COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar 2 Méan Fómhair 2019 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid an Dáma ag 1.00 PM i.n,i láthair an tArdmheara Paul Mc Auliffe sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir: Chris Andrews

Janice Boylan Claire Byrne Hazel Chu Caroline Conroy Joe Costello Tara Deacy Pat Dunne Anthony Flynn Gary Gannon Lawrence Hemmings Neasa Hourigan John Lyons Paul McAuliffe Rebecca Moynihan Naoise O'Muiri Larry O'Toole Noeleen Reilly Marie Sherlock

<u>Oifigigh</u>

Dick Brady David Dunne Brendan Kenny Kathy Quinn

Darvl Barron Tom Brabazon Danny Byrne Anthony Connaghan Deirdre Conroy Patrick Costello Kevin Donoghue Mary Fitzpatrick Mannix Flynn James Geoghegan Deirdre Heney Vincent Jackson Micheal Mac Donncha Paddy McCartan Criona Ni Dhalaigh Claire O'Connor Cieran Perry Councillor Nial Ring Catherine Stocker

Comhairleoir:

Paul Bruton Owen P. Keegan Gerard O'Connell Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten Christy Burke Mary Callaghan Keith Connolly Donna Cooney Daithi De Roiste Daithí Doolan Terence Flanagan Mary Freehill Alison Gilliland Jane Horgan-Jones Dermot Lacey Tina MacVeigh Seamas McGrattan Sophie Nicoullaud Colm O'Rourke Michael Pidgeon Patricia Roe Michael Watters

Ruth Dowling Yvonne Kelly Donncha O'Dúlaing Richard Shakespeare

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by extending his sympathies and those of the Council to the family of the 7 year old who died in Ballymun yesterday. He also extended his and the Council's condolences to Cllr Catherine Stocker on the death of her father.

The Lord Mayor congratulated Cllr. Ray McAdam on the birth if his son, Cllr. Jane Horgan Jones on the birth of her son, Cllr. James Geoghegan on the birth of his son and Cllr Clare Byrne on the birth of her son.

Approval was granted for Councillors to attend the conference "Creating Economic and Business Opportunities from Climate Change" on Wednesday 9th October 2019 in the Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Councillors were reminded that the City Council meeting to discuss Local Property Tax will be held on Monday 23rd September, 2019 at 6.15pm in the Council Chamber not the 16th as previously notified.

The Lord Mayor informed the groups that he did not consider any of the emergency motions submitted as valid but agreed with Group Leaders to call on the Council "That this Council condemns in the strongest terms all forms of ethnic and racially motivated abuse and hate speech, online and offline. And we call on the Council to actively promote Dublin as an inclusive city".

Tributes were paid to the Law Agent Terence O'Keeffe on his retirement from Dublin City Council. All the political groupings wished Terence well following his 30 years' service and for his professionalism and advice over the years.

Finally the Lord Mayor raised the issue of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor which had been highlighted by Cllr. Mary Freehill in her capacity as the representative on the Committee of the Regions. The Lord Mayor stressed the importance of the relationship between Belfast and Dublin especially in the context of Brexit. He called on the Chief Executive to make contact with Belfast City Council and he informed members that he had already extended an invitation to the Mayor of Belfast to meet with him. The Lord Mayor requested that the executive prepare a report in advance of the first SPC meeting.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

It was moved by seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson and Councillor Christy Burke, "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 153 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 16th July 2019 from Kerry County Council in relation to the adoption of the following resolution calling on "the Minister for Defence and An Taoiseach asking that the long overdue medals for gallantry and distinguished service specifically for the Irish soldiers who served at Jadotville in 1961 be awarded. These medals were promised by former Taoiseach Enda Kenny and still they have not been received". It was moved by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
 - (b) Letter dated 16th July 2019 from Kerry County Council regarding the adoption of the following resolution - "Considering obligations under the Good Friday Agreement (GFA), this Council calls on the Irish Government to bring the Equal Status Act in line with Legislation in the 6 County state and include 'political belief' as an unlawful ground for discrimination." It was moved by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Letter dated 24th July 2019 from Waterford City County Council in relation to the adoption of a motion supporting the right of all employees to be represented individually and/or collectively by a trade union if they so wish. It was moved by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- 4 Letter dated 22nd August 2019 from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to"The Moore Street Report 2, Securing History" and two of its recommendations which relate to Dublin City Council's stewardship of the Moore Street Market.

It was moved by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

It was agreed that the Lord Mayor's Forum would consider this matter and a date will be agreed in the next 7 days.

5 To confirm the minutes of the Annual City Council Meeting held on 7th June 2019 and the monthly Council meeting held on 1st July 2019

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the City Council held on 7th June 2019 and the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on the 1st July 2019, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 6 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:
 - (a) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Ciaran Cuffe who was elected to the European Parliament. It was proposed by Councillor Neasa Hourigan and seconded by Councillor Patrick Costello "That Ms. Janet Horner be co-opted to replace former Councillor Ciaran Cuffe who was elected to the European Parliament and therefore was deemed to have resigned from Dublin City Council." The motion was put and carried. Councillor Horner took her place in the Chamber and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to her by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.
 - (b) One Vacancy to be filled for the board of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital. It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Paddy McCartan be appointed as the member to represent Dublin City Council on the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital". The motion was put and carried.
 - (c) One Vacancy to be filled for the board of the Commissioners of Irish Lights. It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Donna Cooney be appointed as the member to represent Dublin City Council on the board of the Commissioners of Irish Lights". The motion was put and carried.

- (d) One Vacancy to be filled for the board of the Dublin City Gallery, Hugh Lane. It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Deirdre Heney be appointed as the member to represent Dublin City Council on the board of the Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane". The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Two Vacancies to be filled for the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum. (Only open to Members from LEA's south of the River Liffey).

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Vincent Jackson be appointed as one of the members to represent Dublin City Council on the board of the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum". The motion was put and carried.

- (f) One Vacancy to be filled for the Ringsend Toll Bridge Designated Activity Company. It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Joe Costello be appointed as the member to represent Dublin City Council on the board of the Ringsend Toll Bridge Designated Activity Company". The motion was put and carried.
- (g) Two nominations to the Board of St. James's Hospital for Ministerial Approval (Open to Councillors from the LEA's of Ballyfermot-Drimnagh, South West Inner City, Kimmage-Rathmines)
 It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Councillor Anne Feeney and Councillor Criona Ní Dhálaigh be nominated to the Board of St. James's Hospital for Ministerial Approval". The motion was put and carried.
- (h) One Nominee for consideration to the Board of Dublin City University It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Lord Mayor, Councillor Vincent Jackson "That the Lord Mayor, Councillor Paul Mc Auliffe be nominated for consideration to the Board of Dublin City University". The motion was put and carried.
- 7 Report No. 230/2019 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework for June 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Seamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 230/2019". The motion was put and carried.

8 Report No. 259/2019 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement for July 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Seamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 259/2019". The motion was put and carried.

9 Report No. 237/2019 of the Chief Executive (O.Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 237/2019". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Reports of the Chief Executive, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8:
 - Report No. 231/2019: Proposed Public Realm Improvement Works at Liffey Street Upper & Liffey Street Lower, Dublin 1.
 It was proposed by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Gary Gannon, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 231/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
 - (b) Report No. 224/2019: Proposed construction of coastal flood defence measures around the sea side of the Martello Tower, Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4.
 It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Paddy McCartan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 224/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 11 Report No. 233/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019 2024.

A motion to amend Report 223/2019 was proposed by Councillor Gary Gannon and seconded by Councillor Seamas McGrattan, the amendment related to the membership of the SPCs. The motion was put and carried. The amendment is attached (**Appendix B**)

A second motion to amend Report 223/2019 was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Kevin Donoghue "That the composition of the Finance SPC be amended to provide for one academic representative and one representative for the PPN" Cllr. Cieran Perry nominated Councillor John Lyons as the Independent Councillor to the Planning and Urban Form SPC. The motion was put and a carried and the "Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019 – 2024" was adopted.

12 Report No. 232/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Nomination of external members to the Dublin City Council Audit Committee.

Report No. 232 /2019 was withdrawn with the consent of members.

13 Report No. 253/2019 of the Executive Manager (M. Taylor) - Proposal to declare an area of pavement at St Luke's Avenue, Dublin 8 to be a public road.

It is hereby resolved that we, the Lord Mayor and members of Dublin City Council, being the Road Authority for the City of Dublin declare the roads and footpaths at St. Luke's Avenue, Dublin 8 to be public roads and footpaths as shown on Drawing R.M. No. 37010 in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

14 Report No. 234/2019 of the Executive Manager (A. Flynn) - Arts Bursaries 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 234/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein. 15 Report No. 236/2019 of the Central Area Manager (K. Mitchell) - Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way over a section of footpath on Railway Street, that forms part of Railway Street, Dublin 1.

It was resolved 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 footpath on Railway Street, that forms part of Railway Street, Dublin 1, as shown on the attached Drawing No SM-2019-0132, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

- 16 Motion to Rescind with reference to the Resolution of the Members made at the Council Meeting held of the 13th day of May 2019 not to dispose of the site at Harcourt Street (Report Number 164/2019 refers and is attached hereto):
 - That Dublin City Council rescinds the motion made not to dispose of the site and resolves;
 - "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 164/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein"
 - And the motion has been signed by not less than twelve Members of the Council in accordance with standing order 30 of Dublin City Council.

Signatories:

Councillors Dermot Lacey, Danny Byrne, Chris Andrews, James Geoghegan, Deirdre Conroy, Joe Costello, Kevin Donoghue, Ray McAdam, Mannix Flynn, Paddy McCartan, Anne Feeney, Colm O'Rourke. Mary Freehill.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Danny Byrne that That Dublin City Council rescinds the motion made not to dispose of the site and resolves; 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 carried. Details of the vote are set out in **Appendix C** attached.

The Lord Mayor vacated the chair at 2.27p.m. and was replaced by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Tom Brabazon. He resumed the chair at 2.30pm.

- 17 Proposed disposals of property:
 - (a) Report No. 235/2019 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 12 premises.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 235/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
 - (b) Report No. 215/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence to the premises at The Tram Café, Wolfe Tone Park, Jervis Street, Dublin 1 to The Tram Café Limited. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 215/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 240/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units T02-T07 and T22 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 240/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (d) Report No. 241/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of the Freehold in part of the driveway at 23 Cloonlara Crescent, Finglas, Dublin 11.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 241/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Report No. 242/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) with reference to the disposal of a plot and grant of a permanent wayleave on Clonshaugh Heights, Clonshaugh, Dublin 17 as part of the DRI Flood Mitigation Project.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 242/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (f) Report No. 243/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) with reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 29 Walkinstown Drive, Walkinstown, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 243/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (g) Report No. 244/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of multiple plots to the rear of properties 11-17 Gortmore Drive, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 244/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (h) Report No. 245/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units T12 & T14 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 245/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- Report No. 246/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Unit S03 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 246/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (j) Report No. 247/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P.Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of the former Rutland Street school premises and the School on Stilts premises at Rutland Street/Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1 to Lourdes Youth and Community Services CLG.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 247/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (k) Report No. 248/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg)- With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of 80 The Coombe to Solas After School Project CLG.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 248/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- Report No. 249/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of Unit 7 Liberty Corner, James Joyce Street, Dublin 1 to the Wexford Centre Project CLG (Company Limited by Guarantee).
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 249/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (m) Report No. 250/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the 1st Floor of the premises at No. 22 Buckingham Street Lower, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 250/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (n) Report No. 251/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the front of 6 Howth Junction Cottages, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5.
 It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 251/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (o) Report No. 252/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of land to the front of 67 Balkill Park, Howth, County Dublin. It was proposed by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 252/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (p) Report No. 254/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed disposal of land to the rear of 31 Marino Green, Marino, Dublin 3 It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 254/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (q) Report No. 255/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a further lease of the Ground Floor Retail Unit and Basement Stores of No. 3 Capel Street, Dublin 1.
 It was proposed by Councillor Janice Boylan and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 255/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (r) Report No. 256/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With reference to the proposed grant of a 20 year licence for the area underneath the canopy overhanging the Council's property adjoining Nos 41-42 Ormond Quay Lower, Dublin 1.
 It was proposed by Councillor Larry O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 256/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (s) Report No. 260/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) With further reference to the proposed disposal of multiple plots to the rear of properties 1 17, 19, 30 36, 38 40 and 42 Eugene Street, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 260/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- 18 Report No. 239/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) Appointment of Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McCartan and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke, "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 239/2019 and assents to the proposal to approve the nomination of Councillor Kevin Donoghue and Councillor Ray McAdam to fill the vacant Elected Member positions on the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum" The motion was put and carried.

19 Report No. 238/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - On submissions/Observations received in relation to the review of the Draft Scheme of Special Planning Control for Grafton Street and Environs 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Chris Andrews that Dublin City Council notes Report No. 238/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein. 20 Report No. 261/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Re-establishment of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and five Area Subcommittees.

It was proposed by Councillor Daithí de Róiste and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes Report No. 261/2019 and hereby notes the contents therein.

21 Report No. 258/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Proposed Borrowing for Housing Capital Maintenance.

It was proposed by Criona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 258/2019 and hereby approves the borrowing requirement as set out therein, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government".

22 Report No. 257/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by Councillor and seconded by Councillor "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 257/2019." The motion was put and carried.

23 Report No. 220/2019 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th May, 2019 - Councillor Gaye Fagan, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 220/2019." The motion was put and carried.

24 Report No. 209/2019 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 17th June 2019 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 209/2019." The motion was put and carried.

25 Report No. 213/2019 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 18th June 2019 - Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 213/2019." The motion was put and carried.

26 Report No. 208/2019 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th June 2019 - Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 208/2019." The motion was put and carried.

27 Report No. 227/2019 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th July 2019 - Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 227/2019." The motion was put and carried.

28 Report No. 262/2019 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th July 2019 - Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 262/2019." The motion was put and carried.

29 Report No. 223/2019 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 8th July 2019 - Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 223/2019." The motion was put and carried.

30 Report No. 225/2019 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th July 2019 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 225/2019." The motion was put and carried.

31 Report No. 228/2019 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 17th July 2019 - Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 228/2019." The motion was put and carried.

32 Report No. 226/2019 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 - Councillor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 226/2019." The motion was put and carried.

33 Report No. 263/2019 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on 27th June 2019 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council approves the contents of Report No 263/2019." The motion was put and carried.

34 Topical Issue

The City Council discussed the following topical issue: "Importance of safe injection facilities." The conclusion of the debate was deferred to the October City Council meeting.

35 Emergency Motion(s) to be taken no later than 3.15 p.m. followed by motions 1 and 2 on the Agenda. Revert to Business on the Agenda no later than 3.45 p.m.

The City Council agreed to suspend the order of business as per standing orders at 3.15 p.m. to take emergency motions and motions on notice. No valid emergency motions had been submitted. The meeting reverted to the business on the Agenda at 3.45 p.m.

36 Motions on Notice

Motion No. 1 – Submitted by Councillor Chris Andrews and seconded by Councillor Seamas Mc Grattan:

"That this City Council agrees that in all future Local, General and European Elections the number of posters advertising each candidate will be limited in numbers and only permitted in designated areas to a maximum of 5 designated areas in each constituency and each poster be bio-degradable and the Protocol Committee determine the details of this proposal."

With the agreement of Councillor Chris Andrews the Lord Mayor proposed the establishment of a Committee of the House under standing orders chaired by the Lord Mayor, Cllr, Paul Mc Auliffe, Deputy Chair Councillor Chris Andrews with Councillor Michael Pidgeon to assist and to report back to the November Council meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm in accordance with Standing Orders and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 7th October 2019.

Correct.

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, 2nd SEPT 2019

Q.1 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for a reconciliation of the following:

In Report No. 181/2019 Annual Report and Accounts 2018 - Appendix 3 - Performance Indicators Housing: Indicator B relating to Number of dwellings added to DCC owned stock during 2018 (whether constructed of acquired) reports a total figure of 633 units.

However, Report No. 197/2019 - Housing Supply Report - Delivery of programme 2018 consistently gives a 2018 figure of 264 for DCC new build, 545 for Acquisitions and 105 for Part V which totals 914 units.

