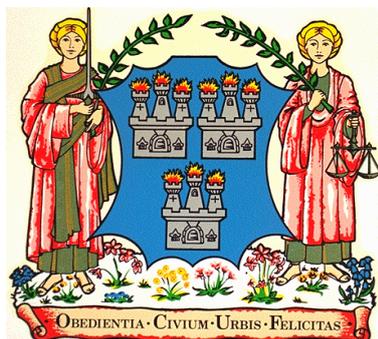


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar **4 Samhain 2019** i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Sráid an Dáma ag 6.15 i.n,i láthair an tArdmheara Paul Mc Auliffe sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Chris Andrews
Janice Boylan
Claire Byrne
Hazel Chu
Caroline Conroy
Joe Costello
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Mary Fitzpatrick
Anthony Flynn
Gary Gannon
Lawrence Hemmings
Janet Horner
Dermot Lacey
Tina MacVeigh
Paddy McCartan
Críona Ni Dhálaigh
Colm O'Rourke
Michael Pidgeon
Patricia Roe
Michael Watters

Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron
Tom Brabazon
Danny Byrne
Anthony Connaghan
Deirdre Conroy
Patrick Costello
Tara Deacy
Pat Dunne
Declan Flanagan
Mannix Flynn
James Geoghegan
Deirdre Heney
Neasa Hourigan
John Lyons
Ray McAdam
Seamas McGrattan
Sophie Nicoulaud
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Marie Sherlock

Comhairleoir:

Racheal Batten
Christy Burke
Mary Callaghan
Keith Connolly
Donna Cooney
Hazel de Nortúin
Kevin Donoghue
Anne Feeney
Terence Flanagan
Mary Freehill
Alison Gilliland
Jane Horgan-Jones
Vincent Jackson
Micheál Mac Donncha
Paul Mc Auliffe
Rebecca Moynihan
Naoise Ó Muirí
Cieran Perry
Nial Ring
Catherine Stocker

Oifigigh

Ruth Dowling
Yvonne Kelly
Kathy Quinn
Jacqueline Walsh

John Flanagan
Brendan Kenny
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh
Jennifer Zwerg

Owen P. Keegan
Victor Leonov
Richard Shakespeare

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by extending his sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues on the death of Gay Byrne, particularly to Gay's wife Kathleen Watkins and his daughters Suzy and Crona. As Gay Byrne was a Freeman of the City from 11th May 1999 the flags on all Civic Buildings will be flown at half-mast. The Lord Mayor will also be opening a book of condolence at the Mansion House from 11 a.m.

Report from the Working Group on Remunicipalisation of the Domestic Waste Management Services in Dublin City Council:

The working group was established after a motion was passed at July's City Council meeting committing DCC to the remunicipalisation of the domestic waste collection and the establishment of a cross party working group. It also mandated the working group to report back to the November meeting. The working group met 3 times. The report was circulated to all Councillors and will be listed on the December agenda.

A vote was taken to suspend standing orders to deal with the following emergency motions (a copy of the vote is contained in Appendix A):

Emergency Motion No. 1 and 2 were taken together:

Emergency Motion No 1:

Dublin City Council expresses deep concern at the recent 'boil water' alert across Dublin. We welcome the publication of the EPA report on the Incident at the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant. Irish Water & the Department of Environment must be held to account for their actions. Dublin City Council calls on Irish Water and the Department of Environment to clarify;

Why the March 2019 audit recommendations were not implemented?

Were the Department aware of this failure?

Submitted by Cllr. Daithí Doolan

Emergency Motion No. 2

That Dublin City Council call on Irish Water to put in place the recommendations by the EPA to address the security of safe drinking water to the people of Dublin City and the greater Dublin area, after 600,000 homes were put on a boil water notice in October due to contamination at the Leixlip water treatment plant

Submitted by Cllr Donna Cooney, Cllr Claire Byrne, Cllr Janet Horner, Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud, Cllr. Lawrence Hemmings

It was agreed that the Lord Mayor would write to Irish Water to request an urgent meeting.

It was agreed to take the following motion without debate:

Emergency Motion No. 3:

In view of the Cultural importance of the house at 15 Ushers Island - The House of the Dead - the location of the setting of the James Joyce story The Dead - for which a Planning Application has been submitted to convert to a Hostel.

Recognizing that this is a listed building.

Acknowledging that the elected members cannot determine a Planning Application

Dublin City Council calls on all interested Parties, including the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage to intervene to try and save this important building for future cultural and artistic use.

Submitted by Cllr Dermot Lacey. This motion was agreed without debate.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn, "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 158 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in Appendix B attached.

3 Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated 3rd October 2019 from Monaghan County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting in relation to supporting the ongoing campaign by the National Ambulance Services Representative Association in their efforts to have Trade Union representation rights advocated on their behalf through the Psychiatric Nurses Association.
It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (b) Letter dated 11th October 2019 from Donegal County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting in relation to supporting a vote of no confidence in the Mercosur Trade Deal.
It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (c) Letter dated 9th October 2019 from Sligo County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their October meeting in relation to the request for signage to be placed at local woodland areas and forest recreation walks in order to increase awareness of Lyme Disease.
It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (d) Letter dated 22nd October 2019 from Westmeath County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their October meeting in relation to call on the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence, to establish without delay a Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces in Ireland and also to establish a Permanent and Independent Defence Forces Pay Body.
It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Letter dated 25th October 2019 from Fingal County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their October meeting in relation to the "Developing and Implementing Local Migrant Integration Strategies"
It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
- (f) Letter dated 7th October 2019 from Wicklow County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their October meeting in relation to opposing the roll-out of unregulated 5G in the County of Wicklow based on the 'precautionary principle' pending the enactment by Dail Éireann of protective

legislation.

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

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 7th October 2019.

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

- 5 To fill the vacancies on the following committees:

- (a) One vacancy to be filled on the Climate Change Environment & Energy SPC. (Independent).

It was proposed by Councillor Cieran Perry and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Councillor Mannix Flynn be appointed as a member on the Climate Change Environment & Energy SPC". The motion was put and carried

- (b) One vacancy to be filled on the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC following the resignation of Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud.

This item was deferred to the December Council meeting.

- (c) One vacancy to be filled on Dublin City Local Community Development Committee. (Independent)

It was proposed by Councillor Cieran Perry and seconded by Councillor Noeleen Reilly "That Councillor Noeleen Reilly be appointed as a member on the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee and will be replaced by Councillor Anthony Flynn for the second half of the Council term". The motion was put and carried

- 6 Report No. 326/2019 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Séamas McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 326/2019." The motion was put and carried

Members requested that the Manager write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to funding for retrofitting of housing stock.

- 7 Report No. 339/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Capital Programme 2020 to 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke 'This Council agrees to consider a report on the 'Capital Programme 2020 to 2022' at its December 2019 meeting.' The motion was put and carried

- 8 Report No. 314/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020 - Indexation Increase.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor James Geoghegan "That Dublin City Council hereby approve the SCSl Tender Price Indexation rate of 6.6% is applied to the industrial/commercial development levy rate

under the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020 with effect from the 1st January 2020”

The following amendment was proposed by Cllr. Janet Horner, Cllr. Caroline Conroy, Cllr Sophie Nicoullaud, Cllr. Donna Cooney, Cllr. Michael Pidgeon, Cllr Neasa Hourigan, Cllr Hazel Chu, Cllr Lawrence Hemmings and Cllr Patrick Costello “That Dublin City Council hereby approve the SCSi Tender Price Indexation Rate of 6.6% is applied to both industrial / commercial and residential development levy rate under Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2016-2020 with effect from 1st January 2020. The amendment was put to a vote and carried. Results of the vote are attached as Appendix C. The motion as amended was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 309/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Proposed Variation to the City Development Plan 2016-2022 to incorporate the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy (RSES).

It was proposed by Councillor Séamas McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh "That Dublin City Council notes Report No. 309/2019 to initiate the variation to the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022 as outlined in the report". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 311/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Update on Industrial Lands Study and Proposed Draft Variation of Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes Report No. 311/2019 to initiate the variation to the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 as outlined in the report. The motion was put and carried.

At 8.30 p.m. it was agreed to suspend standing orders and defer motions to deal with items on the agenda.

- 11 Report No. 337/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Housing Land Initiative - O`Devaney Gardens.

The Assistant Chief Executive, Brendan Kenny proposed the following amendments to Report No. 337/2019:

1. Page 213 - Affordable Housing- Change, **the highest price for the Affordable Purchase Homes will be € 310,000** not € 320,000.
2. Page 214 - Paragraph on Land- Final sentence in bold, change Cost Rental to **Affordable/Cost Rental**.
3. Page 215 - 7th Bullet point – Change, crèche to **community crèche**.
4. Page 215 - 8th Bullet Point – Change, delete the words “**will offset sunken costs..... demolition etc.**”
5. Page 215 - 9th Bullet point – Change, delete the words ‘**market prices**’.

6. **General:** A minimum of 3 Million Euro of the 7 Million paid by the developer will be ring-fenced for investment in Community/Cultural facilities on the separate but adjacent Dublin City Council site on Infirmary Road (northern end). This particular part of the project will be prioritised by DCC.

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by the Lord Mayor Councillor Paul McAuliffe that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report 337/2019 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

12 Proposed disposals of property:

- (a) Report No. 332/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the Proposed Redevelopment of O'Devaney Gardens, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7.

The Assistant Chief Executive, Brendan Kenny proposed the following amendments to the report which were agreed.

1. Item number 6 – Page 220: Clarification, the project involves a total of 824 homes, 56 of these homes are already being developed by Dublin City Council on the site- 30% of 824 amounts to 247 subtract 56 equals 192. The Developer is providing 192 Social Units for DCC but there will be a total of 247 Social Units on the site. At the initial stage of the project it was indicated in the procurement process that there would be a **maximum of 30% Social Units on the overall site.**
2. Item number 13 – Page 221: Add in the following at end of sentence, **however the Owners Management Company will make a joint decision with DCC on the appointment of a Management Company for the development, a condition of such appointment will be the commitment to decent employment practices.**
3. Item number 18 – Page 221: Add in the following at the end of sentence, **This Clause will aspire to a minimum of 20% of the workers on site to be taken from the live register (including an Apprenticeship Programme) representing opportunities for local employment.**

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by the Lord Mayor Councillor Paul Mc Auliffe That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 332/2019 as amended and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put to a vote and carried. Results of this vote are contained in Appendix D. Cllr. Christy Burke and Cllr Séamas McGrattan unintentionally failed to register their vote but wished to make it known that they would have voted against the proposal.

- (b) Report No. 323/2019 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 21 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No

323/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 327/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 81 Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 327/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 328/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of the crèche facility at Pearse Memorial Park, Windmill Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 328/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 329/2019 of the Executive Manager (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 Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 329/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 330/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease for the premises known as Convent Lawns Community Centre, Off Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10 to Teanga Beo Baile Formaid Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaiochta CLG.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 330/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (g) Report No. 331/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of the premises known as the Bluebell Community & Youth Centre, Bluebell Road, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 331/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (h) Report No. 333/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No

333/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (i) Report No. 335/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of the former Coach Houses to the rear of 14 and 15 St Stephen's Green North, Dublin 2, to Anville Properties Ltd, Dublin 8.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Terence Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 335/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 324/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

This item was not reached on the agenda.

- 14 Report No. 340/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees 2019 – 2024 Sectoral and Public Participation Network Membership

This item was not reached on the agenda. Deferred to December meeting.

- 15 Report No. 313/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

This item was not reached on the agenda.

- 16 Report No. 334/2019 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 8th October 2019 - Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 334/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 336/2019 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate for the meeting held on the 21st October 2019 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 336/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 322/2019 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 16th October 2019 - Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 322/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No. 316/2019 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th October 2019 - Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 316/2019. The motion

was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 318/2019 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 15th October 2019 - Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 318/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 317/2019 of the North West Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 14th October 2019 - Councillor Keith Connolly, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 317/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 325/2019 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 27th September 2019 - Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 325/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 338/2019 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting of the meeting held on the 24th October 2019 - Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Anthony Flynn that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 338/2019. The motion was put and carried.

- 24 As decided by Council on the night

There were no topical issues proposed.

- 25 Emergency Motion(s) to be taken no later than 8.30pm followed by motions 1 and 2 on the Agenda. Revert to Business on the Agenda no later than 9.pm.

Emergency motions were taken under Lord Mayor's Business.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm 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 2nd December 2019.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Vote 1.

DCN-SW Conference Software

Voting Results


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Meeting	Monthly Council Meeting		
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	001		
Name	Suspend Standing Orders		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	04/11/2019 18:33:08	Voting end at:	04/11/2019 18:33:44

Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	50
	Present and not voted	1
Answers		
	Yes	38
	No	11
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	1

Group Results

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	38
	No	11
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	1

Individual Results

Yes

Keith Connolly	Dublin City Co.
Michael Watters	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Declan Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
Mannix Flynn	Dublin City Co.
Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
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Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.

No

Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Michael Pidgeon	Dublin City Co.
Daithi De Roiste	Dublin City Co.
Hazel Chu	Dublin City Co.
Danny Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Joe Costello	Dublin City Co.
Colm O'Rourke	Dublin City Co.
Terence Flanagan	Dublin City Co.

Not voted	James Geoghegan	Dublin City Co.
	Caroline Conroy	Dublin City Co.
	Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.

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

Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to request an urgent repair to the footpath outside (details supplied) Ferrycarrig Avenue Coolock Dublin.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services will complete an inspection at this location in the coming weeks and if required will schedule a footpath repair when a works crew is available in the area.

Q.2 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive whether or not Dublin City Council has approached national government to provide the capital funding required to initiate, develop and complete the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter as originally conceived and if not, ask that the city council do so ahead of next month's council budgetary process.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive wrote to the Mr Paschal Donohoe T.D., Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure & Reform on 16 October 2019, to appraise him of developments in relation to the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter (PSCQ) development. He also sought a meeting with the Minister to discuss the project and the possibility of Exchequer funding for the project.

The Parnell Square Cultural Quarter development will make an enormous contribution to the cultural life of the city and to the redevelopment of the north inner city. Earlier this year the City Council was advised by Kennedy Wilson that the required private fundraising for the project could take over 3 years and that there was no guarantee it would be successful. On 25 July 2019, in response to this development, the Chief Executive advised Elected Members that he proposed to proceed as follows with the project:

1. the City Council would assume full responsibility for the development of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter,
2. the feasibility of pursuing a two phased approach to delivering the overall project would be examined and
3. work would be undertaken to identify alternative funding sources.

The Phasing Feasibility Study has now been completed. Under this option, the new library building and all works to No 27 will be completed in Phase 1 together with limited works to the other Georgian buildings. Phase 2 would cover the full redevelopment of the other Georgian buildings and the completion of the public realm works. The Design Team has been instructed to complete the detailed design drawings for the Phase 1 works and to prepare tender documentation.

A detailed costing exercise is currently underway.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of recipients of the Social Regeneration Fund in Ballymun from the start of the Fund until 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Aisling Project Ltd.
Ballymun Community Law Centre
BRYTE – Ballymun Revealing Yourself through Education
Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre
Ballymun Women’s Resource Centre
CAFTA
DCU in the Community
De Paul
BRYR – Ballymun Regional Youth Resource
St. Margaret’s Travellers Community Association
Ballymun Alcohol Community Outreach
Global Action Plan
DIT Music Programme now TU Dublin
Innovate Dublin
Axis
Nordubco
The Rediscovery Centre
Dublin County Board
Poppintree Youth Project
HalfTimeTalk
Sports Across Ireland
Safer Ballymun Initiatives (various)

Various small grants given by BRL during 2013 – North Dublin Wild Cats, Setanta Youths, BITE (summer camp) Patriots Volleyball Club, Gaelscoil Baile Munna (Inis Mean trip), St. Pauls Wall Climbing, Our Lady of Victories (cookery training day), One Family, Mens Centre and People make Parks.

