the rubbish not collected before grass is cut and grass not collected after it is cut?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Cost of Grass Maintenance and landscape Maintenance combined for contract 4 North Central Area from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2020 is €1,234,854.63.

The Contract is tendered every 4 years.

The litter is picked before cutting

Excessive amounts of illegal rubbish is removed when resources are available, at an extra cost.

Grass clippings are not collected to avoid the creation of a huge volume of green waste and to return the nutrients to the soil to avoid running down the fertility of the open spaces and the necessity to fertilize the area.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if restricted parking be introduced in Rathmore Park i.e. no parking in estate between 7am and 11am and 16.00 and 19.00. Can the clampers visit the area more regularly as there is bad parking and double parking, particularly on corners which would make it impossible for an emergency vehicle to gain entry at the best of times.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following inspection on 4/04/2019 it was observed that most of the available on street parking was occupied. However, parking was not interfering with access or traffic. As this is a quiet cul de sac there is little traffic movement with no through traffic. The provision of parking restrictions would only serve to shift commuter parking to surrounding roads. Notwithstanding this, a solution to commuter parking would be the introduction of Pay & Display/ Permit Parking. Dublin City Council will proceed with the preparation of a Pay and Display and Permit Parking scheme and a subsequent ballot of residents where there is a demonstrable and clear desire in favour of a scheme from 25% of households on Rathmore Park. This may take the form of a number of written requests or a signed petition from the residents of the road.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in tabular from the duration for accessing emergency accommodation for families accommodated at the end of March and the same information for those families in 'own door' accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below details the length of time families have been residing in emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region. On the night of 31st March 2019, 1,277 families were accommodated in emergency accommodation, 1,814 adults and 2,732 children.

Table 1: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for Families accommodated on a single night: 31st March 2019

Duration in EA at 31/03/19	Total Families	Total Families %	Total Adults	Adults %	Number Dependents
24+ months	167	13%	212	12%	357
18-24months	174	14%	250	14%	371
12-18 months	214	17%	315	17%	517
6-12 months	265	21%	382	21%	564
6 months or less	457	36%	655	36%	923
Total	1,277	100%	1,814	100%	2,732

The DRHE will provide tables detailing the length of time families have been staying in emergency accommodation for the same night in 2017 and 2018 for comparison purposes within two weeks and will revert directly to Cllr. Costello.

There are approximately 200 families residing in 'Own Door' accommodation across the Dublin region. Information to determine the length of stay of every family residing in 'Own Door' accommodation is not readily available and would require extensive resources to provide this analysis. We can confirm that in the six month period October 2018 – March 2019 that 53 families exited to tenancies from 'Own Door' accommodation.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR CHRSTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council implement a text alert litter system on a pilot scheme in the North Inner City. Could this project be addressed ASAP as it may help reduce illegal dumping.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In general text alerts usually work the other way in that an organisation would use them to alert citizens etc. about particular things (e.g. planning were looking at providing a system where you could register and if a planning application came in for the area you were registered for you would get a text alert. A lot of Council's use this around the country.) The problem with us getting texts, is it is unstructured and given the volume of calls/online request we get would be hard to manage.

However, there are a number of things we are currently looking at which might move towards that:-

- 1. As part of the customer service action plan, we are trying to expand on the range of channels that customers use to contact us and one of these areas we are actively looking at is to have a twitter service request account so people could tweet us about issues like dumping (that is similar to a text).
- 2. We are currently looking at replacing the existing CRM and identifying requirements for a new CRM with a focus on customer so we can certainly explore it texts can be a customer channel in that context.

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRSTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive in conjunction with Luas management that automatic bollards be installed at major junctions in Dublin City as this project may help prevent accidents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question was forwarded to TII for comment and as soon as we receive a report, the Councillor will be informed of the findings.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CHRSTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if a camera can be installed at the rear of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Manager is in the process of putting together a proposal for installing a CCTV system in (details supplied).

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CHRSTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that there is no delay from the DOE regards funding for the redevelopment of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are four stages of approval in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government's Capital Funded Building Programme. Dublin City Council has applied for stage one (outline) approval for the regeneration of (**details supplied**).

There is no indication that funding is an issue for this project. However, as part of their consideration of the City Council's application, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government has requested a detailed Cost Effectiveness Analysis. The City Council is currently drafting same and will submit shortly.

Upon receipt of stage one approval, Dublin City Council's Housing and Community Services Department will consult further with the local residents, community and elected members.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR CRÌONA NI DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why the promised improvement works to the bathroom at **(details supplied)** have not yet been carried out? Her neighbours have had their works completed. The council did call out some time ago and inspect the dwelling but unfortunately no works have taken place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All works under our Mobility Programme for tenants of Dublin City Council are carried out following the submission of a completed application form, medical information, surveys etc.

Housing Maintenance has received an Occupational Therapist report in relation to bathroom alterations in this dwelling. An application form was forwarded to the tenant, however it has not been returned to date. A second application form has now been issued.

Pending receipt of the completed application form Housing Maintenance are making arrangements for grab rails to be installed for this tenant.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the North Lotts & Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme is not covered by the Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act (2000) issued by Minister Murphy last December. Also, can the

Chief Executive outline if there is any process/procedure under which the SDZ heights etc. could be amended without the input/consideration/permission of elected representatives.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Urban development and Building Heights Guidelines 2018 sets out the following Strategic Planning Policy Requirement (SPPR 3):

It is a specific planning policy requirement that where;

- (A) 1. An applicant for planning permission sets out how a development proposal complies with the criteria above; and
- 2. The assessment of the planning authority concurs, taking account of the wider strategic and national policy parameters set out in the National Planning Framework and these guidelines;

Then the planning authority may approve such development, even where specific objectives of the relevant development plan or local area plan may indicate otherwise.

(B) In the case of an adopted planning scheme the Development Agency in conjunction with the relevant planning authority (where different) shall, upon the coming into force of these guidelines, undertake a review of the planning scheme, utilising the relevant mechanisms as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to ensure that the criteria above are fully reflected in the planning scheme. In particular the Government policy that building heights be generally increased in appropriate urban locations shall be articulated in any amendment(s) to the planning scheme.

The Planning Authority is currently carrying out the review of the Planning Scheme, which it is aiming to complete in the next few weeks, following which any resulting amendments will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for its decision. It is the Planning Authority view that the existing SDZ scheme remains in place until the review is completed and that Planning applications are assessed under the provisions of this scheme.

The role of the elected members of the City Council depends on the nature and scale of the proposed amendments. If the Bord considers the amendments to be material but within the overall objective of the SDZ scheme, then a public consultation process will be carried out under Section 170 (A) of the Planning Act. If however, the overall objectives of the original Planning Scheme are changed, or there is a significant change to the overall floor area or density proposed, or amenity in the area is adversely affected, the Bord is likely to require that the amendments be assessed under Section 169 of the Planning Act, which involves public consultation and a decision by the elected members of the City Council.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the City Council's policy and procedures on considering requests to amend titles/contents/speakers etc. for events sponsored by and/or supported by the City Council. In particular, can the Chief Executive detail the background, including third party lobbying, behind the change of name/emphasis of the recent talk on the Chinese Famine of 1959 by a Trinity College academic and if the lobbying of City Council officials/management was subject to, and adhered to, the provisions of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question goes to whether Dublin City Council in events it funds and initiates such as the Dublin Chinese New Year Festival, follow any policy or procedure when another funding body, in this case The Chinese Embassy request changes to programmes or titles as in the example quoted by The Lord Mayor. The policy

pursued is to ask the individuals and institution involved, in this case Trinity College if they would be willing to make the change requested. If they are then this is in order, if not then Dublin city Council will attempt to mediate but is always mindful of Artistic or other freedoms. In this case Trinity College Dublin gladly cooperated with the Chinese Embassy request.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any discussions taking place where the use of George's Dock as Civic Plaza in place of College Green. If not, can the Chief Executive initiate such discussions and prepare a report on the relative suitability of each location in terms of capacity, public transport availability, disruption to city movements (traffic, pedestrian, Luas, bus etc) In particular can the Chief Executive confirm the capacity of each location for civic/public events. While I am aware that there are plans for a development at George's Dock, I do not think that we should exclude another possible use and therefore I am requesting that the use as a civic plaza be looked at.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The development of a civic space at College Green is a long-standing objective of Dublin City Council and noting the recent disappointing decision of An Bord Pleanala, it is intended to redraft, for submission later this year, a new application for a Civic Space at College Green with the associated traffic management measures, taking account of the concerns expressed by An Bord Pleanala. This decision to re-submit an application for College Green was approved by City Council earlier this year. There are no suitable civic space comparisons to be made between College Green and George's Dock in terms of location, history, cultural significance etc.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following information in relation to City Council monthly meetings (excluding May 2019) for this five year Council term.

- a) Number of meetings held in this Council term.
- b) Number of meetings attended by each Councillor.
- c) Total questions submitted by each Councillor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) There have been 53 monthly City Council meetings between June 2014 and April 2019.
- b) Please see Attachment to this question

Council questions are listed as item No. 2 on the Monthly Agenda and are accessible on the Council's website at the following link:

https://www.dublincity.ie/councilmeetings/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=142

Q.33 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath at **(details supplied)** to be re-instated. The path has raised over the years, it is a serious trip hazard at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services recently carried out the necessary maintenance repairs at the above address.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the landing at **(details supplied)** to be resurfaced. It looks like the tree roots have caused the concrete to be broken up badly.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the condition of footpath at this address and will carry out the repairs as a matter of priority.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the lack of Pedestrian crossings on Kildonan Road from Mellows Road/ Mellows Avenue. Most residents cross at the junction of Mellows Road and Kildonan Road at the WFTRA Hall when travelling to the Cardiffsbridge Shops, Finglas Village or local bus stops. Can you arrange for safe crossing for local residents at this junction please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above request will be listed on the Traffic Advisory Group Agenda for examination and report. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to allocate an extra lollipop person for the two primary schools in Ringsend as one lollipop crossing is not enough in comparison to Sandymount, which has 4 lollipop crossing points for two primary schools. There should be a second lollipop crossing in Ringsend Village.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above request for an extra School Warden in Ringsend has been added to the agenda of the Traffic Advisory Group for examination and report by the Area Engineer and School Warden Co-ordinator. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the window seal in the kitchen of **(details supplied)** repaired. The tenant was told a long time ago that it would be resolved and this family are still waiting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has no prior record of a repair to the seal of the kitchen window in this dwelling. It has now been logged and will be attended to within the next two weeks.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a level access shower installed in **(details supplied)** as a matter of urgency as the resident cannot have a shower since he got home from his serious illness.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application to have a level access shower installed in this dwelling was received in April 2019. This application will be processed and assessed under our Mobility Programme and the tenant will be notified in writing of the outcome.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a speed audit on (details supplied) and for an assessment of the effectiveness of the current traffic calming measures on this strip of road due to the increasing number of children now living on this part of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current speed cushions in place on (details supplied) are placed at appropriate spacing's for ideal traffic calming. Speed cushions along the road are provided on the bus route to allow buses and emergency vehicles to straddle them accordingly. Traffic calming is further aided by the general nature of the road, with on street parking and the long, curved alignment to the road. This helps increase driver caution leading to decreased speeds on the road.

