

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar 2 Nollaig 2019 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.15 i.n,i láthair an tArdmheara Paul McAuliffe sa chathaoir

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Deirdre Heney  
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John Lyons  
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Damian O'Farrell  
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Hazel de Nortúin  
Kevin Donoghue  
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Mary Freehill  
Alison Gilliland  
Jane Horgan-Jones  
Vincent Jackson  
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Yvonne Kelly  
Greg O'Dwyer  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Margaret Clarke  
Oliver Douglas  
Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan Kenny  
Coilin O'Reilly  
Richard Shakespeare

Paul Clegg  
Ruth Dowling  
Derek Kelly  
Fintan Moran  
Kathy Quinn  
Sandra Walley

1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor thanked the Events Section for the work put into the Winter Lights programme across the city. There are 14 installations over 32 nights with projections onto buildings and lighting displays at O'Connell Street, Millennium Bridge, Parliament Street and Samuel Beckett Bridge. There are new projections at Smithfield Square and Christ Church Cathedral. The programme will run from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January.

He reminded members of the deadline for Questions & Motions for the January 2020 meeting is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

He wished all the elected members, staff of Dublin City Council and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

It was moved by Councillor Christy Burke and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam, "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 141 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in Appendix A attached.

3 Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated 25th October 2019 from Carlow County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting calling on the Minister for Health to immediately reinstate the Rehabilitative Training Bonus for people with disabilities.

It was moved by Councillor Terence Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Letter dated 12th November 2019 from Clare County Council conveying the terms of a resolution passed at their recent meeting calling on the Minister for Health and the HSE to support the introduction of a National Screening Protocol of all neonates (newborn infants) to effectively screen for immune compromise, in advance of Live Virus Vaccines under the State Vaccination Programme.

It was moved by Councillor Terence Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Letter dated 21st October 2019 from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council conveying the terms of a resolution at their recent meeting expressing the Council's complete dissatisfaction with the requirement for all Council's to decide on the variation of the Local Property Tax basic rate in the absence of comprehensive budgetary information.

It was moved by Councillor Terence Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried. Councillor Dermot Lacey requested that this correspondence be referred to the Finance SPC.

4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on the 4th November 2019.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor

5 One vacancy to be filled on the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC following the resignation of Councillor Sophie Nicoulaud.

This item was deferred to the January Council meeting.

- 6 Report No. 355/2019 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement.

It was proposed by Councillor Seamás McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Christy Burke "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 355/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 321/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Capital Programme 2020 - 2022.

It was proposed by Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 321/2019, Capital Projects for 2020 – 2022" The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 370/2019 of the Executive Manager (E. Quinlivan) - Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

This item was deferred until the January Council meeting.

- 9 Report No. 343/2019 of the Audit Committee - Audit Committee Charter and 2020 Work Programme.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Paddy McCartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents and of Report 343/2019 and hereby approves the Audit Committee Charter and 2020 Work Programme" The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 344/2019 of the Audit Committee - With reference to the consideration by the Audit Committee of the Audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for 2018 and the Local Government Auditor's report on the Accounts of Dublin City Council for 2018.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Paddy McCartan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report 344/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Reports of the Chief Executive, in compliance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 informing the Council of works which are about to commence and in compliance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Part 8:

- (a) Report No. 351/2019: Provision of a water based recreational facility at George's Dock and at Custom House Quay, Dublin 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Seamás McGrattan "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 351/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put to a vote and carried. Results of this vote are contained in Appendix B.

- (b) Report No. 367/2017: Proposed construction of a new tennis and bowling pavilion, a new bowling green, Padel/Children's Tennis Courts and upgrades of the site and car park, St. Anne's Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael MacDonncha and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes Report No 367/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein". The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 315/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Draft Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 315/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein." The motion was put and carried.

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

Cllr. Freehill, Cllr, Costello, Cllr Donoghue and Cllr. Lacey proposed the following amendment to Appendix B that "Senior Citizens' Affairs be included in the remit of the Housing SPC" It was proposed by Councillor Larry O'Toole and seconded by Councillor Janice Boylan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 340/2019 and hereby approves the contents as amended." The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Proposed disposals of property:

- (a) Report No. 356/2019 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 10 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 356/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 359/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 65 St. Mary's Road North, East Wall, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 359/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (c) Report No. 360/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a plot of land to the rear of 4 St. Aidan's Park Avenue, Dublin 3.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 360/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (d) Report No. 361/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed transfer of the residue of a leasehold interest in a plot to the rear of 34 Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 361/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (e) Report No. 362/2019 A/Assistant Chief Executive (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of leases in respect of a plot of land between 63 and 69 Sundrive Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 362/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- (f) Report No. 363/2019 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed development of a site at Finglas Road/Tolka Valley Road, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 363/2019 and assents to the proposal outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 371/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Further Report on the Re-development of Lands at O' Devaney Gardens, Dublin 7.