Q.4 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive for details of monies owed by the Department of Housing, Community and Local Government to Dublin City Council, to give details and periods outstanding.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The first table (Debtors Q2 2019 Report) is a copy of the report that was included on the agenda for the September City Council meeting. This table illustrates Dublin City Council’s wide debtors as at 30th June (Q2) 2019. The opening balance at 1st January 2019 is given, then the value of debtor movements (i.e. bills issued, receipts received) is listed, with a closing debtor at 30th June. There are values for bad debt provision with a net closing balance. The more important figure to consider is the gross debt value of €525.4m as against the net (after bad debt provision) value.

The second table (Q2 2019 Debtors by Department) provides details of that €525.4m by debtor type. This report is structured around the responsibilities of each Asst. Chief Executive.

The Debtor Q3 Report will be brought to the City Council when available as part of the EU/IMF reporting pack.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how many voids are outstanding per area, how long are they void, how many voids have yet to have works commenced and if there is an issue with funding on these.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Following is a breakdown of vacant properties by Area:

Category	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
With or for Framework	75	74	88	110	75	422
Direct Labour	8	0	18	30	5	61
Total	83	74	106	140	80	483

The properties have been vacant for the following timeframes:

Time Vacant	Number of Units
0 to 4 months	159
4 to 8 months	244
8 to 12 months	50
Over 12 months	30
Total	483

Before a void is allocated to a contractor a number of issues must first be completed. Surrender documents need to be procured, an asbestos survey carried out and a Task Order completed. The number of properties in this category is typically 100 to 120 units.

Funding for the refurbishment of vacant properties is provided for through the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government's 'Returning Vacant properties to Productive Use' programme and from Council funding. Full Exchequer funding is provided for in the case of newly acquired properties.

To the end of September 2019, the following properties have been refurbished:

Vacant Property Refurbishments Completed in 2019

Property Type	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
House	26	69	84	96	2	277
Apartment	43	15	37	127	80	302
Senior Citizens	32	41	56	48	31	208
Total	101	125	177	271	113	787

Q.6 COUNCILLOR NOELEN REILLY

To ask the Chief Executive how much does it cost per week to hire the metal steel that goes on Void units?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Q.7 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if further to the replies issued at the October City Council meeting for Question Number 30 he will explore options to achieve 1) below in relation to St. Winfred's Well and 2) if he will write to the Provost of TCD as per Saint Patricks well.

1. Explore potential council funding options for a plaque outlining some of the history behind Nassau Street (Sraid Thobar Phadraig name, location of the well, etc.)
2. Explore the possibility for TCD increasing public access to Thobar Phadraig (inclusion in the St. Patrick's Festival/National Heritage Week/Culture night/TCD tour/Other programmes plus Failte Ireland/RTE/Other promotional materials)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to Q7 (1) the reference is understood to be St. Winifred's Well at Eustace Street. In response to a previous question (Q30 October City Council Meeting), the City Archaeologist will liaise with the City Council Department(s) responsible for its care and provide advice on improvements to its maintenance and presentation.

In relation to Q7 (2) Saint Patricks well (Thobar Phadraig) is located through a vault within the grounds of the private residence of the Provost of Trinity College and his family. Access to this private residence is provided during Open House.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of hoax or malicious calls to the Fire Brigade in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date.

How many of these hoax calls were reported to gardaí?

How many resulted in a prosecution?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DFB log incidents as either reporting "False Alarm, Good Intent" (FAGI) or as "Malicious False Alarm's" (MFA).

The following are the recorded figures of both FAGI & MFA incidents since 2017 up to the 25th of October 2019.

In incidents reported as MFA, DFB reported or informed AGS on the indicated number of occasions.

	2017	2018	2019
FAGI	436	1032	906
MFA	81	99	95
MFA Reported AGS	12	32	22

DFB do not have records on prosecutions for these incidents as these would be dealt with by An Garda Siochana.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of parking fines issued by traffic wardens to drivers parking in disabled parking bays in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not employ traffic wardens or issue fines to drivers for illegal parking in Dublin City. Dublin Street Parking Services are contracted to identify and clamp vehicles that are illegally parked including those in disabled bays. The numbers of vehicles clamped for illegally parking in disabled parking bays throughout Dublin City are as follows:

Year	2017	2018	2019 (January to September)
Total	368	298	277

Q.10 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if permission has been given by Council management to any company or companies to install 5G equipment on any of our infrastructure e.g. lamp-posts and buildings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council through its 'Smart Docklands' initiative in partnership with the CONNECT Centre (the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Future Networks and Communications, headquartered at Trinity College Dublin) are supporting a 5G pilot project in Dublin's Docklands. <https://www.sfi.ie/sfi-research-centres/connect/>

This includes the deployment of a non-commercial 5G testbed which has been rolled-out across the docklands in partnership with Dense Air Ireland and the CONNECT research centre.

The main objective of this project is to:

- Develop a better understanding for how city assets can be used to deploy mobile and 5G equipment in a manner which minimises disruptions (such as excessive road openings) and delivers better usage of assets.
- To encourage asset sharing and to reduce the amount of equipment that mobile operators need to deploy.

As part of this project DCC has facilitated the temporary installation of 5G ready equipment on a number of Public Lighting and Traffic Lighting assets (20 locations). The equipment installed is essentially a low power small cell device which can help boost network signal across the district and demonstrate the potential of this new type of connectivity working with a number of academic partners. This equipment is the same as existing 4G mobile network equipment. What it is doing differently is that it is taking advantage of a new spectrum frequency that allows for enhanced mobile signal and data coverage. It is leveraging the 3.6GHZ spectrum which was awarded to Dense Air Ireland at the end of 2017 as part of the COMREG spectrum auction. <https://www.comreg.ie/industry/radio-spectrum/spectrum-awards/3-6-ghz-band-transition/>

A full description of the project is available at this link: <https://dublininquirer.com/2019/09/11/why-the-council-is-helping-to-test-5g-in-the-docklands>

5G is currently being rolled out across Ireland commercially with Vodafone launching the first 5G service in August across a number of Irish cities including Dublin (in particular the docklands area). Eir will launch their 5G offering across Irish cities by the end of October covering extensive areas of Dublin City Council.

All mobile equipment sites can be located through the COMREG national mapping tool – with full details on the technical specification of the equipment as well as emission reports ensuring compliance with national and international health regulations. https://siteviewer.comreg.ie/#report/08%2F30_2/53.3528475788/-6.2261581361/1/Report%2008%2F30_2

Aside from research pilots DCC responds to commercial operator requests to deploy mobile equipment on DCC properties and assets. This is dealt with in co-operation with our smart city team/ broadband officer and internal asset owners and various planning and development management teams.

DCC also works to support the best practice guidelines of the national broadband taskforce which aims to deliver good quality connectivity across Ireland. See Link: <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/communications/topics/Broadband/mobile-phone-and-broadband-taskforce/Pages/Mobile-Phone-and-Broadband-Taskforce.aspx>

Q.11 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive if the advertising hoarding will be removed from the front of **(details supplied)** Moore Street and a proper shop-front put in place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The frontage at **(details supplied)** Moore Street currently forms part of the depot and offices that are in use by the Waste Management Department at O'Rahilly Parade. The matter of replacing the existing frontage will be examined and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive why barriers were hired and used to separate the footpaths from the road on College Green during the trial pedestrianisation days, given that the whole idea of pedestrianisation is to give freer access to pedestrians on our streets and if he will say what firm was awarded this contract and what it cost.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Family Sundays and Car Free day were all classified as events which required the preparation of an event management plan, consultation with all the Stakeholders especially An Garda Siochana and requirements to abide by the requirements for public safety.

As is customary with all events, Dublin City Council is guided by the requirements of An Garda Siochana in all matters of public safety and security and they advised on their requirements for barriers to separate the space on the day to comply with their security requirements.

Barriers will not be part of the design of the permanent pedestrianised public plaza at College Green.

The barriers were sourced from Actavo and the cost for the three trial days was €17,000.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA

To ask the Chief Executive what is the position regarding the previously signalled replacement of the many illegible, poorly made and unsightly blue and white street and road name plates throughout the City?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services completed a maintenance contract earlier in 2019 where a backlog of over 370 nameplates on the North City and over 220 nameplates on the South City were either replaced or repaired.

Currently, when we receive complaints regarding defective or damaged signs, an inspection is carried out and signs are scheduled for replacement when a works crew is available.

Q.14 COUNCILLOR CRÌONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a full inspection of our dwelling at **(details supplied)**. The tenant and I have been requesting repairs for some time and she informs me they have not been carried out. The tenants work and the inspection can only take place in the afternoon.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This property has just been upgraded from the framework and has only recently been re let. We have no record of any repair requests regarding this property. But we will ask the Area Maintenance Officer to make contact with the tenant to discuss.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list (including location and state of repair) of all horse troughs, old milestones and water fountains located in the city and to detail what measures are in place to ensure their protection and preservation. In addition can the Chief Executive confirm whether, or not, any removed items are in storage.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Two surveys were undertaken in 2004 as part of the Dublin City Heritage Plan, the Survey of Historic Public Sculpture (2004), and the Inventory of Historic Street Paving (2004). These include water fountains (drinking) and horse troughs at the following locations, all but one of which are on the Record of Protected Structures:

Lady Grattan Fountain, and horse trough

Location: St Stephen's Green North.

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref 7753

The fountain and horse trough were conserved and reinstated following LUAS Cross City works in recent years.

Sheehan Memorial

Location: Hawkins Street.

RPS: No

No longer operational as a fountain. Conserved and reinstated by DCC Roads Department following the construction works to the Rosie Hackett Bridge. Prior to these works the Sheehan Memorial was conserved by DCC Heritage Office as part of the O'Connell Street Public Sculpture Conservation Programme, in 2006.

Rutland Fountain

Location: James's Street.

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref 4054

A conservation report was recently produced for this monument by Jason Ellis and conservation works are currently underway.

Rutland Memorial

Location: Merrion Square.

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref 5194

This fountain is no longer in use. It was conserved by the City Architects Department within the last 10 years.

Drinking fountain and water trough

Location: Parnell Square East (Cavendish Row)

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref 1339

No longer in use. No condition survey or works on record for this feature.

Granite trough and bollards

Location: St Patrick's Close

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref 7749

No longer in use. No condition survey or works on record for this feature.

Other features, including milestones that are on the Record of Protected Structures are as follows:

Horse trough

Location: Smithfield, Dublin 7 (adjacent to former distillery)

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref. 7552

Drinking Fountain

Location: Ringsend Park, Dublin 4

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.7379

Milestone

Location: outside 50/52 Howth Road, Dublin 7

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.3957

Milestone

Location: outside 212 Howth Road, Dublin 7

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.3961

Milestone

Location: outside 414 Howth Road, Dublin 7

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.3964

Milestone

Location: outside 694 Howth Road, Dublin 7

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref. 3970

Milestone

Location: Malahide Road/Griffith Avenue junction

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.4854

Milestone

Location: Malahide Road, Dublin 17

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.4862

Milestone

Location: North Strand Road, Dublin 3 (outside No.52)

RPS: Record of Protected Structures ref.5832

In relation to the above their condition is not known at this time. In the meantime the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) has been undertaking a phased survey of Dublin City (mainly within the canals) since 2012 on behalf of the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Based on the results of this survey to date, the Minister has made recommendations for the addition of some 1,200 structures to the City Councils Record of Protected Structures, including drinking water fountains, horse troughs and milestones. These Ministerial Recommendations are being considered by the Conservation Section at present.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans in place to ensure that online observations can be submitted on Part 8 planning applications, as this facility is currently not available, and observations must be submitted in hard copy. In addition, the last date for observations information is not included on the planning information for Part 8 applications and again, can the Chief Executive confirm that this information will also be uploaded as soon as practicable.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The last day for observations is now available to view on line for Part 8's lodged after 28/10/2019.

There is no fee applicable for Part 8 observations but the APAS online planning service requires payment of a fee so is not suitable for these observations.

It is intended that Citizens Space, the City Councils online consultation tool, be used for Part 8 consultations as observations can be made through Citizen Space without the requirement to pay a fee.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that the new bins, which have been installed in city parks which have litter notices on three sides, also include the notice in the Irish language on at least one of the sides.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Big Belly Bin Company will be requested to include the notice as Gaeilge.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to give an age breakdown of the total rental arrears amount for city council housing stock.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has at present approx. 24,406 rented tenancies

Number of Weeks in Arrears	Number of Accounts in arrears	Value of Arrears
1-3 weeks	3834	€426,086.42
4-5 weeks	1096	€345,911.66
6-11 weeks	1883	€1,179,364.38
12- 23 weeks	1934	€2,641,031.34
24 > weeks	4863	€26,736,924.88

Approximately 10,800 accounts are clear in or in credit.

Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if he would request a reply as to why there is a gap of 15 minutes for the Luas to get from Connolly Station to Spencer Dock every morning. A report from Transdev would be welcomed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Luas Red Line trams in the morning (from 7am to 10am) operate every 3 to 6 minutes from Tallaght/Saggart to The Point/Connolly.

During this time, trams alternate destination between Connolly and The Point. The destination is displayed on the Passenger Information Displays on the platform, and also on the destination banner of the tram.

At Busáras, some trams turn into Connolly which is the final destination, and other trams will continue to The Point. Trams into Connolly Luas Stop operate on a frequency of every 11 minutes. Trams to The Point operate on a frequency of every 6 minutes.

There is no service from Connolly to Spencer Dock.

Customers are advised and do walk to Busáras Luas Stop, which is less than 2 minutes from Connolly and there they can alight all trams travelling either to The Point Stop or out of the city to Tallaght / Saggart.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive when the yellow box will be in place at the entry into (details supplied).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has reported that this yellow box is now in place.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC would carry out an inspection in flat complex's in the North East Inner City regards car parking. As some complexes are over parked with cars.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will carry out an inspection of Car Parking in the Complexes in the coming weeks. Dublin City Council have engaged Nationwide Parking Services (NCPS) in some of the complexes. Dublin City Council will discuss the car parking with NCPS.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update in regards to funding outstanding by the HSE regarding DFB payments owed to Dublin City Council for its services to HSE.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Fire Brigade have been invoicing the HSE, €9.182m per annum since 2013 for the provision of the emergency ambulance service it provides. The HSE are paying the amounts invoiced. An interim financial model has been agreed with the HSE pending the outcome of negotiations on a revised Ambulance model.

Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to explain why there has been an inordinate delay in advancing a ballot of residents on (details supplied) for the introduction of a Pay &

Display and Permit Parking scheme; to indicate when it is that he expects a ballot to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter raised in the above is being investigated and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.24 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a maintenance audit of & a timely implementation plan for **(details supplied)**, particularly with regard to ongoing damp and a possible invasive leak from the house next door.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has assigned a contractor to this property to assess for any dampness. The leak in the property next door has been repaired and from our maintenance depot will call to the property to assess any damage. Any necessary repair work will be carried out

Q.25 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to outline why there is dark brown seaweed on Sandymount Strand for over two months bearing in mind it has a very strong unpleasant odour and outline why it is allowed sit there preventing many from the public afraid to use the strand. Can you please arrange to have it removed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Bay has a considerable quantity of vegetation growing on its sea bed. This particular dark brown seaweed material is currently both floating in the sea water and washing up onto our beaches during high tides and elsewhere along the coastline. This material is a naturally occurring seaweed or macro algae called Ectocarpus. There is no foul or sewage effluent on the beaches but it is actually this Ectocarpus at various stages of decay.

Ectocarpus siliculosus is considered to be a naturally occurring nuisance species. Typically growing on the seabed from early springtime until the end of its lifecycle in the autumn when it dies out. At this time of year the seaweed is decaying and becoming uprooted from the sea bed and washing ashore at various locations along Dublin bay.

When Ectocarpus begins to physically degrade, it can produce a malodour (not dissimilar to sewage), as experienced by the complainant, in this instance. Also its colour dissipates from a healthy green colour to light then dark brown as it continues to decay in the water or beaches or marsh, (visually not dissimilar to sewage either). Furthermore, when the weed washes ashore onto the beach, then the seaweed dries out and may be incorrectly identified as caked sewage. This is a natural process within Dublin bay's rich bio-diversity and for various environmental and legal reasons may not be removed from its environment.