A reduction of parking on the footway, and encouragement of parking on the carriageway at this location would benefit the street in terms of traffic calming. On street parking can calm traffic by increasing driver caution, visually narrow the carriageway and reduce forward visibility. It can also provide good levels of passive security as spaces are overlooked by buildings.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for railings to be placed around the two green areas in the cul-de-sacs, on McKee Avenue (between no's 132-172 and 182-216) in order to provide a safe play area for local children.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer can meet with the residents on McKee Avenue at this location to discuss the installation of fencing at this area and arrange, if appropriate.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to repair the problem the elderly tenant has in **(details supplied)**). Her water tank overflows if it is not used regularly, if she is away for a day or two it will flood. It is flooding the electrics at the light in the bedroom and this has happened twice already. It needs to be resolved before it happens again. Please arrange to have the bedroom ceiling repainted.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance are currently carrying out necessary repairs in this dwelling.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following regarding (details supplied).

- 1. Has a safety audit been carried out on this unit. I ask as it has constant leaks which have entered into the electrics
- 2. Following the last leak DCC called out and fixed it and replastered the walls. The tenant was extremely upset as she insisted that the source of the leak was not addressed and they just plastered over the problem. The new plaster is not wet and becoming damp again.
- 3. DCC took down her press that covered her boiler and would not put it back up again and is still waiting for it to be put back up.

- 4. After the leak she applied for compensation to replace the floors that were destroyed but her claim was refused. Can you explain why.
- 5. She wanted the locks on her windows fixed, but was told when DCC called out that he would have to take her windows out to fix the locks.
- 6. Wires in her kitchen were left exposed after works and are still exposed
- 7. She was to get new windows. Is there an update on this?
- 8. She has requested new radiators and boiler but still no reply
- 9. The extractor fan outside the house needs to be replastered.

Please see photo's attached. Can these tenants please be transferred to more suitable accommodation. They are willing to take two 1 beds as they are brother and sister.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Q.43 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the following regarding (details supplied 1). The above family have been trying to transfer out of their flat for some time now on essential maintenance grounds. (details supplied 2) has been very sick due to her living environment which is impacting on her mental health. She was offered an apartment recently and was excited about going to view it but the complex had no parking at all and as (details supplied 3) drives a mini bus this would be a nightmare for them. They had to refuse it.

They are on the essential maintenance transfer list for a like for like allocation. Could you please let me know what inspections have taken place at this dwelling, what works if any have been carried out and what the plans are there to ensure this family do not have to remain here for much longer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 10th June 2014, the applicant holds the following positions on this attached list;

It is noted that the applicant requires an essential maintenance move; efforts are being made to source suitable accommodation for the applicant to facilitate this move. When a suitable property becomes available, an offer will be made to the applicant.

Housing Maintenance have responded to various repair requests in this dwelling such as toilet out of order, hot tap in kitchen leaking.

In early 2018 the tenant reported mould in the dwelling. The damp doctor called to the dwelling following this report, however the tenant did not allow access.

In April 2018 Housing Maintenance Engineer and Foreman called to this dwelling to carry out an inspection. Their findings were that 2 soil stacks, 1 in the kitchen and 1 in a bedroom were broken. There were also tiles on the ceilings in the unit which needed to be removed.

The necessary works to rectify these issues required the tenant to move out of the dwelling. Arrangements were made with the Area Housing Manager to locate another housing unit for this family. The family indicated they wished to move permanently and not return to this flat.

To date 2 offers of alternate flats in the same complex were offered to this family, both offers refused. Recently another unit in Cathedral Court was offered to this family, this was also refused.

This family are being considered for another offer of a flat/apartment in the near future.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to consider what can be done to assist the parking situation that exists at (details supplied).

This Square is a very old residential area. Over the years more and more residents became car owners. The Square is extremely tight and some cars have to park on the footpath in order to allow cars pass and also allows emergency vehicles access if needed. This has been the practice for years. I understand that TAG received a complaint re cars parking wheels on the footpath and had to take action. Cars had notices attached informing them that any cars parked on footpath will be clamped. Residents met to discuss this and try to find a solution agreeable to majority. Enforcement agreed not to clamp while a majority solution could be found and the following please be considered:

- A small footpath that runs along the side of the houses on the left hand side see photo is not used by pedestrians at all (as footpath on opposite side is bigger)but is used to park cars with wheels. Could consideration be given to removing this footpath? It would allow the safe parking of cars.
- 2. Residents only pay and display.
- 3. If residents opt for pay and display how many spaces will be lost for parking.
- 4. "In areas where the road is too narrow to allow for cars to be parked fully on the road is it permissible to park partially on the footpath. This is allowed in order to maintain emergency services vehicles' easy access throughout the area at all times. However, cars cannot park in such a manner that pedestrians find it difficult to navigate the footpath (especially wheelchair and buggy users." This is a reply my colleague received from DCC. Does this Square fall under this category?
- 5. Can I request that no clamping takes place until residents have time to consider their options and receive a reply to this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (1) Dublin City Council places the pedestrian at the highest level of priority in transportation planning followed by cycling, public transport, goods and other vehicles. The removal of this footpath would go against our policy and therefore would not be considered.
- (2) No, Dublin City Council does not provide such parking schemes.
- (3) With the introduction of Pay and Display/Permit parking there will be approx. 22 less parking spaces but we can look at the possibility of the permit covering neighbouring roads also subject to parking demand on those roads.
- (4) Unfortunately, this Square does not fall under this category as the road is wide enough for one sided parking and also it is Illegal under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997.

(5) This request has been agreed with Dermot Stevenson, Parking Enforcement Officer.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this road traffic matter at **(details supplied)**. Can the footpaths at this location be brought out to curtail the constant speeding of traffic taking the corner.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The junction of Ferrycarrig Road and Avenue will be examined by a Traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendations in due course.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the pump in (details supplied) repaired.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The constant repair of this pump is not sustainable. The feasibility of the replacement of this pump with a more reliable version that would not be prone to the problems is currently being investigated. If funding for the new pump cannot be identified in the current budgets a repair will be affected as soon as schedules allow and provision will be made in future budgets for an appropriate replacement.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing application request. **(details supplied)** This lady is 14 years on the housing list. She lives at above address in rented accommodation with her seventeen year old son. Can an indication be given as to when she will be offered suitable housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 10th November, 2006 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	67

Based on this position, it may be some time before this applicant is reached for an offer of a social housing tenancy.

The applicant has been in contact with Housing Advisors in the Allocations Section and has been issued with a HAP pack. Applicants who accept a HAP payment, still remain eligible for social housing.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to have the railings alongside the river in Poddle Park, Kimmage repainted and the weeds and dumping alongside the river and neighbourhood tidied up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Drainage Division has cleared waste and debris from the Poddle River channel at this location that could block/inhibit flow or contribute to flooding.

The painting of the railings at Poddle Park is scheduled and will commence before the end of this month. The maintenance of the river banks is the responsibility of our Drainage Section.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for Council Engineers to examine a subsidence issue which appears to be occurring from the constant impact on a road speed ramp on a narrow section of road (details supplied). Walls in front of houses alongside No. 14 are cracked and leaning outward toward the pedestrian pavements.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I am writing to inform you that there is no official address for no. (details supplied), however, there is a no.14 Bangor Drive which has a speed ramp outside. Upon inspection the ramp is in perfect condition. A visual inspection of the wall displays two pieces of concrete capping has moved slightly towards the pavement. This is not due to the road, ramp etc. but more to the load that has been placed on the premises side of the brick wall. This consists of rubbish, paint tubs and spare wheels.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a thorough cleaning of **(details supplied)**. Residents feel that their road is not cleaned as often or as thoroughly as roads in other parts of the city. This is a main road, it requires cleaning more often.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services have **(details supplied)** cleaned five days a week, Monday to Friday. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this road to see if any improvements can be made.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the planting of flowers in the small green park at the apex of Old County Road and Crumlin Road. Previously flowers brightened up this small park, but have been absent for some time and local residents would like them to be reintroduced to brighten up this small green space in an otherwise built up area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This display was removed from the open space a few years ago due to the unsustainable nature of seasonal bedding schemes. The introduction of a mixed perennial bed can be considered in 2020 at this location once resources can be allocated for the project.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise as a priority the installation of bicycle stands adjacent to the Happy Out Café, at North Bull Wall, Bull Island please. This is a 'destination' area and many cyclists cycle down to enjoy all the different amenities this area has to offer or for example to help out with the regular Bull Island Action Group Clean Up. I would appreciate as many bicycle stands as possible in this area please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area will be examined for its suitability to install cycle parking infrastructure and if deemed appropriate, will be included in a future installation batch of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR MARY FREEHILL

To ask the Chief Executive when will, the resurfacing of Bushy Park Road be completed. Work started some months ago but was not completed. There are a considerable about of pot holes on the remainder of the road which is very dangerous for cyclists and motor cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Bushy Park Road is part of our 2019 South East Area Resurfacing Works Programme. This is currently out to tender and we will be appointing a contractor in the coming weeks and at this stage we will have a proposed date for these works. It is envisioned that works would take place in summer 2019.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the options available to the resident regarding parking as sought in the pictures & email attached (details supplied) with this question.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently no parking allowed on the section of carriageway at **(details supplied)** that runs south from Long Lane for approximately 75 metres. This is due to the fact that vehicles are not allowed to park on a public footpath or indeed in a place that obstructs or restricts the flow of traffic.

The option for Pay & display and Permit parking may be an option on **(details supplied)** that runs east from Clanbrassil Street for approximately 125 metres. The residents can apply for this scheme through Dublin City Council should they wish to proceed.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpath repaired at Gilford Drive, Sandymount.

