# QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2019

# Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of our City Council parks, their location, date of opening and current status.

## Q.2 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for clear signage to be erected at all Dublin City Council E-car charging points to indicate whether or not a parking fee must be paid by the e-vehicle owner when charging the vehicle. Many e-vehicle owners have been clamped, for example in Parnell Square, while charging their vehicle due to the lack of any indication that a parking charge must be paid.

## Q.3 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the key types of public liability claims received against Dublin City Council i.e. footpath trips, stair falls in Dublin City Council owned buildings etc.

## Q.4 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the footpath from **(details supplied)** Ranelagh Road to be repaired. The length is approximated 70 metre with an average width of slightly less than 3 metres, giving a surface area of about 200 sq. metres.

## Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive the legal process and legislation providing for the installation of the various utility boxes on public property across the City.

## Q.6 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for the total value of claims against Dublin City Council from 2014 to present, which department they have claimed from and how many were won and lost.

## Q.7 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive if the Moore Street Market can be designated as a market rather than casual trading.

## Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have the funding to repair voids of flats and houses in the North Inner City Dublin 1, 3 and 7.

#### Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to what programs off works are in place to remove leaves from the city.

#### Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the dampness be addressed and other works take place for (details supplied).

#### Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when will the new hall door be fitted at (details supplied).

## Q.12 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the idea of using molten tar was ever considered to seal cracks on roads to prevent weeds from coming through.

# Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the streetlights on Dunsink Park can be upgraded to the LED lamps.

## Q.14 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what the current situation is from the perspective of the Derelict / Vacant Sites Sections with regards to **(details supplied)** and what are the next steps in terms of tackling dereliction on the site: and if he will make a statement on the matter?

#### Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to commit to enhancing the quality of public lighting on the stretch of (details supplied 1) between (details supplied 2) and if he will make a statement on the matter?

## Q.16 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on housing query (details supplied).

## Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive what the procedure is where residents need CCTV introduced to assist in combatting anti-social behaviour and what are the criteria that need to be met to have it agreed and installed and who is ultimately responsible for making this decision and processing the response?

# Q.18 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to install double yellow lines along the corner of New Ireland Road/SCR by the chemist which is being parked on by large vans, causing visibility difficulties for residents exiting onto SCR at this junction.

#### Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the continuous white line painted on the East Link Bridge roadway and approach roadways so that it is clearly visible day and night and also can the signage be improved to show that overtaking is not permitted on the East Link Bridge.

#### Q.20 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have a saddle board placed on the door of the bin storage area in new York Street Apartments as the rats are making their way in and out of this bin storage area when waste is being stored there?

## Q.21 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive what procedures are in place for the improvement of cycle facilities and infrastructure when road improvements are taking place and if there is a review of our current practices to enhance cycle lanes in the city when road resurfacing is taking place?

## Q.22 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a comparative report on the cost of providing wands for traffic segregation and the cost of installing kerbs along cycle lanes.

#### Q.23 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will comment on the length of time taking to upload documents online for planning applications and if he will commit to adding resources to the department to enable quicker uploads where needed.

## Q.24 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will investigate a co-ordinated approach for the Insulation programme with other stakeholders (i.e. private homeowners, Dept. of Environment and Energy companies (SEAI, Energy Action etc.) in order to maximise the efficiencies of the Scheme. At present we have provided insulation to Council Housing and on occasion we have left private homes in between 2 completed Council Properties. If done properly we could see benefits to private homeowners as well as Council homes whilst most likely reducing the overall cost by keeping the Energy contractors moving along the same street until all the homes are completed instead of jumping from one street to the next. This would go toward meeting targets in Climate Action plans and most likely create extra employment.

#### Q.25 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive for the gutters at **(details supplied)** be repaired without further delay? The work was promised mid-2018.

#### Q.26 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the future of the (details supplied) Allotments?

## Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many dogs have been euthanized from 2015 to now and what findings has been provided in those years for the neutering of animals?

#### Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive the numbers of employees in Dublin Council per department and how that compares with 2008.

#### Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the apprenticeship scheme initiated in DCC a number of years ago.