With regard to allaying the public's fears, DCC recently distributed an information bulletin to all Elected Representatives outlining what Ectocarpus is so as assist with disseminating information to the public should they enquire.

Furthermore, the Drainage Department has erected the same Ectocarpus 'Information Bulletin' at all of DCC's notice boards located adjacent to designated beaches along our coastline. This includes both Sandymount and Merrion Strands.

Q.26 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how many planning applications have been received by the local authority from a property owner seeking to rent on a short-term basis, in compliance with new legislation to restrict Airbnb style lettings.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A review of the APAS (planning system) shows that of the eleven applications that have been received to date, four are for a change of use from residential use to short term lets (Airbnb).

One application was withdrawn, two have been refused and are currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála and one application is pending a decision.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR CRÌONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how long will it take to reallocate (**details supplied**)? This is a 2 bed unit in a high demand area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Arrangements have been made to allocate this property to a contractor. The property is expected to be ready for allocation within 10 weeks of being given to a contractor.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive how much the City has paid to the City and County Managers Association (or its equivalent) each year for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below details the payments made to the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) in the period 2014 to October 2019. The work of the City and County Manager's Association has been subsumed into the LGMA.

Year	Total LGMA Invoices Paid
2014	1,129,157
2015	1,188,552
2016	1,416,955
2017	1,457,005
2018	1,924,109
2019	1,769,106
	8,884,884

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive to list his scheduled meetings over the last year and for the coming six months with the Minister and or the Secretary General of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Chief Executive has reviewed his diary for the past year. As far as he can establish he had the following scheduled meetings with the Secretary General and/or the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government over the last year:

Wednesday 31st October 2018
Friday 11th January 2019
Thursday 26th September 2019

Minister
Secretary General
Secretary General

As of now he has no scheduled meetings with either the Secretary General and/or the Minister over the coming six months.

The Chief Executive can recall that he has a small number of unscheduled/informal meetings with the Secretary General over the past 12 months when he happened to be in the Customs House attending other meetings. He also attended a number of meetings between local authority Chief Executives and the Department and between the CCMA executive and the Department, which were also attended by the Secretary General and/or the Minister.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive are there any figures available yet as to what energy savings have been made to date in the areas where the upgrades of street lighting to the energy efficient LED lamps have been completed? I note and applaud the continued rollout of the upgrade of street lighting to the energy efficient LED lamps.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council maintains approximately 47,000 lights in the city. An LED replacement programme commenced in early 2016 and to date almost 8,500 lights are now LED lights. A list of the locations where these LED lights are installed is attached.

With regard to energy savings it is estimated that there is approximately a 50% reduction in energy consumption by changing conventional lights such as the low pressure sodium lights (orange light) and high pressure sodium lights (golden light) to LED lights.

The following example illustrates the energy savings that can be achieved by changing low pressure sodium lights to LED lights in a standard residential estate. A typical low pressure sodium light (with electronic control gear) that you would find on a residential road consumes 55W of power while a typical LED replacement light consumes about 27W.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there has ever been a review on the accuracy of the marked register and if not can the Chief Executive commit to a sample review to compare the marked register with actual turnout figures in recent elections.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Register of Electors issued to each polling station (ballot box) is used purely to determine the eligibility of persons to vote. It is not intended as an accurate measure of turnout and is not used to certify ballot paper returns. When the ballot paper is stamped and issued to the voter there is no certainty that it will be placed in the ballot box for subsequent counting and verification. This is true particularly when there are multiple plebiscites on the same day as in May. The Electoral Acts forbid examination or access to the necessary documents or ballot papers except under a petition of Court so it is not possible to do the review requested.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a full housing maintenance inspection of (details supplied). The lady who lives at this address has some mobility issues

having been injured in a serious violent attack some years ago. Some issues reported were:

- a) Back door doesn't lock
- b) Porch door needs to be replaced
- c) Handles on door need replacing
- d) No step into porch which is tiled
- e) Back bedroom glass broke where daughter sleeps

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will arrange an inspection in the coming weeks. Any works that need to be done will be carried out.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for traffic calming measures in **(details supplied)**. Some vehicles are speeding into the turn and rounding the bend here and there are lots of children who play on the road here.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied 1) is a short, narrow and residential road. There is on street parking which acts as natural traffic calming by physically narrowing the carriageway and reducing drivers forward visibility. It is, therefore, not recommended to provide traffic calming measures at this location.

It is, however, recommended to install a cul de sac sign on **(details supplied 1)** at the junction with **(details supplied 2)** to prevent the access by mistake of other non-residential drivers.

Furthermore, **(details supplied 1)** is included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h speed limit introduction. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-Laws in the autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in summer 2020, and this area will be covered by the 30 km/h Slow Zone sign (F 403), indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.

Please note that the City Council will continue to monitor the area after the implementation of the new Speed Limit introduction.

Q.34 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive have the playground in Eamonn Ceannt Park restored after it was burnt by youths very recently and have CCTV cameras installed in order to assist in protecting the playground.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks have appointed a contractor to repair the vandalised equipment above. There are no plans at this time for the installation of CCTV at this location. The matter could be reviewed in the context of the budgetary situation for 2020. It would also require agreement from our Parks & Landscape Services Division.

Q.35 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive to state when will the footpaths in Rutland Grove be repaired after the work and damaged state they have been left in, after work was carried out by Irish Water and the damage done by trees in Rutland Grove.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Repairs are scheduled for Rutland Grove before the end of 2019 weather permitting.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS

To ask the Chief Executive when will new appropriately sized trees be planted in the cul de sac in Rutland Grove and can you say where they plan to plant them?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Trees that have previously been planted in this location have not survived because of vandalism. Any proposals for future tree planting will involve large sized trees located in the grassed areas.

Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please look at the housing application of **(details supplied)**. This lady is on the City Council housing list for over 10 years she has two teenage children, however due to her Dept. of Social Rent support she cannot move on with her life with employment etc. until such time as she gets social housing. I have visited the above house which is in a very poor state, the owners live in Australia and have spent very little on the property over the years. I am asking we look at her case again as she just doesn't seem to move on the waiting list, why is this?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 26/01/2007, the applicant holds the following positions on this list;

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	3	19

The applicant may be eligible for HAP which will provide her with financial assistance towards the cost of renting another property, in addition applicants in receipt of the HAP payment can continue to work. Should the applicant wish to apply for the HAP scheme, she should present to the Allocations Section with current income details where a Housing Advisor can provide information and advice on the scheme.

It may also benefit the applicant to increase her areas of choice as it may increase her chance of being housed in a shorter timeframe. Housing Advisors are available (Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4pm) to discuss options with the applicant should she wish to amend her application to include additional areas of choice.

With regard to the poor condition of the property, the applicant would be advised to contact the Environmental Health Department with a view to organising an inspection of the property to ensure it is in line with the regulatory standards required.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look again at the following: **(details supplied)** has just had her quality of life ruined by Dublin City Council constructing an extension on the adjoining property which has taken all the natural light away from the rear of her home, she had a fence between the houses and the builder removed same without replacing with a wall or fence, the light is now gone. I have asked that we give them a roof light, led lighting & a garden wall to ensure she can continue to enjoy her life. I am available to meet on site to discuss same if necessary. I am aware Dublin City Council have offered a new light and repainting of the rear of her home, but I don't feel this goes far enough.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All planning regulations were met in respect of the extension that was built next to this property. We will ensure the rear of the property is repainted.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please put in place a more regular grass cutting, shrub pruning service to the large open spaces in the Drimnagh Area of Dublin 12 I have had a number of residents onto me in relation to what they feel is a big reduction in the maintenance of small & large areas to the extend waste etc. is starting to gather on the open spaces etc.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The level of service in the Drimnagh area has not changed in the recent past. Parks can contact the councillor directly to discuss if there are specific open spaces that require attention so we can organise accordingly.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive if we can help this family out: **(details supplied)**. The house still has the storage heaters put in by Dublin City Council in the late 1980`s of which only 1 is working this one heater is costing the above family €500 every 2 months, the windows are also not great in the house particularly the back windows, in addition how do they go about getting an additional hand rail as he finds it difficult to up and down to the bedroom. I asked him if he would consider applying for a downstairs bedroom / bathroom he says at his age he is not interested and if he got the heating done it would transform his life.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspector has been asked to call to this property as a matter of urgency in order to assess the heating. If the tenant would like to discuss any issues in relation to making his property more accessible, he can contact Housing Maintenance and we can put him in contact with the Tenant Accessibility Section.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR CRÌONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive why it is taking so long to have the maintenance issues at **(details supplied)** addressed. Some of the issues at this location include dampness on the bedroom walls, an awful smell in the bathroom and bedroom plus silver fish, the bathroom window lock is broken and you can't lock the window, a new boiler was installed last year and they are still waiting for the thermostat to be put up on the wall & to have the pipes/wires boxed in. The tenant informs me that she has been trying for some time to have them addressed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Electrical services called to this property on 26th September to fix the thermostat but were unable to gain access. The damp issues and the window locks have been logged on our Anite system and we will respond to them as quickly as possible.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR SÈAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the feasibility of removing the stone plinths from underneath many of the statues in The City Centre. Many of these historical figures are passed every day unnoticed by passers-by as they are too far up. Lowering the statues could create tourist attractions on our streets.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All proposals to create greater public engagement with the statues and public art in Dublin are welcome. However, the plinths on which the statues are placed are, in many cases, an integral part of the sculptors design and are intended to give status

and presence to the historical figures portrayed. In addition, the O'Connell Monument, William Smith O'Brian, John Gray, Father Mathew and the Parnell Monument are all protected structures and as such any measures to alter the monuments character and special interest would require planning permission. Such a proposal would be contrary to established conservation best practice. More so, the costs of undertaking these works would be prohibitive. Dublin City Council Arts and Heritage Offices will consider other proposals to engage the public with its historic public sculpture in the coming year.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive to consider making a defibrillator available to the public outside the office on **(details supplied)**. This public space is used by thousands of people every week and would be an ideal location for such a vital lifesaving machine.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Manager, **(details supplied)**, has spoken with the Councillor regarding this issue and has agreed to look at this proposal to see if it is feasible.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive for details of different layout changes to the pitches in **(details supplied)** over the last 10 years and the cost incurred by Dublin City Council over that period.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The layout of the pitches was enhanced in 2007 when considerable drainage and other works were carried out which consisted of:

450 m of Main Drains
3,790m of Lateral Drains
18,440m of sand slits
Additional drainage of incidental areas
Cost of €158,900.00

A hydro break valve system to prevent flooding down stream
Cost of €5,107.50

Ball stop netting, goal posts supply and install
Cost of €35,979.50

Total €199,987

There was also expenditure at the time on fencing, footpaths, tree planting etc. to improve the amenity and accessibility of the open space at this time.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN

To ask the Chief Executive if the area of land beside **(details supplied)** could be purchased for public housing. The yard has been empty for the last few years and could be suitable for the provision of housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council will investigate the current status of this land.

It will where possible endeavour to have the owner put the land to good use failing which the City Council will review the possible acquisition of same for the provision of housing.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CRÌONA NÌ DHÀLAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure a full inspection takes place on the roofs at **(details supplied)**. The leaks from the roofs into the flats below are causing serious issues in some flats numbered in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive for a Crumlin and Kimmage Community meeting with Dublin City Council Flood Projects and Water Framework Directive Division/ Environment and Transportation Department due to the concerns raised by resident groups about the reduction of Poddle Park, construction of wall through park and removal of trees.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Mr. David Grant, Senior Resident Engineer, Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme, South Dublin County Council and Mr. Qaisar Shawqi, Executive Engineer, Dublin City Council will contact Cllr Conroy to arrange a meeting with concerned residents regarding future plans for Poddle Park.

Q.48 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council request a feasibility study from National Transport Authority on an underground metro system through Dublin South-West and West. As the Chief Executive is on the Board of the National Transport Authority this would be an interactive request. The current Bus Corridor and Bus Connects proposals impact all Dublin residents, in some wards the residents are seeking long-term solutions for the city and Greater Dublin Area, in which safer, faster, accessible public transport would engender affordable housing on affordable land outside the city. Thus, an underground system would promote housing and transport.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A 'Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy, 2016-2035' has been prepared and published by the National Transport Authority in accordance with Section 12 of the Dublin Transport Authority Act, 2008. The Strategy sets out how transport will be developed across the region, covering Dublin, Meath, Wicklow and Kildare, over the period to 2035. The Strategy has been approved by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The Strategy does not provide for an underground metro system through Dublin South West and West.

In these circumstance the Chief Executive does not consider it would be appropriate for him to request a feasibility study along the lines suggested by the Councillor.

There is nothing to stop the Councillor making this request directly to the NTA.

Q.49 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange that the Area Sign in **(details supplied)** is repaired or replaced as it is damaged and is unsightly to the area.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled. This will be completed when a works crew is next available in the area.

Q.50 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will confirm that planning enforcement procedures as required by Part VIII of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) have been initiated in a case (**details supplied**). Has an inspection been carried out? What further investigations have taken place? Has an enforcement notice been served? When will this case be finalised? Might a Section 5 determination be needed in this case?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

An inspection has been carried out at this location. It would appear that the entrance that has recently been opened for use does not have planning permission. The operator of the business concerned is currently being contacted in this regard and will be asked how he intends to deal with the matter. It is likely that an enforcement notice will be served following the completion of our investigations.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to how often Dublin City Council intervene / respond to complaints of cars parked illegally on footpaths and streets?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit has a policy of responding to such complaints as they arise. Dublin Street Parking Services respond to complaints of cars parked illegally on footpaths and streets on receipt of such complaints. These complaints are regularly received and investigated within 24 hours. The main issue with cars parked on footpaths is when a car has all four wheels parked on the footpath and there is no room for a person with a disability or a buggy or a wheelchair to pass on the footpath. Such illegally parked vehicles are clamped as and when reported and when Dublin Street Parking Services come upon such vehicles when on patrol. To be fair to residents who live in areas that has tight parking facilities, warning notices can be issued in advance of clamping vehicles. This allows residents the opportunity to avoid being clamped by altering how they park their vehicles. Illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths at junctions is a priority also as they pose a danger to both users of footpaths and road users whose visibility is reduced by such parking of vehicles.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council have any initiatives that can be used at a local level / by community groups to combat illegal graffiti or tagging.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Art Projects on the Utility boxes would be the main tool used against Graffiti in the City.

Where it is appropriate and with the permission of the property owner murals have been painted and usually they have not been tagged or interfered with.

The most common practice is to remove the graffiti by power washing or painting over it. Graffiti in the Central Area/Cabra-Glasnevin Area can be reported by e-mail to litter.central@dublincity.ie. Graffiti on private property is the responsibility of the owner to remove.

The Public Domain Unit is primarily focussed on the removal of graffiti from the public realm. A combination of direct labour and contract work is employed to carry out this function.

We also support local community groups / businesses / individuals who wish to remove graffiti. We provide paint / brushes and graffiti wipes where required. We will continue to support any groups etc. who wish to engage with us.

Dublin Canvas

Dublin Canvas is a community art project designed to address graffiti on the Dublin City Council owned Traffic Control utility boxes while animating the Public Realm. In 2011 a trail was run in the Capel Street area where 11 boxes were painted with original Art work. Many of these boxes were being tagged on a weekly basis and accumulating costs to repaint and maintain for the City Council. Original Art work however was not interfered with both addressing the problem and representing a cost saving. On foot of that trial the project was rolled out in the administrative area with consent from the Planning Dept.