It was moved by Councillor Terence Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 371/2019" The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 372/2019 - Motion to rescind Report No. 332/2019 voted upon and passed at 4th November 2019 monthly meeting of Dublin City Council:

"That the members of this council agree to rescind Report No. 332/2019 Housing Land Initiative (O' Devaney Gardens development) due to inter alia:

- the late delivery of the report for members consideration,
- the misinformation circulated about the report which preceded the vote,
- the unanswered questions posed during the meeting regarding whether or not said report had materially changed,
- the chaotic scenes in which the vote was conducted and the subsequent doubts raised about the legality of not only the vote itself, but also the so called "deal" with the developer
- the intervention in the process by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government."

Signed: Cllr. John Lyons, Cllr. Pat Dunne, Cllr. Daithí Doolan, Cllr. Hazel De Nortúin, Cllr. Micheál MacDonncha, Cllr. Damien O' Farrell, Cllr. Tina MacVeigh, Cllr. Christy Burke, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Séamus McGrattan, Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Cllr. Ciaran Perry, Cllr. Janice Boylan, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr. Nial Ring, Cllr. Vincent Jackson.

The motion was put to a vote and defeated. Details of the vote are set out in **Appendix C** attached.

- 17 Report No. 350/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Special Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management.

It was proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Paul McAuliffe that this item be deferred to the January Council meeting

- 18 Report No. 364/2019 of the Director of Services (C. O'Reilly & M. Taylor) - With Reference to Halloween Activities in the Areas.

It was proposed by Councillor Noeleen Reilly and seconded by Councillor Tina MacVeigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 364/2019." The motion was put and carried. It was agreed that this report would be included on all area committee agendas.

- 19 Report No. 348/2019 of the A/Assistant Chief Executive & City Engineer (J. Flanagan) - Environmental Protection Agency Enforcement Assessment.

It was proposed by Councillor Noeleen Reilly and seconded by Councillor Tina MacVeigh "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 348/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No 357/2019 of the Senior Executive Officer (D. Ni Raghallaigh) - With reference to the Cross Party Working Group Report on the Re-municipalisation of Waste Management Service in Dublin City Council

It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Tina MacVeigh that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 357/2019. It was proposed to refer the report to the Climate Change, Environment & Energy SPC. The motion was put and carried.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 324/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 354/2019 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - December Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 354/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 313/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - November Social Housing Supply Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 313/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 346/2019 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - December Social Housing Supply Report.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 346/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 349/2019 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the Meeting held on the 11th November 2019, Councillor Gary Gannon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 349/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 366/2019 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 12th November 2019, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 366/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 368/2019 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 20th November 2019, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 368/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 352/2019 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 18th November 2019, Councillor Deirdre Heney Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 352/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 365/2019 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th November 2019, Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 365/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 30 Report No. 345/2019 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th November 2019 - Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 345/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 31 Report No. 342/2019 of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 21st October 2019 - Councillor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 342/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 32 Report No. 369/2019 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 29th October 2019, Lord Mayor Paul Mc Auliffe, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 369/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 33 Report No. 358/2019 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the Meeting held on the 21st November 2019, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 358/2019." The motion was put and carried.

- 34 Topical Issue

The following topical issue "Keep the fruit market fully municipal" was submitted and will be carried over for consideration to the January meeting.

- 35 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.

No valid emergency motions were submitted.

- 36 Motions on Notice

The City Council agreed to suspend the order of business as per standing orders at 8.40 p.m. to take motions on notice.

In relation to Motion 25 on Notice it was proposed by Cllr. John Lyons that the Lord Mayor would write to the Minister for Finance in relation to funding for the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter. The Lord Mayor agreed to Cllr. Lyon's request.

The Lord Mayor vacated the chair at 8.42 pm and was replaced by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Tom Brabazon. He resumed the chair at 8.54 pm. At 8.58 p.m., in line with Standing Order 8, it was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan to extend the meeting until 10 p.m. The proposal was put to a vote and carried (details of this vote are contained in Appendix D)

**Motion No. 1 – Submitted by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by Councillor Criona Ní Dhalaigh:**

*"That this City Council ensures the protection of animals, (including carriage horses) in our city and makes every effort to bring about compliance with the law by all concerned in this regard, and further makes every effort to ensure that the required legislation to regulate the operation of carriage horses is put in place and that a report be provided on same."*

The motion was put and carried. It was agreed to make representations to the Minister in relation to the legislation in this area.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.

**Correct.**

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

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The list below is of the main Parks operated by Dublin City Council Parks Service sorted within DCC Administrative Areas. In addition there are a very large number of open spaces and other facilities, too numerous to list in the format required by the councillor, however he is welcome to contact the undersigned in relation to any specific queries.