Furthermore, both these figures differ from those contained in an answer to Q62 of the May City Council meeting to (then) Cllr. Ciarán Cuffe. The Dwellings constructed by DCC in 2018 is reported here as 185, Acquisitions are reported as 238 and Part V as 66, giving a total of 489 units. Please clarify/reconcile.

In addition, can the Chief Executive comment on the fact that Report No. 197/2019 -Housing Supply Report - Projected delivery of programme indicates for 2019, planned new builds (302), Part V (207) and acquisitions (254), totalling 763. If these figures are correct delivery will be significantly down on one of the reported 2018 figures - down 17% if the 914 Housing Supply Report figure is correct, up 21% if the 633 Performance Indicator figure is correct and up 56% if the 489 Answer to Cllr Cuffe at Q62 figure is correct? Again, please clarify.

In summary: New builds plus acquisitions plus Part V acquisitions 2018:

1. Report No. 181/2019 Annual Report and Accounts 2018 - Appendix 3 - Performance Indicators Housing: Indicator B - TOTAL 633 units 2. Report No. 197/2019 - Housing Supply Report - Delivery of programme 2018 - New Build DCC - 264, Part V - 105, Acquisitions - 545. TOTAL 914 units 3. Ceisteanna fé bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16 - Q62 (Cllr. Ciarán Cuffe) - Dwellings Constructed by DCC - 185, Part V - 66, Acquisitions - 238 - TOTAL 489 units

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

1. Report No. 181/2019 Annual Report and Accounts 2018 – Appendix 3. Indicator B.

The figure of 633 includes:

264 Construction DCC only 104 Part V 265 DCC acquisitions (includes 238 acquisitions programme and 27 Buy and Renew) 633 Total

2. Report No. 197/2019 Housing Supply Report includes

264 Construction DCC only as per Report No. 181/19 545 Acquisitions (includes 265 DCC as per Report No. 181/19 and 280 AHB Acquisitions which is not included in Indicator B) 105 Part V **914 Total**

3. **Q62 May Council Meeting included the following figures**:

185 Construction DCC (this figure does not include turnkeys 16 Parkside and 47 Hampton Wood and 16 Buttercup. Total 79 + 185 = 264 as per Report 181/19 and Report No. 197/19)

238 Acquisitions (the 27 Buy and Renew properties were listed separately;
238 + 27 = 265 as per Report No. 181/19 and 197/19
66 Part V Units – this figure reflects the October 2018 figure which was listed in error. The year-end figure is 104 as per Report 181/19
489 Total

4. Projected delivery 2019

Dublin City Council's target for Build and Acquisitions for 2019 is 1,164. This includes DCC and AHB construction projects, DCC and AHB acquisitions and Part V. Current projections indicate a delivery of 1,143 across these funding programmes for 2019. The comparative target figure for 2018 was 1,323 with delivery of 1,195.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to give a chronology of the social and affordable (Part V) requirements, i.e. date of introduction, date/s amended and current requirement.

In addition, can the Chief Executive detail the amount of units under each category received by Dublin City Council from inception to date?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Social and Affordable requirements were commenced on 1st November 2000 under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Significant changes were made to the Act by the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

The amendments made in the 2015 Act included:

- The removal of the options for developers to fulfil Part V obligations by making a financial contribution, making available land outside the development site or making available serviced sites on the development
- The introduction of a new option of leasing units by the developer, and
- A reduction, to no more than 10%, of land required to be reserved for social and affordable housing. Previously it was 20% (10% affordable and 10% social).

Act	Total	Affordable	Social
Planning & Development Act 2000	1041	662	379
Urban Regeneration Act 2015	200	0	200
Total	1241	662	579

From inception to date, the City Council have acquired the following number of units:

Q.3 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated reply to my questions (Q48 - November 2014, Q68 - December 2014, Q52 - March 2015, Q69 - June 2015, Q81 - January 2016, Q69 - June 2016 and Q76 - October 2016) relating to the compensation amount to be paid to Dublin City Council by the NTA and/or RPA in respect of the loss of parking bays (c.440 bays with an annual loss of income of €1.8m since 2014) permanently removed to facilitate the Luas Cross City works (now complete).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following the completion of the Luas LCC line our Parking Enforcement section are preparing a report on parking revenue and any impact which Luas in operation has had and whether the initial estimates provided prior to construction were correct.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated answer to that given to me under Question Number 52 at the November 6th 2017 City Council meeting, detailing tenancy occupancy statistics.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

I set out below the information requested:

5 Units	Bedroom	No. Of Occupants	No. Of Tenancies
		1	None
		2	None
		3	3 Tenancies with 3 occupants
		4	7 Tenancies with 4 occupants
		5	3 Tenancies with 5 occupants
		6>	9 Tenancies with 6 occupants
4 Units	Bedroom	No. Of Occupants	No. Of Tenancies
		1	112 Tenancies with 1 occupant
		2	230 Tenancies with 2 occupants
		3	224 Tenancies with 3 occupants
		4	193 Tenancies with 4 occupants
		5	182 Tenancies with 5 occupants
		6>	321 Tenancies with 6 occupants
3 Units	Bedroom	No. Of Occupants	No. Of Tenancies
		1	832 Tenancies with 1 occupant
		2	1652 Tenancies with 2 occupants
		3	2061 Tenancies with 3 occupants
		4	1833 Tenancies with 4 occupants
		5	1164 Tenancies with 5 occupants
		6>	967 Tenancies with 6 occupants
2 Units	Bedroom	No. Of Occupants	No. Of Tenancies
		1	1983 Tenancies with 1 occupant
		2 3	3032 Tenancies with 2 occupants
		3	2109 Tenancies with 3 occupants

	Λ	1049 Tenancies with 4 occupants
	5	430 Tenancies with 5 occupants
	6>	228 Tenancies with 6 occupants
1 Bedroom Units	No. Of Occupants	No. Of Tenancies
	1	5262 Tenancies with 1 occupant
	2	528 Tenancies with 2 occupants
	3	73 Tenancies with 3 occupants
	4	24 Tenancies with 4 occupants
	5	6 Tenancies with 5 occupants
	6>	2 Tenancies with 6 occupants

As outlined in the Scheme of Letting Priorities the Allocations Section prioritise tenants who wish to downsize in the following ways:

Older persons Surrendering Larger Accommodation:

Older Persons who wish to transfer from larger Dublin City Council dwellings to designated Older Persons' accommodation may be considered a Priority and included in Band 1 of the appropriate list.

Tenants Surrendering Larger Accommodation in High Demand Areas:

Tenants who are prepared to surrender high demand accommodation which is larger than their needs: these qualifying applicants may be considered a Priority and included in Band 1 of the appropriate list.

It should be noted that one and two bedrooms is the size of accommodation most in demand from Households on the waiting list.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive that the legal issue regarding (details supplied), as to what the objection of the development is? Who are the objectors and who are the residents in the area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This issue is still before the courts by way of a Judicial Review – the case has been heard and we are awaiting a judgement. The case was taken by the following named individuals, as Applicants: (details supplied 1).

The Respondent is Dublin City Council.

The High Court Record Number is (details supplied 2) and contains a description of the reliefs sought.

It is not possible for the City Council, as the respondent in this case, to comment further, until such time as the Court has reached a decision on this matter.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have plans to develop housing at **(details supplied),** if yes could you update this Councillor.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is proposed to utilise this site for the provision of a Social Housing Scheme, however, there are yet no plans developed for such a scheme.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have any updates regarding the vacant properties at **(details supplied)**. The sites are an eye sore and do nothing for the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Derelict Sites Section has active files on these properties. A Planning Application, ref. 34311/18, was lodged by the owners on 2nd November 2018. It included these sites (details supplied 1), together with the adjoining properties at (details supplied 2). The application, which was for a multi-storey hotel development, was granted, subject to conditions, by Dublin City Council on 14th June 2019. However, the decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala on 10th July 2019. The files are being kept under review pending a final decision.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on when the development at **(details supplied)** will open for letting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is anticipated that the development at **(details supplied)** will be completed in December, 2019.

The allocations process in partnership with Cluid Housing Association will begin shortly.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could outline what consideration was given to its impact on the railings of a protected house at **(details supplied)** when granting permission for a Bus Shelter pressed up against those railings. Please outline the general policy approach to such matters.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Planning permission was granted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) (details **supplied 1**) to replace an existing 3 bay bus shelter and relocate to the rear of the footpath at Bus Stop No. (details supplied 2) 906, in front of (details supplied) Upper, (south-west side of street), Dublin.

The planning application was lodged on 13th August 2018. No third party submissions were received during the 5 week period.

The permitted bus shelter is located on the pavement outside no. (details supplied) Upper, a protected structure. The scale of both the previous and approved shelters is broadly similar. The main change relates to the relocation of the shelter from the outer edge of the footpath adjoining the road to the inner side of the footpath. During the course of the planning application, the proposal was assessed from the perspective of public safety and improvements to the public realm and also in terms of its impact on the plinth wall and railings forming the front boundary to No.57 and the visual amenity of the area. On balance it was considered that the relocation of the shelter to the back of the pavement would provide a safer public realm for pedestrians by allowing an increase in the width of unobstructed footpath available to pedestrians. It was further considered that the bus shelter could be relocated without adverse impact on the front boundary of No.57. Conditions were attached to the grant of permission including the following:

The development shall be located to ensure that the existing pedestrian gate to no. **(details supplied)** Upper is not impacted. Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the adjacent protected structure is maintained

The developer shall ensure that the front boundary plinth wall, pedestrian entrance and boundary railings of the adjacent protected structure at no. **(details supplied)** Upper are adequately protected during construction. Reason: To ensure that the integrity of the adjacent protected structure is maintained.

It is acknowledged by the Planning Department and the NTA that the relocated bus shelter is proximate to the railings of the protected structure. It is understood that the NTA has reached an agreement with the owner of the affected property to ensure access for the purpose of maintaining the railings.

Q.10 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could request an opinion from the Law Agent regarding the potential for Dublin City Council to be enjoined or to be the sole defendant when a bus or tram passenger is injured by a cyclist, when the passenger is crossing a cycle-path for which the local authority has given permission for the cycle-path to intersect the passenger's way from the safety of the footpath to the safety of the set-down island for the tram or bus? The cyclist can disappear without a record even if recorded on the cameras of the bus or tram leaving only the local authority as the defendant in the injuries case.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It would not be prudent to give a blanket opinion on a hypo theoretical set of facts. Each claim against the Local Authority must establish misfeasance on the part of the Local Authority and causation resulting in loss or injury. Therefore, much depends on the specific facts and circumstances of any claim, and only on thorough investigation and analysis of those facts could a sound legal opinion be obtained.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure for installing an electric charging point. Please list the electric car charging points in the Dublin 8 area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Initially EV chargers were installed throughout the City by ESB E-cars. The ESB as statutory undertakers did not have to seek permission for the installation of the chargers. Due to funding issues the ESB ceased rolling out EV chargers and now only maintain/upgrade the existing EV chargers.

The Council as co-chair (with SEAI) of the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group established in 2018, agreed to investigate the feasibility of installing EV chargers and undertook to undertake a trial installation on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. It is expected that this EV charger will be commissioned in Q3 2019 and this experience will inform the Council's policy on the possible further roll out of EV chargers. A number of other potential sites have been identified.

The location of existing EV chargers can be found at https://www.esb.ie/our-businesses/ecars/charge-point-map

Q.12 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to formally request that the manager re-instate (details **supplied**) to her correct position on the housing list. This lady was removed from the housing list due to a failure to complete and return her housing form, caused by the fact that she and her two young daughters were living in temporary emergency accommodation at the time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Our records show that the applicant's application was cancelled following the statutory Housing Needs Assessment 2016, which she failed to respond to. It is an applicant's responsibility to notify us of any changes in their circumstances i.e. change of address.

It is noted on the applicant's file that she spoke with a member of staff in Housing Allocations on 14/08/2017, following her application being cancelled, she was advised to call to the public counter and speak with a Housing Advisor, and the applicant did not follow up on this advice.

Any applications that were closed following the statutory Housing Needs Assessment or due to re-assessment of an applicant's needs due to Housing Statutory changes, cannot be reactivated or reinstated and time for previous applications will not be credited to any current applications.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a new kitchen to be considered for the tenant in (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has inspected the kitchen in this unit today 26th August. New kitchen units will be ordered with an estimated timeframe of 8-12 weeks for installation.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for double yellow lines on St Margaret's road adjacent to the McKelvey Estate, as some residents have reported that larger vehicles are parking close to both entrances to the McKelvey estate, making it difficult for drivers to exit the estate safely.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the area on St Margaret's Road adjacent to McKelvey Estate is covered by the P056 (zonal no parking) sign. This sign indicates that there is a zonal restriction for large vehicles exceeding a specific weight.

Double yellow lines are provided to ensure the smooth flow of traffic and prevent congestion where parking causes congestion which would interfere with traffic flows on a daily basis. Double yellow lines can also allow vehicles to load and unload for a maximum of 30 minutes which would cause adverse safety issues for traffic.

Following recent site visits at St. Margaret's Road, no adverse problems regarding parking were observed.

Furthermore, 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;"

The Area Traffic Engineer has therefore reported that it is not recommended to introduce parking restrictions where they are already covered under legislation.

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, will be instructed to monitor the location and will take enforcement action where necessary.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the care and maintenance of the St Canices Graveyard in Finglas village. The site is a local heritage site and should be kept to the highest standards. Can the Chief Executive arrange for a survey of the church within, to ascertain whether works need to be carried out to protect it from vegetation? This could be having a detrimental effect on the structural soundness of the building.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting has been organised with a landscape contractor to carry out some maintenance work in the cemetery including weed removal, cleaning of ruins and removal of ivy around headstones this week. A review will then be made if further work is warranted around church.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether permission has been sought or granted to **(details supplied)**, to have access and use of a section or all of the local authority football pitch situated at Vicar Street so as to allow access to construction traffic for the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No permission has been sought or granted by DCC to (details supplied), the developer of the site, to have access and use of a section or all of the local authority football pitch situated at (details supplied) to allow access to construction traffic for the site.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether a commencement notice has been sought for the construction of the hotel, at the site at Vicar Street Dublin 8.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As of 26th August, no Commencement Notice had been received by Dublin City Council Building Control for construction of a hotel at Vicar Street. All valid Commencement Notices are recorded on the national Building Control Management System Statutory Register, which is available for online at https://www.localgov.ie/en/bcms.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out repairs to the fence in the tenant's rear garden and to the opening made for installation of a fan in the bathroom at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The maintenance of boundary walls and fences is the responsibility of the tenant. Housing Maintenance are not in a position to take on this responsibility.

An inspection of the opening in the bathroom for the installation of a fan will be carried out.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive when insulation works will start at the tenants home (details supplied 1) and whether contact can be made with her mother (details supplied 2) to arrange access to the dwelling.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling is due for survey in the next two weeks in relation to our Phase 2 Insulation Programme. This programme is currently being rolled out in this area and this dwelling will be included in this phase.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Ballymun Shopping Centre demolition and to give timelines of work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Main Contractor (Barnmore Demolition & Civil Engineering) for the Ballymun Shopping Centre demolition works have confirmed a site commencement date of Monday 9th September 2019. The works are expected to last for 34 weeks.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the church of Annunciation development and when consultation will take place with residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The initial design for the site is underway. As soon as progress is made on the design, the consultation process will commence.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to do a clean-up of mellows parkland, and also to address the rodent issue there.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Parks and Landscape Services have removed all debris and waste dumped behind railing along the N2 in the last 3-4 weeks

DCC Parks have engaged the HSE on at least 3 occasions this year to treat the rodent problem in Mellows Park.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive to do a clean-up of the car parking spaces and footpaths on Balbutcher lane.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the car parking spaces and footpaths on Balbutcher Lane cleaned on the 29th August 2019.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for the number of inspections of private rental properties carried out in Dublin City Council in each of the last five years, 2014-2018, the total number of rental properties in Dublin City Council area in each of these years, and the number of inspectors Dublin City Council had in each of the five years.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The information requested is set out below.