Process: In March/ April each year there is an open call for proposals for artwork. At the same time Area Public Domain Officers identify suitable locations. The submissions are adjudicated by Area in conjunction with the Area Office, the Arts Office and the Public Realm team. Artist receive a safety induction and are supplied with PPE and materials and painting is carried out from May to September. Approximately 250 boxes now have original art and this approach was rolled out by South Dublin and Fingal last year

Invoke Street Art operate the Dublin Canvas Initiative across Dublin City. Local artists are invited to send in submissions for art works to be applied to traffic signal utility boxes across the 4 local authorities. 21 works of art were agreed between invoke street art and the South Central Area. The most "tagged boxes are identified for treatment. The South Central Area has also sponsored a local mural in Michael Mallin House, Inchicore Community Centre and the KRIB Garda Youth Diversion Project. Graffiti tagging is removed on a regular basis from the public realm and racist or offensive material is removed as a matter of priority. Many community projects are supported by Public Domain and Community Development sections that seek to engage local young people in alternative activities. There is also community consultation with local groups in delivering projects, such as the commissioned art work in the Weaver Park skate bowl.

Q.53 **COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council are actively issuing fines to dog owners who leave their dogs' dirt on public paths, streets and green spaces?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Whilst no fines have been issued this year for dog fouling, Dublin City Council are in the process of organising an anti-dog fouling awareness campaign. The basis of the campaign is to promote responsible dog ownership and to get the message across that dog owners/walkers should always clean-up after their dog. Some of the area offices are carrying out their own awareness campaign in relation to dog fouling:

South Central Public Domain has engaged the Dog Warden Service to patrol parks in the Drimnagh/Walkinstown area to provide a visible presence in parks. The focus of Public Domain campaigns has largely been on awareness and education to encourage owner responsibility. Public Domain in co-operation with Community Development hosted dog shows in Weaver Park, Eamonn Ceannt Park, St Martins

Park, and Drumfinn Green Space adjacent to the Ballyfermot Civic Centre and Jim Mitchell Park, Ring St. Inchicore. Dog foul bags were distributed free of charge and a clear message was given on dog fouling, dog behaviour and responsible ownership. The Dog Warden Service and the Gardai supported the shows.

South East Area: Regular Patrols are undertaken by Public Domain staff in the South East Area. The primary focus of these patrols are the Parks and open spaces. The Officers wear Hi Viz vests with an Anti-Dog Fouling motif. They engage with dog walkers and distribute rolls of dog poo bags. The principal of the patrols is to promote anti dog fouling & educate the dog walkers, along with the threat of enforcement for those who fail to clean up.

South East Area has also patrolled with the Dog Warden Service, and the Dog Wardens enforce the Control of Dogs Act and the Parks Bye Laws. (Dogs on leads, restricted breeds, Dog Licence Checks).

The Dog warden service has also been assigned to particular locations where reports of dogs being let loose to wander the streets unaccompanied have been received. In the North Central Area, plans are in place to begin a responsible dog walker's scheme where staff will collaborate with dog walkers to distribute doggie bags and to ensure that all doggie bags are placed in the nearest bin.

The Litter Management Office continue to promote the Green Dog Walker scheme by assisting the area offices at dog shows throughout the year. Free doggie bags are available at all Libraries and Bring Centres in the city. Doggie bags are also available at all Dublin City Council Offices.

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Q.54 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update with regard to the redevelopment of Dalymount Park.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a detailed appraisal of Dalymount Park, the current plan for the redevelopment is to build a four-sided enclosed UEFA Category 3 stadium with a capacity of 6,000. This will include a new public library for Phibsborough, flexible community space and meeting rooms. The procurement of an integrated design is under way and this process should be completed by mid-November 2019.

A funding application was submitted through the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) in April 2019. The Department of Transport, Tourism, & Sport have not made any announcement on this fund.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The table below details the most recent data showing the duration spent in emergency accommodation by all families in emergency accommodation on September 30th 2019.

Table 1.

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Adults	Number Dependents
24+ months	186	269	434
18-24months	146	215	374
12-18 months	187	269	443
6-12 months	274	394	600
6 months or less	480	689	927
Total	1,273	1,836	2,778

There were approximately 214 families residing in 'Own Door' accommodation across the Dublin region in September 2019. Information to determine the length of stay of every family residing in 'Own Door' accommodation is not readily available.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to give me an update on what attention was given by the housing department to this laneway (**details supplied**) and if the knotweed has been removed

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

With regards to Japanese Knotweed in the laneway: at (**details supplied**) I would make the following comments.

Historically these were Dublin City Council houses but have been sold on to residents.

The laneways were predominantly used for coal Lorries.

The gates that were erected on the laneway were erected by the residents.

Dublin City Council has not maintained these laneways since they were sold to the residents and since the residents put up the gates.

The responsibility for maintenance on this laneway rests with the residents.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to advise which roads that adjoin (**details supplied**) are NOT oversubscribed re pay parking scheme, as residents on (**details supplied**) are anxious to know what roads they can apply for and have been turned down in relation to some of these roads already?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The pressure on parking is very intense on all the roads immediately off **(details supplied)**. It is the policy of the Parking Policy and Enforcement Unit to treat every application for on street parking on a case by case basis:

- Lomond Avenue has 28 spaces and currently 25 permits have been issued
- Annadale Avenue has 27 spaces and currently 23 permits have been issued
- Waverly Avenue has 43 spaces and currently 43 permits have been issued
- Melrose Avenue has 48 spaces and currently 49 permits have been issued
- St Joseph's Terrace has 13 spaces and 9 permits have been issued
- Addison Road has 50 spaces and 44 permits have been issued
- Cadogan Road has 78 spaces and 60 permits have been issued

There are a number of roads in the vicinity of **(details supplied)** that currently do not have any parking restrictions:

- Turlough Gardens
- Windsor Villas
- Brian Road
- Shelmartin Terrace.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposal to install a small play area with swings and bowls for senior citizens in **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

(details supplied 1) is approximately 450m from and within the catchment area of the existing playground at **(details supplied 2)** and is considered very low priority for a new playground. There is a dedicated pedestrian crossing on **(details supplied 3)**.

While there is considerable merit in the objective to provide for play opportunities locally for children the priority over the next few years must be to address the area of deficit within the area where no play facilities are provided and to bring the existing playgrounds in the area some of which are showing their age up to a safe and acceptable standard.

There is no proposal for a bowling green in **(details supplied 1)**.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive if **(details supplied 1)** could be cleaned more regularly than it is – it is often in need of attention by comparison to similar areas in **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services will monitor **(details supplied)** and arrange extra cleaning there when necessary to do so.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive confirm that Dublin City Council has 4 trucks working 5 and half days a week collecting commercial waste that does not meet waste collection criteria and can Dublin City Council confirm how much this costs?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council carries out the removal of illegal dumping on an ongoing basis throughout the city. This dumping consists of a mix of household, commercial and bulky waste with the majority considered to be the result of households dumping domestic waste and household items directly or through the use of unlicensed waste

collectors who then proceed to dump materials in laneways and other locations. There is no service that is specifically provided by Dublin City Council to remove commercial waste that does not meet waste collection criteria. Commercial waste presented for collection that is not in compliance with the requirements for collection is a matter for investigation by the litter warden service if the waste remains on the street following collections and is not then removed by the commercial premises who has presented the waste for collection.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive: in noting the success of passing the Park West-Cherry Orchard LAP, can the Chief Executive confirm when and how the Implementation Group will be established?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Interdepartmental Implementation Group, which will be chaired by Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City, is in the process of being established. The intention is to have it in place in mid-November. It will consist of representatives from the relevant Council Departments, such as Parks, Planning, Engineering and Area Office, with attendance from other Departments as necessary.

Q.62 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive how many houses in Dublin City are identified for Phase 2 Insulation Programme, what is the cost for the completion of Phase 2, how much has Dublin City Council spent to date on this insulation, how much has Dublin City Council requested from Dept. of Housing and how much funding was received?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

- We currently estimate there are approximately 4,747 houses categorised under Phase Two of the programme.
- Based on works to date, we estimate it will cost in the region of €100-€120 Million to complete Phase Two at current market/contract rates.
- We have spent €13.4 Million to date on Phase Two of the programme.
- We have requested €13 Million, received an allocation of €7.9 Million and have received payments to date of €3.857 Million.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive confirm how much funding was allocated in this year's Budget for homeless services, including emergency accommodation, how much has been spent and what is the expected spend by end of year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Homeless Services Budget 2019:	€149,926,520
Including - Emergency Accommodation Budget 2019:	€141,339,271
Homeless Services Spend – to Quarter 3:	€125,850,955
Revised Homeless Services Budget 2019	€171,852,352

Q.64 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will take steps to have recycling and composting facilities installed in City Council flat complexes and housing estates.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services introduced a waste recycling programme in March 2019, which will see the introduction of green (mixed dry recyclables) and brown (food waste) bins to all DCC owned complexes. The approach taken is to invite residents to a recycling workshop delivered by the environmental charity Voice

Ireland before introducing the recycle bins to their complex. Residents are provided with a reusable recycle bag, a 7 litre food caddy and a roll of compostable bags.

This project is currently focusing on the South East Area where recycle bins have been introduced to 29 of the 45 complexes to date. When complete, the project will concentrate on the South Central Area before moving to Central, North West and North Central areas.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will ensure that the casual traders in Moore Street, most of whom are women have access to running water and toilet facilities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Office are in discussion with Waste Management to allow access for the Casual Traders to the ground floor unit at O'Rahilly Parade to avail of toilet and washing facilities. Some internal alterations will have to be carried out to ensure safe access to the facilities.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he will establish a new city-wide scheme of tree pruning particularly as storms are becoming increasingly common and if Dublin City Council will provide leaf mulching facilities for those households who wish to dispose of fallen leaves in this way.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Parks and Landscape Services are in the process of carrying out a city wide street tree inventory and assessment which will inform our Tree Programme and in particular a citywide scheme of tree pruning.

Concerning the second question, Parks and Landscape Services will look in the feasibility of organising such a scheme. Currently collection of fallen leaves are organised at local level in connection with Dublin City Council allotments.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to draw up a comprehensive policy on pest control where the problem originates in private property but affects public health.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environmental Health section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to rodent control. The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive. The effect of the legislation is: That the responsibility for destroying and preventing rodents rests with occupiers and where that are no occupiers, the owner of the property or land. That it empowers the HSE to prosecute occupiers for failing to clear their premises of rodents, or, having given notice, to enter the lands itself and clear them and to recover expenses from the occupiers. That the HSE may give instructions as to the most effective methods for the destruction and control of rodents.

For the South East City Area the HSE contact details are: Environmental Health, South East City, Adelaide Chambers, Peter Street, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 4493255. For the South West City Area the HSE contact details are: Environmental Health, South West City, Floor 4, Chamber House, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Tel: 01 4686375. For the North City area the HSE contact details are: Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

The investigation of complains, inspections and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to rodents is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at:

http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf

and at :

http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf

Q.68 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive, given the traffic restrictions proposed in the newest bus connects plans including one ways and bus gates, what steps he will take to ensure any needed traffic changes to adjacent streets such as traffic calming or filtered permeability are rolled out alongside bus connects, what Joint working arrangements will be created and will he consider seconding a senior engineer to the NTA bus connects team to ensure joint working.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council are in the process of setting up a Bus Connects Team to undertake the necessary interfaces with the NTA and DCC. Part of the role of this team will be to look at impacts on surrounding areas and where measures such as traffic calming etc. are required that DCC will implement the required changes. It should be noted also that a Public Appointment Service competition for a Senior Transportation officer has just concluded and the successful candidate will be appointed shortly. It is not envisaged seconding to the NTA Bus Connects team but this person will head up the DCC team and will work closely with the NTA as this project moves forward.

Q.69 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on all Dublin City Council owned sites currently on the vacant sites register, what the plans are for them, where those plans are at and to give a time of when they will be back in productive use.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Site at corner of Infirmary Road & Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7 (VS-0011)

Part 8 for the development of a portion of this site was approved at the October 2019 Council Meeting. The development will consist of 38 social housing units and the tendering process is due to commence in Q. 1 – 2020.

Following a Community Audit, the remainder of this site will go into community use.

Site to North of 18 Basin Street Lower, Dublin 8 (VS-0017)

Entry of this site to the Vacant Sites Register is currently under review. The Vacant Sites Unit is investigating possible development constraints which may warrant its removal from the register. The future use of this site is also being considered at this time.

Site on Cork Street and Chamber Street, adj. to Weaver Park, Dublin 8 (VS-

0092)

Part 8 for the development of this site was approved at the October 2019 Council Meeting. The development will consist of 55 volumetric rapid build units. Off-site construction of these units is currently underway.

Site at Corner of Russell Street and North Circular Road (VS-0101)

In order to maximise development potential on the site, the Council is in the process of trying to acquire, by agreement in the first instance, adjacent properties on Russell Street and the corner of North Circular Road with a view to including them in any future development proposal. The acquisition of 18A Russell Street completed in August 2019.

(Readymix site) 5-23 East Wall Road, Dublin 3 (VS-0117)

Approval to include this site in Social Housing PPP bundle 3 received from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government in October 2019.

Ellis Court, Benburb Street, Dublin 7 (VS-0186)

The City Council disposed of this site (Section 183) to Tuath Housing Agency in May 2019. Development of this site has commenced and the site will be removed from the Vacant Sites Register in due course.

Shangan Rd. (opp. Virgin Mary School & Church), Ballymun, Dublin 9 (VS-0402),

Shown as “site no. 10” in the Ballymun Local Area Plan (LAP), the site has infrastructural requirements i.e. provision of surface water attenuation area and the provision of an access road.

Coultry Rd. (site east of Coultry Gardens), Ballymun, Dublin 9 (VS-0403)

Shown as “site no. 8” in the Ballymun LAP, the site is currently being considered for use by the charity “Empower the Family” or an Approved Housing Body (AHB).

187-279 Silloge Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9 (VS-0407)

Shown as “site no. 11” in the Ballymun LAP, this site has infrastructural requirements i.e. realignment of road to access adjoining sites.

There are currently 9 Housing owned sites on the Vacant Sites Register as follows:

No.	Location	Comment
1	O'Devaney Gardens, 10 Ashford Place, Arbour Hill	Housing Construction Programme - Housing Land Initiative Site
2	St. Bricin's Military Hospital, O'Devaney Gardens	Housing Construction Programme - Housing Land Initiative Site
3	Grand Canal Place, Long's Place, Bond St. Dublin 8	Proposals to develop in Bundle 2 Rapid Build Volumetric Programme. Currently at design phase.
4	Former Boys Brigade Football Pitches	Development proposals have been prepared for this site as Ph. 3 of the Masterplan for the regeneration of St. Teresa's Gardens. Phase 3 is subject to further planning and consultation and development framework proposals.
5	Site bounded by Poppintree Pk Lane West, Parvkiew Close	No current proposals to develop this site

6	Site on southside of Parkview Road	No current proposals to develop this site
7	Site bounded by Coultry Road	No current proposals to develop this site
8	Site at Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5	Housing Land Initiative Site – Procurement Process commenced
9	St. Michael's Estate (Site 1B)	Site to be developed for Assisted Living Scheme – Planning application lodged October 2019 by Circle/Alone Approved Housing Bodies.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for a full report on the housing file of **(details supplied)**, who has been on the housing list for over seventeen years now.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 24/04/2002 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	18

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.

The applicant has expressed her interest in **(details supplied)**, which has been noted on her file.

Q.71 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive to provide all information regarding the engagement the city council has had over the last three years with Platinum Land Ltd.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On 26th September, 2017 a written request was received from Platinum Ireland Ltd., the owners of the site, through the office of McCutcheon Halley, seeking the rezoning of the site from Z6 (employment) to Z1 (residential). It was stated that the site had been vacant for a long time and that it had the potential to provide much needed residential development.

The proposed variation went on public display from 9th January, 2018 to 6th February, 2018. The owners also gave a presentation to the Area Committee. 5 written submissions were received (Eastern Regional Assembly, McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants, Department of Education, Councillor Alison Gilliland and the DHPLG).

The submission were considered by the City Council at its meeting on 5th March, 2018, following which the variation was approved.