## Q.30 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any live planning applications in respect of the **(details supplied)** or if any pre planning meetings have been held with the Council by the owner of this site?

#### Q.31 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive regarding destruction of all the hedgerows in the field adjacent to **(details supplied).** Diggers moved into this field on July and removed meters and mounds of vegetation and hedgerows.

This field is home to foxes, hedgehogs, badgers, squirrels, mice, rats and a large population of different kinds of birds that are now displaced at large.

It is my understanding that the law has been broken (Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976) and I am seeking information and aid with regards to prosecution and reassurance that this will not happen again.

## Q.32 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the falling of a significant number of the **(details supplied)**. The trees created a lovely woodland feel to the lane and added enormously to the experience of walking through it.

#### Q.33 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive regarding the Car Club Vehicle Permit Scheme and its operation in respect of Go Cars.

Property owners in residential areas report that these vehicles are regularly parking on quiet residential streets and apparently are permitted to do so by reason of their holding a Car Club Vehicle Permit. This is the case even notwithstanding the existence of DCC owned car parks nearby to these roads which would be more suitable for such commercial use (e.g. Go Cars parking on **(details supplied 1)**.

- Pursuant to Part IV section (i) of the 2013 Car Club Bye Laws the Council has the power to prescribe streets/areas where Car Club vehicles cannot park and also may limit the number of Car Club vehicles parked in any specific street/area.
- Can you advise me of what streets/areas have been prescribed to date in the city pursuant to this section and what criteria are used in evaluating whether such prescription should be made.
- Can you advise of what process can be used by residents seeking to have their road prescribed in this manner.
- Can you give consideration to prescribing (details supplied 2) pursuant to this section in order to encourage these cars to relocate to the car parks on the seafront as a more appropriate location which will not limit the ability of a) local residents to park and b) users of local businesses to use these spaces.

#### Q.34 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange for the maintenance works at **(details supplied)** that have been repeatedly promised to this Councillor and the tenants for nearly three years to be actually carried out before Christmas of this year.

#### Q.35 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to have the public light at **(details supplied)** put back as soon as possible following the erection of a new light pole at this location.

#### Q.36 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive in light of his concerns of tree roots affect personal injuries claim would he review the councils policy not to remove healthy trees even where there is damaged to the paths and re-plant more suitable trees in those areas were the roots will not cause more financial resources of the council.

#### Q.37 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to remove the rotten tree at **(details supplied)** and repair the path in the same area.

## Q.38 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many staff are directly employed in the waste management function and can I have a breakdown of same.

#### Q.39 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many members of staff are currently on remuneration of over €100,000 per year and can I have a breakdown of same.

## Q.40 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if an audit of traffic sequencing lights can be carried out in the city, there are some traffic lights clearly not functioning around the city. Will 'smart traffic systems' be implemented going forward?

## Q.41 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number and cost of personal injury claims paid out by the council over the past 5 years (including legal fees) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### Q.42 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to, how much is owing in rent arrears by tenants of DCC over the past 5 years; and advise of how many staff are involved in the collection of rent arrears for the council; and whether the policy of collection is being reviewed in light of the large amounts owing and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### Q.43 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report regarding the plan to lease out the vacant building next to City Hall (old Valuations office) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Q.44 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what new security measures are being introduced to protect the safety of City Council staff and Councillors in City Hall in light of the recent fiasco in the chamber during a debate on O'Devaney gardens.

## Q.45 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if the cellars uncovered during excavation works for the Moore Lane/Parnell Street hostel development were notified by the developer to the City Council; if an archaeological survey of the cellars was carried out; if so can the report of the survey be made available to councillors; and what action, if any, was taken by the Council on foot of the report.

#### Q.46 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive In light of the refusal of Hammerson to allow access to 1916 buildings for assessment will the on -street survey reports undertaken on behalf of the City Council by Kelly & Cogan, Conservation Architects be made available for the consideration of the members.

## Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive issue a full report with regards any contractual arrangements by Dublin City Council's Homeless Executive for the leasing of the Avalon house hostel on Aungier Street. This report also to include: any preconsultations with the local community and business community and An Garda Siochana.