**North Central Area**

Fairview Park  
Belcamp Park  
Rockfield Park  
Edenmore Park  
Fr. Collin's Park  
St. Anne's Park  
Bull Island

**North West Area**

Ellenfield Park  
Coultry Park  
Poppintree Park  
Tolka Valley Park  
Mellowes Park  
Johnstown Park  
Albert College Park  
Nephin or John Paul Park  
Griffith Park

**South West Area**

Willie Pearse Park  
Stannaway Park  
Walkinstown Park  
Markievicz Park  
Le Fanu Park  
St. Audoens Park  
Brickfields Park  
Lansdowne Valley Park

**Central Area**

Blessington St. Park  
Mountjoy Square  
Ormond Square

**South East Area**

Palmerston  
Herbert Park  
St. Patrick's Park  
Harolds X Park

Bushy Park  
Sundrive/Eamonn Ceannt Pk  
Merrion Square Park  
Ringsend/Irishtown Park

**Q.2 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It has always been the case that when a car is parked in Dublin City in a regulated parking space, that the relevant hourly parking fee in that area would apply. Dublin City Council has never afforded free parking to EV's parked in EV Charging Bays. The ESB, who own the charging infrastructure, have until recently allowed customer's recharge their EV's without paying.

Installing additional signage in this instance would contravene the Dublin City Council signage policy and also lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. It is therefore not recommended.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The top three key types of public liability claims received against Dublin City Council are as follows:-

1. Footpath and slips/trips
2. Defective premises
3. Road

The above data was supplied by IPB, Dublin City Council's insurers and is based on Q4 2018 figures.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This footpath will be inspected and repairs scheduled if required.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment and Transportation Department issue licences, under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to utilities wishing to place telecommunication cabinets on the public footpaths.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is gathering the information and will issue a detailed response to the Councillor before the January Council meeting.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The designation of Markets is generally done by way of Royal Charter or Statute. A market designated in such a manner generally creates market rights often referred to as a franchise right which is akin to a property right. It is not the Council's intention to create such rights and that the designated status under the Casual Trading Act will remain. Depending on the outcome of the Expert Group currently being set up to look at the future of trading in Moore Street there remains a possibility that any future trading on Moore Street may come under the auspices of a Market Manager while being operated under Casual Trading legislation.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A total of 45 properties are currently being refurbished in the Central Area. 32 of these are being refurbished by Framework Contractors and 13 by Direct Labour. So far this year 130 properties have been refurbished in the Area, 36 Houses, 57 apartments and 37 senior citizens' units.

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services are currently operating a leaves removal programme throughout the city and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some residents groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their areas.

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All works will be completed in this property within the next two weeks.

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A reply will be issued to the councillor within the next two weeks.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services does not propose to use 'Molten Tar' for the control of weeds on the City Council's road network due to the significant costs that would be incurred and due to health and safety concerns regarding its application.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lighting on Dunsink Park was assessed and we consider the light levels to be satisfactory and we have no plans at present for any improvements to the lighting here.

However, Public Lighting Services is currently involved in developing tender documentation to replace most of its existing non LED lights with LED lights over a five to six-year timescale. Until such time, we will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site at **(details supplied)** was entered on the Vacant Sites Register on 16th September 2019, in line with criteria as outlined in the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015 (as amended). Should this site remain vacant from 1st January 2020 up to 31st December 2020 (inclusive) and in the same ownership, a Demand for payment of vacant sites levy will be served on the owners of this site in January 2021. The vacant sites levy will be based on 7% of the sites market valuation.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lighting on **(details supplied)** was assessed and we consider the light levels to be satisfactory and we have no plans at present for any improvements to the lighting here. We will continue to carry out routine maintenance works on the existing lights and will replace existing lamps as required.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant is currently in receipt of the HAP payment and is on the Transfer Housing List with the following positions –

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area K	3	61
Area K	4	6
Area J	3	34
Area J	4	3

The applicant is 3rd on the Housing List for a 4 bed property, however, for a 3 bed property the applicant is placed at no 34.

The property at **(details supplied)** is a 3 bedroom property, based on the applicant's position for a 3 bed property, it is unlikely the applicant will be reached for an offer of the property at **(details supplied)**.

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The first approach should be made to the Local Area Housing Officer for assessment and investigation. The area office will consider all relevant factors and the Area Manager will make the final recommendation. After that, it is a case of sourcing the necessary funding and ensuring compliance with data protection etc.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for double yellow lines at the above location has been added to the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 7012493.

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

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Signage requested is already in place (see attached photo).

The road markings will be renewed within 7 workings days of the council meeting of the 2nd December 2019. (Weather Permitting).

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR CHRIS ANDREWS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We have instructed the local depot for to investigate the issues relating to the bin storage in York Street flats and come up with a solution for the storage area to alleviate this issue. In the meantime we will continue to treat the flat complexes with rat bait. The process for dealing with rats is to lay bait boxes in shores, and in bin chutes and safe areas where there is no access by children. These areas are checked approximately 2 weeks later to determine if the bait has been taken which indicates a presence of vermin. In such cases further bait is laid, rechecked and re-laid until such time as the issue is resolved.