Please see photos attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This will be inspected and repairs scheduled as necessary.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the overgrowth removed around the nameplate sign on Beach Avenue, Sandymount leading into the Grove. Please see picture attached.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to cut back this hedge.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have a new name plate installed in Auburn Road, Donnybrook as the current one is in a very dilapidated state.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to have a new nameplate erected here.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR PADDY MCCARTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the installation of a bike stand for Mulberry Lane, Donnybrook.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no stands planned or proposed in Mulberry Lane as part of the On Street Cycle Parking Project.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive provide an update (including time-lines) on the refurbishment of the central Fruit Vegetable and Flower Market.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are eight Traders remaining at the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market, six of whom have engaged with the Chief Valuer with regard to vacating the market.. Temporary accommodation for those who have not engaged, has been identified and is currently being brought up to standard with regard to facilities and health and safety regulations. This should be complete within one month. The remaining Traders will be notified of their temporary locations shortly.

Once we have secured vacant possession of the building, procurement for redevelopment can commence. This is anticipated in Quarter 3 2019. A realistic build and kit out programme timeline will be set out as part of the procurement process. The project continues to report to the Markets Sub-committee on Markets and Trading in the Public Domain.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to advise me as to how we can reinstate a properly staffed unit within the Council that can plan, apply for funding, and execute carefully planned neighbourhood environmental traffic calmed cells as was the case in the 1990s. It seems that progress has slowed down significantly on the provision of such schemes and yet the demand has increased for traffic calming, the restriction of through traffic from residential areas and the provision of high-quality public realm schemes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic division is please to confirm that two engineers have now been assigned to the Neighbourhood Schemes and it is hoped they will be in place well before end of May 2019.

This is the final piece of elements that will now enable the division to begin the rollout of the new approach to these schemes, as agreed with Members through workshops in 2018.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to advise me on whether he has put in place a policy on the coordination and minimisation of all above-ground utility installations (including Gas Networks Ireland) so as not to repeat the 'Luashenge' debacle which included the installation of ten utility cabinets in a row outside the Provost's House a Protected Structure on Lower Grafton Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A policy is in place. Aboveground telecommunications cabinets are licenced by The Environment and Transportation Department of Dublin City Council under Section 254 of The Planning and Development Act 2000. Each application is assessed and reported on by planners in The Planning and Development Department and Traffic Planning to determine suitability. Above ground gas installations require planning permission. The cabinets outside the Provost's House were placed under the umbrella of The LUAS Broombridge Railway Order for LUAS Cross City.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR CIARAN CUFFE

To ask the Chief Executive how many local authority homes have been provided (through construction or acquisition) by the Council, and how many have been purchased by tenants in each of the last five years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Year		Dwellings constructed by DCC
2014		131
2015		19
2016		31
2017		167
	2018	185

Year	AHB Delivery
2014	353
2015	279
2016	208
2017	367
2018	505

Year	Part V acquisitions
2014	36
2015	0
2016	25
2017	56
2018	66

Year	Acquisitions
2014	36
2015	0
2016	25
2017	56
2018	238

Year	Buy and Renew
2018	27

The new Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme was introduced on 01st January 2016 to allow existing local authority tenants to purchase their homes.

To date (end of March 2019) Dublin City Council has sold 119

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on (details supplied 1) which is up for sale including the status of the building and the status of the sporting lease for the green area (details supplied 2).

I would like to request the following please - that the sporting lease is transferred to **(details supplied 3)** who currently pay €8000.00 pa service charge and that consideration is given by DCC to purchasing the building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied 1) is in private ownership and Dublin City Council has no legal interest in it.

The lands to the rear of the building, shown outlined in red and coloured red in the map extract hereunder were granted by way of Indenture of Lease dated 2nd May 1988 by Dublin City Council to the Trustees of Christian Young Men's Club for a term of 99 years from 25th March 1984. The lease is currently held by former trustees of **(details supplied 1)** who took an assignment from the club when it experienced financial difficulties in the 1990s.

See Map.

It is a covenant in the lease that the lessee will "use the premises for sporting and recreational community purposes only and for no other purpose whatsoever".

A further covenant of the lease provides that the lessee may not assign, sublet or part with possession of the premises or any part thereof without the prior written consent of Dublin City Council.

The lessees did not contact the Council regarding the placement of the property on the market and the Property Management Section wrote to their Solicitors to reiterate the covenants in the lease and seek clarification on their intentions. The Solicitors have responded to confirm that their clients fully acknowledge the requirement to have the written consent of Dublin City Council to any transfer or assignment of the leasehold interest.

It is not possible for Dublin City Council to transfer the leasehold interest in the lands to any other party. To do so would require a request from the current lessees for such a transfer and no such request has been made.

Dublin City Council has no plans to acquire the (details supplied 1).

Q.64 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to locations as per **(details supplied)** and say if double yellow lines should be installed along same and if so, can he arrange same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has advised that under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, 1997, Section 36, paragraph (2), "a vehicle shall not be parked...

- (c) within 5 metres of a road junction"
- (d) opposite a continuous white line on a roadway of less than three traffic lanes".
- (k) "in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;"

It is not current Dublin City Council policy to provide parking restrictions where they are already covered under the Regulations, such as extending yellow lines around corners.

Instances of illegal parking should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services, the City Council's parking enforcement contractor (Ph: 01-602 2500), or to the local Gardaí, as it is a matter for enforcement under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the City Council dwelling as per (details supplied) where outstanding maintenance works are awaiting attention and say when he will arrange for

- (a) the installation of a replacement front door (which has already been measured up months ago) and
- (b) a replacement downpipe to the front of the dwelling as existing downpipe is a hazard and could potentially fall down and injure someone.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance carried out a conditional survey of this dwelling which identified the requirement of a new front door and replacement downpipe to the front of the dwelling. These are currently on order and estimated to be available for installation within the next 12 weeks.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to tenant as per **(details supplied)** who is awaiting a transfer to larger accommodation since 2014 and say if he can now provide her with an estimate of time as to when she is likely to be accommodated in larger accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older Waiting List with an application date of 3rd September, 2014, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	50

The tenant is currently residing in a one bedroom older person accommodation.

Based on this position it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of social housing.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR DAVID COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to rear gardens of senior citizen garden at (details supplied 1) and say when he can arrange for proper mowing of same and also say if he can repair the entrance gate at (details supplied 2)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The maintenance of gardens is the responsibility of the tenant, however Housing Maintenance have arranged for our Caretaking Service to call to the tenants (details included) with a view to assisting if required on this occasion.

Housing Maintenance Electrical Services are making arrangements to have the locking mechanism on the entrance gates inspected and repaired where required.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the funding package of the planned apartment development at Respond's 101 unit apartment development on site of High Park Convent, Gracepark Rd is being processed by DCC's Housing Section, if any pre-application discussions took place with DCC, if the CE will make a negative submission to ABP on this application, which locals consider excessive and if the CE will comment on the irony of DCC processing the funding of application while Respond in "developeresque" fashion, seem to want to omit DCC from the planning process by getting it to the strategic 101 units level and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This housing project by Respond has formed part of their development programme for over ten years. Previous submissions would have identified a higher level of unit numbers than the 101 now proposed. The gross density proposed at High Park is 62 units per ha with a net density of 73 units per ha. These figures are fully compliant with the 2018 Sustainable Apartment guidelines.

Under Section 247 of the Planning & Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations, 2017, it is a mandatory step to have pre-application consultation with the relevant Local Authority. Three S247 meetings were held between Respond and Dublin City Council in relation to this project prior to the inclusion of An Bord Pleanala at a number of tripartite meetings. Stage 1 of the Strategic Housing Development process requires engagement firstly with the Local Authority's Planning Authority.

The planning application for this development is now with ABP with a decision expected in July 2019.

A 6-month public consultation process was also carried out by Respond. On foot of this consultation, a number of changes were made including, the retention of existing trees along Gracepark Road which screen the site from the public road and various design modifications.

Due to the high level of demand for social housing in this area, Dublin City Council's Housing Department has confirmed to An Bord Pleanala, as part of Strategic Housing Development process, their support for this development. The funding model to be used for this development is the Capital Advance Leasing Facility which, will be approved by the DHPLG and processed by the Housing Department.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the City Council tenant at (details supplied 1) who is awaiting a transfer for several years now and say if he can consider him for a vacancy at (details supplied 2) and also say if, in the interim, he would consider sound-proofing (details supplied 3)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Transfer Older List with an application date of 5th February, 2013 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	20
Area M	1	10

Based on this position it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of social housing.

All available vacancies within St Gabriel's Court have been offered, there are no vacancies at present.

It is acknowledged that the applicant has concerns regarding soundproofing at his property, the applicant should be advised to contact the Local Area Housing Manager Derek Farrell, Darndale office, in this regard.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to a request from a resident at (details supplied) to install traffic calming or other measures at this location in order to slow down speeding traffic along this through road as his wall was driven into last July as a result of a speeding motorist (a common occurrence this location).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Request for Traffic Calming will be forwarded to The Traffic Advisory Group and the Councillor will be advised of the recommendations in due course.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please examine the provision of a path through (details supplied) as many residents have to negotiate two low walls, darkness and obstacles along the bushes adjacent the wall. An accident or assault is waiting to happen here as there is no pathway with lights here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Generally such paths with lighting across public open space are only provided on recognised commuter routes to bus stops, schools, and shops etc. where a reasonable alternative does not exist. This particular small open space does not appear to be a recognised commuter route. This is a very small local open space with a lit public footpath around the perimeter. The open space was inspected and no evidence of desire lines indicating heavy footfall was evident.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider installation of double yellow lines at **(details supplied)**. This section already has a single yellow line that you can't park on. However, people regularly do with the resident being blocked into their house.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that Under the Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36, paragraph(2), "a vehicle shall not be parked... (g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from a premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises;"

A vehicle shall not be parked (d) on a section of roadway with less than 3 traffic lanes and where traffic sign number RRM 001 [continuous white line] has been provided.

Instances of illegal parking are a matter of enforcement and should be reported to An Garda Síochána or Dublin Street Parking Services (the parking enforcement contractor employed by Dublin City Council) at Tel: 6022500.