- How much is Dublin City Council proposing to pay for this lease?
- ➤ How long will the lease be for?
- ➤ How many individuals will reside at this premises?
- > Who are the clients for this premises?

- ➤ Will any sex offenders be accommodated at this location?
- ➤ Has there been due diligence and a company check on the new owners of the Avalon house?
- ➤ Is the company now in charge of Avalon house a vulture fund or an offshore company who are its directors?

#### Q.48 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the ongoing controversy around the rebranding of the Grafton Street area under the title Grafton Street quarter by the Dublin BIDS company trading as We Are Dublin Town. Further, has the CEO made any contact with the directors of the BID Company and instructed them to remove the offending sign on Grafton Street and also the offending signs on Henry Street?

There is widespread public concern around the manner in which Christmas public lighting was used to promote a rebranding and the commercialisation of the entire neighbourhood and area. Many business owners who are members of the BID are absolutely appalled that their hard earned money and double rates would be spent in such a reckless fashion and are demanding the signs be removed.

Also can Dublin City Council ensure that the CEO of BIDS give a commitment that in future a pre-planning application would have to be lodged with Dublin City Council prior to the placing of any Christmas lights on our streets by the BID Company.

#### Q.49 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding the cost of this year's winter lighting project that has been initiated by Dublin City Council. This report also to include all tendering processes that took place around this project.

## Q.50 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive for a full update report with regard to the ongoing issues of the Staircase Building on Aungier Street. This report to include a full update and appraisal of the condition of this National Monument. Also, what payments are being made to the owners of this building by the Peter McVerry Trust and Dublin City Council's Homeless Executive who signed the lease on this premises a number of years back. This premises is now closed and it's not being used for any purpose yet Dublin City Council's Homeless Executive and the Peter McVerry Trust appear to be paying large sums of money on an ongoing lease here

#### Q.51 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive whether City Council should adjourn the proposed extensive alterations to Poddle Park, including removal of trees and construction of wall through the park, in order to undertake alternative procedures, and review the flooding impact over time.

For information purpose, I arranged a meeting between a local resident group and the South Dublin County Council Engineer on the Poddle Flood Project. After the meeting, the resident group noted that the engineer confirmed that there is no trash screen at the KCR area of Poddle River.

The KCR area is where a mattress was found blocking the culverted part of the river during the 2011 flood, thus exacerbating the problem downstream. Engineer conceded same.

Engineer confirmed that post 2011, 3 alarms were installed at Wainsfort, Gandon Court and Kimmage Manor in 2014. But there is no alarm along the open channel or culvert from KCR to Gandon.

Thus, the community group feel it is premature to proceed with major flood alleviation plans, when the opportunity to install an alarm and trash screen has not been undertaken.

#### Q.52 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive about the relevance of new on-street parking, beside bus stop, access to Marlet development on Lower Kimmage Road [north] in which the NTA have a proposed bus gate and will prevent local resident access to homes on side roads. This question has been brought up at South East Area Committee but the resident group do not find the response relevant, as it refers to the 2010 Marlet planning permission, but 9 years later they consider this is not part of the permission and does not reflect the NTA proposal.

I forwarded photographs in October to SEAC. It is recommended that the relevant Council Department should survey the road and its alterations, communicate with the Lower Kimmage Road Resident Association, rather than repeating that it is acceptable to maintain what is considered dangerous parking and new Marlet traffic access; and bus stop proximity to parking, email is below (details supplied).

#### Q.53 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive about a planning application made on behalf of the Queen of Peace Nursing home which backs onto Garville Lane and whether the Council can review if the building has started.

A local resident enquires about the proposal to build a car park that enters and exits onto Garville lane. Obviously the resident has made a planning observation within the deadline of 19 November. But the resident has stated that the building work started on the site on 13 November.

It is considered that Garville Lane would not be able for this level and frequency of traffic, because the Lane is already in bad repair from the current level of traffic and the continued building taking place on the lane. There are also safety concerns as there are a significant amount of families with children on the lane.

#### Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive investigate the possibility of having a celebrity walk of fame in Dublin City.

# Q.55 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to list how many Dublin City Council computers and laptops operate off Windows 7 and if there is a plan is place for when updates stop for this operating system in January 2020. If a plan is in place how much will the plan cost?

#### Q.56 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to explain and review the council policy of removing public waste bins when illegal dumping takes place beside the bin.

#### Q.57 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to repair the badly damaged pathway outside (details supplied).

## Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive what is the average waiting time to process a HAP application, if successful is the payment backdated, how many applications were received for each month this year, how many staff are employed to process applications and would an increase in staff numbers speed up the application time?

# Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to make all correspondence available to the Councillor that was sent and received from DCC management relating to (details supplied).

# Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form the quantity in tonnes of illegal dumping collected by DCC in the years since 2012 and the cost to DCC in the years since 2012?

# Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive when will Phase 2 of the insulation programme in Ballyfermot commence and what is the time frame for this work to be completed?

## Q.62 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this request: Can the roof of **(details supplied)** be repaired without further delay. This has been an ongoing issue and is causing untold damage to the property not to mention the discomfiture of the tenants.

## Q.63 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the annual income and cost of the provision of the current bulk waste collection service which is provided at a cost of €40 per collection and which the Chief Executive has indicated is a not for profit service and operates at a loss every year.

## Q.64 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if, having regard to the response of the public to the first Busconnects plan and the changes proposed by the NTA, he would consider it prudent to revisit his proposal for the pedestrianisation of College Green.

#### Q.65 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 contains a section whereby local authorities would have power to have housing rents deducted directly from social welfare payments. Can the Chief Executive confirm how many DCC tenants are in receipt of social welfare payments and if DCC is in a position to avail of the section to have rent and arrears collected directly as described.

#### Q.66 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the background to the decision by Dublin City Council to provide an ambulance at Swords Fire Station and to confirm whether, or not, Dublin City Council receives contribution from either the HSE or Fingal Council towards the cost of this service. Also, to detail the cost of the service.

#### Q.67 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this matter: to replace windows and doors at (details supplied)

## Q.68 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of derelict or vacant properties in the Central Area that have been CPO'd in each of the last five years; the annual cost of

purchasing these properties; and the number that are at various stages of being CPO'd at present.

# Q.69 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of compensation claims against the City Council in each of the last three years; to state a breakdown of the main categories; the amount paid out in each year; and steps taken to avoid claims in the future.

## Q.70 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will put in place a scheme of lettings for (details supplied).

## Q.71 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to draw up a plan for Dublin City Council to implement the provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which Ireland has recently ratified

## Q.72 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 November and the same information for those families in 'own door' accommodation.

## Q.73 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive that the second area to be assessed for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme, after Eblana/Island villas which is taking place in November 2019, be Marlborough Road/Belmont Avenue on account of the continued and ongoing threat of a serious accident occurring on Belmont Avenue which has a busy national school located on its road.

#### Q.74 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the total sunken costs already incurred on the Redevelopment of O'Devaney Gardens which was to be offset by a €7 million payment from Bartra as set out in Report No. 337/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive; if he can confirm further to the 'addendum report O'Devaney gardens' circulated via email to all councillors from the Assistant Chief Executive on the 4th of November 2019 which contained an amendment to Report No. 337/2019 which removed this explanation of how the €7 million would be used under the heading 'What we are getting from the Development' and purported to add a new section under 'General' which states that a minimum of 3 million euro of the 7 million paid by the developer will be ring-fenced for investment on Infirmary Road, why the €7 million payment will no longer be used to offset sunken costs; if he can confirm if the sunken costs are still €7 million, from what revenue stream shall the remaining sunken costs be funded from.

## Q.75 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to question 85 of the 4th of November 2019 if he could set out what criteria are applied in considering whether roads are included in the 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme and if as part of this consideration process, due regard could be had to the significant length of time in which Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road in Ranelagh have remained in a state of disrepair as a result of the construction trucks driving on the road to build the nearby Devlin hotel and where local residents had been promised that the sizeable developmental levy contributions from that hotel would assist in ensuring these roads would be resurfaced following the completion of that construction.