We will continue to monitor the common areas in this flat complex and will take any necessary action to deal with the presence of rats if identified.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Prior to Road Maintenance Services resurfacing a carriageway with new asphalt, the Traffic Management & Control Section (Traffic) carry out an inspection. Where existing cycle lanes formed part of the previous road layout, Traffic will endeavour to expand / widen the cycle lanes to maximise road cycling space on new surfaces.

The widening of cycle lanes on a new surface is always considered and prioritised. Whether or not this is achievable is determined by the actual road space available between the footpaths, while respecting the minimum widths for other vehicular traffic. In 2019, cycle lane widths were increased, with new improved surfaces, at the following locations: Ranelagh Rd, Camden St, Georges St, Botanic Rd and Aungier St.

In addition, where a road has been newly resurfaced and the cycle track widened, Traffic are commencing the re-installation of 'red surfacing' e.g. ongoing works on Botanic Rd.

In relation to the expansion of the cycling infrastructure, Traffic have identified an opportunity on Dean St at the new Hotel. New cycle infrastructure will be installed here as part of the new road layout.

**Q.22 COUNCILLOR REBECCA MOYNIHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Any such comparative report would need to be site specific and the costs will vary considerably depending on a range of factors including the length of cycle track involved, the drainage requirements, type of kerb used etc. In many cases it may be inappropriate to substitute kerbing for traffic wands, particularly where only short sections of wands have been used. If the Councillor has a particular location in mind and supplies details the area can be investigated.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive has provided additional resources to the Planning Department but due to an increase in the number of planning applications being lodged, the publishing of valid planning applications to the web is taking longer than the agreed period. The situation is under continuous review with every effort being taken to ensure that valid planning application are available to view on the web within 10 working days.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade programme is co-funded by The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with the shortfall between claimable grant limits and the actual cost of the works being funded by Dublin City Council. We maintain regular contact with all relevant stakeholders including those aforementioned above. The programme is designed and funded to include social housing units, our contractors are available to carry out the same upgrade works for private homeowners who express an interest in same. Our contractors have carried out these upgrade works for some private owners in all of the areas we are working in however it is at the complete discretion of the private homeowner.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Works will commence at this property in the next two weeks. The contractor will arrange a suitable time with the tenant to commence the repairs.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The **(details supplied 1)** Masterplan will go on public display for a minimum of 6 weeks within a fortnight. The Masterplan sets out a structure from which the future housing, amenities, community facilities, road network and open spaces can be shaped around; giving the detail necessary to ensure the full implementation of the **(details supplied 2)** Local Area Plan.

In 2012, within the LAP, the use of the housing lands for temporary allotments was proposed and this has been successfully implemented in the intervening years. The

masterplan does provide new areas of open space, as well as provision for a new school and much needed new housing. The open space areas within the masterplan will need to balance the provision of essential local play and amenity areas for families as well as meeting the local demand for allotments.

It is the intent of the Council to use the time during the public consultation on the masterplan, (in addition to including a reconfigured allotment area in the masterplan); to develop a number of viable options regarding a further permanent solution to the demand for allotments within the North Central Area and to bring these to the Area Committee prior to the finalisation of the Masterplan.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

73 dogs were euthanized from 2015 to date. The dog pound does not have facilities to neuter or spay dogs and are not contracted to do so. However, they work with a number of rescues and have an understanding with the rescues that all dogs signed over to them are neutered, spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Since 2015, 1,370 dogs have gone from the pound to rescue.

The DSPCA work closely with horse owners and hold regular snip and chip clinics for their horses at a reduced cost.

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Staff are allocated in accordance to business needs across the organisation. Since 2008, substantial changes have occurred both to department structures and functions within the City Council and to the overall headcount in general in response to the economic crises of 2008 - 2014.

The establishment of Irish Water, the completion of projects, for example Ballymun Regeneration Project, and delivery of new services in areas including housing, the community, economic development, traffic and the environment, and greater use of technology have all influenced resourcing allocation in departments that have been realigned since 2008.

It is therefore not possible to provide a comparative, at a departmental level, between 2008 and the present day.

Below are details on staffing numbers as returned to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for December 2008:

<b>Employee Number – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Managerial	53
Clerical/Administrative	2,382

Professional	548
Outdoor	3,163
Fulltime Firefighters	979
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,125</b>

And staffing numbers as returned to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government October 2019

<b>Employee Number – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Managerial	31
Clerical/Administrative	1,849
Professional	564
Outdoor	2,428
Fulltime Firefighters	913
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,785</b>

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Junior Apprenticeship Programme commenced in September 2018. There are currently 29 apprenticeships progressing through the programme as detailed below.