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported it is therefore, not recommended to provide parking restrictions where they are already covered under the Regulations, as this would lead to a proliferation of same.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of more street lighting along **(details supplied)**. Currently there are just two street lights along this road, with a laneway backing onto the houses. This is dangerous and residents don't have adequate street lights during winter months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lighting at this location will be examined and any improvements considered necessary will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion in a future lighting improvements programme subject to available finances.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the moving of a bin at **(details supplied)** which is attracting rubbish and if he can make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently looking at this request and will revert to the Councillor when a final decision is made.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for road resurfacing along (details supplied) which is in a bad condition and has significant pot holes in it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance inspected the condition of the carriageway on **(details supplied)** The road surface is showing signs of wear and tear. **(details supplied)** will be put forward for resurfacing in the 2020 program but this will be dependent on available funding. In the meantime, footpath defects are logged on the works list and a section of carriageway has been logged to receive localised resurfacing.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive if Stoney Road, North Strand, Dublin 3 is subject to flooding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All areas of the City are subject to flooding, frequency of flooding is normally the issue. Stoney Road, North Strand, D3 is currently protected from tidal and river flooding up to the national standards. Pluvial (extreme rainfall) frequency would depend on the exact locations in question on Stoney Road. If these could be emailed they could be individually assessed.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive the following – The NTA examined the feasibility of building the S2S from Sandymount to Blackrock along a coastal route and, according to the NTA's review dated 26 April 2018, the NTA considers that: "because of the environmental designations, it is not legally permissible for us to progress a scheme which would intrude into [the South Dublin Bay] designated area. We identified in the public consultation document that the European Court of Justice had issued a significant decision that "established that the loss of even part of a protected site precludes a development from being authorised except in very special cases". Further, the NTA suggest that for those special cases to apply, there must be an "absence of alternative solutions", which the NTA considers is not the position in relation to the S2S. Apparently the NTA takes this view due to its interpretation of the ECJ in Sweetman (2013) Case C-258/11.

A member of the public who has approached me contends that the NTA's view is not legally correct, based on the following analysis:

1. South Dublin Bay does not contain Priority Habitats

The intrusion of the S2S path into the South Dublin Bay SAC is a fundamentally different proposition from the project which was the subject of *Sweetman* (i.e., the Galway City bypass). There, the Galway City bypass caused the "permanent loss" of "substantial areas of a *priority* habitat". In particular, the Galway City bypass interfered with a priority habitat called "[8240] Limestone pavements" (as defined in Annex I of the Habitats Directive). However, the S2S promenade and cycleway will not interfere with any priority habitat. In particular, only the following four habitats are identified by NWPS as present in the South Dublin Bay SAC: [1140] Tidal Mudflats and Sandflats, [1210] Annual vegetation of drift lines, [1310] Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand, and [2110] Embryonic shifting dunes. None of these four habitats are defined as a "priority habitat". In effect, the four habitats are "non-priority natural habitats" which are not "in danger of disappearance". This provides scope for the NTA to take a far more robust view such that it is legally permissible for the S2S project to be constructed on a coastal route on South Dublin Bay, in its entirety.

2. The S2S is consistent with the conservation objectives for South Dublin Bay

Second, the ECJ ruled in Sweetman that "a plan or project not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a site will adversely affect the integrity of that site if it is liable to prevent the lasting preservation of the constitutive characteristics of the site that are connected to the presence of a priority natural habitat whose conservation was the objective justifying the designation of the site". As discussed above, it is not the case that South Dublin Bay contains a "priority natural habitat". This means that the Sweetman case does not apply to the S2S. Even if this view is not correct, the question of whether the S2S is liable to prevent preservation of "the constitutive characteristics" of South Dublin Bay is clearly one that is far less pronounced than a major city bypass. In her Opinion in Sweetman, AG Sharpston pointed out that a decision maker must ask "why was this particular site designated and what are its conservation objectives" (para. 56). As identified above, the reason South Dublin Bay was selected as a SAC is due to the presence of four types of habitats, which it must be said would continue to exist alongside the S2S. In other words, the mudflats and sand dunes which are the "constitutive characteristics" of the South Dublin Bay will remain preserved.

In light of the above, and in circumstances where Dublin has the incredible natural asset of a sea bay sitting on its doorstep and the S2S project unlocks Dublin's best natural asset, to ask the Chief Executive to request the NTA to:

- (i) Make available any legal advice received by the NTA in relation to environmental issues concerning the S2S, including the interpretation of each of the Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive, the *Sweetman* case etc.;
- (ii) Make available any legal advice received by the NTA which considered the possibility that the S2S may be carried out for "imperative reasons of overriding public interest";
- (iii) If the NTA is not prepared to provide (i) and (ii) above, to provide a detailed summary explanation as to why the NTA considers that current legislation prevents it from constructing the S2S along the entire coastal route *having regard to the analysis recited above which was submitted to me by a member of the public*; and
- (iv) Conduct a fresh legal appraisal of the feasibility of the S2S along the entire coastal route on South Dublin Bay.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We have spoken to the NTA on this matter and it is our understanding that they are preparing a brief for a Senior Counsel with specialisation in Environmental law, so that they can get a legal opinion on the feasibility of getting permission for a cycle route along the Railway on the South Side.

When we have receive more information from the NTA then we can update you on this matter.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive, following representations from local residents that the former parish hall of Saint John the Evangelist Church, St John's Road, Sandymount be the subject of a preservation order to

- (a) arrange in early course for suitably qualified Council officials to conduct an assessment of this structure with a view to considering its appropriateness for addition to the Record of Protected Structures; and
- (b) provide a full explanation of the process which is required to be followed in order for a structure to be added to the Record of Protected Structures.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Church of St. John the Evangelist on Park Avenue, Sandymount, Dublin is a Protected Structure, Ref. No. 8726 on the Record of Protected Structures, Volume 4 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR FRANK KENNEDY

To ask the Chief Executive to examine a serious problem with the drainage at Bishop Street apartments, Dublin 8. The problems are both in individual apartments, and with the vertical drainage stacks for the entire apartments. An illustration of the deficiencies to the drainage system at this complex arises from the incident which took place at (details supplied 1) on 8 January 2019.

During the afternoon of 8th January 2019 the kitchen sink in **(details supplied 1)**, Bishop Street, Dublin 8 filled with waste water coming back in through the outlet and overflow. The tenant attempted to deal with this problem by regularly emptying waste water from the sink into the WC using buckets. During the night the problem grew worse and the kitchen sink overflowed with black greasy waste water. On 9 January 2019 an architect carried out an inspection of flood damage and reported as follows:

"The soil stack from the upper floors passes through a vertical duct in the kitchen behind the sink. Waste water and sewage had come into the sink under pressure. This was caused by a blockage in the foul drain immediately outside the apartment. I was informed that DCC maintenance crew had opened an adjacent flooded man hole in order to clear the blocked drains. I was informed that the blockage in the soil stack had extended as far as the first floor before the drain was cleared and that the kitchen in apartment above (details supplied 1) was also affected. At the time of inspection, it was not possible to gain access to the vertical duct or inspect any of the drainage connections.

Damage to (details supplied 1) has been extensive and a complete refurbishment of the kitchen is required, including kitchen units and cupboards, reinstatement of wall tiles and flooring as well as upgrading of plumping and drainage and electrical installation.

It was noted that there is no properly functioning carbon monoxide, heat or smoke detection/alarm system in the apartment.

The drainage system appears to be seriously flawed as the trap in the waste pipe under the kitchen sink is not adequate or sufficient to prevent sewer gases escaping into the apartment or prevent sewage from flowing into the sink when the vertical soil stack is under pressure."

The architect's report recommended that "The foul drainage system in Bishop Street should be thoroughly examined as a matter of urgency to determine the cause of blockages and prevent a recurrence which can result in unhealthy and dangerous sewer gases entering living spaces."

The architect who prepared the architect's report submitted an e-mail to Dublin City Council on 12 February 2019 on behalf of the tenant of (details supplied 1) who had made a claim for damages arising from the flooding incident. The e-mail stated: (details supplied 2)

No reply has been received to this e-mail in the two and a half months since it was sent. A copy of the Claim Form and architect's report is provided as **(details supplied 3)**.

More generally, it is apparent that the **vertical drainage stacks at the entire Bishop Street apartments complex** are not for purpose. Accordingly, to ask the Chief Executive:

- (a) To clear in a comprehensive fashion the vertical drainage stacks at Bishop Street apartments, Dublin 8
- (b) to provide a comprehensive and adequate response to the claim for damages submitted in respect of the incident at (details supplied 1); and
- (c) To inspect and repair the drainage facilities at the apartment at **(details supplied 1)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issues raised have only recently come to the attention of Housing Maintenance. We will arrange a full inspection of the dwelling this week.

A comprehensive report addressing the issues raised will be issued to the Councillor within the next two weeks.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive what solution he proposes to offer that will deal with the site at Raheen Park. This is going on 7 plus years at this stage and would not be tolerated in any other part of Dublin. It is an eyesore, it brings down the area and it is a site of significant illegal dumping which has gone on and on. Temporary solutions simply haven't work and residents are calling on DCC to come to the table with a permanent solution.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In 2017, as part of the City Council's review of vacant lands and of residential properties, Housing and Community Services reviewed the site adjacent to No.1 Raheen Park, Ballyfermot, and concluded that the acquisition of the site and its future development potential would not provide sufficient housing units in relation to the resources needed to develop the site given the surround built environment.

The site was subsequently sold. Derelict Sites agreed to look for a new reference of ownership when the sale concluded and advise the new owners to keep the site clean and tidy. One year later, the site is back on the market for sale. The reasons outlined in 2017 for not acquiring the site remain valid.

Dublin City Council is aware of the level of dumping and anti -social behaviour associated with this site and continues to monitor and maintain the condition of the site. It is the City Council's intention to find a permanent solution to this matter.

The site is not currently in the ownership of the City Council. The City Council has engaged with the owner of the site as regards acquiring it for a future infill housing development. To date it has not managed to agree terms and conditions as regards the sale of the site with the owner.

Dublin City Council will continue to engage with the owner of the site to resolve these matters.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for all houses in Elmdale, Cherry Orchard to have their windows cleaned. This happened once in recent months and with only certain houses. I would appreciate if this could be done as a goodwill gesture due to the dust from the site beside them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will arrange with the Ballyfermot area office for the houses in Elmdale in the vicinity of the development site to have their windows cleaned.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have all walls in Bunting Park painted the same shade. Due to recent Graffiti in the area, there is about 5 shades of paint on the walls and this needs to be done as soon as possible.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

There has been a serious and sustained issue with offensive graffiti at a number of locations within the park. While the same shade of paint is used, the requirement for multiple applications of coats of paint in certain places has affected the overall colour balance. We will examine deterrent approaches over the coming period.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DE RÓISTE

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the traffic situation regarding the Ballyfermot Road. From the garage down, there is significant backlog everyday going towards Cherry Orchard Hospital.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Engineer will look into this issue again with the view of introducing a "no Right Turn" ban forcing the traffic down to the next junction. The Engineer will get back to you with their findings in due course.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards to assaults on staff within the Wood Quay / Merchants Quay area in the past two years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since January 2017, a total of 4 incidents of physical violence / assault against staff have been reported in the general Wood Quay / Merchants Quay / Cook Street area. Over the past 6 months, there has been a noticeable increase in drug dealing / antisocial activity in the general Civic Offices area. Dublin City Council has introduced a number of measures including increased security arrangements & CCTV coverage. In addition, we are working closely with the Gardaí to deal with the problem.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding acquisition of houses and flats by Dublin City Council in the past five years in the city and the entire area covered by the Homeless Executive. The report to include the cost of such houses the size of such houses and the area where each of these houses were bought in and how many families and others were allocated each house also what condition were the houses in when bought and can the Chief Executive include in the report the value for money surveys and the surveys of the conditions of the houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the number of units acquired, per area, over the last five years and the average cost per unit.