## Q.76 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive further to the reply given to question 68 on the 4th of November 2019 if he could ensure that the Bus Connects Team will specifically look at the impacts for Richmond Hill, Mt Pleasant Avenue Upper and Lower, Gullistan Cottages, Gullistan Terrace, Belgrave Avenue, Belgrave Square East, Castlewood Avenue, Charleston Avenue and Oakley Road; if the Bus Connects Team will look at obtaining additional capital funding from the NTA for improving the footpaths on those specified roads and possible introduction of segregated cycle lanes in some of those roads to ensure alternatives to car use are available for those roads likely to be effected by increased traffic congestion as a result of BusConnects changes on Rathmines Road.

## Q.77 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to remove the hedges from around the green located in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** Cashel Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

## Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing a right turn fliter light in Crumlin Village, Dublin 12; when turning right from St. Agnes Road onto Windmill Road.

## Q.79 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to paint the public poles throughout Bulfin Estate, Dublin 8.

#### Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to review the junction of South Circular Road and Brookfield Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8 in order to make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.

## Q.81 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to place pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Lorca O'Toole Park and Kimmage road west.

#### Q.82 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a written copy of The D.C.C. Policy on rent arrears.

#### Q.83 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive which waste stream fallen leaves are disposed of by the City Council and whether biodegradable bags are used when disposing of the leaves.

#### Q.84 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive what the average response times are for concluding rental and planning enforcement complaints.

## Q.85 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council has previously asked the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to conduct an independent review of the public housing deliver process, and if not to request an independent review of this process to identify opportunities for accelerating the delivery of Local Authority housing.

## Q.86 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an estimate of what the expected costs of rent will be under the Cost Rental scheme that is proposed for the site of St Michaels Estate.

## Q.87 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council would consider installing electric car charging points at a number of taxi ranks around the city.

## Q.88 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to consult with Glasnevin cemetery with regard to reilluminating the council installed lights of the round towers that face-out on the Finglas Road.

## Q.89 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to paint the white line at the centre of Ringsend bridge and erect signage to prevent overtaking. The road has become increasingly busy over the years and motorists are dangerously overtaking cyclists. It is an accident waiting to happen.

## Q.90 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive if there could be increased cleaning along City Quay as there is a significant amount of littering in the area.

## Q.91 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to erect a no loitering sign along the residents beside (details supplied) City Quay as residents have reported a high number of people sitting on the steps to residences and littering.

# Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the following: there is a substantial issue with traffic/parking congestion in the neighbourhood of Maryfield College, Drumcondra particularly at school closing time (3.15pm to 4pm). Can the CEO organise for the traffic engineers to formulate measures that might help alleviate the congestion issue - happy to facilitate an introduction to the school as part of the process if required.

#### Q.93 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive please deal with the following housing query (details supplied).

# Q.94 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive confirm that a panel of barristers is used for undertaking Dublin City Council litigation work. Can the CEO further outline (a) how many barristers are on this panel (b) what is the duration/lifetime of the panel and (c) how often the panel is reviewed.

## Q.95 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm:

- (a) if there have been any recent pre-planning discussions with Dublin City Council in relation to the site to the rear of St Anthony's Church, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (see site marked in red on attached map)
- (b) If Dublin City Council has been involved in/invited to any pre-planning consultations with An Bord Pleanala under the Strategic Housing Development process in relation to this site.

## Q.96 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how much money is being spent on the Christmas City Lights event this year, what budget the money has come from, and can he provide a full breakdown of the costs such as design, installation, management, energy usage etc. Can he also confirm if all the lights used are LED and whether a carbon assessment and analysis of the event will be carried out?"