<b>Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>
Brick and Stone Laying	6
Carpentry	9
Plumbing	9
Electrical	5

3 of the 29 apprentices entered the programme by way of the Dublin Institute of Technology "Access to Apprenticeship" programme which is a 12 week programme which aims to support the transition of students (16-24 years old) from disadvantaged backgrounds into an apprenticeship scheme.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following a review of APAS (the planning system) there are no records of any current planning applications. Should an application be lodged, any Section 247 pre-application meeting records, including details of attendees and key issues raised shall be placed on the public planning file.

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

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks Service were made aware of concerns surrounding the removal of hedgerows at **(details supplied)** earlier in the year and contacted the National Parks and Wildlife Service who are responsible for the enforcement of the Wildlife Act.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The over-mature chestnut trees along **(details supplied)** were removed in July and replacement planting will take place later this year as part of the winter tree planting programme in early 2020.

These large trees have been a significant cause for concern for the adjoining residents for some time now with large limbs falling into private gardens during storm events. Due to the volume of complaints and representations received a commitment was given to the Area Committee earlier this year to have the trees professionally surveyed. The survey was recently completed and unfortunately overall these trees are in very poor condition structurally defined as Category U – Trees with Serious Defects/Decline and it was recommended that the trees be replaced. It was evident that these trees had been repeatedly pruned in the past with very large limbs having been removed above the private gardens leading extensive cavities and decay throughout the tree line. Evidence of cavities at the base of some of the tree line with decay causing fungi was a particular cause of concern.

Due to the proximity of these trees to both the adjoining housing, overhanging private gardens and the busy public footpath this work was prioritised as it was felt that it was of the utmost importance that the trees would be made safe before the onset of autumn winter storms as the risk posed is unacceptable.

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

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find attached an excel document that outlines all the addresses in Dublin City where GO Car vehicles are located as start and end of journey locations. Locations are identified on a test basis and influenced by demand in an area and where they can to be placed as start and end journey locations. When hired vehicles can park on any street legally in Dublin City Council area. If complaints are received and when investigated if required the vehicle is moved to another location. Go Car and Car Clubs are seen by Dublin City Council as a positive transport solution for residents in many different areas of the city. In order to make them as accessible as possible for residential users the policy is to provide them on street. Car parks on occasion can be closed at short notice and this would not be a practical option to have GO Car remove their vehicles if parked in such locations. It is estimated that the use of a car club vehicle on street removes the use of up to nine private vehicles that would otherwise use the city streets. This allows for the availability of more parking spaces than would be the case if such car club vehicles were not available to residents in their own areas.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied)** is an ESB wooden pole. ESB Networks are currently carrying out a change out project replacing old poles with new ones. A number of ESB poles have a

public light installed on them. The ESB have reinstalled the public light and bracket on the new pole.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The policy for the management of street trees is set out in the City Tree Strategy 2016-2020 which is based on best arboricultural practices and due diligence with regard to public safety. Decisions on tree replacement are made on a site by site basis in consultation with the Roads Maintenance Service.

**Q.37 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected the footpath at **(details supplied)**. A repair has been added to the Road Maintenance Service works list. This will be completed when a works crew is next available in the area.

These trees appear to be in significant decline. An inspection will be arranged in the coming weeks with a view to including their removal on the tree care programme for 2020.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council is committed to ensuring a high standard of service delivery in all areas of business with currently circa 550 staff assigned to the management and provision of waste management service across the City Council.

As with all business areas, resource allocation is kept under review to ensure efficient and effective delivery of service.

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not DCC practice to provide details of individual staff salaries. All posts in DCC are remunerated in accordance with Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government Circulars.

The following posts have a salary scale of €100,000 or more per annum.

Post	Numbers in Post (we could omit this column)
Chief Executive	1

Assistant Chief Executive / Head of Finance / Head of Human Resources & Corporate Services	5
Dublin City Engineer	1
Executive Manager / Executive Manager Engineer / City Librarian	17*
City Architect / Dublin Planning Officer / Law Agent	3*

\*It cannot be assumed that any employee on a scale that include points at €100,000 or more is currently receiving remuneration of €100,000 plus.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic lights in the Dublin City Council area are operated using the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS). SCATS is an adaptive traffic system responding to real time traffic demand and adjusting signal times where appropriate using predefined plans. It is monitored 24 hours a day 7 days a week by the Dublin City Traffic Control Centre. Signal timings vary on a frequent basis depending on traffic volumes on each of the approach roads. Dublin City Council also operate a public transport priority system for Dublin Bus and the Luas and also prioritise pedestrians and cyclist with the traffic phase.