	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total No of Units Acquired	Average Cost per unit
2015	20	47	26	50	1	144	€205,000
2016	10	46	32	56	3	147	€245,000
2017	20	50	45	46	1	162	€248,000
2018	30	90	54	84	7	265*	€290,128
2019	12	42	27	47	3	131	€296,000

The unit sizes, per area, is set out in the table below:

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	С	NC	NW	SC	SE	С	NC	NW	SC	SE	C	NC	NW	SC	SE	C	NC	NW	SC	SE
2015	7	2	1	3	1	9	11	13	25	0	2	32	12	21	0	0	4	0	1	0
2016	2	1	0	7	0	3	11	14	22	1	5	28	17	26	2	0	6	1	1	0
2017	2	2	1	11	0	10	8	10	22	1	8	33	33	11	0	0	7	1	2	0

2018	7	5	6	14	2	12	17	20	39	3	8	56	27	30	0	4	11	1	2	1
2019	3	0	3	2	1	6	10	14	30	2	2	30	10	15	0	1	2	0	0	0

For each private acquisition, a condition report is carried out by the City Council's Housing Inspector who assesses the suitability of the property for social housing and provides an estimate of the cost of works required to the property. Each property is valued and the acquisition price negotiated and finalised by the City Valuers Division. As the City Council's acquisition programme is funded through the DHPLG, the City Council in acquiring properties must keep within the cost guidelines set by the DHPLG.

All acquisitions are allocated in line with Dublin City Council's Scheme of Letting Priorities.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to contact Waterways Ireland and instruct them to remove the many tents that now line the canal banks in and around Baggot Street, Leeson Street and Charlemont Street. Over the past couple of months there has been a growing number of rough sleepers using the canal banks and needless to say this is becoming a public health concern as individuals are using the canal bank as a lavatory and also a washing facility. There is a growing element of antisocial behaviour and the situation on the canal bank is fast getting out of control. Can the Chief Executive instruct the homeless executive and other such agencies to outreach and work with these individual and orientate them towards our Accommodation and Social services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin's Housing First Intake team, which is funded by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive works with our Central Placement Service to provide outreach services, street level healthcare and accommodation options to people rough sleeping in the Dublin region.

This area is currently a priority for our Housing First team and they have been actively engaging with the people sleeping rough, some of whom have taken offers of accommodation. We have also requested the assistance of the Dublin City Council Public Domain Office who are actively working with us in the area.

We are satisfied that there has been improvements in the situation and the team are continuing to monitor and seek to engage with any person sleeping rough in the area.

We have a facility for the public to report rough sleeping. If you see anyone sleeping rough in the Dublin Region please report it to: www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper

Q.87 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards to how much financial support the Father Peter McVerry trust has received from Dublin City Council and the Homeless Executive in the past five years. Also can the report include what Dublin City Council properties and lands have been given to the McVerry trust for housing development and how many of these developments are completed and which land and properties are vacant.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council, via the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, has made the following payments to the Peter McVerry Trust since 2015, with the 2019 figure being the amount approved for 2019.

	2015	€4,249,775.81
2016		€6,191,933.00
2017		€10,149,356.00
2018		€14,356,834.00
2019		€15,839,907.00

Q.88 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for the HR Department to reactivate the contract of **(details supplied 1)** who was let go in August 2018. This individual is seeking a second chance in his employment with **(details supplied 2)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As this is a staff related matter, the HR Department will respond directly to Councillor McGrattan's representatives.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive what effect the recently submitted planning application for (details supplied 1) on (details supplied 2) would have on (details supplied 1) being let out for rent in the future. Would this need to be done through a change of use application?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied 1) is a protected structure on Ordnance Survey Road in (details supplied 2). (details supplied 1) is subject to a current planning application submitted by the Commissioners of Public Works primarily for the restoration and repair of the existing two storey cottage under plan ref. 2888/19. The application includes a proposal to 'permit short term holiday letting'. The last day for the submission of observations on this application is the 4th June and the decision due date is the 25th June.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to **(details supplied 1)** could the Chief Executive (a) Request traffic to inspect the recently erected hedging and the affect it has on

visibility for traffic and residents, (b) If (details supplied 1) is allowed use the protected structure of (details supplied 2) for advertising and (c) What is the status or ownership of (details supplied 3)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to the question a), the Area Traffic Engineer will inspect the hedging and report back.

In relation to the question a), the Area Traffic Engineer will inspect the hedging and report back.

The stone wall around the perimeter of the Phoenix park is a protected structure (RPS ref. 6781). Part of the wall abuts the Hole in the Road public house and car park. It is possible that the wall could be used to support an advertising structure provided that the advertising either had the benefit of planning permission or was considered to be exempt development. Any concerns that specific signage or advertising is unauthorised should be referred to Planning Enforcement.

The planning application submitted under plan ref.2069/19 shows the Hole in the Wall public house and adjacent car park within the red line site boundary indicating that Martin Caffrey is the owner of the car park.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a total cost to move the street light from outside the entrance to **(details supplied)** including new dishing and moving access to other utilities and if Dublin City Council would consider paying some of these costs involved.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Public Lighting Services will generally only move a public lighting column for a resident if they are getting a driveway installed or an existing driveway extended, or for a builder/developer if the column is in the way of the new permanent access point to their site, and only on production of their planning permission reference number and payment of the required fee.

If a resident wishes to have a public lighting column relocated, they must contact Public Lighting Services directly in writing with their request stating why they want the column relocated. They will then be provided with an application form that must be completed and returned to Public Lighting Services with the required documentation listed on the form. When we have received these from the resident, we will examine the pole in question and will contact the resident to notify them of the cost associated with moving the pole and if it is possible to move it.

The required works will then be scheduled following receipt of payment for the works.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the trees at the following locations to be attended to

- a) the tree outside **(details supplied 1)** is of significant concern to the occupant can it be assessed for risk of falling
- b) the tree outside (details supplied 2) is blocking the street light and needs to be cut back or the light pole needs to be removed
- c) the tree outside (details supplied 3) is blocking the street light and needs to be cut back
- d) the tree outside (details supplied 3) is blocking the street light and needs to be cut back

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- (A) The tree appears to be in acceptable condition however a detailed inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks and any works deemed necessary will be included in the tree care programme for 2019-20.
- (B) (C) & (D) Inspections were carried out at these locations, the trees do not appear to be interfering with the proper functioning of the public lighting. However if the resident or Councillor has more detailed information or concerns in relation to trees at this location they can be sent to the Parks Department.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the following with regard to (details supplied)

a) clear perimeter path from overgrowth and restore the tarmac path to its original width of about 2 metres -currently the path is less than 0.5 metres in places. This will

make the park more user-friendly and will encourage more elderly residents to use the park as before, b) cut-back and remove all overhanging trees/shrubs/hedging along the perimeter walls. This will remove cover and shelter/cover for gangs congregating and loitering in the park, making it less comfortable and accordingly reduce anti-social behaviour and c) install Public Lighting inside the park, street lighting or perimeter wall lighting.

This will make the park a less hostile place for gangs to gather and at the same time make is a safe place for ordinary local residents to visit.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- a) The matter of the encroachment of grass will be raised with the contract manager to arrange for the spraying of the edges of the path as soon as schedules and weather allows.
- b) The vegetation will be inspected during the summer months and any pruning works deemed necessary will be included in the autumn shrubbery maintenance programme after the bird nesting season.
- c) Lighting is only provided on local public open spaces where recognised commuter routes exist e.g. to bus stops, schools, shops etc.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have an inspection carried out in Aulden Grange estate, Dublin 9, at the roadway in front of houses no's 75 -91A. The residents here have requested that the cul-de-sac is widened to facilitate extra parking spaces. There is a large grass verge which is destroyed from cars parking on it and access for emergency services and refuse collections etc. is severely effected as a result of parked cars in the end of the cul-de-sac.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The location will be examined by a Traffic Engineer and the Councillor will be advised of any recommendations in due course.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of Stop/Yield road traffic signs at the junction of the entrance to the Alden Grange estate and Coolock Lane, Dublin 9. The residents have previously requested these signs and say there is a real need for caution at this junction.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd October 2018, reported that under the road traffic act, traffic on a road ending at a T junction must give way to traffic from either direction on the other road. A stop/yield sign is not necessary where normal rules of the road apply, moreover such signs are only provided on approaches to major junctions, otherwise this would lead to a proliferation of signs throughout residential estates. Therefore, the Traffic Advisory Group did not recommend a stop/yield sign at this location.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive to have the dished access for wheelchairs/mobility aids in the footpaths of the Woodlawn estate, Dublin 9, inspected and modified where required. Residents have reported that access is not adequate in certain areas of the estate and they cannot use the paths and remain on the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The area will be inspected by a Dublin City Council Engineer and following this, a report will be provided to the Councillor.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR EDEL MORAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the request for the provision of traffic calming ramps on Adare Park, Dublin 17. (Council meeting 3rd September 2018-Q110). This road is used as a short cut by motorists as it is the only one in the area without ramps posing a danger to pedestrians and children on the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has advised that speed ramps on Adare Park will be considered for inclusion on a future works programme subject to the availability of funding. It is expected to have this listed for the future works programme 2020.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to Q.122 at the March Council meeting concerning the taking in charge of public areas in the Docklands will the Chief Executive agree to the following request from the residents of the Docklands? As DCC has acknowledged that they have the ability to vary the areas they transfer out of public ownership and into private ownership, through the Board of CQML, the 600 odd owners and residents CQML, who are denied any representation on, or say in the running of NWQMS Mgt Ltd, despite requests for same, request that DCC

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

retain all areas associated with CQML in charge by DCC.

Before any development took place it was agreed that the cost of maintenance and liability for the Public Realm spaces servicing the developments would be borne through the Management Company by the owners of the commercial and residential units to be constructed and not by the local authority. All of the owners were aware of their legal obligations in this regard before entering into legal contracts which clearly set out their obligations. The transfer of the ownership of the Public Realm spaces by the City Council to the Management Company pursuant to its legal obligation will not alter or impact the status quo or the rights and liabilities of the commercial owners or residents and which have been in place for many years and for whose benefit the Public Realm spaces are maintained.