Year	Number of rented dwellings inspected	Number of inspections undertaken	Number of Environmental Health Officers
2014	1542	2511	6
2015	1388	2513	6
2016	1751	3550	6
2017	1361	2137	8
2018	3560	5830	20

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why the windows in the flat at (details supplied) have not been repaired/upgraded? The tenant has been requesting this for some time now. She has lived in the complex most of her life. New tenants moving in are getting flats completely refurbished with new doors and windows but she can't get her broken windows replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current tenancy commenced in 2003. A request for a door to be repaired was logged in 2008. No further request for window/door inspection has been logged for this dwelling to date. The last repair request was logged in 2015 in relation to an electrical fault. A request to have the windows inspected has now been logged and this will be carried out over the coming weeks.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why (details supplied) has been allowed to become overgrown and left in a dangerous state. This space used to be well kept by the council but DCC decided to concrete it and remove the gate. It now as seen in attached photos has become derelict and an eyesore. This could be a huge asset to the small community living there. Could this space be cleared and made safe and consideration be given to the use of this space for community use? Maybe the play officer could inspect it and make recommendations? Residents mentioned a basketball hoop or goal post marked on the wall or just a small safe garden for children to sit and play in. There is nowhere safe for the children to play in this narrow close.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer has inspected the area detailed at (details supplied). The area is indeed over grown and could potentially be used as a community amenity. A thorough survey is necessary before any decision can be made. A full report will issue on completion of the survey.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to have the trees at **(details supplied)** inspected as soon as possible. See attached photos. Can the tree outside no 17 be inspected to see what damage the roots have caused to the house. Residents report cracks in their walls

Most of the trees are a health and safety concern, with accidents already reported. They are causing serious problems with the roots causing cracks in people's home

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A detailed inspection of this site has been scheduled and upon completion a report will issue directly to the councillor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NI DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why **(details supplied)** was recently insulated but the old (poor condition) windows were not upgraded? The dwelling now is completely insulated but heat being lost and draughts getting in because of windows.

There are cracks up the walls of the house which the tenants think is due to tree outside their home whose roots have cracked the pavement outside their home.

The walls are damp but the council told them it's not dampness. Could a copy of the inspection please be sent to me?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This dwelling was cavity wall insulated under Phase 1 of our Insulation Programme. Installation of new windows was not part of that programme. A recent request was logged in relation to window inspection. This will be carried out in the coming weeks. A request in relation to having cracks in the walls was also recently logged. Housing Maintenance will carry out an inspection in relation to his also. Our Energy Liaison Officer will call to this dwelling within the next week and inspect in relation to the report of dampness. If further action is required (the walls have been cavity pumped) this will be arranged.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the Parks Superintendent to meet the local resident at **(details supplied)** to detail the inspection results of the tree outside this residence as per the response to my NCA Q 66 (June 2019).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Senior Executive Parks Superintendent who carried out the original inspection of the tree will be in touch with the resident over the coming weeks to arrange a meeting.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a safety audit of the lamp-posts on both side of the length of Griffith Avenue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The majority of the columns on Griffith Avenue have already been checked and have been found to be in proper working order. There is now a painting programme planned for these columns. A further inspection on the columns will be carried out during this painting programme.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR MARIE SHERLOCK

To ask the Chief Executive if the city council has compiled a list of specific locations across the city that do not have access to high speed broadband, to ask the Chief Executive that if such a list does not exist to compile one, and to ask what the council intends to do to address this problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A representative from Smart City Team will contact you directly this week to discuss your question.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR MARIE SHERLOCK

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to start installing 3 in 1 bins (recycling, compost, waste) in public parks, similar to that available in many other EU member states?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Waste Management Services Department have previously trialled on street recycling with very limited success. It is planned to carry out further trials of on street recycling in the coming months to provide for separation of recyclable materials 'on the go'. The Waste Management Services Department will liaise with the Parks Department in the context of this further trial to assess the suitability for parks to be included within the trial.

Recycling bins in parks have been trialled in the past but have failed because more often than not the recycling bin is spoiled with general waste.

It is understood that Waste management Services are going to trial segregated bins. Parks Services have stated that they will join in that trial focussing initially on the Green

Flag Parks in 2020.

Q.33 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the playground at **(details supplied)** to be cleared of illegally dumped waste and overgrown shrubbery as it is posing a danger to children who use the playground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DCC Parks and Landscape Services have arranged for the playground at (details supplied) to be cleaned.

Q.34 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection and repair of pathway at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing Maintenance have scheduled repair works to the pathway at this location for September 2019.

Q.35 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection and possible installation of speed ramps and accompanying signage at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Advisory Group, at its meeting of 23rd October 2018, reported that following a recent speed survey on **(details supplied)** it was observed that the average speed of vehicles on the road was significantly lower than the speed limit. The Traffic Advisory Group, therefore, did not recommend ramps or additional traffic calming on **(details supplied)**.

Q.36 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to call for a review of grass cutting services that were provided by Dublin City Council over the summer months. Reports back from a number of areas in North Dublin indicate that there may have been issues with the service provided in some locations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Grass cutting services across the City Council area, both directly by the Parks Service and by Landscape Maintenance contractors, are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The service provided has been undergoing changes over the last number of years in response to a number of national and international initiatives, as outlined below.

The Parks Service has been reducing its chemical usage in line with the World Health Organisation's concerns over the use of such chemicals, and in 2018, it agreed a 'Herbicide Use Policy' at the Environment and Transport Special Policy Committee. Further significant cuts to herbicide use have since been put in place, and many parks are now 'chemical free.' It is intended that all parks will be 'chemical free' in the next year, and herbicide use has also been eliminated in the vicinity of playgrounds.

Dublin City Council, as a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, are running a number of initiatives throughout our parks, open spaces and roadside verges to trial different wildflower seed mixes along with significant increases in the planting of pollinator-friendly plants and trees. In addition, changes to mowing regimes are being trialled in some areas to allow grass areas grow longer to provide habitat and enable natural vegetation (weeds) to flower and increase the food available to pollinators.

The outcomes from the trials of seed mixes, planting, mowing regimes and alternative weed control management will inform updates to our emerging 'Rewilding Policy' for the city which supports the City Council Biodiversity Action Plan and Parks Strategy.

However, as part of this journey the Parks Service recognises that the culture of keeping areas neat and tidy in all circumstances has to fundamentally change. If we want to support biodiversity in our city, we have to stop spraying with chemicals and accept a more tolerant attitude to natural vegetation. If people find natural vegetation in some situations offensive then support will be provided to tidy towns and other community minded interest groups to tackle the natural vegetation by traditional non-chemical means.

While these changes may be perceived as a cost-saving exercise, they are not. . The alternative practices are more time consuming, more labour intensive and require a greater degree of planning and promotion.

To date the Parks Service is on the whole is receiving positive feedback in relation to the reduction of herbicide use and the change in mowing regime. Several projects working with local community and Tidy Towns groups to plant trees, improve areas for pollinators are also seeing local practical results.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC has ever been approached by scooter-sharing providers to offer their services within Dublin City and if so when and what were the outcomes and what were the names of the providers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department has had contacts from TIER (email dated 4/4/19) regarding a trial of Electric scooters in the East Point Business Park – private land), and hoping to do the same in Dublin City. PONY made contact via the Lord Mayor (e-mail dated 28/11/18). A potential operator who wished not to supply a company name made contact via e-mail dated 26/4/18.

The Environment and Transportation Department's position outlined below was conveyed to all 3.

The situation regarding the legality of the use of electric scooters on public roads is currently being examined by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) under instruction from the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Sport. The Council is however of the view that a large number of electric scooters available to purchase in Dublin exceed 250W power output and are therefore classed as mechanically propelled vehicles requiring a licence, insurance and tax etc. and their use in the public domain whether on footpaths or the road is illegal. The Council also has concerns regarding the safety of electric scooters both from the user's point of view and other motorists and pedestrians. Enforcement is a matter for An Garda Siochana. Your query should more properly be addressed to the Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how DCC will keep the city as a destination for top talents when cultural elements of the city are pushed out by high costs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Arts Office has for some time been engaging with Elected Members and the Arts Community on the shortage of affordable Artists Workspaces in Dublin. This deficit is seen as a key element in the difficult conditions faced by Artists (normally of low income) working in the City. Properties are under consideration by the Development Department for acquisition as Artist Workspaces and are the subject of feasibility studies. Funding has also been received from the Urban Rural Development Fund to study two sites in Dublin that are thought suitable for this use.

Groups of Artists have also engaged with the Housing Department in partnership with Registered Housing Bodies to explore cooperative housing for Artists.

Finally the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht have sought Dublin City Council engagement in supporting the night time economy in Dublin as a means of further supporting the cultural community. Dublin City Council is aware of the deficit in venues from the discussions of the Strategic Policy Committee.

Dublin City Council remains committed to supporting Artists working in Dublin through Grant in Aid of the Arts Office and Events Unit

Q.39 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will apply for the European Green Capital 2022 organised by the European Commission and to include the reasons why DCC is applying or is not applying highlighting in both cases what would represent the biggest challenges in entering or not the competition.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council approved the Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) at the May Council meeting. The final version of this Plan has 219 actions. The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Energy has also published the Government Climate Change Plan. There are 183 main actions and a total of 417 sub actions in this Plan. Of these 417 sub actions, the Local Authorities are identified as either the lead or as a main stakeholder in 32 actions. However there are a further 45 sub-actions which are relevant to the Local Authorities and where the Local Authorities will have follow up work.

The City Council is also a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors, an agreement amongst specific Cities to be exemplar local authorities in reducing their energy use. The energy reduction target for the City Council was 33% by 2020 and the Council have already reached that target 2 years early.

This is by way of background to the level of work that is ongoing in relation to reducing emissions, increasing energy efficiency, improving the resilience of the City and communicating with our citizens.

Therefore, with regard the application for the European Green Capital 2022 for which the submission deadline is the 14th October 2019 the following is the list of what is required to apply:

"The selection of a city awarded with the title of European Green Capital is assessed on the basis of twelve environmental indicators:

•Climate Change: Mitigation

- •Climate Change: Adaptation
- •Sustainable Urban Mobility
- •Sustainable Land Use
- Nature and Biodiversity
- •Air Quality
- Noise
- •Waste
- •Water
- •Green Growth and Eco-innovation
- •Energy Performance
- •Governance

In the EGCA Application Form, cities are asked to provide information on their performance across the above 12 environmental indicator areas.

Specifically, the Application Form has 4 sections per indicator, as follows:

•Describe the present situation.

•Describe the measures implemented over the last five to ten years.

•Describe the short and long term objectives for the future and proposed approach to achieve these.

•List how the above information can be documented, add links where possible.

Given the current commitments under the CCAP, the National Plan and the Covenant of Mayors, meeting the submission deadline for the European Green Capital 2022 would not be achievable. The City Council should however consider an application for the 2023 Capital as we will have advanced many of the actions at that stage and should be in a much better position to both apply and to be awarded the title.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC are working on offering free public transport in Dublin and if so what has been done so far to progress in that direction. Traffic within cities is the number one cause of carbon emissions and a directly related cause of higher negative respiratory symptoms in children.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Provision of Public Transport services and the setting of fares for public transport is a matter for the National Transport Authority and not Dublin City Council.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will report on what action needs to be taken and will be taken to ensure that the landlord of a rented property is ultimately responsible for the payment of fines issued because of litter fines associated with their properties and which are currently uncollectable. Sample case submitted with this question (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Action can be taken against the owner of a property under the Litter Pollution Acts where evidence of littering is found relating to a property that is let in two or more dwelling units. With regard to a single letting of property, action can be taken against the occupier where evidence of littering is found relating to that property.

Litter fines are issued in the amount of €150 to the owner of the property advising the owner that they have 21 days to pay from the date of issue of the fine.

Where litter fines have not been paid, legal proceeding are initiated and when a date is set for the court hearing, the owner of the property is advised of same.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail what work the City Council has undertaken with other state agencies and organisations like the National Transport Authority, for example, to increase the number of electric car charging points within the city and especially within the North Inner City Local Electoral Area as the existing facilities are in extremely high demand given the increasing numbers of electric cars being purchased by Dubliners and those living in the North Inner City; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Below is a list of EV chargers in Dublin City installed by ESB E-cars in Dublin City. The ESB are no longer rolling out on-street chargers and responsibility has fallen to Local Authorities in this regard. The Environment and Transportation Department cochairs with the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) the Smart Docklands Energy Action Group. A project has commenced to roll out the Council's first onstreet EV chargers on a trial basis in the Docklands area. It is anticipated that this will come on stream later this year and this trial will inform the Council's future policy regarding the roll out of EV chargers. The Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Smart Dublin convened a Regional EV Group with representatives from all 4 Dublin Local Authorities (LAs) to exchange information of Vehicle Fleet Transition including trialling of new vehicles and plans for installation of Electric Vehicle Charge points. This group met twice in 2019 and resulted in the issuing of a market soundings call on E-tenders (led by Fingal CC on behalf of all 4 Dublin LAs) for the installation of EV charge points across the Dublin region. 18 companies replied to the market soundings and 8 companies were invited to present to the Regional group in July. The results of this exercise will help inform a tender framework for the procurement of EV charger installation which can be used by all 4 Dublin LAs.

CARO and LAs are also represented on the Low Emission Vehicle Taskforce Working Group 3 which is chaired by the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government (DHPLG). DLRCC and FCC are represented on this group. The group comprised representatives from DCCAE, DTTAS, CARO, Local Authorities, TII, SEAI, ESB, OPW, and NSAI. The Group met 5 times between November 2018 and July 2019 and a final recommendations report has just been agreed by DHPLG to assist in the expansion of low emission vehicle including electric vehicles charge points.

In June 2019, DCCAE released the National Climate Action Plan. Action 72 of this plan includes a commitment for capital funding for up to 200 on street chargers by

Local Authorities per annum. This capital funding will be managed by SEAI and grant aided to Local Authorities to assist in the expansion of the number of on street charge points across the country.

Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, 95.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Hollybank Road, Drumcondra, 133.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Irish Rail Clontarf DART Station, Clontarf Road, Clontarf DART Station	١,
119.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Kincora Road, Off Clontarf Road @ Kinara Restaurant, Clontarf, Dublir	١,
120.0, Dublin, , Ireland	
St. Joseph's Road, Stoneybatter, 154.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Parnell Square West, Outside Rotunda Hospital, 94.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Irish Rail Heuston Train Station, Dublin, 184.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Opposite Heuston Train Station, St. John's Road West, Across fror	n
Heuston, 132.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Liffey Street West, Liffey Street West, Dublin, 128.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Greek Street, Greek St, 145.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Mark Street, Dublin, Mark St., 111.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Thorncastle, Ringsend, Dublin, Dublin, Dublin, Ireland	
Thorncastle, Ringsend, Dublin, Dublin, Dublin, Ireland	
Golden Lane, Golden Lane, Dublin, 130.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Merrion Square Park, Merrion Sq, 112.0, Dublin, Ireland	
South Lotts Road, South Lotts Road, 122.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Clifton House, 11A Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Clifton H, D2, 106.0, Dublir	١,
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Clifton House, 11A Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Clifton H, D2, 106.0, Dublir	١,
Ireland	
Lower Pembroke Street, , Dublin, 110.0, Dublin, 2, Ireland	
Earlsfort Terrace, Earlsfort Terrace, D2, 115.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Mount Street Crescent, Dublin, 113.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Herbert Street, Herbert Street, 109.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Court Apartments, Wilton Place, Wilton, 273.0, Dublin, , Ireland, Dublir	١,
301.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Court Apartments, Wilton Place, Wilton, 273.0, Dublin, , Ireland, Dublir	١,
Dublin, Ireland	
Synge Street, , Dublin, 152.0, Dublin, 8, Ireland	
29 Adelaide Road, Dublin, 225.0, Dublin, Ireland	
29 Adelaide Road, Dublin, 225.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Opposite "First Stop Tyres", beside Crumlin Shopping Centre, Crumli	n
Road, Crumlin, 96.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Chelmsford Road, Ranelagh, 126.0, Dublin, Ireland	
Belmont Avenue, Belmont Avenue, 121.0, Dublin, Ireland	

On the topic of EV Charging infrastructure, the four Dublin Local Authorities have established a Working Group to explore how the LA's could jointly support the expected uptake of EV's in the county. The Working Group formally engaged with the

market via a recent Market Sounding exercise. Topics under consideration include Location optimisation, evaluation of Charging Hardware technologies and their interoperability, the User Experience, Customer Service post-installation, Billing, Price Points, etc. The Group is mindful of infrastructure plans by ESB and private operators, hence the need to approach with caution as to the optimal operating model for the LA's.