#### Q.97 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce measures to address the on-going issue of vehicles parking in the bus lanes on Dame Street during peak hours, and can he liaise with the Gardai to improve enforcement"

## Q.98 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Council owned land beside Scully's Field between Farmer Browns and Clonskeagh Bridge, can he confirm whether there are plans to develop this site, and if so can he provide details on such plans"

## Q.99 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to outline why the Dublin Bike Stands have been removed from Fade Street, Frederick Street South and Clarendon Street, and can he confirm when and how they will be reinstated"

## Q.100 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to give details of all derelict sites levies received in 2018 and so far in 2019 giving in each case:

- address of site:
- value of site;
- levies received;
- charges on land:
- > length of time on the register;
- > County of residence of owner;

And can he make a statement on the matter.

# Q.101 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the repair of the uneven surface on the laneway (details supplied).

## Q.102 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will be involved with any campaign, particularly in the run-up to Christmas, regarding the scourge of scramblers and quad bikes on communities.

#### Q.103 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council seek from Business people the proposal to re-zone lands at Kylemore Road, Chapelizod from industrial to housing, I am aware of a very successful business which employs over 100 people located at this location this re-zoning was instrumental in a previous life of the business leaving Fairview in 2005 & re-locating to Kylemore Road, they provide essential engineering parts for many state & semi state businesses such as the Irish Navy, Aer Corp etc.

#### Q.104 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council look upon doing small neighbour plans to help with the re-vitalisation of local neighbourhood centres like Ballyfermot,

developing neighbourhood plans will ensure the proper retail mix and retention of services before we get to the only shopping districts been Shopping Malls like Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown etc.

## Q.105 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council look upon the role of Community Development officer staff as essential in the delivery of effective services and ensure the very poor staffing levels in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh are brought back to reasonable levels, these staff members are very cost effective as they engage with many volunteers to provide year round services on the ground.

#### Q.106 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council give me a full list of litter convictions over the past 5 years for the South Central Area broken down to wards.

## Q.107 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive the percentage and how many of those accessing services of DHRE are coming immediately from the private rental sector?

## Q.108 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive for a budget breakdown of the Chapelizod Greenway project?

## Q.109 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if they have approached the NTA to provide funding for pedestrian crossings at Mountjoy Square?

#### **Q.110 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive what re-use scheme is in place for abandoned bicycles in the city and whether they would consider making them available for use by NGOs and social enterprises in the city?

#### Q.111 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if any investigation have been done recently on commercial illegal dumping happening beside Labre Park. Also to ask the Chief Executive why the money to clean up this commercial illegal dumping is taken out the maintenance budget for Labre Park.

#### Q.112 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive for a time bracket for the beginning of work on Labre Park. I understand it is difficult to give a definite date but a bracket of time is a reasonable ask.

#### Q.113 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive the starting date for the new social worker for Labre Park to start in his/her position?

## Q.114 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to pressure the appropriate departments to release funding for local Task Forces. Local Task Forces are a huge solution to secure safety at the very local areas within the city. Task Forces are beyond worried and need full support to protect the most vulnerable in each local area. Also ask the Chief Executive to keep me updated on the actions taken from his office to address the issue.

## Q.115 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the disposal of the O'Devaney lands can the Chief Executive provide answers to the following questions?

- a) What are the costs of the demolition works and subsidiary works carried out to date on the lands?
- b) What is the cost of the infrastructural works to be financed through the Governments Infrastructural Fund for the project?
- c) What is the value of the exempted Development Levies for the project?
- d) What discussions took place with the Minister for Housing, or any other Government department, in relation to the financing of the option to purchase an extra 30% of the private units by an Approved Housing Body? If such discussions took place can the Chief Executive confirm attendance at the meeting and provide minutes?
- e) What discussions took place with any Approved Housing Bodies regarding the option to purchase an extra 30% of the private units?
- f) Can the Chief Executive detail the agreed program of works for the project, including the sequencing of those works and timelines?

## Q.116 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive provide statistics on the various income rates among council tenants, including those dependent on social welfare?

## Q.117 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive provide the cost of Halloween events in the five administrative areas, broken down by ward?

#### **Q.118 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of extra levies and charges, not covered by the standard service charge, for management fees in Multi Unit Developments paid by Dublin City Council.