The City Council has outlined in the response to Q.122 (March 2019) the extent of what it intends to take in charge within the Docklands area and we do not propose extending this area any further.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the following details in relation to street furniture

- a) What is the process for businesses to apply to locate street furniture on the public path outside their premises and what is the cost?
- b) The number of businesses in the Dublin City Council administrative area currently holding permits for street furniture?
- c) Are regular inspections of street furniture carried out or is enforcement based on complaints from the public?
- d) What is the sanction for not having a permit?

e) Does the Ivy restaurant on Dawson Street have permit for street furniture?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(a) Applications for street furniture licences are dealt with under the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (made under the Planning & Development Act, 2000).

Prior to formally submitting an application, the applicant should contact the Street Furniture Unit, Dublin City Council to arrange an on-site consultation meeting to establish if capacity exists on the pavement to accommodate the proposed number of tables and chairs etc. taking into account the existing street furniture and the convenience and safety of road users, including pedestrians.

Following the on-site meeting the applicant must;

Publish a Notice in the newspaper of the making of an application.

Erect a Site Notice in relation to making of an application. The applicant must also publish a Notice in the newspaper.

The Application Fee is €100.00

All applications must be made on the official application form and must be accompanied by $4 \times 1/100$ scale drawings of the area to be licensed.

If a licence is granted, an annual street space rental charge, based on the area covered by the licence, and the location of the premises, will be applied for the use of the public footpath. (See attached map) In addition, a licence fee of €125 per annum per table will apply. Fees are payable before a licence will be issued.

Please see attachment.

- (b)180
- (c) Regular inspections are carried out. In 2018 there were 1316 inspections of premises, so far in 2019 there have been 427 inspections of premises.
- (d) Dublin City Council can remove unlicensed street furniture. In 2018 unlicensed furniture was removed from 8 premises, so far in 2019 furniture has been removed from one premises.
- (e) Yes, it is currently licensed until 27/07/2019.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the inspection of lifebuoys/liferings

in the Dublin City Council administrative area? Previous figures released to me (Q.81 Sept 2017) indicated 500 lifebuoys are damaged or stolen each year. 500 rings out of 194 locations is a very significant number with the resulting safety and cost issue.

- a) How do DCC intend to tackle this unacceptable interference with lifesaving equipment?
- b) Are weekly checks continuing throughout the Dublin City Council administrative area?
- c) How quickly are damaged or stolen buoys replaced?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- A) At present there is legislation being drafted up by Seanad Eireann and is at the 2nd stage. It's the Lifesaving equipment Bill 2017. That It will be an offence to interfere with a Ring Buoy or any Lifesaving equipment. Penalties include €50,000 and a jail time up to 5 years.
- B) Weekly checks continue throughout the Dublin City Council Administrative area. We have four ring buoy inspectors that check and replace lost, stolen and damaged ring buoys.
- C) Our inspectors monitor and check the ring buoys three times a week. If a RB Is reported missing from its station to our Office (sometimes from the general public), we normally have it replaced immediately or at least the following day.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether subscribers to the Dublin Bikes scheme are provided with rules and regulations for safe usage of the bikes on sign up? Given the unsafe use of bikes in general by a minority of users, all opportunities to educate bike users should be employed. If such regulations are not currently provided can the Chief Executive consider this suggestion?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Just Eat Dublinbikes scheme:

All subscribers to the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme are advised to cycle safely and to not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones. The communication measures that are in place are as follows;

New Long Term Subscribers are alerted to safety in the letter contained in their subscription pack as follows:

- Please see enclosed leaflet for further information and pricing structure. The information leaflet also contains some important road safety guidelines for cycling in Dublin.
- The letter closes with the phrase "Cycle safely!"

The information leaflet which is enclosed with every subscription pack sent out with the Long Term Hire Card includes the following under the Safety Advice and Road Safety Guidelines:

- Respect road signs and signals.
- Rules of the Road apply to all road users.
- Do not cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian zones.

All users must accept the current General Conditions of Access and Use (GCAU) to avail of the system. Article 9.8 of the GCAU deals with this issue as follows:

- The customer is also advised to:
 - Obey the Rules of the Road and traffic regulations in force at the time of using the service (e.g. respecting traffic lights, not cycling on footpaths, etc.)
 - A copy of the GCAU is provided to the customer.

The Just Eat dublinbikes Website includes the following guidance and information:

- Respect road signs and signals (red lights, one-way streets, stop signs, etc.).
- Rules of the Road apply to all road users.
- Do not cycle on footpaths.
- A link to the RSA's guidelines for cyclists is provided.

The terminal screens also contain safety advice pages along the same lines as the Just Eat dublinbikes Website. These are visible to all users, both Long Term Subscribers and 3 Day Ticket Subscribers.

Every bike has a handlebar sticker facing the cyclist with the following in bold text:

Always obey the rules of the road.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied)** who occupy high positions for two bedroom accommodation in two areas can be made an offer by August as they have a notice to quit from their landlord by then.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 12th March, 2008, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	26
Area B	3	86
Area H	2	6
Area H	3	33
Area P	2	6
Area P	3	34

The applicant has been advised to seek alternative private rented accommodation, as it cannot be guaranteed they will be reached with an offer before the notice to quit date.

This applicant is currently eligible for the HAP scheme which will provide the applicant with financial support towards the cost of renting a property. Should the applicant wish to be considered for this scheme she must present to the Allocations Section with current income details and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the Scheme.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if (details supplied) application for an extension to the Council house he occupies with his partner, two of his sons and a daughter due to be born in August can be responded to and furthermore can a timescale be given on his window repairs on foot of a recent inspection carried out on behalf of Dublin City Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has not received an application from this tenant for an extension to his dwelling to date. An application form has been forwarded to the tenant for completion.

A conditional survey was carried out of this dwelling which indicated the windows were double glazed units in good condition. No repairs to same are scheduled.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive if (**details supplied**) could be transferred to move to a 1 bed place. He has a disorder related to his immune system, is deaf, has impaired mobility and is in need of regular hospital treatment. He would therefore prefer to live closer to Beaumont hospital. He says that he is disabled but not recognised as such by the Council. He has requested to move to the Beaumont area, in the 'Area B'.

The above applicant is on the Surrender Larger Accommodation List with an application date of 10th May, 2017 the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	1
Area E	1	1

The above tenant is not on the Medical Priority waiting list.

Medical information has been independently assessed by the Chief Medical Officer and no priority was awarded because the medical information submitted did not provide evidence of major problems of an exceptional nature that require priority for change of housing situation. He has appealed this decision, unsuccessfully. The tenant is currently residing in 2 bedroom, ground floor, own- door access accommodation.

This tenant is on the Surrendering Larger Transfer list for a one-bedroom unit in his area of preference, and has been advised he will be contacted when a unit is to be offered to him.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'BRIEN

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to the response to my question number 52 for the March 2019 meeting is there a timeframe for **(details supplied)** door replacements?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New front and back doors have been ordered for this dwelling. They are scheduled for installation within the next 8-10 weeks.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the traffic light sequence at the junction of Glasnevin Avenue and Ballymun Road. The vehicles coming from Glasnevin Avenue seem to get a very short green time, and there are often long queues, even off-peak. On the other hand, the vehicles coming from Collins Avenue seem to get a longer green phase that tends to clear out the junction better. As a result of the short green sequence coming from Glasnevin Avenue, some motorists are using the right lane to skip the queue, but instead of turning right, they are travelling straight ahead. This could lead to collisions.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's ITS section has assessed the traffic signal sequences at junction of Glasnevin Ave/ Ballymun Road in light of this query.

This junction is controlled by our Urban Traffic Signal Management System, SCATS, which adapts signal timings on each approach, automatically, in response to demand(s) from traffic / pedestrians. At peak hours all approaches are saturated due to increasingly high volumes of traffic. SCATS, therefore, has to manage a balance between the different approaches / different modes of transit and also ensure safe crossing for pedestrians. In line with Dublin City Council policy of prioritising sustainable transport modes, buses also receive traffic signal priority as they

approach the junction which increases the green signal time for the approach on which the bus arrives and this reduces the time available to other approaches.

We have, however, adjusted the signal timings available to the various approaches to assist with traffic movement along Glasnevin Avenue approach. We will also monitor the location and make further traffic signalling changes that might improve the current traffic / pedestrian movements at the location.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will fix the pothole outside (details supplied

1) and also fix the road where it is dipping adjacent to (details supplied 2) after recent pipe-work was carried out.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will carry out the necessary repairs at the above addresses subject to the job priority rating queue and the availability of a road maintenance crew.

This service request is rated Priority 8 and it should be noted that a service request ranges from Priority 1 (high) to Priority 8 (low). As this is a low priority road (i.e. traffic impact 1), Road Maintenance Services cannot give a definite timeline as to when these works will be carried out.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will upgrade the ramps on **(details supplied)** to make them the full width of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please note that this is a bus route and is traffic calmed with speed cushions. Speed Cushions are the most appropriate method of traffic calming on bus routes as they are effective for reducing traffic speeds without impacting on buses. This facilitates the safety of bus passengers. Speed Cushions also facilitate use of the road by emergency services vehicles.

Therefore the introduction of full width ramps is not be recommended.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council will remove the small wooden fence outside (details supplied). The fence has made it more difficult to keep the grass verge tidy, and the residents association would like it removed. As you can see the grass verge is overgrown with weeds.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This wooden fence was placed on the request of residents to prevent cars from parking and blocking the approach to the school. Parks can look at a better treatment of the grass verge which may make it easier to maintain. (see attached).

Q.110 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if the Roads Department of Dublin City Council can investigate if water from the roadside gullies is ending up in the sewage drain serving houses at **(details supplied)** thus causing it to block up regularly? Irish Water has informed me categorically that this problem must be solved by the Roads Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Water from the roadside gullies is not causing the private drain blockages.

On 10/04/2019 DCC drainage maintenance in conjunction with DCC housing maintenance resolved the issue.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive can Dublin City Council enter in to discussions with 2 schools (**details supplied**) in order to restore a school warden service to them in the interests of safety for the pupils attending these schools?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

For School Wardens' safety and health and wellbeing, schools are required to house the school warden's lockers (ideally internally) and the wardens would have access to these lockers and internal bathroom facilities.