If you have a query in relation to a specific junction please forward the details and we can provide a report on the operation of the junction.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is gathering the information and will issue a detailed response to the Councillor before the January Council meeting.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- Dublin City Council has at present 24,574 rented tenancies
- Approximately 66,955 people reside in these tenancies

**Rent Arrears owing:**

- 2014 ----€23,572,223.06
- 2015-----€23,668,944.44
- 2016-----€24,445,805.78

- **2017**-----€26,253,932.60
- **2018**-----€28,911,042.37
- **2019 To Date**---€32,928,614.95

### **As of November 2019:**

- 40% of Tenants have a clear rent account or are in credit
- 28% of Tenants in arrears owe less than €500
- 14% of Tenants in arrears owe between €500 and €2,000.
- 13% of Tenants in arrears owe between € 2,000k and €7,000.
- 3% of Tenants in arrears owe between €7,000k and €11,000
- 2 % of Tenants in arrears owe between €11,000k and €19,000.
- 0.3% of Tenants in arrears owe between €19,000k and €27,000.
- 0.09% of Tenants in arrears owe over €27,000.

Approximately 40% of Tenants with arrears are currently in arrangements to pay these off over an agreed period of time.

- The Arrears Management Section is currently staffed by 17 Executive Housing Officers whose job it is to continuously monitor and manage the accounts and engage with the tenants at an early stage of missed payments.
- Every effort is made by the EHO to agree a repayment plan with the Tenant.
- Tenants are contacted by letter, by telephone or by Executive Housing Officer (EHO) visit.

### **Rent Arrears Recovery Procedure**

**Stage 1: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning Letters**

**Stage 2: Broken Agreement/3<sup>rd</sup> warning letter**

**Stage 3: Issuing of a Tenancy Warning**

**Stage 4: Court Proceedings**

**Stage 5: Eviction**

### **Arrears Management Measures**

Through early intervention accounts falling into arrears are identified as quickly as possible and tenants are contacted to enter into an agreement so as to prevent arrears accruing.

- Promoting Direct Debit/Household Budget Payments.
- Advising on Debt Solutions-(Debt Relief Notices) administered by Insolvency Services Ireland & MABS.
- Quarterly Statements issue to all tenants.
- Tenants will not have routine maintenance or a programme of works carried out if their account is in arrears and they have not entered or adhered to a satisfactory repayment plan.

- Tenants in arrears will not be considered for a transfer unless the arrears are cleared or there is a repayment plan in place demonstrating a satisfactory payment record.
- If any Sub-Tenant in the dwelling in question is seeking City Council accommodation in their own right their application will be put on hold until the arrears are cleared or a satisfactory agreement for repayment is in place.

A review of processes and procedures for the collection of social housing rent arrears is ongoing.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is no plan to lease out the Newcomen Bank Building (former City Council Rates Office). The office was vacated last April by Rates Office Staff. A City Council project group has been set up to look at the potential of the building to be used for public / cultural use. The uses of this building will be looked at in parallel to the current City Hall service offering to both to the public and to Elected Members. A subgroup of the project group are working closely with elected members through a Protocol Sub-Committee in looking at the future provision of services and work spaces for Elected Members. It is planned to procure a design team in 2020 for Newcomen Bank. No decisions have been made about the future management of this building as this will depend on the ultimate use of the building.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Following the incident, Councillors who gave tickets to the people who were disruptive at the meeting were contacted informing them that the visitor was in breach of sections 49, 50 and 90 of Standing Orders. They were also advised that the individuals concerned would not be granted access to City Hall or the Council Chamber.

A security consultant has been engaged to carry out a full review of security arrangements in City Hall. A report is expected to be presented to the next Protocol Committee on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. In the interim, Councillors have been requested to submit names of invited guests in advance of the meeting.

**Q.45 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council's Archaeology Section received the following documents in response to and in compliance with the requirements of Condition 13 of planning permission Register Reference 3303/18:

1. an archaeological assessment report dated April 2018,
2. a monitoring report dated January 2019 and
3. a method statement dated August 2019.

The developer's archaeological consultant also notified the planning authority of 18-19th century subsurface brick and stone structures, uncovered during excavation works and the Assistant City Archaeologist inspected the site.

The cellars/subsurface structures within the subject site were preserved by record, in accordance with an archaeological method statement, approved by the National Monuments Service, as licensing authority, and in accordance with the requirements of Condition 13 of the grant of planning permission.

Site works are still ongoing under archaeological supervision of the archaeological consultant. The developer is required to submit a report on the findings to the Planning Authority for compliance purposes after all site works are completed. When received, this report will be placed on the public record (planning file).

**Q.46 COUNCILLOR MÌCHEÀL MAC DONNCHA**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In November 2015, the Planning and Property Development Department undertook an Invitation to Tender for the assessment of those structures for proposed addition to the RPS. Following the tender process, Kelly & Cogan Architects were appointed to undertake the assessment and commenced their research and external survey work. An application was made to the owners for access to the sites and details of the successful tenderer were provided. Their solicitors objected to the appointment of Kelly & Cogan Architects as they asserted that this firm advised and completed affidavits in High Court proceedings relating to the sites. The Law Agent advised that in these circumstances they should not be appointed by the Council to do the assessment of the structures.