Regarding engagement with other transport bodies, DCC recently met with the NTA to explore opportunities for Dublin on the topic of Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) (i.e.) a shift away from privately owned modes of transportation and towards mobility solutions (from public & private operators) which are consumed as a service. The plan is to create an inter-agency programme involving the LA's, NTA, Tii, Private Operators, etc. to develop a Target Operating Model for Dublin. The first step is to understand experiences in other cities and propose a roadmap for Dublin. Smart Dublin (a collaboration of the four LA's) will lead the development of this initial analysis.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to follow up on the request I made at the July meeting of the Central Area Committee to undertake a thorough cleaning of (details supplied) given its condition and to begin the process of replacing the play equipment in the park, given that a lot of equipment installed some years back is either now broken or missing; if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The main playground was power washed at the beginning of August and new play equipment is currently on order.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to make the necessary arrangements for the windows and doors in **(details supplied)** to being assessed with a view to their being replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The windows and doors in this dwelling will be inspected within the next two weeks. The tenant will be informed of the outcome of this inspection.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a comprehensive overview of the plans for and the current status of the project to deliver **(details supplied)** as required under planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanala; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) is currently under construction. Work is well underway and it is envisaged it will be completed by Easter 2020. Separately, (details supplied) comprising midrise buildings was excluded from the SDZ Scheme by An Bord Pleanala and will be the subject of proposals through the normal planning process in the future: - design work has not yet commenced on this part of Grangegorman.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate when the front and back doors of **(details supplied)** will be replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

New front and back doors will be installed in this dwelling. The estimated timeframe for this is December 2019/January 2020. The tenant will be contacted prior to installation.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the guttering replaced at the front of the dwelling at **(details supplied).**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The gutters at the front of this dwelling were repaired previously. A further inspection will take place and any necessary repairs/replacement will be carried out.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the development of the central spine in **(details supplied)** for social and senior citizen housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This site is earmarked for the construction of 83 Social Housing Units. It will be developed using Rapid Build Technology and will consist mainly of apartments and some houses.

It is not included in the first bundle of projects for the Volumetric Build Programme but we intend to appoint a design team later this year to bring the proposal to Planning Approval stage and award a contract for construction in the spring of 2020.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report of the housing file of (details supplied 1), residing currently at (details supplied 2), including information regarding the assertion by this applicant, that he first registered with the city council's housing section in 2005.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 27/06/2011, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	358

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.

It may benefit the applicant to increase his areas of choice as it may increase his 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 he wish to amend his application to include additional areas of choice.

There are no records held in respect of the applicant having had an application date in 2005.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to address the persistent dumping problem that exists around the ESB box on (details supplied) and to consider the installation of cameras at this location, or to say how else the City Council proposes to address it?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The ESB box was inspected by the Public Domain Team and there was no evidence of dumping at the box. Any dumping to the rear of the box should be reported directly to the ESB.

Public Domain have no record of persistent dumping at this location.

Q.51 **COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

To ask the Chief Executive why trees are being removed on (details supplied).

<u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:</u> Trees have been removed in response to a number of incidents. One was felled in 2018 due to storm damage, one was felled in early 2019 due to a major water leak directly underneath; and another was felled as a result of being hit by a truck in August 2019.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if it was a condition of the planning permission for the extension to (details supplied 1) that the entrance to (details supplied 2) be monitored on match days to prevent illegal parking and if this condition is being enforced?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no conditions requiring the monitoring of the entrance onto details supplied 2.

Notwithstanding the above, there was an application for a two storey extension to the club house at details supplied 1.

Further information was requested including the following details 2.

No further decision was made in relation to this proposal as the applicant did not respond to the request for further information.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for improved efforts to be made to monitor the no left turn from (details supplied) between (7-10am). Can the City Council please make an official representation to Gardai about the lack of enforcement at this junction and persistent non-compliance by motorists?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Gardaí will be informed of the non-compliance of motorists at the no left turn from (details supplied) between 7 -10am at the next Transport Advisory Group meeting to be held on 27th August 2019.

Q.54 **COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the roads and footpaths on Cashel Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 as a number of residents have been in touch.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The road and footpaths on Cashel road are in general in a serviceable condition and so there are no reconstruction/resurfacing proposals for the road at present. There are a few defects which have been logged on our system for repair. These defects have been categorised and will be attended to depending on the priority rating of the defect.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to resurface the parking lot of Crumlin Bowling Club, St. Mary's Road, Walkinstown, as a number of residents have been in touch.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter is currently been examined and a reply will issue directly as soon as possible.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the parking situation at the corner of Sundrive Road and Blarney Park and on Blarney Park, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, will be instructed to monitor the location and will take enforcement action where necessary.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to introduce aqua-aerobics classes for senior citizens at Crumlin Swimming pool, and if not, that he consider introducing them.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

At present Crumlin Swimming Pool operates in a manner that the Pool is for hire and caters for many different local swimming clubs, schools and colleges. We provide the facility for hire purposes, except when we have Public swimming times on Saturdays and then Dublin City Council provides additional staff to cover as lifeguards.

Dublin City Council do not run classes as our staff resources do not facilitate this provision. If an Aqua Instructor was interested in providing an aqua – aerobics class they could contact the Pools Inspector to ascertain the availability of hours in the pool and then if suitable hours are available they could hire the pool and provide the class.

Crumlin swimming pool is due to reopen shortly after extensive refurbishment and it is anticipated that the schools, clubs and groups who had hours booked prior to the pools closure will all re –book the pool when it reopens. It is most likely that there will be limited (if any) hours available for hire.

Pool Inspector Gerard Carty. Email: <u>gerard.carty@dublincity.ie</u>

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on and clarify the situation in relation to recent media reports regarding the sale of Clonliffe College and say;

- A. If the previous Dublin City Council plan of a new bridge over the Tolka River and the link up of Gracepark Road to Jones Road and
- B. The linear strip/walk along the southern bank of the Tolka River are allowed for/protected in the zoning or the agreement or

If they are both matters for subsequent planning stage and if they are both still desired policy demands of the City Council and if he will make a statement on the matter.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Clonliffe College lands are zoned Z12 in the 2016 City Development Plan, for predominantly residential purposes and the protection of environmental amenities. There are a number of protected structures on the lands. In relation to the queries raised:

- A. the Richmond Road Area Action Plan (Draft 2007) provided for 3 pedestrian/cycle crossings of the Tolka in the locality:
 - 1. from Gracepark Road along the East side of the football ground to link up with Jones Road.
 - 2. at Waterfall Avenue,
 - 3. at Distillery Road.

The NTA Dublin Cycle Strategy 2013 shows a cycleway (2B) linking Gracepark Road with Clonliffe Road / Jones Road. Whilst not shown on the current City Development Plan Zoning Maps, there is an Objective (MTO 31) to initiate inter alia cycle / pedestrian bridges that emerge as part of the evolving strategic cycle network and Strategic Green Infrastructure network.

B. the strip of land fronting the Tolka River is zoned Z9 in the Development plan, to improve and provide recreational open space and green networks. This objective is complemented by GI 3 (to develop linear parks along waterways) and GI 15 (to create and enhance riparian buffer zones where possible).

These objectives will be pursed in the masterplan which accompanies any planning application for the re-development of these lands.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to previous requests for the erection of 'no dog fouling' signs at the green space at the entrance to **(details supplied)** and say if he can now arrange to provide requested signage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The signs have been installed at this location.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to the tree outside property of (details supplied) and say if he can please agree to

- A. Have an official of the City Council call the resident and discuss matters in relation to the damage the tree has caused to the wall of the property
- B. Remove the tree, and
- C. Repair the front garden boundary wall of the property as resident is distraught at the condition of wall as a result of damage caused by tree roots of the huge tree planted outside.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection will be arranged with a Parks team member in September, and action, if any, arising from this inspection, will be undertaken in line with the Dublin City Tree Strategy.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the area in in which both corners of **(details supplied)**, and say if he can respond to the request from residents to have double yellow lines installed. There is a concern that the situation that currently pertains is hazardous, where drivers park very close to both corners, thus inhibiting the view of motorists exiting out onto the main road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that there are double yellow lines in place at the junction of **(details supplied)** on both corners. Furthermore, 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;"

The Area Traffic Engineer has therefore reported that it is not recommended to introduce parking restrictions where they are already covered under legislation.

Dublin City Council's parking enforcement contractor, Dublin Street Parking Services, will be instructed to monitor the location and will take enforcement action where necessary.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue clear guidelines and definitions with regards to the new regulation around advertising on alcohol that is due to come into place this Autumn. This new law will impact on planning laws with regards to applications from the likes of JC Decaux to advertise alcohol. There is much uncertainty in and around this planning process at present. What we need now is a clear definition from Dublin City Councils' law agent and planning department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The bulk of the alcohol restrictions contained in the 23 sections of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act, 2018 come into effect on the 12th November, 2019. It should be noted that it is a matter for the advertiser to ensure that they are fully legally compliant and the onus is on them to prove same. Please note that it is a standard term in our contract(s) with JC Decaux that it must comply with all legislation.

The other area of main concern to the City Council is Section 14 of the Act, "Prohibition on advertising in certain places", which sets out specific places where a person shall not advertise or cause the advertisement of, an alcohol product. These include an open space owned or maintained by a local authority and in or about a playground owned or maintained by a local authority or within 200 metres of the perimeter of such playground.

The issue of guidelines regarding this particular piece of legislation is not within the remit of the Chief Executive and all of the definitions are clearly set out in the preamble to the Act.

The planning process regulates the location, nature and form of outdoor advertising structures. Dublin City Council strictly controls the provision of such structures through the provisions of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 and the accompanying Outdoor Advertising Strategy. The planning process does not have the statutory responsibility to regulate advertising content.

Advertising content in Ireland is regulated by the Advertising Standards Authority for Ireland (ASAI). The rules governing content are set out in the ASAI Code of Standards. Section 9 deals specifically with the advertising of alcohol. Alcohol advertising has been further controlled by co-regulatory codes agreed between the Department of Health, the advertising industry and the drinks industry since 2004. Adherence to the codes has been monitored by an independent Alcohol Marketing Communications Monitoring Body (AMCMB) which reports its findings to the Department of Health. These codes apply strict prohibitions to the advertising of alcohol within 100m from schools, etc.

From November 12th 2019, The Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 places further restrictions on the advertising of alcohol products. This type of content will now be prohibited at bus stops, as well as in or on all other public transport services. In addition, alcohol advertising content will now not be allowed within 200 metres of the perimeter of the grounds of schools, early year's services or playgrounds.

JCDecaux Ireland Ltd and Dublin City Council have been in partnership since 2006 in relation to the provision and management of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme, the City Wayfinding Scheme and the Civic Communication Network. JCDecaux will be operating in full compliance with the Alcohol Bill when it comes into effect on November 12th and as it relates to advertising structures provided to fund the abovementioned public amenities which are provided for the city.

The issue of guidelines regarding this particular piece of legislation is not within the remit of the Chief Executive and all of the definitions are clearly set out in the preamble to the Act.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a study of the Dublin Bay Area to examine the possibility of reclaiming the sea area or any area that is suitable for building homes within this environment. Given the recent report from the RIAI this possibility or idea should be further examined given the emergency crisis we have with regards the supply of homes and houses. This study and report to include all environmental impact issues and all issues regarding UNESCO World Heritage Site implications and conservation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Bay is a major resource for the city. It contains 3 internationally recognised bio-diversity designations; Special Area of Conservation; Special Protection area and Natural Heritage Area. Dublin Bay is also designated as a UNESCO Site. These designations are all referred to in the City Development Plan.

The Core Strategy of the Development Plan estimates that there is capacity in the city for 52,600 new residential units on brownfield lands etc. The Council is also reviewing the potential of our individual land banks to provide a further 15000 residential units in the future.

In the circumstances, it is considered that there is no need for a study at this time.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to make the necessary arrangements to invite (details **supplied**) to make his presentation to the full Council meeting in October 2019 on his recent report regarding the impact of the Waste To Energy facility at Dublin Bay on the environment/community and wider Dublin area. It was agreed that he would be invited to give a presentation by the last Council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The environmental impact of the Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) Facility was fully considered by the two statutory bodies responsible for planning and licensing of the Facility, namely An Bord Pleanalá and the Environmental Protection Agency. At the time of the application process, **(details supplied)**, made submissions and presented his analysis on the Environmental Impact of the Facility to the statutory bodies and the experts appointed by them, having fully considered these matters the statutory bodies granted the relevant necessary consents.

As set out in the Chief Executive report reference 200/2019 to council in July, Dublin Waste to Energy Limited, the operator and holder of the Industrial Emissions Licence, is seeking a review of the licence granted by the EPA, with a view to increasing the permitted annual quantity of waste that can be accepted and treated at the facility from 600,000 tonnes per annum to 690,000 tonnes per annum. This statutory process is currently ongoing, and it would seem prudent to allow the statutory body and their appointed experts to examine and peer review the conclusions reached by (details supplied), prior to inviting him to present his analysis to the elected members.

It is also noted that as set out in the July report to council:

From data submitted to the EPA by DWTEL it is clear that the facility operates well within its licence limits with respect to the concentration Emission Limit Values (ELVs) and mass flows.

The data indicates that emissions to air from the facility are generally running at less than 10% of the licence limits with respect to the periodic or 97% half hourly average concentration ELVs. The only exception is with respect to NO_2 which is averaging 70% of the ELV - these values are still well below the relevant lower limit values.

The DWtE facility emissions data from independent stack testing for each combustion line for the period Q3 2018 to Q2 2019 is set out in the table below, including the percentage below the EPA limit:

Q.65 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to examine the possibilities of relocating the new Library project to the former Magdalene Laundry complex at Sean McDermott Street. It would make absolute sense that given the collapse of the overall project at Parnell Square that a stand-alone central Library would have a very positive impact in the Sean McDermott Street area. The library would still remain within the immediate area. The Parnell Cultural quarter could extend its area to include Sean McDermott Street area to show a solidarity with the community here who have been neglected for generations. This would transform this area and this particular site and give enormous benefit to the people here and the generations to come.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parnell Square Cultural Quarter development is vital to the cultural life of the city and to the regeneration of the north inner city. Every effort should be made to ensure it proceeds.

DCC is currently examining a staged approach to the delivery of the project.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will report on the number of Dublin City Council installed bicycle parking spaces at the end of December 2018, the number now in place and the number expected to be in place by the end of 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As part of the On-Street Cycle Parking Project 1358no. Sheffield stands have been installed from 2013 – 2018. This equates to a total of 2644no. cycle parking spaces.

Prior to the On-Street Cycle Parking Project, Dublin City Council commissioned a study which identified 4,626 existing cycle parking spaces. However, a number of these stands may have been removed through public realm improvement schemes and large infrastructure projects, such as Luas Cross City.

Dublin City Council intends to install circa 1000no. Sheffield stands in 2019 (2000 cycle parking spaces).

Q.67 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive why recently a planning application was submitted and approved by Dublin City Council and there was no traffic plan or a report from roads and traffic even though the subsequent traffic plan directed the construction traffic through a residential area that has not had through traffic before and no access points to the site. Can the Chief Executive say if traffic plans and reports are mandatory for planning applications and if they are not why are some applications required to have traffic plans and roads reports, but some planning applications are not required to have them?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Several thousand planning applications are submitted to Dublin City Council annually. A report and associated recommendation from the planning department is mandatory for each application. Planning applications are referred for comment to each of the technical departments/sections including Transportation Planning. However, the technical departments do not have the capacity resource wise to report on every planning application.

A report by the Transportation Panning Section is therefore not mandatory for planning applications. Notwithstanding, the Transportation Planning Section reviews planning applications which are considered to trigger transportation related considerations. These may include domestic proposals including a new vehicle entrance and mews development to larger scale non-domestic proposal resulting in potential significant impact upon the existing traffic baseline environment from construction and/or operational traffic. By the nature of development, the majority of planning applications will result in construction traffic, however the resulting impact generally corresponds with the scale of the development proposed. Where the resulting construction traffic impact has the potential to be substantial or significant, this may trigger a Transport Assessment at planning application stage and the management of said impact will be captured in a Traffic Management Plan forming part of a Construction Management Plan conditioned to consent given. A Traffic Management Plan when requested should address construction traffic haul routes and these will be reviewed and agreed/amended as appropriate through the compliance process in consultation with the Roadworks Control Section.