Pre-planning application consultations were initiated with the Planning Authority by Platinum Lands Ltd for the redevelopment of the former Chivers site in 2017. These consultations were suspended in September 2017 on receipt by the Planning Authority of a written request for the rezoning of the lands in question. The pre-

application consultations recommenced following the approval of the variation and concluded with a formal tri-partite consultation with An Bord Pleanála on 16th November 2018. Prior to the tri-partite consultation, the Planning Authority forwarded its opinion to the Board identifying a number of matters that should be addressed in any future application.

A planning application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on 30th April 2019 in accordance with the relevant legislation for Strategic Housing Developments. The Chief Executive's report together with the opinion of the elected members was forwarded to the Board on 24th June 2019. The report recommended that significant changes be made to the proposed development including a major reduction in height of a number of the proposed blocks in the event of planning permission being granted. Notwithstanding the Planning Authority's recommendations, the proposed development was granted by An Bord Pleanála subject to conditions on 31st July 2019.

Q.72 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive confirm whether any licences or permissions were given for the testing of 5G phone technology within the city? If it was, what locations were used? What were the terms of conditions? And who are the providers? Was there any health warnings issued to the public with regards the potential health and environment risks posed by 5G technology?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Response to the various aspects of the question:

1) **To ask the Chief Executive confirm whether any licences or permissions were given for the testing of 5G phone technology within the city? If it was, what locations were used?**

Yes. For the purposes of a research pilot, Dublin City Council through its 'Smart Docklands' initiative in partnership with the CONNECT Centre (the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Future Networks and Communications, headquartered at Trinity College Dublin) are supporting a number of innovation projects including a 5G pilot project in Dublin's Docklands. <https://www.sfi.ie/sfi-research-centres/connect/>

The Smart Docklands project was officially launched in February 2018, it was established to help accelerate the deployment of smart technologies that can help the city council deliver a much more attractive and sustainable environment for residents and workers across the district. www.smartdocklands.ie the projects address challenge areas such as flooding, energy efficiency, sustainability, mobility and congestion and aim to encourage better citizen and community engagement.

The City Council through the docklands project is supporting the deployment of '5G technology' and national research agenda for 5G technologies in partnership with Dense Air Ireland. Through this project we are investigating how city assets can be better utilised and used to deploy mobile and future 5G equipment in a manner which minimises disruptions such as excessive road openings and delivers better usage of assets reducing the amount of equipment that operators need to deploy.

All mobile equipment sites can be located through the COMREG national mapping tool – with full details on the technical specification of the equipment as well as emission reports ensuring compliance with national and international health

regulations. https://siteviewer.comreg.ie/#report/08%2F30_2/53.3528475788/-6.2261581361/1/Report%2008%2F30_2

2) What were the terms and conditions? And who are the providers? If it was, what locations were used?

The terms and conditions are as follows: This is a deployment of a non-commercial 'neutral host' 5G testbed for a period of 2 years which has been rolled-out across the docklands in partnership with Dense Air Ireland and CONNECT research centre.

DCC has enabled the temporary installation of 5G ready equipment on a number of Public Lighting and Traffic Lighting assets (20 locations) across the Docklands District. The equipment installed is essentially a low power small cell device which can help boost network signal across the district and demonstrate the potential of this new type of connectivity working with a number of academic partners.

This equipment deployed is the same as existing 4G mobile network equipment and not full 5G equipment. What it is doing differently is that it is taking advantage of a new spectrum frequency that allows for enhanced mobile signal and data coverage. This 3.6GHZ spectrum licence was awarded to Dense Air Ireland at the end of 2017 as part of the COMREG spectrum auction. <https://www.comreg.ie/industry/radio-spectrum/spectrum-awards/3-6-ghz-band-transition/>

A full description of the project is available through the Dublin Inquirer as part of a feature article: <https://dublininquirer.com/2019/09/11/why-the-council-is-helping-to-test-5g-in-the-docklands>

Aside from research pilots DCC responds to commercial operator requests to deploy mobile equipment on DCC properties and assets. This is dealt with in co-operation with our smart city lead and broadband officer and working closely with our internal asset owners as well as our planning and development management teams. This will continue to be the case as 5G networks are deployed.

5G is currently being rolled out across Ireland commercially with Vodafone launching the first 5G service in August across a number of Irish cities including Dublin (in particular the docklands area) This has been deployed on commercial buildings. Eir will launch their 5G offering across Irish cities by the end of October covering extensive areas of Dublin City Council.

An upcoming EU Directive will mandate public bodies to provide access to their assets to support the deployment of small cell equipment in the future. Ref: Directive (EU) 2018/1972 on the European Electronic Communications Code ('the Code'). Its aim is to future-proof the sector and to lay a strong foundation for the digital economy across Europe. The Code places a legal obligation on Member States to make available State and publicly owned assets, for the purposes of the deployment of small cell wireless access points. Article 57 (and accompanying Recital 140) of the EU Directive places an onus on public authorities to facilitate reasonable requests for access to any physical infrastructure controlled by national, regional or local public authorities. DCC's policy is to support such reasonable access to assets as requested by mobile operators.

3) Was there any health warnings issued to the public with regards the potential health and environment risks posed by 5G technology?

The current guidance on the health and environmental risks posed by 5G technology are as follows: The World Health Organisation and other public-health agencies who have stated “that there is no scientific evidence to support any adverse health effects to individuals exposed below the international exposure levels set for members of the public” The EPA are part-funding research through the WHO on the health effects of radio frequencies which include the frequencies associated with 5G.

The City Council has been liaising closely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through their statutory advisory role on monitoring any health risks associated with 5G technologies. The guidance remains as set out by the World Health Organisation. We will continue to review and respond if this guidance is updated or changes.

If any members of the public or councillors have concerns on 5G technologies the EPA can be contacted on Email:info@epa.ie This web link also provides more information:

<https://www.comreg.ie/industry/radio-spectrum/site-viewer/non-ionising-radiation-information/>

Q.73 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full written report regarding the permissions that were given to encamp in Merrion Square Park during the recent protests within the city. This report also to include what protocols are in place regarding such decisions and what is the chain of authority when seeking permission to encamp in the park? Also, what are the insurance implications for Dublin City Council? Why were the local councillors not informed of any of the decisions around the use of Merrion Square Park?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Extinction Rebellion did not seek permission and neither was permission given by DCC for the protestors to occupy Merrion Square west or Merrion Square Park. The protestors established their road closure and entered the park early on the morning of 7th October 2019. By the time that they had established their 'camp' in the park the only option to DCC would have been to forcibly remove the individuals and tents from the park. In consultation with the Gardaí it was decided not to forcibly evict the protestors as this would have created a scene which could have been construed and reported as unnecessary aggression by DCC against the protestors.

The protestors in the park were not facilitated by DCC with regard to vehicle access, toilets, water or electricity.

The park remained open to the public at all times and the Thursday lunchtime food market proceeded as it does every week.

The protestors dealt with the disposal of their own waste, they did not light any fires or do any damage the park. However, if the protest becomes an annually promoted event, DCC will engage security to deter and prevent any similar encampment taking place in the park in the future.

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive supply a full report with regards the ongoing activities of the Digital Hub Thomas Street. This report to include a full list of all of the estate owned by Dublin City Council. What potential exists on this estate for social housing? What provisions exist for cultural use? Also, what conditions exist for commercial use?

Further, that a full report and updates on Digital Hubs activities and progress be included in the management report every month.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no City Council owned land under the control of The Digital Hub.

The Digital Hub is managed by the Digital Hub Development Agency which is a separate statutory agency. While there was a Government decision to transfer responsibility for the Agency to the City Council the legislation to give effect to this transfer was never enacted and the proposal is no longer being actively pursued.

The Digital Hub Development Agency runs The Digital Hub and implements its enterprise and campus development strategy. It also facilitates and contributes to urban regeneration in the Liberties area and pilots projects that are vital to the ongoing development of the digital sector in Ireland. The Board of Digital Hub Development Agency is appointed by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and includes enterprise, education, business, arts, social and urban regeneration interests.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive issue an update on the progress being made regarding Dublin City Councils' acquisition policy in relation to gifts of a cultural nature such as sculpture, paintings, art works and monuments and memorials such as the Flanders memorial and the recent gift of the Pagoda from the Chinese Embassy to Dublin City Council. At present there is no acquisitions policy and in light of this and in the interest of good governance and diligence it is appropriate that no gifts be accepted until we have a strict fit for purpose cultural acquisitions policy that is in line with the guidelines set down by national cultural institutes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

During the last Council, the Protocol Committee had been looking at a draft Gift Policy for gifts offered to appear on the Public Realm or in Parks. The policy was not completed at that committee as it was felt the focus was too narrow. What is proposed above includes a broader range of formats including art works, paintings and covers acquisitions as well as gifts. While Libraries, Archives and the Hugh Lane have policies or procedures that cover some of the above there is no Corporate Policy covering all such acquisitions. Councils have produced comprehensive acquisition and Gift policies The Chief Executive's Department recommend that this item be referred for to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC for inclusion on the work programmes of the SPC as the cultural, arts and commemoration functions fall under the remit of that SPC. It is not clear how many proposed gifts to the City are being dealt with at present. Commitments may have been made to some donors. It may be difficult to halt the process on some gifts without causing offence.

Q.76 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the investigation into payments for protection of Dublin City Council properties in the Dublin 11 area, has there been any other areas of the city identified where similar payments have been made.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Based on the legal advice he has received, the Chief Executive is not in a position to respond to City Council questions on the internal investigation which is underway into the payment of protection money in respect of City Council sites in the Cherry Orchard area. However, he has agreed to a private meeting with representatives of the different political groupings on the Council on the matter.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive provide a list of all Voids in the city currently and a report on the average turnaround time of each void.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Vacant Property Refurbishments Completed in 2019

Property Type	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
House	26	69	84	96	2	277
Apartment	43	15	37	127	80	302
Senior Citizens	32	41	56	48	31	208
Total	101	125	177	271	113	787

These properties can be divided into:

Vacant Council Properties: 591
 Acquisitions: 196
 Total: 787

Current Refurbishments:

Status	Central	North Central	North West	South Central	South East	Total
For Framework or being refurbished by Framework	88	72	82	108	76	426
Being Refurbished by Direct labour	6	1	18	34	5	64
Total	94	73	100	142	81	490

It is currently taking an average of 11.5 weeks to refurbish void properties through the Term Maintenance Framework.

Void properties are currently being refurbished and re-tenanted within 18 weeks of becoming vacant.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council is undertaking any pyrite remediation works to any Dublin City Council properties in the city, if so can you provide a report on same please.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the past couple of years Dublin City Council had 7 properties with Pyrite Issues. **(details supplied)** Dunsink Avenue which have now been repaired and tenants moved back in, in April this year.

The other four properties are in Wellmount Avenue and are currently being repaired.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council is awaiting collection of any monies from Central Government currently, if so can you provide a report on same please and the amount that is waiting to be collected.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The first table (Debtors Q2 2019 Report) is a copy of the report that was included on the agenda for the September City Council meeting. This table illustrates Dublin City Council's wide debtors as at 30th June (Q2) 2019. The opening balance at 1st January 2019 is given, then the value of debtor movements (i.e. bills issued, receipts received) is listed, with a closing debtor at 30th June. There are values for bad debt provision with a net closing balance. The more important figure to consider is the gross debt value of €525.4m as against the net (after bad debt provision) value.

The second table (Q2 2019 Debtors by Department) provides details of that €525.4m by debtor type. This report is structured around the responsibilities of each Asst. Chief Executive.

The Debtor Q3 Report will be brought to the City Council when available as part of the EU/IMF reporting pack.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive the following: RTE says: "Figures on the "Inside AirBnB" website show that there are currently over 7,500 Air BnB properties available in Dublin city.' But DCC says "35 enforcement notices have been served where there is evidence that short-term letting is taking place."

Could the chief executive please outline what Dublin City Council are doing in order to enforce the new rules? How much money has Dublin City Council received from the Dept? How many staff are tasked with monitoring or enforcement on this issue?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sanction and funding has been given and committed to from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government to employ 13 additional staff to work full time on the implementation and enforcement of the new Short Term Letting Regulations.

3 of these staff have been employed to date and it is anticipated that the majority of the remainder will be employed by the end of November following the completion of current recruitment competitions.

The staff concerned will all be used to proactively enforce the new Short Term Letting Legislation, as well as maintaining and checking the required records relating to exemptions associated with the legislation.

Having regard to all the priorities of the planning enforcement section we are acting on complaints mainly at this time, however once the additional staff are in place we will be proactively pursuing properties that are advertising on the relevant accommodation websites.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive how many inspections of private rented accommodation have been carried out this year? How does that compare year on year?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

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The following table gives a statistical breakdown for inspections undertaken by Environmental Health Officers under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019, for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 and for Jan to October 2019

	2016	2017	2018	2019 Q1 to Q 3 01 Jan to 31 Oct
Number of Dwellings inspected	1751	1361	3561	3982
Number of Inspections undertaken	3500	2137	5832	6380
Number found to be non-complaint on 1 st inspection	1621	1165	3388	3644
Number that achieved compliance (including a number that would have been inspected in the previous year)	1749	717	2196	2725
Improvement Notices served	1292	1116	3543	4074
Prohibition Notice's served	28	4	46	39
Legal actions initiated	14	0	28	50

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 Environmental Health 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.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive the following: in relation to bike and scooter docking and charging points in Dublin City: Has Dublin City Council considered the placement of Cyc-lok systems in and around the city? Could Dublin City Council install electric car charging points close to taxi ranks in the city centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council has only commenced the roll out of EV chargers with a trial installation of 4 charge points on Sir John Rogerson's Quay which are expected to be commissioned in December. This six month trial will inform our future policy on EV charger roll out. The Council will also be examining the feasibility of locating EV chargers at Taxi Ranks and other transportation hubs.

In order to gauge whether there is an appetite for paid cycle parking in the city Dublin City Council intends on carry out a trial of various types of bike lockers in Drury Street Car Park. It is hoped to carry out these trials in Q1 of 2020 and Cyc-lok will be invited to participate.

Arising from a 2015 BETA Project (report here), the City Council is developing a new service of on street bicycle hangars for households with limited storage space, thereby supporting city living and cycling as a means of transport. “BikeBunkers are secure hangars for city residents to securely stow their bicycles close to their home and under cover, saving space and worry.”

More information on the service can be seen at www.bikebunkers.ie which is being developed by both the Environment and Transportation Department and Transformation Unit. Citizens are being asked to register their interest in a BikeBunker near their home by using the registration link on the website.

In the first 6 weeks, 184 households have sought 253 spaces, which would translate to over 60 hangars. We will be installing 10 hangars for phase 1 of this service in 2019, and currently have funding for approximately 18 hangars (comprising €40,000 from Environment & Transportation Dept, and €44,000 from the South East Area and Central Area discretionary funds). Based on our experience to date, we expect demand will also significantly increase once BikeBunkers are visible on public streets.

This service is “in beta” (i.e. trial stage) and will evolve as we roll out the test sites. We expect to learn more about multiple aspects of the service, including the initial price point of €100 (chosen for these reasons), the best type of hangar to use, and how we can consistently improve the service offering.

Q.83 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full restoration and protection of the historically important Nethercross in St Canices graveyard, Finglas.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Nethercross or lower cross at Finglas is a 9th or 10th century high cross located in the south-eastern corner of the graveyard of St Canice’s. According to early sources, a monastery was founded in Finglas c.560 AD by St. Canice. The Nethercross is the sole surviving trace of the early monastic settlement. It was buried in two halves in 1649 to protect it from Cromwell’s army following the Siege of Drogheda. The cross was re-discovered in the Glebe Field in 1816, and erected on a large granite base in the graveyard, where it remains today.

The high cross and graveyard are Recorded Monuments, protected under Section 12 of the National Monuments Acts as amended in 1994. The graveyard and monuments in it are in the care of the Parks Department of Dublin City Council.