#### Q.119 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to housing transfer applicant of 6 years (details supplied 1) who allocated current bedsit under the financial contribution scheme and say if he can advise if tenant can be considered for vacancy at (details supplied 2), as tenant is upset with inadequacies and poor quality of life issues of current living conditions and if he can arrange to have an official call to (details supplied 1) and be of assistance with current concerns.

## Q.120 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to housing transfer applicant for a disabled persons dwelling at (details supplied 1) and say if he can be considered for disabled persons dwelling at (details supplied 2); the tenant was offered a transfer recently but tenant's occupational therapist reported that the dwelling was unsuitable due to the inappropriate height of the sink and the existence of a high lip on the shower tray, both of which would causes access difficulties for a disabled tenant such at (details supplied 1) and if he can make a statement on the matter.

#### Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to senior citizen complex at **(details supplied)** regarding general maintenance and specifically.

- A. garden and general communal area not being maintained and tenants not able to cope with conditions as currently prevail as they are too elderly to continue to maintain gardens,
- B. communal bins not being disinfected on a regular basis,
- C. lack of any lighting at entrance gate into complex; residents suggest the optimum location to install lights would be under the balconies of flat numbers 40 and 43.
- D. gutters over flats from number 31 to 43 are in a state of poor repair and need urgent attention and
- E. entrance gate into complex is immovable and requires repair

and say if he will examine the matter with a view to being of every assistance possible to tenants who feel their quality of life in the complex is poor.

#### Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to trees at (details supplied) and say if he can agree to inspect and possibly crown same as they are very heavily overgrown and need attention.

## Q.123 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for the removal of the tree outside (details supplied) Downpatrick Road Dublin 12. The tree at this location has damaged the footpath causing a trip hazzard and has also damaged the householder's wall.

#### Q.124 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive the number of permits for HGV to cross the canal cordon given out in each week of 2019 to date, and the number of reports of HGV's without permits received in each week on 2019 to date.

#### Q.125 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number and name of the charitable organisations involved in the provision of homelessness services for Dublin City Council.

## Q.126 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive when the last financial audit of each organisation involved in the provision of homelessness services in Dublin City Council was carried out and when the next one is scheduled.

#### Q.127 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive when the last corporate governance review of charitable organisations involved in the provision of homelessness services was carried out and when the next review is scheduled.

#### Q.128 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what stage the review of tree coverage in the city is at and when the information will be made available.

# Q.129 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the immediate clearing of the overgrowth and debris built up at the end of the cul de sac beside **(details supplied)**. Previous requests dating back 5 months have not led to the removal of this material.

## Q.130 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive that in light of the refusal by Hammerson to facilitate access to 1916 buildings in their ownership on Moore Street for assessment will the on Street Survey reports undertaken on behalf of the City Council by Kelly and Conan Conservation Architects be made available for the consideration the councillor of and the members of the Lord Mayor's forum on Moore street.

#### Q.131 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive could a space be allocated in St. Anne's Park for an exhibition on the history of our flagship St. Anne's Park?

## Q.132 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive what provisions are in place for the upcoming Christmas period? Could there be extra provisions for cycle parking during this busy period and more importantly if temporary toilet facilities can be introduced during this period with the view of making such facilities more long term?

#### Q.133 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive the schedule of leaf clearing around the city especially in the following prone to flooding areas: Haddington Road, along the Grand Canal Cycle Route?

#### Q.134 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive how Dublin City Council is currently engaging with communities in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals and how they will measure and report on progress towards the SDGs?

## Q.135 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive on the proposed white water rafting centre in the IFSC were locals consulted on amenities they felt were needed? Were alternative uses such as an urban beach/swimming area (similar to ones in Berlin/Copenhagen) that would be free to use ever considered?

#### Q.136 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the section of the footpath outside (details supplied) to be raised/levelled to prevent water pooling. This is a regular occurrence and a previous request for same was not followed up.

#### Q.137 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

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

## Q.138 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

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

#### Q.139 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive call for an inspection of (details supplied)?

# Q.140 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a review of (details supplied).

## Q.141 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied)**.