The requirement for a transportation assessment/report to be submitted with a planning application is dependent on the scale of the development. Appendix 4 Transport Assessment, Mobility Management and Travel Plans of the Dublin City Development Plan provides more detail and guidance in this regard.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to provide cycle parking facilities in all Secondary Schools in Dublin City Council area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council (DCC) does not install cycle parking on private school property. However DCC manages an on-going Cycle Parking in Schools project funded by the National Transport Authority whereby assistance is provided to schools to install cycle parking on their property. In late 2018 DCC, with the assistance of the Green Schools Program, requested expressions of interest from schools looking to obtain cycle parking stands.

All schools that applied under this project should receive their requested allocation in the coming weeks. A total of 70 racks (320 Sheffield Stands) will be provided this year.

It is intended to continue this project into 2020 subject to funding being provided by the NTA.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to please advise when Dublin City Council will plant trees on **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In reference to your request to plant trees along (details supplied 1) DCC Parks and Landscape Services have carried out a number of investigations to accommodate tree planting, along this stretch of the (details supplied 2) and surrounding environs. Notwithstanding, DCC Parks would like nothing better than to plant more trees, our

investigation of this section of road and other suggested sites within the (details supplied 3), have confirmed that sites are unsuitable for successful tree planting.

The width of the pavement is on **(details supplied 2)** is generally too narrow to accommodate both wheelchairs/ buggies and an adequate size tree pit (the practical width of 1.2m required minimum for a wheelchair). In addition to this an abundance of utilities including primary and secondary underground services run beneath the pavement and roadway.

The construction of build-outs on to the road to accommodate tree planting would just not be feasible with the level of services present.

DCC Parks and Landscape Services would be happy to engage with residents and advise on options for small tree planting within the boundaries of their own properties with a view to greening in the area.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to please advise on the following: (details supplied 1) are seeking Dublin City Council's support to erect plaques commemorating literary figures associated with the area and creation of an urban renewal plan for the area to include animation and rejuvenation of (details supplied 2). Will the Chief Executive please report on how Dublin City Council can support such an initiative?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council's commemorative naming policy – adopted on 12th June 2017 – provides for the erection of Dublin City Council commemorative plaques to honour 'people, organisations and events that have made a unique and significant contribution to the life or history of Dublin through outstanding achievement, distinctive service or significant community contribution'. Applications for the erection of plaques must be made on the official form which can downloaded from

https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/Documents/ CommNameApplicationForm.pdf.

All valid applications will be considered by the Council's Commemorative Naming Committee.

In July a plaque was erected (temporarily) in the Blessington Basin to commemorate the writer Iris Murdoch, who was born in Blessington Street.

The Local Area Manager will meet with the Councillor and the local residents group in an effort to establish the issues that need to be addressed toward animation and rejuvenation of **(details supplied)** including measures, within existing budget, which can be completed to address the identified issues.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to report on what action Dublin City Council has taken to address the impasse between Tesco and the developer of **(details supplied)** and what action has Dublin City Council taken to ensure a permanent base for the community cultural initiative Phizzfest in Phibsborough? To support the delivery of 10th year anniversary of the first Phizzfest, what support will Dublin City Council give to the establishment of a dedicated multi-purpose cultural community space?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has facilitated a number of meetings and has met each party in July and a round table meeting was held on 15th August, 2019 with Dublin City Council, Tesco and **(details supplied)**. A number of items of concern were highlighted and discussed at the meeting. All parties agreed to continue to meet to resolve their concerns and are now working on a number of points to try and move on the issues that are outstanding.

The Central Area Office and the Arts Office will fund €5,000 each this year and €5,000 each in 2020 in support of Phizzfest.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive when will (details supplied) be resurfaced?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) will be considered for resurfacing as part of the 2020 Works Programme.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the outcome of the Housing Maintenance survey which was carried out on Housing Stock last year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A detailed report on the Conditional Surveys carried out by Housing Maintenance on City Council stock will be presented to the Housing SPC later this year.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to please give details, including the number and addresses, of flats in Dublin City Council complexes that are used by caretakers?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following residential units are currently utilised by the Caretaker Service;

- 4 Units in the North West Area
- 4 Units in the North Central Area
- 10 Units in the South central Area
- 10 Units in the South East Area
- 15 Units in the Central Area

With the proposed restructuring of the Caretaking Services it is envisaged that the Caretakers will operate out of a greatly reduced number of larger refurbished lock ups thereby allowing existing units to be returned to our housing stock.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there is an agreement in place or what is the procedure to have abandoned domestic waste collection bins owned by private companies collected and disposed of.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no agreement in place with any private commercial waste companies to have abandoned wheelie bins collected or disposed of by Dublin City Council. We do not remove or collect unwanted private bins from any households or commercial premises as these are generally the private property of either the home owner or the waste collection company.

The supply and removal of any wheelie bin by a private commercial waste company normally forms part of the waste collection contract between the company and their customer and may or may not incur a specific charge for either delivery or removal. If the bin is no longer wanted or needed, then the company who supplied it will generally remove it when requested subject to the payment of any appropriate fees. I would point out that in general wheelie bins are reusable and that most if not all private waste collection companies re-use bins, as this is by far the most cost effective method. In general it simply requires the reprogramming, replacing or installing of a standard chip in the bin, something which DCC is not in a position to do.

Any verifiable abandoned bins left or dumped in public areas are treated in exactly the same way as all other illegally dumped waste and collected and disposed of in the most appropriate manner. The owners of any abandoned or illegally dumped bins would if identified be subject to a fine for illegal dumping.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will repair and resurface the stairs in the senior citizen flats, La Touche Court, Bluebell?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Estimates are currently being sought for the repair and resurfacing of the stairs in this complex. A decision on proceeding with the works will be made subsequent to receipt of costs involved.

Q.77 <u>COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN</u>

To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular form, how much was spent on collection and disposal of illegal dumping for each year since 2011 and the weight in tons collected for each year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services are currently compiling this information and it will be forwarded to the councillor when completed in the coming weeks.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following matter resolved: Constant rainwater flooding on roadway at (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is a breakdown on the surface water sewer in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** which can lead to visible footpath / roadway flooding during significant rainfall events. In recent months general maintenance works were carried out in this area which identified a damaged section of the surface water sewer network.

Further investigation work will be carried out by the Drainage Division to establish the full extent of the damage and to ensure further issues do not exist. Owing to the fact that this area is an arterial transport route such works can only be carried out at weekends.

It is likely to take 2-3 months to carry out the tender, investigation and construction / repair stages.

Contact has been made with resident of (details suppled).

Q.79 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the amount of homes bought by Dublin City Council through the financial contribution scheme in the years 2016-2018.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following are the amount of houses purchased through the Financial Contribution Scheme for the years set out –

Year	No. of properties purchased
2016	1
2017	7
2018	2

Q.80 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review/inspection of the newly paved pathways at (details supplied). We have had numerous complaints of a poor standard of work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services carried out recently a number of essential maintenance repairs in the footpaths of (details supplied) at various locations following a service request. An Engineer and Inspector carried out an inspection and could not see any obvious defects, if the councillor could detail any particular locations of concern.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to remove the knuckle outside (details supplied). The company are unable to park a hearse outside at present.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that the request to remove the footpath (knuckle) at **(details supplied)**, is not recommended as it would be in contrary to current Dublin City Council policy to reduce the footpath widths at the detriment of pedestrian movement in order to provide more parking space.

Furthermore, Dublin City Council Engineer met with the Architect and one of the owners in July 2018 to agree to a compromise regarding the Sheffield stands that were installed. During the onsite meeting it was agreed that the number of stands originally installed would be reduced by 50% to facilitate a pull in area outside the premises. The length necessary was agreed and the stands were accordingly reduced to facilitate a parking space.

In view of this, the Area Traffic Engineer has confirmed that it is not recommended to remove the knuckle outside (details supplied).

Q.82 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could prioritise the housing case of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Medical Priority Housing List with an application date of 07/07/2006, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area E	1	6

The applicant was awarded Medical Priority on 28/05/2019. The applicant had previously selected two areas of choice (Area D and Area E) the applicant was reached for an offer in respect of Area D on 8/07/2019 however, she refused the offer, and the applicant has since removed Area D from her application.

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.83 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the current situation in relation to redevelopment of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(Details supplied) Ltd applied for permission to Dublin City Council on 04/04/2017 for a development consisting of the part demolition of existing structures on the site and the construction of an extension to the existing (details supplied) onto (details supplied 2) ranging in height from 3 to 7 storeys to contain new retail/restaurant and office units, student accommodation, a new civic plaza and an upgrade of the existing Shopping Centre and commercial office tower facade. Permission was granted by Dublin City Council on 24/10/2017.

This decision was subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála. An oral hearing was held on 03/05/2018, lasting one day.

An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for the development subject to conditions on 20/08/2018 (An Bord Pleanála Ref ABP-300241-17 refers).

To date (August 2019), development has not commenced. The Permission expiry date is 03/10/2023.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if there are proposals for bus shelters throughout the city to be fitted with green roofs; if any discussions have been held with Dublin Bus on this matter; and if not to initiate dialogue for a pilot programme with a view to rolling out a citywide programmes (See link to 300 Green Roof Bus Shelters in Utrecht).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is not responsible for the provision or maintenance of bus shelters. This is a matter for the National Transport Authority.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why the tenant at **(details supplied)** pays significantly higher rent to a voluntary housing association than the Dublin City Council differential rent and to outline what measures Dublin City Council takes to control rents levied by Voluntary Housing Associations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Approved Housing Bodies charge a rent based on Dublin City Council's Differential Rent Scheme in most of their units the only exception being, units funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme or Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme. An economic rent is charged by the AHB to the tenants of these units and an AHB must seek the approval of Dublin City Council before any increase in economic rent is applied.

With regard to the particular case identified, having spoken to the AHB in question, they have confirmed that DCC's Differential Rent Scheme is operated in this scheme. However, an additional charge of €5.25p.w. is also applied which covers waste collection, boiler service, lift maintenance, services provided by a live in caretaker and the attendance on site by two nurses employed by The AHB. The differential rent charged is based on the information forwarded by each tenant. The AHB has advised that if a tenant is experiencing any financial difficulty they should make contact with them.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the "final mile delivery" project for which a tender was issued with Belfast City Council last year. When will it be fully implemented in Dublin?

See: https://fora.ie/freight-delivery-dublin-belfast-3994224-May2018/

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Smart City team are working alongside the City Centre Transport Team to pilot and test a number of new approaches as to how we can address the challenge of last mile deliveries in the city centre. The issue of addressing last mile deliveries is complex, and affects cities globally as increasing numbers of often diesel-powered commercial vehicles exacerbate congestion and impact on the quality of the environment.

These Last Mile Delivery projects, funded through Enterprise Ireland's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) programme, uses matched funding from Enterprise Ireland and public sector bodies to stimulate companies to develop novel

and innovative solutions to public sector challenges. Dublin City Council and Enterprise Ireland are the primary champions of this SBIR initiative, but Belfast City Council are also partners and will host two company projects.

Six initial feasibility pilots were undertaken by ParkUnload, GridSmarter Cities, UPS/Fernhay, WeBringg (now called Vromo), Passel and Masterlink during the second half of 2018. The evaluation took place on February 1st, 2019 and 5 companies were selected to progress to deploy their solutions.

Funding of up to €160,000 will be divided among the 5 companies successful in Phase 2 of the project. A full evaluation will be completed at the end of the Phase 2 and recommendations will be made on how to scale up successful solutions. This may involve some policy and regulation changes.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please indicate what efforts will be made to clean up / eradicate the serious weed problem in the Ballyfermot Area areas such as Ballyfermot Road, Drumfinn Road have weeds growing from kerbs at a rate never seen before, I am mindful of our need to reduce the usage of herbicides however we must have an alternative available to keep the weeds under control. Residents are not happy with the current situation. This problem is mirrored all over the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the absence of a weed spraying programme this year, Waste Management Services incorporate weed removal in our cleaning schedules, including weekends, as best we can. Particular attention is paid to the areas hardest hit with the growth of weeds. Manual removal of weeds is a time consuming task and it takes time to get around to all the different locations. We will ensure that the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area is covered with regard to weed removal.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to be informed that trees in Gurteen Park, Gurteen Ave / Gurteen Road areas of Ballyfermot are pruned in the coming months. Some trees branches are now so low they are posing a serious potential risk of injury to persons walking near the tree.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area in question has been inspected and the necessary work has been scheduled for September

Q.89 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at publishing the availability of the bulk waste collection service we now offer for a small payment & I've been given notes for some in order to promote the same in my Community.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council's online household bulky waste collection service was first introduced and offered to the public in May 2016. Since its launch just over 4000 households have requested a collection and currently on average around 30 household's avail of the service every week. It is an online service booked and paid for online and as such its primary advertising vehicle has always been the city council's own website <u>www.dublincity.ie</u>. The website contains full details of all aspects of the service including what materials can or cannot be presented along with a frequently asked questions guide for the general public.

All local area offices are fully aware of the service and have been requested to advertise and promote it where possible. The City Council now also include details

and links to the service through our social media twitter and Facebook accounts which are currently accessed by over 66,000 people every day.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what can be done when persons use the public

roads & footpaths in various communities e.g. for the sale of cars. I find it hard to understand how come business people use large public areas to both store & sell cars. What sanction do we have to people leaving rotten old cars on the public road / footpaths etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is illegal for "for sale" signs to be placed on footpaths and roads. Parking on footpaths is actively pursued by the Parking Enforcement Unit. On road parking of such vehicles may not always be illegal and action may not always be possible. Section 71 of the Roads Act 1993 outlines the legal position as follow:

71.—(1) (a) Any person who, without lawful authority or the consent of a road authority—

(i) erects, places or retains a sign on a public road, or

(ii) erects, places or retains on a public road any caravan, vehicle or other structure or thing (whether on wheels or not) used for the purposes of advertising, the sale of goods, the provision of services or other similar purpose, shall be guilty of an offence.(b) A consent under paragraph (a) may be given by the road authority subject to such conditions, restrictions or requirements as it thinks fit and any person who fails to comply with such conditions, restrictions or requirements shall be guilty of an offence.

If Cllr Jackson has any specific locations for such parking on footpaths and roads please do refer these to the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit for pursuit of what action is possible.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that a sum of $\in 100,000$ has been allocated in 2019 for the repair of the footpaths at **(details supplied)** and if he will indicate when these works will be carried out?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has a budget of €100,000 for the Estate which will be used to carry out localised footpath and road repairs at (details supplied). These repairs are scheduled for completion before the end of 2019. A start date has yet to be programmed.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR TOM BRABAZON

To ask the Chief Executive if he will take appropriate measures to deal with an ongoing problem of dumping and of dog waste in a park, which is the public open space at the top of (details supplied)?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made for the Litter Warden to patrol (details supplied) and for "No Dumping" and "anti-dog fouling" signs to be put in place.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on contra flow bike lanes in the city detailing the status of planned contra flow lanes, likely implementation of dates and locations under consideration.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Construction is currently ongoing on a contra flow cycle track on Lombard Street East between Pearse Street and Townsend Street. This will allow cyclists on Westland Row direct access to the South Campshires cycle track via the recently opened contra flow cycle track on the northern end of Lombard Street East, between Townsend Street and City Quay. These works are due to be completed in September 2019.

Plans have been developed for a contra-flow cycle track on Moss Street which will allow cyclists on Townsend Street access to Amiens Street via the cycle track on Talbot Memorial Bridge and the existing contra-flow cycle track on Memorial Road. However the construction of this cycle track is likely to be delayed by 18 months to accommodate construction works on Moss Street.

There is a contra-flow cycle track proposed on Meath Street connecting Thomas Street with Earl Street South as part of improvement plans for the area. This project is currently awaiting further resources to allow it to advance to detailed design and Part VIII planning.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what the procedure is for installing temporary barriers to protect cycle lanes from parking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Since late 2018 Dublin City Council has been trialling the installation of black and white moulded plastic lane separators (Orcas) to provide increased protection to cycle lanes.