Concern over the eroded surface decoration led the City Archaeologist to appoint Carrig Conservation Ltd. to carry out a conservation survey and monitoring over the winter of 2016 and 2017. The report, which was sent to Parks for information, confirmed that the cross is degrading due to weathering. The Archaeology, Conservation, Heritage Section will review the report and its recommendations and advise the Parks Department on an appropriate mitigation strategy for the cross.

Q.84 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if further to his reply to question 123 on the 7th of October 2019 whether definitive proposals have been forthcoming and consequentially whether resourcing strategies have been reviewed; if definitive proposals have been forthcoming, if those proposals could be set out in full with the date and manner in which these definitive proposals were disclosed and describe in detail what reviews of resourcing strategies have taken place, if any.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The City Council is the decision making body on policy within its remit. The Dublin Agreement is a political agreement between four political parties on Council. The Dublin Agreement is not current Corporate Policy as it was never adopted by Council. The Chief Executive, therefore, has not reviewed or resourced the individual proposals in the Dublin Agreement. This topic came up at a recent Corporate Policy Group meeting. The Chief Executive explained to the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Chairpersons that the new policy proposals in the Dublin Agreement (that are within the remit of the Council) would need to be explored in detail at the individual SPC meetings. Subject to the approval of each SPC the individual draft policies will be referred to Council for decision. Appropriate resourcing is then assigned based on budgetary priorities.

Q.85 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if further to question 98 to the South East Area Committee meeting on the 9th of September 2019 which asked if he could confirm when new road surfacing on Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road in Ranelagh will take place given it is some time since the construction of the nearby hotel has been completed and residents promised a resurfacing, to which I am yet to receive a reply, when this promised new road surfacing shall take place.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On inspection it was found that Ashfield Road, Ashfield Avenue and Mornington Road in Ranelagh are in need of repair and would benefit from resurfacing. These will be put forward for consideration for inclusion our 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme which will be drawn up for approval by the end of the year.

Q.86 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if further to question 72 on the 1st of July 2019 to detail the reply from the operator of the Poolbeg Incinerator to the request from Dublin City Council that it review the emission data which is presented on the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility's website, with a view to providing as close to real time information as possible, while ensuring that the information is accurate and can be compared against the relevant compliance Emission Limit Values for transparency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin Waste to Energy Limited are still undertaking a review of the current data which they display on the Dublin Waste to Energy Facility's website with their IT department, their instrumentation / equipment suppliers and internal experts to determine the feasibility of the request.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he will resource the procurement of an independent appraisal of how Dublin City Council carries out its regulatory responsibilities for bathing water quality to provide public confidence in our bathing waters; if he recognises the significant gap between the official view on the management of our bathing waters and widespread public concern and demand for greater transparency for year round monitoring and remedial recommendation for preserving bathing water quality.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council is satisfied that it carries out its regulatory responsibilities in a professional manner and in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulations in the area of Bathing Waters.

The National regulatory agencies in this area are the EPA and the HSE and DCC works closely with both agencies. DCC, along with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has met with both agencies and with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in the last month and will continue to work closely with all concerned, including Irish Water.

Whereas the Bathing Water Regulations only refer to monitoring and reporting on water quality during the bathing season between 1st June and 15th September, DCC actually monitors and reports on water quality across various beaches and bathing areas during the entire year.

All designated bathing waters (Dollymount, Sandymount and Merrion Strands) and other non-designated bathing areas (North Bull Wall, Half Moon & Shelly Banks) are inspected by Dublin City Council staff on an ongoing basis throughout the year, with water samples taken up to 20 times during the bathing season between June and mid-September and on a fortnightly basis throughout the remainder of the year.

Dublin City Council makes the results of the water sample analyses available on an ongoing basis on our website and by means of on-site notices in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Regulations. During the bathing water season, the water quality data at the designated bathing waters is also published on the EPA hosted website www.beaches.ie.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to upgrade CCTV cameras in Kylemore Park as part of the overall refurbishment of the playground and to stop escalating anti-social behaviours to take place. The need is for three infrared or night cameras, including 2 fixed cameras and a PTZ.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A meeting to discuss plans for the Park was held on Wednesday 16th October in Ballyfermot Library. Local residents were invited to meet with staff from Parks, Ballyfermot Area office and An Garda Síochána to look at proposals for the park and ways of mitigating some of the anti-social activities. Included for consideration in those discussions was an upgrade of the existing CCTV system, which is operated by An Garda Síochána. The matter has been further discussed with the new Superintendent for the area who was very supportive of an upgrade. A further meeting will be held in a number of weeks.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to upgrade the Bluebell Road Maisonettes by repainting the outside.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This job has been assigned to our paint squad who will arrange to call here to assess the job with a view to commencing painting work in the New Year.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to add CCTV cameras in Bluebell by the shops on La Touche Road where drug dealing is taking place obstructing shop entrances, and at the green area between the Bernard Curtis House complex on Bluebell Road and Naas Road as this spot as always attracted anti-social behavioural incidents.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Before embarking on any project regarding CCTV installation, it is necessary to establish evidence of the level of anti-social activity that the CCTV is to be used to address. An Garda Síochána will need to provide this evidence and it also needs to be established that the normal avenues have been unsuccessful in dealing with the issues. There would be a requirement to notify traders of the proposal and get their feedback and we may need to consult the local community. These consultations are a requirement to complete a Privacy Impact Assessment under GDPR. All installations of CCTV would also be subject to funding being available if the need was established.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOLLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how many times did traffic control/management team visit Camac Park this year to stop cars parking along double yellow lines and to secure pupils' safety on their way to and from school?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

No requests were received or made to monitor this location this year. However, the parking enforcement contractor has now been requested to monitor this location for illegal parking and to take enforcement action if necessary.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR MARIE SHERLOCK

To ask the Chief Executive the number of planning applications received in the past 36 months that have sought a change of use of permitted student accommodation to alternative uses, to detail the number of these applications that were for temporary or permanent change of use and the number of each that were granted, declared invalid or refused.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the volume of records that have to be checked on APAS (planning system) it will take some time to provide the information. It will be forwarded directly to the Councillor within 2 weeks.

Q.93 COUNCILLOR MARIE SHERLOCK

To ask the Chief Executive the current number of persons who are currently in receipt of homeless HAP within the Dublin City Council area who were previously in receipt of the standard housing assistance payment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Q.94 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive call for a review of speeding in **(details supplied)**. Residents report that the estate is used as a circuit due to the lack of speed ramps. There was a serious accident that ended up with a car crashing through a garden wall in late September and this is not an isolated incident.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for Traffic calming at the above location is listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 7011640.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.95 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to call for an inspection at **(details supplied)**? Residents reported that heavy duty trucks use this road as a shortcut causing serious traffic build ups and significant damage to the road surface. They also report that this road is used as a rat run and there have been serious incidents of dangerous driving in recent months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following investigation the 3.5 Tonne ban is in place on **(details supplied 1)** at the junction with **(details supplied 2)** and **(details supplied 3)**. However, to avoid any confusion, the 3.5 Tonne ban will be moved from the junction **(details supplied 1)** with **(details supplied 2)** to the junction **(details supplied 4)** with **(details supplied 2)**.

It should be noted that the weight limit does not apply to vehicles wishing to access a particular road to make a delivery. DCC Traffic Management do not have the authority to randomly stop and check HGV'S travelling through restricted areas to determine if they are on delivery or breaking the ban, this lies within the remit of the Gardaí.

At the entrance from **(details supplied 3)**, the buildout was designed with a very tight radius to ensure that vehicles must slow down before entering the residential area of **(details supplied 5)**. The fact that only one car can come in or out at a time further enhances the traffic calming at this location. The entrance from **(details supplied 2)** is also provided with a speed ramp.

Furthermore, **(details supplied 1)** will be included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Speed Limit introduction. Following the adoption, and sealing of the new Bye-Laws in the autumn 2019, works will commence to erect the relevant signage in the new areas in summer 2020.

Please note that the City Council will continue to monitor the area after the implementation of the new Speed Limit introduction. Any incidents referring to dangerous driving should be reported immediately to An Gardaí Síochána.

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the road surface and informs that this is in a generally satisfactory condition with the exception of the modular concrete ramp outside number 48, which will be scheduled for repairs subject to priority order and crew availability.

Q.96 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with the latest update for local area plans which are being put together for **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The current 2016 City Development Plan identified the areas for proposed statutory Local Area Plan/SDZ with the ordering of the delivery to be determined by City Councillors.**(details supplied 1)**. Two Local Area Plans and one SDZ have been prepared and passed by the Council during the lifetime of the current 2016 City Plan. As the review of the Development Plan will commence in the coming year, it is not proposed to prepare any further statutory Local Area Plans prior to the review. A number of planning studies are currently underway as part of the continuing Z6/Z7 industrial lands study and also of **(details supplied 2)**. Updates on these will be presented to the Local Area Committee at key stages in these studies, including one for the **(details supplied 3)** area this month.

Q.97 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if he intends to purchase any additional housing in **(details supplied)** for social and or HAP purposes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Agency are acquiring 92 social housing units in trust for Dublin City Council.

To date, 68 units have been delivered with the balance of 24 unit due to be completed by the end of November, 2019. Dublin City Council has entered into a Service Level Agreement with Tuath Housing Association for the management of the units. It is not anticipated that the City Council will be acquiring any further units in **(details supplied)** through their Acquisition Programme.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to refer to the road **(details supplied)** and say if there has been any occasions in recent months where the HGV ban has been lifted for any reason as residents complain of a presence of large trucks using this road in recent times and also refer to the fatality that occurred here earlier this year and can he make a statement on the matter

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Over the past three months the HGV cordon has not been lifted.

An Garda Siochana are the enforcing body for the HGV management strategy and they have been alerted to the extra HGV traffic on **(details supplied)**.

The unfortunate incident that occurred on **(details supplied)** was after midnight and involved a two axle tractor unit. Please note that the HGV management strategy operates between 7am and 7pm Mon to Sunday and limits access to 5+ axle vehicles.

Q.99 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to reply to my question number 67 at the October City Council meeting and explain in detail how he believes road markings could make any difference in this circumstances as currently prevail because traffic on the bridge it at a standstill, as is traffic on Memorial Road and Amiens St, a consequence of which, sees motorists inch forward and take whatever position they can, ignoring the existing road markings which is what will most likely happen with any new road markings; maintaining good traffic flow from Amiens St does not seem to have been included amongst the objectives listed in your reply; can you please say that you will consider a widening of the junction at this point so that three lanes can turn left off the bridge; or if the bridge must remain reduced to two lanes can the centre lane be both a straight ahead and a turning left lane.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A new road markings layout on the Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge was put in 2 weeks ago. We now have one left turning lane, one shared left & straight ahead lane and one right turning lane. From our observations, the new layout seems to be working fine. The suggestion to have three left turning lanes is not feasible considering that City Quay has two lanes only with one straight ahead lane and a right turning lane at the junction of Lombard Street East. The road layout on Amiens Street and Memorial Road will be looked at as part of the Bus Connect and Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Projects.

Prior to the new layout, the queue was from Clare Street back to the Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge. So, by adding an extra phase at the bridge we have now created some gaps in the queue which is a huge improvement.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive please refer to location **(details supplied)** and in particular in relation to

- a) derelict dwellings and
- b) the general unkempt condition of the road

and say if he can give a detailed status report on where in the process under derelict sites legislation these dwellings now lie and what are the next steps in relation to same and can he carry out enforcement to get the owner(s) of same to clean up the sites and can he also have City Council operatives carry out a road sweeping and road washing exercise at **(details supplied)** as local residents feel their area is being ignored and let down by the local authority.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above mentioned street cleaning and power washing is scheduled to be carried out on **(details supplied)** during the first week of November 2019.

The site **(details supplied)** is a derelict site and entry was made in the Register on 13th December, 2012. A Notice of intention to acquire the site compulsorily was served on the owner and an objection to its compulsory acquisition was made by the owner on 29th July, 2019. The Council made application for the consent of An Bord Pleanála to the acquisition on 28th August, 2019 and is awaiting the decision.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive refer to **(details supplied)** and say if he can re-examine her case in relation to the 10 years on the housing list that have been denied of her as Dublin City Council say she never replied to a letter in 2012 in relation to her position on the list. She never received this letter; she has young children and is currently living in emergency accommodation the location of which it totally unsuited to where her 3 children attend school.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 10/06/2015 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	3	322

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.

Our records show that the applicant's application was cancelled following the statutory Housing Needs Assessments in 2013, 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.

Any applications that were closed following the statutory Housing Needs Assessments 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.102 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to enforcement of the new (2019) short-term letting regulations:

- a) How many enforcement cases have been opened?
- b) How many enforcement cases have been closed, and with what result?
- c) To provide a list of current and closed enforcement cases taken to date.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

a) 120 Enforcement cases relating to Short Term Letting have been opened since July when the new Short Letting regulations were enacted.

b) 11 of these 120 cases are closed to date, investigations relating to the remainder are ongoing. It should be noted that given statutory timeframes relating to the planning enforcement processes required to be carried out to conduct sustainable investigations it far too early to profile existing enforcement cases as the new regulations were only enacted in July of this year.

c) Given the fact that all investigations relating to breaches of planning are allegations until proven in court, where required it is not possible to give out lists of current properties that are the subject of enforcement complaints relating to Short Term Letting. If the Councillor has any concerns relating to a specific property the Planning Enforcement Section will be happy to provide a summary report to the Councillor on such matters.

Q.103 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL PIDGEON

To ask the Chief Executive to set out any additional resources which have been received for enforcement of the new short-term letting regulations, and to make a statement how they will be used.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Sanction has been given from the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government to employ 13 additional staff to work full time on the implementation and enforcement of the new Short Term Letting Regulations.

3 of these staff have been employed to date and it is anticipated that the majority of the remainder will be employed by the end of November following the completion of current recruitment competitions.

The staff concerned will all be used to proactively enforce the new Short Term Letting Legislation, as well as maintaining and checking the required records relating to exemptions associated with the legislation.

Q.104 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a break down on planned Cycling infrastructure upgrades for 2019/2020 and a progress report for 2019 programmes.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As the information requested is quite detailed, it will take some time to compile. A full report will be issued to Councillor Moynihan by the 15th of November, 2019.

Q.105 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of lighting improvement works for Dublin South Central Area

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is no public lighting improvement programme for 2019, however the upgrade of existing high intensity discharge lights (orange/yellow coloured lights) to LED lights, will be carried out as part of a future lighting project. In the meantime, routine maintenance, such as the repair of lights out, will continue to be carried out as normal.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on Dublin City Council buildings being considered for Cultural use in Dublin 8

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There are no buildings currently being considered for cultural use by the Arts office in Dublin 8 outside those already in cultural use. A feasibility study on two sites in Dublin 8 is due to start this year on two sites in Dublin 8 funded by the Government URDF Fund for potential Artists Workspaces.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on SCAC motion about adding Player Wills to the record of protected structures, has an independent conservation architect been engaged and how many site visits have been conducted on the site.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The proposal to add the Player Wills Factory (South Section of Complex comprising four blocks), 276-288 South Circular Road, Dublin 8, is under consideration by the Planning & Property Development Department.

We are also mindful of the fact that it is in the NIAH and are endeavouring to retain the whole Player Wills front building, comprising the four blocks ranging around the central light well, including the gates /railings to the South Circular Road and not just the façade.

Detailed discussions are underway with the Developers on the future protection and adaptive reuse of the building, as outlined above.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive about the housing position of **(details supplied)** whose hap lease is ending soon and is at risk of becoming homeless.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 11/09/2013 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area H	2	43
Area M	2	28

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 would be advised that the applicant actively seek another HAP property if the lease is coming to an end in their current property.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct an analysis of all commercial properties owned by the Council which would be suitable for change of use from commercial to residential.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Council currently has no commercial properties available which would be suitable for change of use from commercial to residential either due to the poor condition of the properties or the fact that they are held on lease from the council.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an analysis of amounts paid to housing bodies to inspect properties offered for long term lease, and further why is this function outsourced and not performed by Council employees?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Inspections Fees Paid to Approved Housing Body
2016 /2017 - €2400
2018/ 2019 (June) - €5850

Dublin City Council carries out the initial inspection of the property to determine if it is suitable for a long term lease agreement with the Council.