In April 2019, DCC assigned the existing four school wardens it used in the two vacated schools (**Details Supplied**) to both Educate Together and (**details supplied**) new schools on (**details supplied**)

This road is not taking in charge from the developer and there remains a lack of permanent infrastructure safeguarding the children and the wardens and on the road crossings. However, DCC, in order to provide a rapid solution to the needs of the children attending these schools has committed to doing some of the developers/clients work for them by proposing to mark the roadways, etc.

It is now for the schools to provide the necessary toilets and facilities to our wardens in order to allow the scheme to commence.

We will of course continue to work with both schools in order to achieve a safe solution for both children and wardens.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive if a badly broken up footpath at **(details supplied)** can be repaired as soon as possible in order to assist an elderly lady with mobility issues living beside it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will schedule an inspection at this location and if warranted, will schedule a repair when a crew is next available in the area.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR SEAN PAUL MAHON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the footpath outside (details supplied) to be repaired as it is raised and several people have tripped. This was reported to DCC over a year ago and the residents were told it would be done.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services currently has a backlog of jobs in the North Central which we are working through. There is a job scheduled at **(details Supplied)** which will be repaired when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are going to hold a competition for the employment of General Operatives this year. If the answer is yes, how many people are they likely to hire and what qualifications do they need e.g. manual handling course, safe pass etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council advertised a competition for General Operatives in 2018. While candidates were not required to hold specific qualifications such as Manual Handling and Safe Pass, given the volume of applications received, a shortlisting process was undertaken and candidates were assessed on their relevant experience, including possession of a driving licence, Manual Handling and Safe Pass certification. To date, ninety- two appointments have been made across the Council to meet service delivery requirements. It is not proposed to hold any further competitions in 2019 as a number of candidates remain on a panel for appointment and further panel of candidates are available to be called forward for interview, if necessary.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if he can get back to me regarding (details supplied) regarding the installation of new energy efficient windows in his home so that his home can be warm during the winter and he can save energy on his electric bills.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance installed new double glazed windows in this dwelling recently.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if the path can be repaired as a matter of urgency at **(details supplied)**. An elderly lady had a bad fall and had to go to A&E and it is unacceptable that she had to go through such cost and expense due to poorly maintained public footpaths.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance recently inspected and logged all defects at this location after hearing of this alleged fall. Please note that the footpaths immediately outside this shopping area are private land and not under the charge of DCC. Road Maintenance will repair all defects that are within their charge at this location.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR PAUL HAND

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can get in touch with the site owner beside (details supplied). There is a derelict site here with bushes growing out onto the public footpath blocking the entire path for residents with disabilities or prams.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance will try and contact the land owner to issue instructions to cut back the flora at this location.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to have the Roads Engineer look at the ongoing problem being experienced by residents in the Drimnagh Area at the following location and that the traffic light sequence be altered at the junction of Slievebloom Road and Long Mile Road, Dublin 12. The problem is when traffic is coming from Drimnagh and wishes to turn right in the direction of the Half Way House public bar, the current situation is in direct conflict with traffic wishing to turn right from Balfe Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Intelligent Transportation Systems section will carry out a review of the operation of the traffic signals at this junction and the outcome of this review will be provided in a follow up response to this question when the review is complete.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that the following housing application be looked at (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant has been forwarded a letter of offer for housing in Elmdale. There was a delay in releasing the properties, however it expected that the applicant will be invited in to sign for the property in the very near future.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive for the tree outside (details supplied) which is rotten and has not bloomed for the past 3 years to be removed and replaced in the next tree planting season. Residents are afraid it will break and cause a serious accident as a large section broke off last year in a big storm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This tree will be removed over the next two weeks and the location noted for replanting during the next tree planting season, next winter.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for crowning of the trees along (details supplied 1). I was recently canvassing along this road when many residents spoke of the fear they have with large branches which are now growing out of control. The tree opposite (details supplied 2) is growing all over the place and needs addressing as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services regularly inspect the trees on this street and have carried out pruning works here recently. Although the trees are large in comparison to others in the area they are in good condition and do not merit further pruning at the present time.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if (details supplied) is in the charge of the City Council and/or in whose ownership this lane is?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The lane network known locally as 'Doyle's Lane', concrete area only 'in charge' ref 51/17.unsurfaced area ref 51/020 is 'not in charge'. (See attached ref map).

Q.123 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to give me an account of the specific reasons why a talk by **(details supplied)** at the Hugh Lane Gallery on 8th March was cancelled. I understand that Basic Space curate the talks in conjunction with the Hugh Lane Gallery which is under the governance of Dublin City Council and would be obliged to receive information in relation to the nature of the complaints made about the talk that led to its cancellation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

BASIC TALKS is a series of free informal talks by emerging contemporary art practitioners, taking place at the Hugh Lane Gallery on the second Friday of every month since late 2016/early 2017. These talks are programmed by Basic Space, an independent art organisation who programme residencies, exhibitions and educational events in collaboration with practitioners and art institutions throughout

Ireland. Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane provide the venue and pay the speakers. Basic Space work primarily with emerging and early-career art practitioners, prioritising practices by women, black/brown, disabled and queer artists. BASIC TALKS series reflects the Hugh Lane Gallery's aim of supporting arts practice, engaging with diverse audiences and sustaining and developing partnerships with relevant institutions in the City.

Basic Space advised the Hugh Lane that they had cancelled the talk in question. They explained that it had been brought to their attention that issues surrounding the speaker's practice and previous work may be of concern to them, and on further investigation, they concluded that the content and spirit of the speaker's work was not reflective of the ethos of their organisation. The artist was paid in full for the talk in recognition that preparatory work would already have been completed.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to advise where **(details supplied)** is on the housing list and how long her estimated wait time is.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 5th February, 2015 the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

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Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	2	812
Area D	2	294
Area E	2	903

Based on these positions it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if the pavement beside (details supplied) can be repaired. There is a dip in the pavement here that results in water/muck gathering right at the point that bus users alight the bus.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will schedule an inspection at this location and if warranted, will schedule a repair when a crew is next available in the area.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query and report on the position on the housing list of (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 11th April 2008, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	3	89

It may benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice. It is noted on the applicants file that she has recently applied to be considered for a Choice Based Letting property.

Dublin City Council allocate properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants on the waiting list of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to request planning enforcement to investigate the following as a priority please. A development with conditional planning permission has commenced at the rear of **(details supplied)**. Planning enforcement to investigate whether all conditions have been complied with including but not limited to contacting National Parks and Wildlife Service in respect of badger sets, fox dens and hedge removal during bird nesting season. Also, to investigate the possibility that the developer has removed extra hedgerow and has placed fencing which encroaches on the public by-way please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The issues raised by the Councillor will be investigated by the Planning Enforcement Section and if there are relevant conditions relating to the issues raised appropriate enforcement action will be commenced.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the following at (details supplied 1) please replace the tree outside (details supplied 2) as a priority please. The stump / root area is a safety hazard presently.

To severely cut back the overgrown shrubs along the centre green of **(details supplied 1)**. Also, there is an overgrown shrubbery in this green area alongside house no. **(details supplied 2)** and the householder would appreciate if this shrubbery could be removed in its entirety please. As well as being a rubbish gatherer it provides cover/shield for access to the homeowner's rear garden at night. I would appreciate a site visit with myself to discuss further.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Trees are planted during the winter months. The site will be inspected to ascertain if the stump has degraded sufficiently to allow for its safe removal and for the inclusion of the site in next winter's tree planting programme.

A site visit can be arranged during the summer months to assess the shrubbery for suitability for inclusion in this autumn's shrubbery maintenance programme after the bird nesting season.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on remaining works to the new pedestrian crossing on Sybil Hill Road (St Annes entrance) including:

- Works remaining
- Commissioning and safety checks to be carried out

Estimated date on when the crossing will be fully operational

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A pedestrian crossing is listed on the Works Programme for installation on Sybil Hill Road at the entrance to St. Anne's Park. The project consists of both Civil and Electrical Work. The Civil Work is complete. DCC is currently awaiting a full design drawing from the ESB in order to complete the Electrical Work. Following this the lights will be commissioned and rendered operational. We do not have a date at the moment from the ESB.

The Councillor will be informed when further information regarding the timeline iS available.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for an audit of the pedestrian crossing phase (Blackheath Park) of the traffic lights at the Vernon Ave/Blackheath Park junction and implement any changes required to make it safer for pedestrians to cross.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As these pedestrian signals are not connected to Dublin City Council's Traffic Management System, SCATS, an onsite visit will be required to evaluate the operation of the signals.

Once this evaluation has taken place measures to improve pedestrian safety, if required, will be undertaken.

A report will issue in due course via DCC's TAMS query system.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for the laneway with an entrance between **(details supplied)** to be cleaned and also assessed for public lighting installation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is the policy of Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services not to provide lighting in lanes which are used as rear access only.

Arrangements have been made to have the laneway at the above mentioned entrance cleaned as far as the railed off section which is not in charge.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the trees on the green area between Grosvenor Court and Verville will be protected under the planning permission recently granted at that location as the trees provide natural screening to Grosvenor Court.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An Bord Pleanála granted permission for development at the Verville Retreat under ABP-302344-18 (DCC Ref.2038/18). Condition 21 of this decision states "Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company or such other security as may be accepted in writing with the planning authority, to secure the replacement of any trees within the public realm damaged or removed in connection with the development, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to secure the replacement of any trees within the public realm. The form and amount of security shall be as agreed between the planning authority and the developer or, in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord

Pleanála for determination" Therefore, there is a requirement to ensure the satisfactory reinstatement of trees within the public realm which may be damaged or removed during development.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many units of Council housing stock have been upgraded under the Fabric Upgrade Programme in the last 5 years, how many of these units are in the South East Inner City, and what are the targets for deep retrofitting and upgrading the housing stock in terms for the coming years and can the Chief Executive provide a list of these projects and their projected timelines.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A total of 6,104 properties have been upgraded under the Fabric Upgrade Programme in the last 5 years with 530 of these being located in the South East Area. Housing Maintenance do not currently have any plans for deep retrofitting projects.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive, now that Suffolk Street will be pedestrianised permanently as a result of the successful trial period, can he please outline the public realm plans for the street and the timelines for delivery, and can he please include bike parking in the plans.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trial pedestrianisation of Suffolk Street has been extended for a 12 month period in order to allow for some trials and temporary interventions which will inform a Public Realm Plan for the street and environs.