Potential locations for Orcas are assessed on a case by case basis taking into consideration a number of factors including whether the cycle lane is a mandatory or non-mandatory cycle lane, the width of the cycle lane and whether there is a requirement for motorists to cross the cycle lane for access to properties, parking etc. adjacent to the cycle lane.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the installation of additional lighting alone on (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council Public Lighting Services have not made a commitment for the inclusion of additional lighting at the above location. We had previously stated that we would consider additional lighting if considered necessary following examination of the existing lighting and any additional lighting would be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting project. We will, however, replace existing lamps as required and in due course carry out an examination.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many units are in the sole ownership and/or control of Dublin City Council that came on stream in 2019 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In terms of new build homes, 19 units were completed in Elmdale, Cherry Orchard in 2019.

With regard to social housing acquisitions, 262 homes have been purchased so far in 2019.

Under Part V, 13 homes have been acquired in 2019 to date.

52 homes have been delivered under our Long Term Leasing and Standard Leasing schemes in 2019 to date.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many units have the council contracted/leased with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) and what was the average cost per unit in its totality including service cost, and what assessment was done to ensure fair market value was done on those properties, and how much of the 2019 Dublin City Council's budget has been allocated to ADH, compared to Council acquired properties in 2019?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As of August 2019, Dublin City Council has 1461 Payment and Availability Agreements with Approved Housing Bodies. 52 of these units are leased by an AHB from a private Landlord.

The average monthly availability payment per unit is $\in 1,147.00$. This payment is based on a monthly market rent which is assessed by DCC's City Valuer's Section in terms of fair market value. The agreed monthly market rent is then discounted by up to 8% to achieve the monthly availability payment amount to the AHB. Service charges and maintenance costs are the responsibility of the Approved Housing Body.

Dublin City Council has allowed €23m in the 2019 Housing Revenue Budget in respect of availability payments to AHBs. DCC's expenditure on the Housing Acquisitions Programme to date in 2019 is €60m. The expenditure under both programmes is fully recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many existing council owned units that where not in use in 2018 have been repaired/restored etc. and come in to use in 2019? And how many units are awaiting to be repaired/refurbished to be made habitable?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

721 properties were refurbished and brought back to productive use in the Dublin City Council area to date in 2019. The breakdown of these properties is as follows:

Area	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
House	25	61	72	88	2	248
Apartment	41	13	36	119	72	281
Senior	29	39	51	44	29	192
Citizens						
Total	95	113	159	251	103	721

472 properties are currently being refurbished or due to be refurbished in the Dublin City Council Area. The breakdown of these properties is as follows:

Area	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East
House	13	61	68	43	8
Apartment	56	5	17	51	42
Senior Citizens	16	21	29	24	18
Total	85	87	114	118	68

To date Dublin City Council has refurbished approx. 18% more units from January to date in 2019 as were refurbished in the same period in 2018. New administrative procedures were introduced in the Voids Management Unit which increased the number of properties being refurbished in a shorter timeframe. A new Term Maintenance Framework was also introduced in November 2018 which added new contractors to the framework thus increasing the voids refurbishment capacity.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive how many units has Dublin City Council in ownership/lease/contract with provide for those with disability, especially those with mobility issues in current use? In relation to all council housing units proposed to come on stream in the next year, how many of those units are suitable for people with mobility issues? Please note unit not specifically designed for old folks.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Housing units for those housing applicants or City Council tenants with specific physical disabilities are adapted on a case by case basis and are specific to the particular requirements of each applicant. With regard to our existing housing stock, when a home becomes available that might be suitable for a person with a disability, that fact is highlighted, through our Housing Maintenance Section, to the Allocations Officer who ensures it is allocated to a suitable applicant. In terms of acquisitions, our Building Inspector will highlight same to the Allocations Officer.

All new Council housing units are Part M compliant. This means that they will be easy for people to use and will reflect the fact that all people experience changes in their abilities as they progress through the different stages of life. Housing units for those with specific physical disabilities are identified between Housing Allocations/Housing Maintenance and Housing Development and are allocated on an applicant-by-applicant basis by the Allocations Officer and adapted/tailored to the needs of that applicant on the recommendation of an Occupational Therapist.

In addition, a percentage of all new Council developments will be developed using a Universal Design approach and will be targeted at those applicants with specific requirements.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware that in May 2018, The National Economic and Social Council published a report, "Urban Development Land, Housing & Infrastructure: Fixing Ireland's Broken System" which described land in public ownership as the "most critical resource available to the State". It was this report that precipitated the announcement of the new public housing model on the St Michaels estate at Inchicore. Has the council discussed this report with the Minister or a representative from the department of Housing, and giving its findings that Public land should be used to create 'permanent housing affordability' through cost rental, social housing and affordable housing for purchase? Can the Chief Executive still feel confident that the current plan for the O'Devany Gardens Site is still the most appropriate use of public lands during the current housing crisis?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal for the development of a new Residential Development with a mix of 70% Cost Rental and 30% Social Housing was well in train before the report in question was published. This report was also referring to Land in Public ownership but not in the ownership of Dublin City Council and the establishment of the new National Development Agency has objectives to seek Residential Development of such lands where they are no longer required by the Departmental State Agency that currently owns them.

The development of Dublin City Council land at the site of the former O'Devaney Gardens Apartment Complex and a mix of 50% private, 30% Social and 20% Affordable was overwhelmingly approved by Dublin City Council (Councillors) in January 2017. Since then management moved to procure such a development and this procurement process has recently been finalised.

We are absolutely confident that this property development is the most appropriate use of Public Lands and it will deliver an appropriate mix of Private, Social and Affordable for the citizens of Dublin.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how much money has been paid from Dublin City Council to the firm (details supplied) since 2013 and to provide a list of works or developments carried out by that firm within the Dublin City Council area and a full costing for each individual project since that time.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A payment of \in 918.80 was made to (details supplied), it was for a refund of planning fees. \in 998.80 was paid and only \in 80 was due, so the difference was refunded.

Q.102 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to open (on a 24 hour basis), all cycling lanes within the Dublin City Council Area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This matter will be referred to the next Transportation SPC meeting, date to be confirmed.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of buildings which they currently own and operate in order to identify a greater number locations which may be used for Civil Wedding ceremonies.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A project team has been set up to look at future uses of Newcomen Bank (formerly used by the Rates Office. Some of the rooms in this building could be considered for smaller wedding ceremonies.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to put a porta cabin in (details supplied) to allow the different soccer clubs using the pitches here separate storage space for their

equipment. The additional teams using the park has increased the need for storage space.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

It is not proposed to place a Porta Cabin at this location, but if the Club(s) in question wish to contact the District Parks Officer Mr Frank Darcy at <u>parks@dublincity.ie</u>, we can arrange to discuss with them their specific their storage requirements to arrive at a solution.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to construct a wet room for the tenant in **(details supplied)** as her son, who suffers from autism, has difficulty using the current bathroom.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An application to install a bath in this dwelling was received in 2011. Medical evidence to support this application was requested from the tenant at that time, however this supporting evidence was never submitted. No further contact was made by the tenant prior to now. A new application form has been forwarded to the tenant. The tenant should complete this application form and submit it to Housing Maintenance, Block 2, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, along with all the supporting medical evidence. The application will be assessed and the

tenant will be notified in writing of the decision by Housing Maintenance.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to repaint the existing parking bay outside (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The parking bay shall be renewed within the 30 working days of the Council Meeting 02/09/19.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to revamp the parking area outside the 17 shops on the **(details supplied)**. There has been numerous minor collisions as the area is too narrow to manoeuvre. Some options to consider could be; narrowing of the two pathways, removal of the taxi rank which has not been used for many years or removal of the middle island pathway.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer will investigate this request and will issue a report back to the councillor in due course.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on vacant properties currently undergoing the CPO process in the Dublin City Council area.

The list below sets out the position in relation to current or proposed CPO's for vacant/under- utilised sites in the city.

Title of Compulsory Purchase Order	Current Position
Main Street, Chapelizod Area Compulsory	CPO became operative on 11 th April, 2019.
Purchase (Residential/Commercial	Council took possession of the site on 17 th
Development), Order, 2018.	May, 2019.
	The property will vest in the Council after

	Six months in possession i.e. Mid November, 2019.
Emmet Road/Saint Vincent Street West CPO – (Renewal and Rejuvenation Order) 2019	CPO confirmed and operative. Notice to Treat issued on 14 August 2019
Ryder's Row/Parnell Street/Capel Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential/Commercial Development), Order 2019	CPO is made and advertised in the Irish Independent on 21 st June, 2019. Latest date for making objections was extended to 2 nd September, 2019 in the case of two owners due to difficulties in Serving Notices
19 Buckingham Street, Dublin	Preliminary work being done
11 -14 Exchange Street Lower & 11 Exchange Street Upper	Preliminary work being done
Ship Street, Werburgh Street	Preliminary work being done

A further 22 residential properties have been compulsorily acquired under the Derelict Sites legislation and a number of others are awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanala.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many rental properties were inspected and what inspections found from a period Jan 2019-August 2019 inclusive.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Statistics for inspections of private rented accommodation undertaken under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 are compiled and verified on a quarterly basis. Environmental Health Officers, undertake the inspections of private rented houses. The following table gives a statistical breakdown for Q1 and Q2 this year.

	Q1	Q2
Number of Dwellings inspected	1286	1060
Number of Inspections undertaken	1932	1891
Non-compliance under each regulation		
Structure	928	821
Sanitary Accommodation	158	135
Heating Facilities	607	569
Food Preparation & Storage & Laundry	278	269
Ventilation	433	420
Lighting	24	15
Fire Safety	847	753
Refuse Facilities	7	9
Gas, Oil & Electricity	603	572
Tenant Information	10	3
Number found to be non-complaint on 1st inspection	1197	966
Number that achieved compliance	648	889
Enforcement Notices served	1292	1226
Prohibition Notice's served	19	6
Legal actions initiated	5	0

When a property is found to be non-compliant it indicates that some aspect of the property does not comply with the Regulations which may range from a broken kitchen press to a non-functioning fire detection and alarm system. Subsequent to an inspection, the officer will take appropriate enforcement action with the landlord as required. These actions may include the service of an Improvement Letter or Improvement Notice, the service of a Prohibition Notice and the taking of legal action depending on the nature of non-compliance.

It is important to note that where a property is considered to be non-compliant it does not mean that it is uninhabitable. It means that some remedial works are required. In the majority of cases landlords complete the works within the required time frame. In each case where enforcement correspondence is served on the landlord the property is inspected to ensure the required remedial works have been completed.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an overview of Japanese knotweed in the Dublin City Council area, where it is present and what redial or removal action is being taken.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Japanese Knotweed is present in a number of parks and open spaces across the City. However, the plant typically occurs as young, individual plants, which are treated and managed by the Parks Service upon identification. Japanese knotweed is more prevalent in areas adjacent to waterways, including the Dodder, Liffey, Tolka, Cammock and Santry rivers and the Grand and Royal Canals, where areas can become re-infected from knotweed being carried downstream from other areas. Japanese Knotweed also occurs on private property across the City, where landowners are legally obliged to prevent its spread.

On foot of our agreed 'Herbicide Use Policy' at the Environment and Transport Special Policy Committee in 2018, where invasive species (such as Japanese knotweed) cannot be removed by alternative methods, herbicides will be injected directly into the invasive plant, rather than being sprayed, to mitigate impacts to human health and wildlife.

As recommended in the Dublin City Council's Invasive Alien Species Action Plan, 2016-2020, any sightings of the plant received by Dublin City Council are recorded and also forwarded to the National Biodiversity Data Centre, who are responsible for keeping the national records of the sightings of the plant.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what stakeholders from disability groups are involved in the Dublin City Council access committee and whether we have a standard protocol for representation on committees in Dublin City Council from disability groups.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Housing Department established a Disability Steering Group following the launch of its Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability. This Steering Group has representatives from the following Disability Groups:

- Irish Wheelchair Association
- HAIL Housing
- Disability Federation
- HSE
- Irish Council of Social Housing
- Cheeverstown House

• St. Margaret's, Donnybrook

Q.112 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to state definitively if the address (details **supplied**) needs planning permission or can they can extend out the back by 40 meters or less follow should they wish to add on a bedroom or a wash room to this new build and is there any time restrictions before they can do this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Questions in relation to exempted development are best dealt with by way of a Section 5 application which affords the applicant the opportunity to put forward the facts and information necessary to enable the Planning Authority to make an assessment having regard to any submissions and observations received by it and to make a declaration as to what in any particular case is or is not exempted development.

It is assumed that the question refers to the permitted new dwelling to the side of No. 46 and not to No.46 itself.

The property has been the subject of a previous Section 5 application when An Bord Pleanala decided that the simultaneous erection of an extension to the rear of a house which has not yet been built but which is to be constructed beside **(details supplied)**, is a development and is not exempted development.

As per Schedule 2 part 1 Class 1 Planning and Development Regulations, an extension of not greater than 40 square metres can be constructed to the rear of the house without the need for planning permission subject to certain conditions and limitations. The definition of 'house' means a building or part of a building which is being or has been occupied as a dwelling or was provided for use as a dwelling but has not been occupied.

In the case of this property, the extension would be restricted to ground floor only (so as not to conflict with the conditions of the permission) and any window in the ground floor extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundary it faces. There are no time restrictions to avail of this exemption.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive if public representatives have to use the new system when contacting the traffic department for information which is <u>https://www.dublincity.ie/trafficservice</u>, which is taking too long for a reply.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As you'll be aware, we recently updated Members with changes in how we deal with service request for our services in the Environment & Transportation Department.

These changes arose from previously held workshops with elected members of Dublin City Council and the feedback which we have received from the elected members as to how the Transport Advisory Group could be streamlined to best serve the needs of the Elected Members, TD's, Senators and the public and we advised that we have set up a dedicated website: <u>https://www.dublincity.ie/trafficservice</u>

The aim of the website is to ensure that the Administration Staff and the Area Engineers are furnished in one request with all necessary information to begin to evaluate it. This leads to a quicker response time on service requests. Receiving queries in other formats will not provide our staff with the information necessary to collate and evaluate the request in an efficient and co-ordinated manner.

Some bedding down is still occurring, and as such we ask Members to continue to support this agreed approach to managing service requests.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to make sure that the enforcement officer is making all efforts to ensure that building works at **(details supplied 1)** are being conducted in line with agreement as residents are reporting a breach of building hours and to confirm that the car parking spaces they have occupied at **(details supplied 2)** are being rented from the council.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A number of out of hour's inspections by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the Area has revealed no breaches of approved working hours at this site. If locals are concerned that there are breaches they can e-mail the details of same to <u>planningenforcement@dublincity.ie</u> and they will be fully investigated.

Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit can confirm that two parking bays have been suspended by Dublin City Council from 26/8/19 to 1/11/19 for (**details supplied 3**).

Q.115 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive when the consultative forum for Ringsend and Sandymount on the Irish Glass Bottle site is being set up.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Poolbeg West SDZ Planning Scheme was approved by An Bord Pleanala in April this year, following an Oral Hearing and approval by Dublin City Council in October 2017.

DCC has been designated by the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government as the Development Agency to co-ordinate the implementation of the SDZ scheme.

The Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) is a statutory body appointed by the Minister of Housing, Planning & Local Government to advise DCC on the physical and socio-economic development of the Docklands Area, including the Poolbeg West Area. The DOCF includes the Chief Executive. 4 elected members of DCC, 5 members involved in community development, 5 members involved in economic activity, 5 members from public authorities and 1 member from the education sector. Therefore the matter of a consultative forum, for Ringsend and Sandymount on Poolbeg West, should be considered by the DOCF in the first instance, bearing in mind that this Forum was established for the overall area including Poolbeg West.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the trees on **(details supplied)** be pruned this autumn as they are overhanging private gardens and are greatly overgrown.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees at this location will be included in our tree works programme and undertaken over the coming months. The work on the tree outside (details supplied) will require work which will have to be undertaken by a specialist contractor. This

means that the work may have to be undertaken separately from the other trees on the road.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to question 81 on the 17th of June 2019, if the report detailing in tabular form all capital expenditure on footpaths between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to the location of the footpaths for each year; in tabular form all current expenditure on footpaths between June 2019 by reference to the location of the footpaths dure 2019 by reference to the location of the footpaths for each year, as promised in that reply, could now be issued to me.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The requested information is currently being prepared by Roads Accounts, Environment and Transportation Department. It is anticipated that this report will be finalised for internal review and subsequent issue in approximately two weeks.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive, further to question 80 on the 17th of June 2019, if the report which was promised in the reply to be issued to me by the end of July but has not yet in fact been issued to me, could now be supplied to me; that report was to detail in tabular form all capital expenditure on cycling between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to each project or capital spend for each year; in tabular form all capital expenditure on cycling services between June 2014 and June 2019 by reference to each specified service for each year; in tabular form all capital expenditure to date on the cycling infrastructure contained within the Dublin City Council Capital Programme 2018 -2020 and all capital expenditure outstanding by reference to project or capital spend commitment for each year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Owing to competing work commitments and the level of detail required to respond to the Councillor's question a report is not yet available. The information and data requested is currently being compiled, which, given the detail requested is an arduous task. I cannot give a specific date when a full response will be available but it is likely to be the end of September at the earliest before it is complete.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an estimated timeline for the proposed Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre cycle route by reference to option selection, concept design, public consultation, planning application, construction and completion; an estimated cost for the cycle route; for the total capital allocation already pledged for the cycle route and confirmation as to the source of the funding; for the name of the contracting entity or relevant authority responsible for the concept design and option selection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current timeline for this scheme has been estimated as:

Option Selection	July 2019	Feb 2020
Preliminary Design	March 2020	June 2020
Consultation (Planning application)	July 2020	Nov 2020
Detailed Design	Dec 2020	April 2021

Construction	May 2021	Oct 2022
Completion	Nov 2022	Nov 2023

At the completion of the option selection stage a preliminary cost estimate for the scheme will be provided.

The scheme is being funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Dublin City Council are the responsible authority.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he can detail what consultation took place with businesses or business associations in advance of the decision to introduce a licensing system for sandwich boards; if alternative ways to support and promote Dublin's independent businesses have been considered; if a consultation with Dublin's independent businesses could now be considered to help preserve small businesses across the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council had a number of information meetings with Dublin Town and their invited business proprietors and also with Temple Bar Company and their invited business owners and they agreed to inform their members of the policy. The policy was presented to the April Transportation Strategic Policy Group of the Council and was duly noted.

Letter drops to businesses were also carried out throughout the City centre, an advertisement was placed in a national newspaper and full details are on the Council website.

Sandwich Boards (Ad Boards) require a licence under the Planning & Development Act which stipulates the fees payable i.e. licence fees are not set by the Council but are set by primary legislation (The Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (Section 254) for the licensing process and The Planning & Development Regulations 2001(Schedule 12).

The policy is now being adopted due to the proliferation of Ad Boards across the City which creates issues for pedestrian mobility, particularly for the visually impaired. "Make Way day" 2018, organised by the Disability Federation, noted Ad Boards as the biggest issue facing mobility and visually impaired in the City.

Rather than introducing a blanket ban on Ad Boards the Council will license the placing of "A" Boards on public paths in locations where they can be placed without causing obstruction or hindrance to pedestrian traffic and not in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) or outside protected structures. Full details on ACAs and the Register of Protected Structures can be obtained by emailing adboards@dublincity.ie

The policy will commence from 1st September 2019.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if proceedings can be initiated to add the 1860's Victorian villas on both sides of Winton Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin 6 to the Record of Protected Structures. Local residents are concerned about one derelict, damaged villa, which should be restored, repaired, preserved and not put in danger of demolition which would detrimentally impact the character and setting of the local area, which would be in breach of architectural heritage guidelines. Surrounding properties are on the RPS, including Wesley Road, Garville Avenue and much of Rathgar Road. According

to a local resident at **(details supplied)**, it appears that Winton Avenue may have been accidentally excluded.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council's Record of Protected Structures (RPS) comprises a total of some 8,780 structures.

However, there remains a large number of proposed additions to the RPS, including some 300 candidate additions (proposed since 2007 by Elected Representatives and members of the public) together with more than 1,250 recommendations from the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht between 2014 and 2018. The Minister's recommendations arise from a survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) by the National Inventory for Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which has been ongoing since 2012. It is understood that further Ministerial recommendations are likely to be issued in the next 12 months.

This is a prodigious number of potential additions, each requiring professional consideration by conservation officers and the preparation of reports and recommendations to the respective Area Committee and to the City Council itself.

In order to address this significant workload, a methodology has been drawn up to undertake the assessment of proposed additions in both a systematic and prioritised manner over time. This will include bringing forward proposed RPS additions, and some deletions, as follows:

• Under a prioritised, phased basis during 2019/2020, followed by

• Prioritisation of as much of the remainder as possible as part of the next review of the City Development Plan, due to commence towards the end of 2020. Those additions to be prioritised are (a) candidate additions for which nominations have already been submitted, in combination with (b) formal recommendations for additions to the RPS received from the Minister under Section 53 of the Act.

A file for the proposed addition of the Victorian villas at Nos. 1, 1A, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13 and Nos. 2, 2A and 4 (details supplied) has been opened and added to the list of candidate additions to the RPS for consideration.

(Details supplied) is zoned Objective "Z2 – to protect and/or improve the amenities of residential conservation areas" in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022. The amenities of the Z2 zone are protected by Policy CHC4 and Sections 11.1.5.4 – 11.1.5.5 of the Development Plan. This is considered adequate conservation protection in the interim pending a future assessment of the Victorian villas for addition to the RPS.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive whether construction works, replacement windows and change of use being carried out on **(details supplied)**, comply with the Protected Structure statutory procedure in planning applications and conservation assessments in relation to the adaptation and alterations. The only signage is a large information board erected by BHA Construction Ltd. The property was closed down as a nursing home by HSE in 2011. It has been used as guest house and Airbnb without planning permission since 2011, in 8 years it has not been used as a nursing home and it is therefore undergoing change of use.

I note that there are significant alterations including replacement uPVC windows, painted render and quoins, replacement un-matched slate, on a Victorian villa and alterations to the internal layout without any planning permission. There is no

evidence of a conservation report which would be required by DCC conservation officers, demonstrating the condition before the alterations. In a letter dated 17 July 2019 an Acting Planning Enforcement Officer has responded to a resident stating:

'There was no evidence of any of the recent works having materially altered the character of the structure or any element of the structure which contributes to its special architectural, historic, archaeological, artistic cultural, scientific social or technical interest.'

The officer does not provide proof of 'no evidence,' and excludes 'Protected' from the reference to 'structure' as if it is not a protected structure governed by legislation. The officer concludes the letter with: 'On that basis we are closing our files.'

The local Rathgar Action Group have had no consultation with Dublin City Council on this local matter and seek clarification on all legal and statutory aspects of the change of use and alterations to the protected structure, and also seek information and briefing on the purpose of the change of use and some interaction with the Housing Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection was carried out by the Planning Enforcement Officer for the area on 27th June 2019 which found ongoing renovation works being carried out to the property. The property was formally in use as a nursing home and it was evident that extensive works had been carried out to this property during the period the nursing home was in use and prior to the recent ongoing works. The internal layout comprises of ensuite bedroom spaces, office space for on site management/carers, reception rooms and a single kitchen. All external windows are non-historic and comprise of both uPVC and aluminium. The internal works were near completion at the time of my inspection however there was no evidence of any of the recent works having materially altered the character of the structure or any element of the structure which contributes to its special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest. The Planning Enforcement Officer for the area contacted our housing section on 8th July and was informed that the property will be leased by DCC to provide temporary residential accommodation to homeless families with management, oversight and care (meals, support, and advice) provided for the families, while they are residing in the temporary residential facility. Part 4 (Article 10) Class 9 of the planning and development regulations 2001 as amended relates to the classes of use which are permitted for this property and a use of a nursing home can be changed, to a use for the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care (but not the use of a house for that purpose), without the benefit of planning permission.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of improvement & prohibition notices on **(details supplied)** and what (if any) enforcement measures have been implemented on these same premises.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current inspection programme of private rented units in the complex commenced in late 2017. There are 107 units in the complex and to date 62 units have been inspected or are scheduled for inspection. Enforcement action continues up to and including legal action. The remaining units will be scheduled for inspection in due course. Where enforcement action results in the issue of a Prohibition Notice they are published on the Dublin City Council web site and the current list can be found at http://www.dublincity.ie/housing-and-community-policy-and-initiatives-section-environmental-health/prohibition-notices

Environmental Health in its enforcement role in law relies on ensuring that nothing is done that may prejudice or impair the enforcement of, compliance with or administration of its enforcement role and therefore cannot release records or information that may impinge on ongoing active enforcement actions.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive how many inspections where carried out on **(details supplied)** once mainstream HAP/Homeless Hap or rent allowance was granted to the tenants occupying. Please provide a list of each unit inspected and results of inspection.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current inspection programme of private rented units in the complex commenced in late 2017. There are 107 units in the complex and to date 62 units have been inspected or are scheduled for inspection. Enforcement action continues up to and including legal action. The remaining units will be scheduled for inspection in due course.

There are 8 HAP tenancies in total in the complex. 1 tenancy was ceased in February, 4 are due to cease between August and October and 3 are going through the inspection process.

Where enforcement action results in the issue of a Prohibition Notice they are published on the Dublin City Council web site and the current list can be found at http://www.dublincity.ie/housing-and-community-policy-and-initiatives-section-environmental-health/prohibition-notices

Environmental Health in its enforcement role in law relies on ensuring that nothing is done that may prejudice or impair the enforcement of, compliance with or administration of its enforcement role and therefore cannot release records or information that may impinge on ongoing active enforcement actions.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to (in detail) provide an explanation to all payments made under the heading "onsite supports" in the DRHE 2018 accounts.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Practical supports are provided onsite by the Family Homeless Action Team (HAT), a service that is commissioned by the DRHE to assist families. This service operates with 41 staff, including five dedicated child support workers, funded by the DRHE and operated by Focus Ireland. The Family HAT works directly with the families staying in contracted private emergency accommodation to help them access available supports and work with the families to identify options for a sustained exit from homelessness.

In addition, the DePaul Migrant Homeless Action Team and Ballymun Case Management Team provides support to people in emergency accommodation. This service operates with five staff providing case management support focusing on resettlement, community engagement and integration. Both projects are identified under Category 1 'Homeless Prevention, Tenancy Sustainment and Resettlement Supports'. 'Families Homeless Action Team' and Ballymun Plaza – Visiting Supports in the Financial Report End of Year 2018.

Project Name	Expenditure 2018
Family Homeless Action Team	€1,465,647
Ballymun Plaza – Visiting Supports	€140,805

For clarification purposes, under Category 2 'Emergency Accommodation' sub heading Service Provider "Focus Onsite Support is referenced on six occasions. This refers to onsite supports delivered by Focus Ireland, the cost of which is included in the Family HAT. In order to mitigate against any future misinterpretation, the Financial Report has been realigned for 2019.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all properties owned or leased by this council that are empty for a period of more than six months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are currently 36 DCC Dwellings in the Dublin City Council area that have been vacant for a period longer than six months. This has reduced from 119 on the same date last year as a result of improvements introduced by the Voids Management Unit in Housing Maintenance. A new Term Maintenance Framework was also introduced in November 2018 which added new contractors to the framework thus increasing the voids refurbishment capacity.

Reasons for these vacancies include:

- Refurbishment following a fire
- Awaiting fire safety certificates to be issued to ensure the properties are compliant with fire regulations
- Structural issues which require the input of an Engineer and / or a specialist contractor

Q.127 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a sea bin installed where the dodder runs into the Liffey and along the Liffey at different points.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This question has been forwarded to Waterways Ireland for comment and a report will issue to the Councillor on receipt of a reply.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the Roundabout at Sean Moore Road at the approach to the East Link painted and have wild flowers planted on the grass area and maintained on an ongoing basis.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The grass on this roundabout is cut regularly and is being maintained to the required standard. Considering the high level of traffic using this roundabout it is not considered possible to undertake wild flower planting at this location.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to set up a working group to investigate the possibility of developing an urban park that would act as a new wet land to be flooded during our more frequent extreme weather flash flooding events; When the rainfall is too heavy for the storm drains to cope, the overflow is diverted to the park, thus keeping the storm water from overloading the drainage system leading to contaminated discharges to the Liffey and the sea from Ringsend sewage treatment plant and subsequent bathing restriction as (such a park already exists in Alicante, In San Juan, a low-lying area of the city, authorities have built a new park with a twist. Called La Marjal, it serves as a typical recreation area and a nature reserve – but its primary purpose is to store, and then recycle, rainwater, it has the capacity of 18 Olympic pools but it's never reached more than 30%).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The use of green infrastructure such as a public park to attenuate surface water runoff is termed Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS). SUDS are included in all new development and include green rooves, green walls, tree planting pits and other measures. There are no large parks under consideration for the city comparable with the example given in the question however Fr Collins Park which DCC developed in 2011 does incorporate SUDS features. The Greening Strategies for the Liberties, North East Inner City have also seen the development of green infrastructure interventions which benefit surface water attenuation.

The decision to establish a working group is a matter for either the Climate Change, Environment and Energy SPC or the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the timeframe for refurbishment of St Anne's Court older person's complex Raheny.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing and Community Services Department has audited all its apartment complexes with regards current condition and development potential.

It will soon discuss its findings with the councillors for the Clontarf Local Electoral Area and will recommend that plans for the redevelopment for St Anne's Court are initiated, however at this stage there is no timeframe available.

Dublin City Council, building upon its experience of regenerating complexes, is seeking to develop a strategy to regenerate its apartment complexes that are over 40 years old and build more and better social and affordable homes. Dublin City Council has currently over 6,000 apartments that are built more than forty years ago.

State funding for replacement housing is likely to be challenging as the primary focus appears to be on new builds. Accordingly, the Council may need to consider creative ways of sourcing the finance for this programme which will most likely necessitate funding solutions, from a combination of public and private sources.

The Housing and Community Services Department now has over 110 projects in its pipeline.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report that Dublin City Council has no plans to infill Dublin

Bay for development in Clontarf or Sandymount.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council has no plans to infill Dublin Bay.

Dublin Bay is a major resource for the city. It contains 3 internationally recognised bio-diversity designations; Special Area of Conservation; Special Protection area and Natural Heritage Area. Dublin Bay is also designated as a UNESCO Site. These designations are all referred to in the City Development Plan.

The Core Strategy of the Development Plan estimates that there is capacity in the city for 52,600 new residential units on brownfield lands etc. The Council is also reviewing the potential of our individual land banks to provide a further 15000 residential units in the future.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to report on Moore Lane Hotel Dublin 1 development compliance with An Bord Pleanála planning conditions Case No. 29N.245235). 8.

(1)A survey and measured drawings shall be made of the wall and pavement along the site boundary to Moore Lane, and shall be submitted to the planning authority prior to the commencement of development. Copies shall be submitted to the Irish Architectural Archive.

(2)The boundary walls of the former buildings along Moore Lane shall be removed to ground level only, in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority.

(3)Features of historic interest, including kerbstones, setts, or other historic features along Moore Lane shall be protected during construction and retained in situ, except where their removal is necessary to carry out the development. In such circumstances the features shall be recorded prior to removal and appropriately reinstated on completion of the development. Revised plans and particulars indicating how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To preserve features of historic interest by record and in situ.

If the development is found to be non-compliant could you inform the councillor of possible actions to be taken by Dublin City Council to enforce planning conditions and any remedial measures required'

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

PL 29N.245235 (reg. Ref. 2140/15) refers to a previous permission granted for the construction of two new hotels at Nos, 17, 18 and 19 Moore Lane and at No. 30 Moore Street. The decision to grant permission was upheld by An Bord Pleanala on appeal. Since then a separate planning permission (Reg.ref.3303/18) has been granted for the construction of a 7 storey hotel on site at Nos. 17, 18 &19 Moore Lane Dublin 1. Condition 11 is relevant.

Condition 11

11. Features of historic interest, including kerbstones, setts, or other historic features along Moore Lane shall be protected during construction and retained in situ, except where their removal is necessary to carry out the development. In such circumstances, the features shall be recorded prior to removal and appropriately reinstated on completion of the development. Revised plans and particulars indicating how it is proposed to comply with these requirements shall be submitted to,

and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: To preserve features of historic interest by record and in situ.