In conclusion, the document received from Kelly & Cogan is only a Draft Report dated 31 August 2016. It is incomplete, as the consultants were not allowed inspect any of the structures internally nor inspect within the site boundaries. The assessments and recommendations of the Draft Report can be considered to be preliminary only, pending further research, examination, internal inspection and explanation. No final report has been submitted.

If the Councillor wishes to view the contents of the incomplete report, this can be arranged by contacting Maire Igoe at [maire.igoe@dublincity.ie](mailto:maire.igoe@dublincity.ie).

**Q.47 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

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

- How much is Dublin City Council proposing to pay for this lease?

- How long will the lease be for?
- How many individuals will reside at this premises?
- Who are the clients for this premises?
- Will any sex offenders be accommodated at this location?
- Has there been due diligence and a company check on the new owners of the Avalon house?
- Is the company now in charge of Avalon house a vulture fund or an offshore company who are its directors?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- How much is Dublin City Council proposing to pay for this lease? How long will the lease be for?

The lease is between Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) and the owners, with the support of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). DRHE are currently negotiating a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with PMVT for the provision on emergency accommodation.

- How many individuals will reside at this premises? Who are the clients for this premises?

PMVT plans to put in place a provision of 125 permanent Supported Temporary Accommodation (STA) beds and 25 cold weather beds, which will operate from 1st October to 31st March annually for vulnerable homeless adults. This will constitute a maximum capacity of 150 in the winter months and 125 for the remaining six months of the year.

- Will any sex offenders be accommodated at this location?

No

- Has there been due diligence and a company check on the new owners of the Avalon house? Is the company now in charge of Avalon house a vulture fund or an offshore company who are its directors?

As the DRHE is not the lessee of the property, these questions would be best directed to PMVT.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Although the City Council published a public realm plan in 2014 titled "Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan", and this plan would have been presented and noted by Councillors, the recent issue with Christmas lighting and the use of the term "Grafton Quarter" did not involve Dublin City Council.

The City Council was not consulted on and did not approve of the new sign, which replaced a sign in Irish on Grafton Street. The matter will be raised with Dublin Town, who erected the lights, in the context of Christmas 2020 lights.

The Christmas Lights and Decorations are a matter for Dublin Bids Company and their members. They are temporary installations provided to decorate the city at Christmas time and do not require planning permission.

The Christmas Lights including the signs referred to in the city core are provided and installed by Dublin Bids Company and their members at their expense for the betterment of the city. They are temporary installations provided to decorate the city at Christmas time and do not require planning.

Although the City Council published a public realm plan in 2014 titled "Grafton Street Quarter Public Realm Plan", and this plan would have been presented and noted by Councillors. The recent temporary Christmas lighting sign and the use of the term "Grafton Quarter" does not represent a rebranding and did not involve Dublin City Council.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Eventco Management Ltd have a three year contract with Dublin City Council to roll out its Winter Lights programme. The contract was advertised via E Tenders on 12th June 2018.

2019 is the 2nd year of this contract.

The total cost for this year's Winter Lights Projections from Eventco are as follows

1. €486,249.75 (Inclusive of Vat)

This is broken down as follows

- Projections/Lights - €455,377.75 (Inclusive of Vat)
- Maintenance of Bridge - €11,350.00 (Inclusive of Vat)
- Install of Millennium Bridge lights - €19,522.00 (Inclusive of Vat)

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Staircase, 21 Aungier Street, Dublin 2 was leased by the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) in late 2016 to provide between 20 and 25 beds for emergency accommodation for vulnerable adults with the support of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). The property had been used previously to accommodate vulnerable adults.

The building required work and as some elements within the building had been on the National Monuments Register prior to 2007, it was of interest from a historical, conservation and protected structure perspective. The lease cost on the property amounts to €16,250.00 per month and €373,750 has been paid to date by the DRHE to PMVT.

There was considerable opposition to the proposed use of the building as a homeless emergency accommodation facility and following an extended period of discussions with interested parties and public representatives agreement was reached in early 2017 to not proceed with the proposal and to work to dispose of the lease as soon as it was practical to do so, for use of the building for an alternative purpose.

Disposal of the lease to an alternative party is at an advanced stage and it is anticipated that the commitment to this property will cease in 2020.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

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

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

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proposed Poddle River Flood Alleviation Project is designed to protect against property flooding to the National standard which is a 100 year flood event (larger than 2011 in many areas) which has a 1% chance of occurring in any one year with a conservative allowance of 60% blockage in 12 major culverts and 40% blockage in the remaining culverts. These blockages would mostly be attributable to debris and siltation. There is also a provision for some climate change in the design.

The defences proposed are those required to protect an estimated 921 mainly residential properties at flooding risk. Because the Poddle River flows are subject to

rapid change following rainfall, all trash screens are cleaned out before a forecast significant rainfall event and any visible debris removed.