The Approved Housing Body carries out a more investigative technical inspection to ensure that the unit fully complies with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) regulations 2019, the relevant Building control and Building Fire Safety Requirements.

The Council by contractual arrangement with an Approved Housing Body do not pay the Housing Body a fee for inspections carried where the properties proceed to lease with the Council.

However The Council agrees to pay the Approved Housing Body a fee of €150 for inspections carried out to properties where a lease does not progress.

The Council is satisfied that the contractual relationship with the Approved Housing Body enhances the delivery of accommodation for the Long Term Leasing Scheme in a cost effective way.

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for an inventory of all council vehicles, and if there is a plan in place to replace these vehicles with environmentally friendly vehicles?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The following is a breakdown of the vehicle fleet.

Vehicle Type	Number	Diesel/Petrol	Electric/Hybrid
Cars	4	1	3
Mini Buses	4	4	
Light Commercial	447	430	17

Vehicles (Goods Vehicle <=3,500kg)			
Heavy Commercial Vehicles (Goods Vehicle >3,500kg)	93	93	
Total	548	528	20

(The above figures exclude Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence and SLA Divisions)
It is the intention of Dublin City Council to procure more electric vehicles as diesel vehicles fall due for replacement and where there are viable electric vehicle alternatives available.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive what the policy is in relation to private bin companies having to clean spills occurring as a result transferring rubbish from the street to the lorry. How often inspections are carried out to ensure private bin operators in the city are carrying spill kits (brush, shovel etc.) and further how many complaints, if any, have been made by the general public in relation to spills not being cleaned by the company.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Annual Waste Collection Permit audits are carried out on each Waste Collector carrying out collections within Dublin City by the Waste Enforcement Unit. A requirement of the audit is the confirmation of the presence of spill kits and an emergency response procedure on each vehicle operated by the waste collector. Where a vehicle is found to not have either of these requirements present this may be considered to be a breach of a waste collection permit condition and the appropriate action taken. Failure to clear up a spill from a vehicle is a breach of the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act and also the Waste Collection Permit conditions. Incidents such as this are occasionally reported and the course of action taken is to request that the issue is resolved promptly by the service provider. Failure to do so would result in an investigation for breach of permit and / or the issuing of a fine under the litter pollution act.

A figure for complaints of this nature is not readily available as the complaint would form part of a general reports received under a variety of service request types or by way of direct email or phone call to waste management or waste enforcement. There are occasional reports received but they do not constitute a significant issue that is consistently reported to the Waste Management Department.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to inspect access for emergency services at the Scarlett Row apartments. Residents in the area have reported difficulty in emergency services accessing the apartments.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The local Fire Service District Officer carried out an inspection of the access to and around the Scarlett Row, apartment complex, Essex Street West, City Centre and Cows Lane, City Centre. Following this inspection, he has reported that there are no access issues for the Dublin Fire Brigade emergency response arrangements. There are bollards at Fishamble St and entrance to Essex Street West, which do not pose an issue to access for the emergency services as they are constructed of plastic and can be easily removed in the event of an emergency. The bollards at the entrance to Cows Lane from Essex Street West are of steel construction and can be removed by

cutting the locks from them and removing them from their fixings. Access can be gained also from Lord Edward Street if required.

Q.114 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive if he will repair the manhole cover along Charlotte Way. It is positioned directly in front of the entrance to the car park beside **(details supplied)** Charlotte Way, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2. The noise caused by vehicles hitting the manhole is very disruptive to people who are living and working in the area. Pictures can be provided if required.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services will identify the utility responsible and request the manhole cover and frame to be repaired at the address specified.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with Dublin Parking Services and Gardai to enforce existing parking restrictions and traffic laws outside the Botanic Gardens main entrance at the weekends as the current situation has resulted in the rerouting of a Dublin Bus on route 83 and now poses a significant risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Parking Policy and Enforcement Section are linking with the Office of Public Works and the Gardai regarding how to address the issue of managing parking in the area around the Botanic Gardens. Dublin Street Parking Services will be informed of how to proceed arising out of these discussions.

Q.116 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to implement the cycle lane on Botanic Road as a 24 hour cycle lane and to install protective wands.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Implementing a mandatory cycle track along Botanic Road and installing protective wands would not be appropriate for a number of reasons:

Inbound

A section of the cycle lane is located within a bus lane. There is insufficient carriageway width to accommodate a dedicated/protected cycle lane within the bus lane. Such an arrangement would also prevent buses accessing the bus stop.

In other sections of Botanic Road there is currently a Clearway in operation 7am-10am, 4pm-7pm Monday to Saturday. A 24 hour/protected cycle lane would seriously impact on residents of Botanic Road being able to access their houses, park and unload, take deliveries etc. outside the hours of the current Clearway. It would also impact of buses being able to access bus stops in this area.

Outbound

There are a couple of short sections of mandatory cycle lane that have been installed on the outbound section of Botanic Road. Some residents would appear to have access to off street parking in front of their house in this section and are therefore not unduly impact by the arrangement.

However on the majority of the outbound section there is also a Clearway in operation 7am-10am, 4pm-7pm Monday to Saturday. Similar to the inbound section installing a 24 hour/protected cycle lane would seriously impact on residents of

Botanic Road being able to access their houses, park and unload, take deliveries etc. outside the hours of the current Clearway. It would also impact of buses being able to access bus stops in this area.

Q.117 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive what planning permissions or applications are currently active for the current, temporary site of the Pelletstown Educate Together School on Ashtown Road, Rathborne, Dublin 7?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Following a review of the APAS (planning system) only one current planning application was found, the proposal was for permission and retention at the existing temporary school for developments described as follows. 1. Construction of a single storey temporary prefabricated style school building consisting of 2 classrooms, resource room and toilet areas. 2. The retention of temporary use as primary school in former Castlethorn Construction Suite as granted under planning reference number 2657/15. Temporary planning permission for both described developments for a period not to exceed 31 January 2020 is being sought. Permission was issued on the 27/05/19. The permission will expire on the 31/01/2020.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a total of the available on street car parking spaces available in the Dublin City Council area and the number of same that our designated as disability access spaces.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council does not keep a register of the number of parking bays in Dublin city. Due to the mixture of individual parking bays and an open length of the side of a road or street with a continuous white line it is not possible to identify the exact number of parking spaces. Added to this is the ongoing reduction in the number of spaces due to State Transport Projects such as the LUAS and Dublin City Council's Dublin Bike Scheme an exact figure is not maintained. That being said we estimate that there are 28,500 parking bays in Dublin City. As we do not keep a register of parking bays we do not have a figure of how many disability bays there are in the city.

Q.119 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for an inspection of the pathways at **(details supplied)** with a view to adding them to the works programme for 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Road Maintenance Services has inspected **(details supplied)** footpaths and informs that these are in a generally satisfactory condition with the exception of a number of raised slabs as a result of tree root heave, which will be scheduled for repairs subject to priority order and crew availability.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for a children at play sign to be placed at **(details supplied)** as a matter of urgency.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The streets surrounding **(details supplied)** display 30 km/h Slow Zone sign (F 403), indicating the lower speed limit and that the area is a Home Zone/Slow Zone, which

warns motorists that it is a residential area and to expect children.(see attached map).

In keeping with the policy of the new 30km/h rollout, the Area Engineer has reported that further signage within the zone is not recommended as this would lead to a proliferation of similar signs throughout the city.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive provide a list of locations in the Dublin North West area that are on a weekly cleaning rota.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In the North West Area, locations which consists of villages, shop fronts and main thoroughfares are serviced every day, bins are emptied, streets are swept, litter removed and recycling facilities cleaned in residential areas, litter bins are serviced daily and streets are monitored by local management teams on a daily basis who deploy resources to where they are most needed at any given time to ensure a high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

All areas are assessed on an ongoing basis and cleaning is carried out as required and at a minimum of every 12 weeks. Waste Management are in the process of providing a cleaning schedule for all areas which will be accessed via the DCC website. This will inform customers of when their area will be cleaned. This is in the pilot phase and will be made available to customers early 2020.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide an update on the closure of **(details supplied)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

DRHE are working with the NGO managing this service to relocate from this site in quarter 1 of 2020. We will confirm the closure details when we have an agreement in place with the NGO and service users accommodated at these premises.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive what the plans are to role out electric vehicles for sharing for Dublin City Council staff in Local offices when carrying out Council Work.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has twenty (20) electric vehicles in its fleet spread across the various Council Departments. It is the intention of Dublin City Council to procure more electric vehicles as diesel vehicles fall due for replacement and where there are viable electric vehicle alternatives available. The Council also has a smart mobility hub within the Civic Offices, comprising of bikes, e-bikes and e-cars, for the use of all staff who need to go off-site for work purposes.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive when are all local offices and City Hall going to stop using Single Use Plastic?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has been working towards making all city council buildings free of single use plastics for a number of months now. The initial plan is attached.

Having removed all single use cups from the canteens in Civic Offices, Smithfield, Marrowbone Lane and the DFB Training Centre on the Malahide Road, ongoing monitoring is taking place. Waste Management continues to work with the contract caterers, to ensure that any plastics in the canteen continue to be addressed.

A reminder campaign is being planned for Q1 2020 to remind staff of what we are doing and what we are trying to achieve.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to arrange for additional lighting to be installed in the laneway that connects New Ireland Road, Rialto, Dublin 8 to the Linear Park that runs parallel to the LUAS track behind the homes on New Ireland Road.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

We will examine the area in question and if additional lighting is deemed necessary, it will be added to a list for consideration for inclusion on a future lighting project, subject to available finances.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing a zebra crossing on Walkinstown Avenue, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has reported that it is not current City Council policy to install zebra crossings. There are three pedestrian crossings currently on Walkinstown Avenue. Can the Councillor please log a request at <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor> indicating the exact location on Walkinstown Avenue?

Following this, The Area Engineer will examine alternative measures for recommendation.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of resurfacing Greenville Terrace, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

All defects on Greenville Terrace have been logged, temporary repairs have been carried out and the road will be put forward for consideration when assessing roads for the 2020 resurfacing programme.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the possibility of installing safety barriers at the new pedestrian crossing outside Crumlin Children's Hospital, Crumlin, Dublin 12

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As per DMURS, Dublin City Council are no longer installing Pedestrian Barriers as they are now deemed to be a Hazard (Crush Accidents).

Q.129 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how much money DCC are providing the support the Christmas market in Dublin Castle this year in association with the OPW and can he clarify from which section these funds are coming from.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council's Events Section met with representatives from the Office of Public Works in July 2019 to discuss the Office of Public Works proposal of holding a Christmas market on the grounds of Dublin Castle in December 2019. Dublin City Council committed to supporting the proposal, subsequently an application for funding was received from the Office of Public Works which is currently being considered by Dublin City Council's Events Section.

Q.130 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive who owns the vacant piece of land at the junction of Lombard Street West and Clanbrassil Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The plot of ground in question is in private ownership. The Council's Property Register does not record the ownership details of any properties not in its ownership and a check of the Land Registry online database indicates that this property is not registered. Consequently, it is not possible for Dublin City Council to provide any ownership information on this plot of ground.

Q.131 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive would he consider installing a contra flow cycle lane along Nassau Street? Cyclists travelling into the City centre currently have to dismount and a contra flow cycle lane would alleviate this problem.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Environment and Transportation Department will be reviewing all one-way streets in the city with the intention of developing a comprehensive programme for the provision of two way cycling on one-way streets. The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division will undertake the review in 2020 with a final report with recommendations prepared in Q4 2020.

Q.132 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to please respond on the issue relating to rotting seaweed as laid out below (**details supplied**) as it is an issue that is now being raised very regularly locally.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Rotting seaweed is a naturally occurring phenomena common to all coastal areas to a greater or lesser extent. The phenomena is seasonal and more pronounced at low tide when the intertidal zone next to (**details supplied**) is exposed. These areas are only exposed for a few hours during each tidal cycle. These times could be avoided by those most sensitive to the malodour.

These decaying seaweeds are part of the natural nutrient recycling process in these biodiversity rich habitats. The seaweed is spread diffusely over an enormous area of intertidal flats next to the promenade and as such there is no practical intervention that could mitigate this natural occurrence.

Q.133 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to instruct Dublin City Council Traffic to take urgent action to improve cyclist & pedestrian safety at the junction of (**details supplied 1**) to include (a) renewal of existing road markings (b) moving from "Yield" sign to "Stop" sign for both directions on (**details supplied 2**) and (c) installation of additional double-yellow markings to improve visibility at this location.

This is to eliminate the potential for accidents like the one laid out below **(details supplied 3)** which happened recently.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

In relation to item (a) the existing road markings will be renewed without delay. (Weather permitting).

On street parking serves as a traffic calming measure and provides an ability for local residents to park close to their homes.

Removal of on street parking can potentially have the unintended outcome of increasing driver speeds leading to a less safe environment for vulnerable road users. For this reason a balanced approach must be taken with respect to the installation of parking restrictions.

The request for renewal of existing road markings at the above location has been referred to the Traffic Officer for examination and any necessary follow up action. Enquiry No: 7012101 refers.

The request for replacing the yield signs with stop signs at the above junction is currently listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Engineer under enquiry number: 7011986.

The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

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.134 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to review the following: The laneway at **(details supplied 1)** is very problematic when it comes to both incidental littering and illegal dumping as laid out in the correspondence below **(details supplied 2)**. Can the CEO organise for the laneway to be put on a priority list for regular cleaning and also ask Waste Management to assess for other measures that could assist with keeping the laneway clean including the installation of a litter bin at the bus stop on **(details supplied 3)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Waste Management Services had the above mentioned laneway cleaned on the 25th October 2019. We will ensure that this laneway is monitored and cleaned on a more regular basis. We also will monitor litter levels to see if there is any merit in having a litter bin installed at the bus stop there on **(details supplied)**.

Q.135 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò'MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive ensure that the Part V housing that will become available at the development at **(details supplied 1)** is wheelchair-accessible and earmarked for those who need access to the CRC nearby as proposed in the correspondence below **(details supplied 2)**.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Housing Department is in early Part V negotiations with the developer of **(details supplied)**. Consideration will be given to the adaption of unit(s) for wheelchair users however the Allocations Section are responsible for the Scheme of Letting Priorities.

Q.136 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what are the current plans for improving walking and cycling permeability between East Wall and the rest of the city and what previous initiatives have been considered in this regard?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Dublin City Council has funding available from the NTA to carry out works along East Wall Road between the Point Junction Roundabout and the East Point Business Park on Alfie Byrne Road.

The Point Junction Improvement scheme will reconfigure the existing junction layout to provide a three-arm signalised junction with pedestrian and cyclist facilities. The project will also deliver pedestrian improvements and a two-way segregated cycle track to the Sheriff Street / East Wall Road junction. A Part 8 planning permission application will be made in early Q1 2020 for this scheme.

The East Coast Trail East Wall Road Improvement Scheme will deliver pedestrian improvements and segregated cycle track between Sheriff Street junction and the East Point Business Park, connecting to the S2S cycle route. A design consultant will be appointed for this project in early Q1 2020.

This will complete Route 1E of the N5 secondary cycle route as shown in the Greater Dublin Cycle Network Plan.

The Clontarf to City Centre Cycle Scheme will deliver a greenway cycle route along the River Tolka between Annesley Bridge Road and Alfie Byrne Road. This project will commence construction in Q1 2020.

Q.137 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive, whether Dublin remains a part of the UN Safe Cities for Women Programme and what current plans there are to reduce gender based violence and harassment in the city?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Q.138 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive whether Dublin remains a part of the Council of Europe's Intercultural Cities Programme and what current plans there are to promote intercultural perspectives and inclusion in the city.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

A reply will issue to the Councillor within 2 weeks of meeting.

Q.139 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in relation to the Heuston to Chapelizod Greenway and what the timeline is for delivery of the project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The main project was put on hold by the NTA due to no funding in 2016. We were given funding to construct a Toucan Crossing at the junction of Chesterfield Avenue and Conyngham Road in 2017. The crossing was completed in 2017 but the main project remains on hold.