It is an identified project under the Public Realm City Centre Master plan and as such is part of an ambitious programme, already commenced. This Suffolk Street Improvement Project will be initiated when financial and technical resource are made available to work on Design and bring it successfully through to Part 8 and construction.On-street cycle parking is to be provided at the junction of Suffolk Street/Andrew's Street outside the former St. Andrew's Church.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive can he please indicate, preferably on a map, where the 2k bike parking facilities agreed in the budget for 2019 will be located, and can he please indicate how many and the locations for the South East Inner City area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The locations for the proposed cycle stands to be installed as part of the On Street Cycle Parking Project are implemented on a phased basis. Locations have only been determined for the current batch, batch 9 which has recently been awarded.

There are 42no. Locations consisting of 252no. Sheffield Stands that will cater for 504 cycle parking spaces, of which 8 locations consisting of 41no. Sheffield Stands are proposed for the South East Inner City area.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive, in the case being taken by **(details supplied)**, challenging the S.D.Z, how the communities can be protected, communities who are part of the Docklands S.D.Z process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock was approved by the City Council, following extensive public consultation in November 2013. The Planning Scheme was subsequently approved by An Bord Pleanala following an Oral Hearing.

In that regard the City Council will defend the approved SDZ Planning Scheme. Beyond that, it would be inappropriate for the City Council to become involved in representing third parties. The communities will need to seek their own legal advice and representation as necessary in respect of this matter.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full review into the continued blocking of drains at the following properties (details supplied). There have been a number of call outs to unblock drains but the issue is still persisting. Can a full review be provided to me with solutions of how it will be solved?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following details call outs by Housing Maintenance Choke Car to these dwellings in 2019:

- No. 8 8 callouts.
- No.9 no callouts.
- No.10 2 callouts.
- No.11 1 callout.

Due to the volume of choke car calls a camera survey was carried out of the drain servicing these dwellings. No breakages or damage was identified. On all occasions when the drain was cleared the blockage was caused by misuse of the drain by the disposal of a large quantity of wipes in this drain. The responsibility for preventing further blockages lies with the residents when disposing of materials into the sewage pipes.

Housing Maintenance will write to the tenants of these dwellings advising them of materials not to be disposed into drains.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to reconsider the decision not to agree to the application to succeed the tenancy of (details supplied)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In accordance with the Housing Allocations Scheme (Scheme of Letting Priorities) where death or departure of a tenant takes place, the tenancy will normally be given to a surviving Spouse/Partner, provided that –

- a) Such spouse/partner has been resident in the dwelling for a continuous period of at least two years immediately prior to the death/departure of the tenant; and
- b) Has been included in the family household for rent assessment purposes for the requisite purposes.

In light of the above, the applicant had not been included on the rent assessment for the required period of time, due to this the application was refused. The applicant has since appealed this decision and an appeal meeting is currently being organised.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the development on (details supplied 1)

that is listed in the housing supply is the development on the land of **(details supplied 2)** and if there are any updates to the negotiations, and if DCC would be willing to buy them if the AHB are not successful.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The site at **(details supplied)** comprises two vacant semi-detached dwellings Nos **(details supplied)**. The site is located at the junction of **(details supplied)**. A decision to grant permission for 52 number units (17 x 1 beds, 26 x 2 beds and 9 x 3 beds) was made by An Bord Pleanala on the 2nd of July 2018 (PA Reg Ref 3468/17). An Approved Housing Body has signed an agreement with the developer of this site to acquire turnkey units for social housing. It is anticipated that construction will commence on site in September 2019. The AHB is currently preparing a funding application to the DHPLG for approval under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility. A planning permission did issue under PA Reg Ref 4059/15 dated the 9th May 2016 for the construction of a 3 storey development in two blocks comprising 23 no. aparthotel suites and 6 no two bedroom apartments at 11, 12, 13 and 14 Old Naas Road Cottages and The Sheldon Park Hotel. This is a separate site to the one identified above.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR GREG KELLY

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have spoken to **(details supplied)** about the number of units Dublin City Council will be able to purchase off him, if planning permission has been granted, and also if he is willing to meet residents' reps to discuss the effects on the houses in the area during building work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a Part V obligation at the **(details supplied)** for 10% of residential units permitted. Planning Permission has just recently been granted to **(details supplied)** Limited for 265 units. The Housing Department will be contacting the developer to commence Part V negotiations.

I will write to **(details supplied)** to request that they organise a meeting with Drimnagh Residents Community Group.

Planning permission for a strategic housing development scheme on lands at the **(details supplied)**, on a site of approximately 0.8266 hectares was granted by An Bord Pleanala on 3rd May, 2019. The proposed development will consist of 265 number 'Build-To-Rent' apartments in four number three to seven storey blocks with a basement level.

Condition no.22 of this permission states:

Prior to commencement of development, the developer or other person with an interest in the land to which the application relates shall enter into an agreement in writing with the planning authority in relation to the provision of housing in accordance with the requirements of section 94(4) and section 96(2) and (3) (Part V) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, unless an exemption certificate shall have been applied for and been granted under section 97 of the Act, as amended. Where such an agreement is not reached within eight weeks from the date of this order, the matter in dispute (other than a matter to which section 96(7) applies) may be referred by the planning authority or any other prospective party to the agreement to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and of the housing strategy in the development plan of the area.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the essential repairs to be carried out for (details supplied). This resident contacted Dublin City Council on Thurs Feb 28th. Plumber came out on March 4th. The plumber would not fix the leak from the toilet as the toilet was not Dublin City Council issued. March 5th a foreman visited her home. The leak in the kitchen ceiling was fixed on March 6th. But the leak became worse and on April 6th, water was coming through the light bulb in the kitchen. The tenant was forced to switch off water and electricity. She organized for a private plumber to come out. Can Dublin City Council please repair the ceiling in the kitchen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance will carry out the necessary repairs to the ceiling in this dwelling within the next two weeks.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council could clarify who owns the land at **(details supplied)**. It has been lying idle for some time. It has become a dumping ground. Can Dublin City Council confirm who owns the site and will Dublin City Council ensure the owner takes action in cleaning it up and building a partition wall to protect the neighbours garden.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is assumed the Councillor is referring to the site adjacent to **(details supplied).** This site was declared a derelict site within the meaning of Section (3) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. A Notice under Section 8(2) of the Act, ie. a Notice of Intention to enter this site on the Derelict Register was served on the owners on 17th April, 2019. In accordance with the legislation the owners have one month in which to make representations to the Council and if no representations are received the site will be entered on the Derelict Sites Register which will incur a levy of 7% of the market value of the site from January, 2020.

This site is currently for sale on the open market.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can provide resources to the Ballyfermot Office to ensure Dublin City Council can provide an education and prevention programme with the local community in order to tackle illegal dumping in hotspots in Cherry Orchard, including Cherry Orchard Parade.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application to fund an awareness and education programme through the Antidumping initiative has been submitted. The Project aim is to tackle illegal dumping in Cherry Orchard by creating awareness and changing attitudes. Partnership with community groups is crucial. Additional funding will come from the current public domain budget. Public Domain will work with the Area Office, Cherry Orchard Regeneration and Waste Management to increase awareness and promote household waste reduction and responsible waste disposal, with the focus on recycling, illegal dumping and other environmental issues in Cherry Orchard. An Enforcement Program is key to ensure householders are familiar with the consequences of illegal dumping and non-compliance with waste bye-laws. Enforcement requires additional staff resources to be effective. (The anti-dumping initiative makes no provision for salary/wages costs.)

Q.144 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council can find out who owns the land at (details supplied 1). It has storage containers adjacent to a private house on (details supplied 2). People are using them to gain access to the residents back garden. Are there any bye-laws that compel the owners to move them a safe distance away from the person's home?

<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:</u>
The Planning Enforcement Section will carry out a site inspection to ascertain the status of the containers concerned and a full response will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

DCN-SW Conference Software Voting Results



Meeting Monthly City Council Meeting

Agenda Subject

Voting Number

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Name

Accepting the Amendment to the Parking Bye Laws

Kind

Parliamentary

Subject

Voting start at:

13/05/2019 21:02:22

Voting end at:

13/05/2019 21:03:26

Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	37
	Present and not voted	0
Answers		
	Yes	11
	No	20
	Abstain	6
	Not voted	0

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	Yes	11
	No	20
	Abstain	6
	Not voted	0

Individual Results

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	Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
	Brendan Carr	Dublin City Co.
	Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
	Andrew Keegan	Dublin City Co.
	Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
	Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin City Co.
	Hazel de Nortuin	Dublin City Co.
	Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.
	John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
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	Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
	Mannix Flynn	Dublin City Co.
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	Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
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	Ciaran Cuffe	Dublin City Co.
	Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
	Cathleen Carney Boud	Dublin City Co.
	Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
	Nial Ring	Dublin City Co.
	Kieran Binchy	Dublin City Co.
	Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
	David Costello	Dublin City Co.
	Edel Moran	Dublin City Co.
	Ray McHugh	Dublin City Co.
	Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.
	Ciaran O'Moore	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
=	Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
	Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
	Paul Hand	Dublin City Co.
	Teresa Keegan	Dublin City Co.
	Eilis Ryan	Dublin City Co.
	Michael O'Brien	Dublin City Co.

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DCN-SW Conference Software Voting Results



Meeting Monthly City Council Meeting

Agenda Subject

Voting Number

002b

Name

Disposal Harcout Road

Kind

Parliamentary

Subject

Voting start at:

13/05/2019 21:55:00

Voting end at:

13/05/2019 21:55:44

Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	39
	Present and not voted	0
Answers		
	Yes	14
	No	23
	Abstain	2
	Not voted	0

Group Results

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	14
	No	23
	Abstain	2
	Not voted	0

Individual Results

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Yes		
	Sonya Stapleton	Dublin City Co.
	Mannix Flynn	Dublin City Co.
	Deirdre Heney	Dublin City Co.
	Brendan Carr	Dublin City Co.
	Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
	Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
	Ruairi McGinley	Dublin City Co.
	Nial Ring	Dublin City Co.
	Claire O'Connor	Dublin City Co.
	Kieran Binchy	Dublin City Co.
	Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
	Teresa Keegan	Dublin City Co.
	David Costello	Dublin City Co.
	Ciaran O'Moore	Dublin City Co.
No		
	Greg Kelly	Dublin City Co.
	Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
	Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
	Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
	Andrew Keegan	Dublin City Co.
	Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
	Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
	Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.
	Ciaran Cuffe	Dublin City Co.
	Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
	Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.
	Cathleen Carney Boud	Dublin City Co.
	Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
	Gaye Fagan	Dublin City Co.
	Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
	Hazel de Nortuin	Dublin City Co.
	Paul Hand	Dublin City Co.
	Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.
	John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
	Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
	Ray McHugh	Dublin City Co.
	Eilis Ryan	Dublin City Co.
	Michael O'Brien	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
	Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
	Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin City Co.

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