A compliance submission in relation to Condition 11 was received on the 27/8/2019 from the applicants which includes a survey of the original kerbstones and stone setts and proposals for the storage and future reinstatement of the historic materials. The submission is currently being assessed.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive: with the recent report on increase of clamping activities what efforts are being made to increase clamping and enforcement of cars parked illegally on footpaths. And if clamping enforcement cannot tackle that issue can the manager place flower planters around residential and non-residential streets around Dublin city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parking illegally on footpaths is monitored as part of routine controls by the Dublin Street Parking Services. Complaints are addressed as they arise. In certain circumstances where there is a very narrow road, some elements of parking on footpaths by residents is tolerated where there is sufficient room for pedestrians to pass.

Q.134 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive if they considered using an app to allow the public to report illegal parking?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An app for reporting illegal parking has not been considered. However, <u>FixYourStreet</u> is the one stop shop for reporting problems to any local authority in Ireland. Use it to report problems such as potholes, street lighting, and road markings. You can download an <u>Android App</u> to make it easier to report issues on the go. An iPhone app is on the way. You can also report issues to <u>reports@fixyourstreet.ie</u> The means by which people can report illegal parking directly to Dublin City Council are via Freephone number 1800 251094, by email to <u>parkingenforcement@dublincity.ie</u> as a complaint via Dublin City Council's website. Also, illegal parking may be reported to the Dublin Street Parking Services website.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive the number of inspections carried out each month so far this year, broken down by cost code of private rental accommodation?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Statistics for inspections of private rented accommodation undertaken under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 are compiled and verified on a quarterly basis. Environmental Health Officers, undertake the inspections of private rented houses. All costs are included in the environmental health budget.

The following table gives a statistical breakdown for Q1 and Q2 this year.

	Q1	Q2
Number of Dwellings inspected	1286	1060
Number of Inspections undertaken	1932	1891
Non-compliance under each regulation		

Structure Sanitary Accommodation Heating Facilities	928 158 607	821 135 569
Food Preparation & Storage & Laundry	278	269
Ventilation	433	420
Lighting	24	15
Fire Safety	847	753
Refuse Facilities	7	9
Gas, Oil & Electricity	603	572
Tenant Information	10	3
Number found to be non-complaint on 1st inspection	1197	966
Number that achieved compliance	648	889
Enforcement Notices served	1292	1226
Prohibition Notice's served	19	6
Legal actions initiated	5	0

When a property is found to be non-compliant it indicates that some aspect of the property does not comply with the Regulations which may range from a broken kitchen press to a non-functioning fire detection and alarm system. Subsequent to an inspection, the officer will take appropriate enforcement action with the landlord as required. These actions may include the service of an Improvement Letter or Improvement Notice, the service of a Prohibition Notice and the taking of legal action depending on the nature of non-compliance.

It is important to note that where a property is considered to be non-compliant it does not mean that it is uninhabitable. It means that some remedial works are required. In the majority of cases landlords complete the works within the required time frame. In each case where enforcement correspondence is served on the landlord the property is inspected to ensure the required remedial works have been completed.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive with the change of season and increase rainfall to provide details of flood preparations for the city by area?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rainfall levels in Dublin City do not vary significantly between the winter and summer and are generally 50mm to 75mm per month. Large flood events have not occurred historically every month throughout the year, so no special arrangements are generally required for the winter period.

Q.137 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 June and at the end of July and the same information for those families in 'own door' accommodation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tables below detail the length of time families have been residing in all types of emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region in June and July 2019.

Table 1: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for <u>ADULTS WITH</u> <u>CHILD DEPENDENTS (FAMILIES)</u> accommodated on a single night: June 30th 2019

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Families %	Total Adults	Adults %	Number Dependents
24+ months	181	15%	244	14%	378
18- 24months	156	12%	232	13%	341
12-18 months	204	17%	297	17%	479
6-12 months	245	20%	360	20%	564
6 months or less	449	36%	643	36%	875
Total	1,235		1,766		2,637

Table 2: Duration accessing emergency accommodation for <u>ADULTS WITH</u><u>CHILD DEPENDENTS (FAMILIES)</u> accommodated on a single night: July 31st2019

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Families %	Total Adults	Adults %	Number Dependents
24+ months	180	14%	249	14%	389
18- 24months	147	12%	223	13%	329
12-18 months	191	15%	274	15%	464
6-12 months	258	21%	371	21%	582
6 months or less	471	38%	667	37%	923
Total	1,247		1,784		2,687

There were 249 families residing in 'Own Door' accommodation across the Dublin region in June 2019 and 247 in July 2019. Information to determine the length of stay of every family residing in 'Own Door' accommodation is not readily available. In the six-month period January 19 – June 19, 56 families exited to tenancy from 'Own Door' accommodation.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive how many commercial short term lettings have registered to pay rates and to make a statement on the issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

While aparthotels are rateable, individual residential properties that are used for the provision of accommodation on a short-term basis (AirBnB style lettings) are not rateable unless they form part of an aparthotel. It appears that many AirBnB activities are exempt from rates by virtue of paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 as amended (which refers to domestic premises).

The Valuation Office has no function or role in reviewing the rateability of particular properties which would currently be exempt under the Act. They consider it to be a policy matter for the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of applications for planning permission for commercial short term lettings received in each month of 2019 so far, and the outcome of each application.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A search of the APAS Planning system for short term lettings in the proposal identifies 6 applications from 1/1/2019 to 26/8/2019.

January 2019: One application was received, the permission was refused & the decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala, who upheld the decision issued by D.C.C.

June 2019: One application was received, the permission was refused. The decision was issued on the 22/08/19. The last day for an appeal is the 18/09/19.

July 2019: Four applications were received in July. Currently two are awaiting a decision which is due on the 05/09/19.

One was withdrawn by the applicant.

One was invalidated as the site notice was not in situ when the site was visited by the Case Officer.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if the tree outside (details supplied) can be pruned back as it is significantly affecting the light in the houses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The tree outside Pine Road, Ringsend will be included in our tree works programme and pruned over the coming months during the dormant season.

Q.141 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to re surfacing (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(**Details supplied 1)** is on the 2019 SE Area Works Programme and is scheduled be resurfaced in the next month or so.

(**Details supplied 2**) is in a serviceable condition and there are no plans to resurface in 2019. Road Maintenance Services will keep it under review.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise the housing position of (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The applicant was awarded Homeless Priority since 4th of April 2018 and is currently in position 300 for Area M (Pearse Street/Ringsend) for 1 bed accommodation. Positions on the list can fluctuate up and down depending on household's size and Area of choice changes.

It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. There are still a number of households of longer standing that must be considered for an offer of accommodation before the applicants are reached for an offer.

I can also confirm that this household is eligible for the "Household Assistance Payment" (HAP) scheme which will greatly assist her in accessing the private rental market in her preferred area of choice. This means that the household is eligible to be considered for one month's advance deposit and one month rent in advance with differential rent payable to Dublin City Council.

Access to/further information on HAP is available from the HAP unit on placefinders@dublincity.ie or 222 6955.

The applicants can contact the Homeless Allocations Section on 222 2205 at any time to discuss their application.

Q.143 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to urgently fix the crash barrier at (details supplied) as about half of the barrier is knocked over / damaged. This presents a significant danger to road users.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements will be made to have the barrier repaired on the corner of (details supplied) during 2019.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the request made to Traffic by Cllr

Alison Gilliland on 30 April 2019 (ref 7008945) with regard to consultation with local residents at **(details supplied)** to make appropriate traffic safety provision to prevent cars parking on both sides of the road and thus allow emergency vehicular access to this part of the road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This request is due to be noted at the North West Area Committee on September, 16th 2019. The Councillor will be informed of the decision by email subsequently.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for a clean-up including weed removal and a regular litter-pick along Richmond Avenue and Fairview Strand to deal with the issues raised in (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had Richmond Avenue cleaned on the 27th August 2019 and removed any weeds they could access around the parked cars there. We will endeavour to remove the remaining weeds from there when we get a break in the parking there.

We have Fairview Strand cleaned on a daily basis and the bins there are also emptied daily.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please deal with the following issue in relation to senior citizens housing in **(details supplied).** His personal accommodation circumstances are very difficult and precarious and he is in need of a stable housing solution. He has received medical advice in this regard. Can the CEO please let me know how best to process this advice through Dublin City Council with a view to resolving his situation ASAP?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Older Person's Housing List with an application date of 21/06/2016, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsize	Position
Area B	1	199
Area E	1	216
Area H	1	153

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.

This applicant may be 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 he must present to the Allocations Section with current income details and a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the Scheme.

Should the applicant wish to make an application for consideration for a Medical Priority, he should complete the Medical Priority application form and submit it with supporting documentation for review to Housing Allocations.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive to please deal with the following housing maintenance issue: I met the occupant of **(details supplied)** recently. She tells me that her front door is in poor condition and needs to be replaced - can this be organised so that it is done for the autumn? I understand you have tradesmen in there at the moment doing painting works; I believe she told them not to paint her door as she feels it is a waste of Dublin City Council effort as it will have to be replaced near term.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The door of this dwelling is a hardwood door and should not require replacement. It will be inspected by Housing Maintenance and any necessary works carried out

Q.148 COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI

To ask the Chief Executive please organise for reinstatement of the double-yellow lines outside (details supplied)? They were there before the Howth Road was resurfaced but never re-installed afterwards; they are essential to deal with visibility issues when exiting from Charlemont Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Traffic Engineer will inspect the area and arrange for the re-instatement of the double yellow lines.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive how many streets are designated as permanently or partly pedestrianised in the Dublin City Council area, and what the bylaws state in relation to the hours of pedestrianisation on each of those streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are 46 designated pedestrianised streets in the Dublin City area.

The Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual (2010) states that pedestrianised streets must be accompanied by a supplementary plate indicating the periods of operation. The periods of operation allowed may be flexible in terms of the hours per day and the days per week. Please note that pedestrianised streets are provided under Road Traffic Legislation (not bye-laws).

Q.150 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the chief executive how many public toilets are currently maintained by Dublin City Council and operational in each Local Electoral Area across the city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council currently provides Automated Public Conveniences at both Sandymount Strand & Clontarf in the South East and North Central Areas respectively.

In addition, temporary facilities are provided by the City Council for major events in the City such as concerts and sporting events at Croke Park and Aviva Stadiums.

Also it is a requirement for many other events being held in the City that suitable facilities are made available at these events.

The City Council Parks Department provide public toilets in a number of public parks including St Anne's Park, North Central Area, St Patricks Park, South Central Area, Herbert Park, South East Area, Harold's Cross Park, South East Area and Bushy Park, South East Area. There are also public toilets provided where tearooms/cafes are located within parks. These toilets are designed to be accessible to the public generally.

Options are currently being examined on how best to proceed with the provision of additional public toilet facilities in the city centre. The options currently being considered include the provision of additional standalone units similar to those in place in Clontarf and Sandymount and an alternative serviced option provided on a contractual basis.

There are various issues to be considered in the final assessment of these options including planning requirements, the availability of suitable locations and the ongoing costs of providing facilities that will be incurred beyond the funding provided for in 2019.

Parks have 5 public toilets in the following locations Herbert Park - Tea Rooms Harold's Cross – Tea Rooms St Anne's Park – Tea Rooms St Patricks Park – Tea Rooms Bushy Park – Tennis Pavilion

Q.151 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

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

a) The trees outside (details supplied) is of concern to the occupant and needs to be assessed for risk to electrical wires and trimmed for safety.

b) The trees along the length of Avondale Road, Raheny, are obscuring street lighting and need to be inspected and maintained to improve night time visibility for residents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The trees in question will be inspected, and action, if any, arising from the inspection of the trees, will be undertaken in line with the Dublin City Tree Strategy

Q.152 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect the footpaths and carry out necessary repairs along Briarfield Road between Briarfield Grove and Thornville Road. These paths are in a hazardous condition for wheelchair users, pedestrians and older citizens.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has allocated funding for our major works program in 2019. Briarfield Road between Briarfield Grove and Thornville Road is not included in the works program. This location will be considered in 2020 for footpath repairs.

Q.153 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive to alter the hours of operation for the cycle lanes on the Howth Road to 24 hours per day, seven days a week. This would provide a safe space for cycling at all times without the obstruction of vehicular parking.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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

Appendix B - Councillor Membership and Numbers of SPCs 2019 - 2024				
Name of Committee	Councillor	Cllrs	Sectoral Members	Total
	Seamas McGrattan	01110	membere	Total
Finance SPC	(Chair)			
Daryl Barron	. ,			
Neasa Hourigan				
Anthony Connaghan				
Noeleen Reilly				
Nial Ring				
Dermot Lacey				
Alison Gilliland				
Mary Callaghan				
James Geoghegan				
Paddy McCartan				
Daithí de Róiste		12	6	18
	Christy Burke	12	0	10
Traffic and Transport SPC	(Chair)			
Keith Connolly				
Patrick Costello				
Caroline Conroy				
Larry O'Toole				
Chris Andrews				
Mannix Flynn				
Marie Sherlock				
Janet Horner				
Anne Feeney		10	5	15
Planning & Urban Form SPC		10	5	15
Sophie Nicollaud	Ray McAdam (Chair)			
Daithí de Róiste				
Tom Brabazon				
Neasa Hourigan				
Anthony Connaghan				
Dermot Lacey				
Jane Horgan Jones				
Patricia Roe				
John Lyons			_	
Economic Development & Enterprise	Claire O'Connor	10	5	15
SPC	(Chair)			
Racheal Batten				
Sophie Nicollaud				
Janet Horner				
Nial Ring				
Mary Freehill				
Tara Deacy				
Terence Flanagan				
Danny Byrne				
Micheal MacDonncha				

		10	5	15	
Appendix B - Councillor Membership and Numbers of SPCs 2019 – 2024 (continued)					
Name of Committee	Councillor	Clirs	Sectoral Members	Total	
Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation	Gary Gannon				
Deirdre Conroy	(Chair)				
Deirdre Heney					
Claire Byrne					
Lawrence Hemmings					
Micheál MacDonnacha					
Séamas McGrattan					
Damian O'Farrell					
Vincent Jackson					
Rebecca Moynihan					
Mary Freehill					
Anne Feeney					
Ray McAdam Hazel De Nortúin		14	7	21	
Hazer De Nortuin	Alison Gilliland	14	1	21	
Housing SPC	(Chair)				
Paul McAuliffe	(01111)				
Mary Fitzpatrick					
Michael Watters					
Hazel Chu					
Donna Cooney					
Críona Ní Dhálaigh					
Daithí Doolan					
Pat Dunne					
Anthony Flynn					
Cieran Perry					
Kevin Donoghue					
Mary Callaghan					
Declan Flanagan Colm O'Rourke					
Tina MacVeigh					
		16	8	24	
Climate Change Environment & Energy	Michael Pidgeon				
SPC	(Chair)				
Michael Watters					
Tom Brabazon					
Claire Byrne					
Janice Boylan					
John Lyons					
Joe Costello					
Catherine Stocker					
Naoise Ó Muirí					
Independent Nomination		10	5	15	





Meeting Agenda Subject	Monthly City Council Meeting	······································	
Voting Number	001		
Name	Motion to Rescind and to dispose o	f the Site164/19	
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	02/09/2019 14:54:38	Voting end at:	02/09/2019 14:55:31

Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	50
	Present and not voted	1
Answers		
	Yes	43
	No	5
	Abstain	1
	Not voted	1

Keith Connolly Anthony Connaghan Janice Boylan Mary Freehill Gary Gannon **Deirdre Henev** Vincent Jackson **Dermot Lacey** Michael Mac Donncha Paul McAuliffe Paddy McCartan Donna Cooney Tara Deacy Seamas McGrattan Michael Pidgeon Kevin Donoghue Criona Ni Dhalaigh Claire Byrne **Daryl Barron** Naoise O'Muiri Ciaran Cuffe Daithi Doolan Larry O'Toole Deirdre Conroy **Catherine Stocker** Patrick Costello Nial Ring Daithi De Roiste Claire O'Connor Chris Andrews Hazel Chu Mary Callaghan Tom Brabazon Danny Byrne Alison Gilliland Joe Costello Neasa Hourigan Lawrence Hemmings Mary Fitzpatrick Patricia Roe Colm O'Rourke James Geoghegan Caroline Conroy Pat Dunne Cieran Perry

Dublin City Co. Dublin City Co.

No

Anthony Flynn

John Lyons

Group Results

Dublin City Co.	
Yes	43
No	5
Abstain	1
Not voted	1

Individual Results

	Racheal Batten	Dublin City Co.
Not voted	Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.
Abstain	Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.