Q.140 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to put in place measures that address the repeated illegal parking of vehicles along **(details supplied 1)** as evidenced in the attached images taken at approximately 3.15pm on Monday October 22nd last; in his reply can the Chief Executive indicate whether introducing DYLS on this stretch of **(details supplied 2)** would be beneficial; secondly, can the Executive how a request for Permit Parking and Pay & Display on this particular stretch of **(details supplied 1)** would impact upon addressing illegal parking there; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

There is currently a request for pay and display and permit parking on **(details supplied)**. This is with the Area Engineer for examination. The residents will be balloted in due course.

The installation of double yellow lines will be considered at design stage of the pay and display and permit parking scheme.

In relation to illegal parking, 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.141 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive to repair the manhole cover on the footpath outside **(details supplied)** there is a steel pipe coming out of the shore and it is a safety hazard.

Many people have tripped at this location and it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Please be advised that Road Maintenance Services will identify the utility responsible and request the manhole cover and frame to be repaired at the address specified.

Q.142 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether the application of our tenant **(details supplied)**, for a housing transfer has been received and whether it has been processed yet.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The above applicant is on the Housing Transfer List with an application date of 07/07/2017 and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	77
Area K	1	64
Area L	1	95

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.143 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive whether a commencement notice has been sought for the development of a hotel at Vicar Street.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

As of 29th October, 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 to view online at <https://www.localgov.ie/en/bcms>.

Q.144 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive if in the forthcoming budget he can include sufficient funding to install at least 2 public toilets in each LEA and given the associated need for potable water if he will provide the funding to co-locate drinking water fountains.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Indicative initial costs for the provision of 2 standalone automated toilet facilities in each of the 11 electoral areas would be in the region of 600K. This is a cost which would be ongoing annually on the basis of agreeing a rental agreement with a supplier following a successful procurement process. This does not include the considerable additional costs that would be associated with each installation including civil works, connections to water supplies and drainage.

There is no scope within the 2020 revenue budget for making this additional provision and consideration would have to be given to the ability to maintain the commitment within the revenue budget thereafter for the continued servicing of any such contract.

The provision of automated public toilets in the city centre has been considered and it is the view that such units would not be suitable for city centre locations and would not be sufficient to provide suitable family friendly facilities in the city. We are currently examining a serviced retail based model that is in place in many European cities to see if such a service provision would be viable for Dublin City Centre. These facilities operate on a street facing shopfront level and provide serviced, attended facilities that cater for all users including family friendly and accessibility needs.

The current position with regard to water fountains is that two units are due for installation. The current agreed location is Adelaide Road, Leeson Junction. However all public realm projects will now assess the feasibility of including drinking water dispensers in the design. The budgets for the public realm projects will include a provision for drinking water dispensers where feasible.

Q.145 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Transport Advisory Group to look at the possibility of putting in a marked loading bay area outside the commercial premises on St. Agnes Park to enable the delivery of products to the Shop, Pub and Take Away. If this is not possible can they look at other parking options to facilitate same.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for Traffic calming at the above location is listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 7012064.

The Councillor will receive the final recommendation of the Transport Advisory Group in due course.

Q.146 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our Transport Advisory Group to look at the possibility of putting in double yellow lines or other measures to facilitate deliveries to **(details supplied)**. Parking both legal and illegal at this location causes problems with deliveries.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The request for double yellow lines at the above junction has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Engineer under enquiry number: 7012106.

The Councillor will be informed of the recommendation in due course.

Q.147 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE

To ask the Chief Executive to ask our roads section as to why they removed a Stop Sign from the corner of Aidan Drive Dublin 6W and can this sign be replaced.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Traffic Officer has been requested to examine the stop sign at the junction of Derravaragh Road and Aideen Drive and apply any necessary action.

Q.148 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive if he will implement the following measures in order to prevent anti-social behaviour and gangs congregating at **(details supplied 1)** –

- (a) Install CCTV on the adjacent water pump station.
- (b) Raise the walls of the pump station or erect fencing around the pump station in order prevent entry by these youths to the garden of this house.
- (c) Remove a small wall at the entrance to the cul de sac at this location **(details supplied 2)** in order to prevent loitering and youths congregating on it.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

This pumping station is the responsibility of Irish Water. The location was inspected and there is already fencing in place around the pumping station adjoining **(details supplied)**. Any further queries should be referred directly to Irish Water.

As per letter dated 2nd May 2014 from the City Manager which was sent to all Councillors, water and waste queries should be forwarded directly to Irish Water.

The following are the contact details for Irish Water:

Telephone:	1890 278 278 (Lo-Call)
Web:	www.water.ie
Twitter:	@IrishWater
Postal Address:	Irish Water, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Officer, Cork City.

There is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors.

LocalRepSupport@water.ie

Dublin City Council has no plans to remove the wall at this location. Any anti-social behaviour should be referred to the local Gardaí.

Q.149 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive please provide a report on any consideration DCC has given to acquiring or developing the lands to the rear of **(details supplied)**. What action has DCC taken to clear the lands of illegal dumping and secure the site? Who are the current owners of the site and what arrangements are in place to ensure that the site is properly managed?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The Public Domain Officer, Central Area Office, has written to the owner, but to date, has not received any reply.

Waste Enforcement received a complaint on the 3rd July 2019 regarding Waste & Illegal dumping on this site. Waste Enforcement inspected the site on 8th July 2019 and evidence of dumping was found. The dumping is a combination of historic and recent, however the site has now been securely fenced to prevent further dumping. The matter is currently under further investigation with regard to the waste remaining on site.

The site at **(details supplied 1)**, was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 26th August 2019. The site has the benefit of granted planning permission (An Bord Pleanála **(details supplied 2)**) and the owners have indicated that they intend to commence development in Q.3/Q.4 2019. However, should this site remain vacant and under its current ownership, a Demand for Payment of Vacant Sites Levy will be served on the owners in January 2021.

The City Council has no plans at this time to acquire this site.

Q.150 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many applicants are on the housing list and financial contribution application list for area E, P & H listed by each band and category.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

The following are the number of applicants on each housing list relevant to Areas E, P & H -

Housing Waiting List figures by Band Category			
	Area	Area	
BAND 1 HOUSING			Area P
Traveller Priority	17	1	1
Housing Medical Priority	25	12	1
Housing Medical Priority older person	11	6	2
Welfare Priority	4	5	
Welfare Priority older person			
Homeless Priority	238	275	33
Homeless Priority older person	14	14	8
Band 1 Grand Total	309	313	45

	Area	Area	
BAND 2 HOUSING			Area P

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Band 2 Housing List	1082	740	134
Band 2 Housing List older person	68	58	10
Band 2 Grand Total	1150	798	144

	Area	Area	Area P
BAND 3 HOUSING			
Band 3 Housing List	1120	628	98
Band 3 Housing List older person	141	85	19
Band 3 Grand Total	1261	713	117

Grand Total	2720	1824	306
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Transfer Waiting List figures by Band Category			
BAND 1 TRANSER LIST	Area E	Area H	Area P
Surrendering Larger priority	20	12	5
Transfer HAP Band 1	486	222	22
Transfer HAP Band 1 Older Person	12	8	2
Transfer Medical priority	16	20	13
Transfer Medical priority older person	16	16	2
Transfer Welfare priority	42	20	4
Transfer Welfare priority older person	4	4	1
Band 1 Transfer List Grand Total	596	302	49
BAND 2 TRANSFER LIST	Area E	Area H	Area P
Band 2 Transfer List	310	240	49
Band 2 Transfer List older person	72	55	11
Band 2 Transfer List Grand Total	382	295	60
BAND 3 TRANSFER LIST	Area E	Area H	Area P
Band 3 Transfer List	961	531	118
Band 3 Transfer List older person	122	69	14
Band 3 Transfer List Grand Total	1083	600	132
Grand Total	2061	1197	241

The following are the current figures for the Financial Contribution Scheme –

Area	No of Applicants
E	123
H	12
P	6

Q.151 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the road on Charleville road will be resurfaced and paths fixed.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

On inspection the road surface on Charleville Road was found to be in a serviceable condition; there are no plans to resurface this at present but we will keep this under review.

The footpaths on Charleville Road were found to be in a serviceable condition also. If specific location details of any defects are forwarded these can be examined.

Q.152 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of parking enforcement in July, August, September and October of this year in tabular form broken down by post code and reason for enforcement (e.g. no valid pay and display to let, parking in footpath, parking in cycle lane, parking in loading bay).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The matter raised in the above in relation to the breakdown of parking enforcement is being investigated and a report will issue directly to the Councillor.

Q.153 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive if we could prepare a map and street index of all lands under the control of the Council?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Due to the vast amount of lands and properties owned by and under the control of Dublin City Council (roads, parks, open spaces, industrial and retail units, social housing tenancy units, community buildings etc. in addition to development lands and vacant sites) it would be an extremely onerous task to compile and map such an exhaustive set of records.

The Housing and Community Services Section, are in the process of completing a comprehensive GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Mapping of all our Housing Complexes, Current housing projects under construction and our current lands. Once this is completed we will be in a position to give a demonstration to the Housing SPC and DCC Councillors.

Q.154 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of enforcements to date against derelict and vacant sites and short term lettings?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Derelict Sites Q1 – Q3 2019

2019	Q1	Q2	Q3
Number of sites inspected	150	121	167
Section 10 (warning letters)	29	29	57
Section 8 (2) Notices (Intention to enter on Register)	17	9	7
Section 8 (7) Notices	3	8	6

(Entry on Register)			
Sites removed from Register	2	2	2

Short Term Lettings

120 Planning Enforcement cases relating to Short Term Lettings have been opened since July when the new Short Letting regulations were enacted. 11 of these cases have been resolved to date with active enforcement procedures being undertaken relating to the remaining cases.

Vacant Sites Update (29th October 2019)

Notices of Proposed Entry to the Vacant Sites Register have issued in relation to:

201 sites

Notices of Entry to the Vacant Sites Register have issued in relation to: **155 sites**

Demands for Payment of Vacant Sites Levy for 2018 were served on the owners of **32 sites** (Total amount demanded: €2,935,650) in February 2019.

There are currently **72 sites** on the Vacant Sites Register

20 Notices of Proposed Entry to the Vacant Sites Register scheduled to issue in Q. 4 – 2019.

Q.155 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive how many functioning Electric Charge Point is currently available in Dublin and if we can make the spaces as designated EV spaces with clamping procedure in place if they are not adhered to?

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Attached 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 co-chairs 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 on-street 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. There are 35 dedicated EV Charging Only parking bays in the City.

In 2019 (to date), 77 vehicles were clamped for offence of “Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay” and 100 vehicles were clamped in 2018 for same offence.

Q.156 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive whether Phase 2 of the Fabric Upgrade Programme has commenced and if so to provide a table detailing the number, type of units and BER rating achieved post retrofit each year since commencement I, and the projected completions for the remaining years of the programme.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:

Phase Two of The Fabric Upgrade Programme commenced in March of 2018. The BER’s we have on file for completed properties to date are listed in the table below:

A3	1
B1	13
B2	25
B3	168
C1	254

C2	134
C3	57
D1	18
D2	19

At the current rate and subject to departmental funding continuing to be available, we are targeting 400 properties per annum which will take a further 10 years approximately to complete the programme.

Q.157 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to reinstate a 'living over the shop' scheme in Dublin City and if so to state when it will be commenced and what incentives are planned to utilise and bring on stream vacant spaces for living over shops.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

The Living City Initiative (LCI) is a tax incentive scheme introduced by the Government in 2015 to assist and encourage people to live within a designated 'Special Regeneration Area' (SRA) of the Inner City (<http://bit.ly/LivingCityInitiativeMap>). It allows owners/investors to claim tax relief for money spent on refurbishment and/or conversion of residential property either as income tax relief or capital allowance. The scheme also focuses on the regeneration of retail and commercial districts within the SRA.

It aims to incentivise owners/investors to carry out the necessary refurbishment and/or conversion works to upgrade existing accommodation, vacant upper floors above a shop or bring derelict/disused properties back into use.

There are three types of Tax Relief available;

1. Owner-Occupier Residential Relief,
2. Commercial Relief and
3. Rented Residential Relief.

The City Council has setup a 'One Stop Shop' advisory team from Planning, Fire Prevention, Building Control, Conservation, Valuers & other relevant Departments. This is a free service and aims to assist applicants with their LCI applications.

As announced in Budget 2020 the scheme has been extended to 31st December 2022.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/livingcity>

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/property/living-city-initiative/index.aspx>

Q.158 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS

To ask the Chief Executive if in celebration of Christmas, College Green could be closed to traffic for one festive weekend in December to allow Dublin City to have its very own city centre Christmas market as enjoyed by so many citizens in other European cities.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:

Environment & Transportation Department do not have any plans in the immediate future to carry out further trial closures of College Green to vehicular traffic.

As we are already supporting the Christmas Market at Dublin Castle, Dublin City Council's Events Section will not be organising any further Christmas Markets this year.

Vote 2.

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Voting Results


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Meeting	Monthly Council Meeting		
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	002		
Name	Amendment to Report 314/2019 - incl residential		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	04/11/2019 19:53:46	Voting end at:	04/11/2019 19:54:20

Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	57
	Present and not voted	0
Answers		
	Yes	41
	No	14
	Abstain	2
	Not voted	0

Group Results

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	41
	No	14
	Abstain	2
	Not voted	0

Individual Results

Yes

Keith Connolly	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Mannix Flynn	Dublin City Co.
Mary Freehill	Dublin City Co.
Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
Jane Horgan-Jones	Dublin City Co.
Marie Sherlock	Dublin City Co.
Vincent Jackson	Dublin City Co.
Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
Donna Cooney	Dublin City Co.
Tara Deacy	Dublin City Co.
Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
Michael Pidgeon	Dublin City Co.
Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Co.
Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin City Co.
Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Daryl Barron	Dublin City Co.
Janet Horner	Dublin City Co.
Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
Catherine Stocker	Dublin City Co.
Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
Sophie Nicoullaud	Dublin City Co.
Chris Andrews	Dublin City Co.
Hazel Chu	Dublin City Co.
Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.
Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.
Joe Costello	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Flynn	Dublin City Co.
Neasa Hourigan	Dublin City Co.
John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
Lawrence Hemmings	Dublin City Co.
Racheal Batten	Dublin City Co.
Patricia Roe	Dublin City Co.
Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.
Caroline Conroy	Dublin City Co.

No

Michael Watters	Dublin City Co.
Declan Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Heney	Dublin City Co.
Ray McAdam	Dublin City Co.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Naoise O'Muiri	Dublin City Co.

	Deirdre Conroy	Dublin City Co.
	Nial Ring	Dublin City Co.
	Mary Callaghan	Dublin City Co.
	Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
	Danny Byrne	Dublin City Co.
	Colm O'Rourke	Dublin City Co.
	Terence Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
	James Geoghegan	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
	Mary Fitzpatrick	Dublin City Co.
	Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.

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Voting Results



Meeting	Monthly Council Meeting		
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	003		
Name	O'Devaney Gardens		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	04/11/2019 21:27:55	Voting end at:	04/11/2019 21:29:44

Total Results

Voting attendants	Present in the vote	58
	Present and not voted	0
Answers	Yes	39
	No	18
	Abstain	1
	Not voted	0

Group Results

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	39
	No	18
	Abstain	1
	Not voted	0

Individual Results

Yes

Keith Connolly	Dublin City Co.
Michael Watters	Dublin City Co.
Declan Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
Mary Freehill	Dublin City Co.
Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Heney	Dublin City Co.
Jane Horgan-Jones	Dublin City Co.
Marie Sherlock	Dublin City Co.
Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
Ray McAdam	Dublin City Co.
Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
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Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Daryl Barron	Dublin City Co.
Naoise O'Muiri	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Conroy	Dublin City Co.
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Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.

	Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
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	John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
	Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
	Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
	Janet Horner	Dublin City Co.