Dublin City Council appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers to the Culvert Improvement Works – Screen Upgrade Works project in February 2019. This project involves the design and installation of new trash and security screens to span culvert entrances at nineteen locations around the city. Four of the locations are on the section of the Poddle River within the functional area of Dublin City Council. The new screens will replace existing screens that are assessed to be obsolete, damaged or unsafe with an emphasis on improving hydraulic efficiency, maintainability and safety.

The specific screen referred to in the Question (at KCR) is located in the functional area of South Dublin County Council. Dublin City Council continues to work closely with South Dublin County Council in relation to the River Poddle and related flood risks and appropriate flood warnings / alarms. We are satisfied with the current arrangements, in this regard, but will continue to review these, in conjunction with SDCC.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The layout of the indented spaces would have been assessed as part of the overall Marlett development. The principle of the pay and display and permit parking scheme being acceptable was established through the planning application process. The detail was to be subsequently agreed with Dublin City Council.

The indented spaces were effectively permitted through planning back in 2010 which was before Bus Connect plans were being considered or designed.

The indented spaces are still in ownership of the developer and when Dublin City Council take in charge, this will become on street public spaces and are intended to be managed as a standard pay & display and permit scheme.

With regard to the suggestion of “super bus stop”, this is a matter that should be referred to the Bus Connect Design Project Team.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This refers to Planning Application reg. ref: 4218/19 was which is for revisions to previously approved planning permission number 2865/18 and 3978/17 (energy centre) comprising relocation of ESB sub-station from energy centre to ground floor of main building, demolition of existing and provision of new internal staircase, new windows to rear elevation serving new staircase, blocking up of existing windows to south-west gable elevation and new windows/sub-station doors to front elevation at Queen of Peace Centre, Garville Place, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

This application was lodged 16th October 2019 and as such is a live planning application. It is not legally possible to comment on planning applications that are currently in the planning system. The application will be assessed in the normal manner by E&T Department. Objections and/or observations should be made within statutory timeframe to the planning department.

A planning application was lodged on the 6/10/19, a decision is due no later than 10/12/19. No works should be carried out until a commencement notice has been lodged with the Planning Department subject to permission being granted & a Final Grant or An Bord Pleanala decision being issued. A request has been forwarded to the Planning Enforcement Section and a planning enforcement officer will inspect the site.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a Commemorative Naming Policy (adopted by the City Council on 12th June 2017) which includes a Commemorative Plaques scheme. This scheme seeks to 'honour individuals who have made a unique and significant contribution to the life or history of Dublin through outstanding achievement, distinctive service or significant community contribution'. The scheme is overseen by the Council's Commemorations & Naming Committee. Thirty plaques have been erected so far, with approval for several others granted.

This scheme allows the City to both honour significant individuals and events and link those people/events to different relevant places across the city.

Applications for the erection of plaques should be made on the official form, available on the Council's website.

Officials do not recommend the development of a celebrity 'walk of fame', where handprints, or bronze plaques, are inserted into the footpath/public realm, due to issues of health and safety ('slip and trip') and maintenance requirements, and due to the undesirability of concentrating commemorations in a particular location.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC manages the desktop environment on a multi annual basis. Over the last three years there has been a program of replacement of end of life PCs with all replacements licenced for Windows 10 as part of their purchase. As most of the PCs in DCC were over ten years old their replacement is required independently of the operating system requirements. There are therefore no direct costs to DCC for the Windows 10 upgrade. We currently have 1,900 PCs operating on windows 10 and the remaining 500 PCs which are physically end of life will be migrated by the due date.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is the policy of Dublin City Council to maintain and improve the stock of litter bins in the city. It is also intended to increase the supply of litter bins in areas where there are significant litter generators located and an inadequate supply of bins.

Litter bins are only removed where there is continued abuse or vandalism of the bins such as the bins being used for the disposal of predominantly household waste or bins being repeatedly set fire to. The decision to remove bins on this basis is taken as a last resort and is usually communicated to both the local area management and Councillors. Bins should not be removed on the basis that dumping is occurring in the vicinity of the bin. If the Councillor is aware of the removal of bins from specific locations that were undertaken this basis these decisions will be reviewed.

Bins may also be removed where they have become damaged and are beyond repair. Any removals undertaken on this basis will be scheduled for replacement. The Waste Management Department are currently preparing a tender for the procurement of bins so that this may be carried out without delay.

Bins may also be relocated in instances where they have are not being used and a more suitable alternative location has been identified.

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services informs that this service request has been added to Road Maintenance Services work list and it will be scheduled for repair subject to a priority-based job queue and the availability of a crew in the area.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The average waiting time for approval of HAP applications has been approximately 7 weeks. However, in order to finalise as many applications as possible before Christmas a sustained effort has been made by staff working additional hours to reduce this waiting time to 10 days.

As all HAP payments are made directly to landlords it is not possible to backdate rent to a date for which a landlord has already received a rent payment.

Applicants are advised that they are responsible for all rent payments to their landlord until they receive confirmation that their HAP payment has been approved. When processing an application for HAP, staff confirm with the landlord/tenant what date the rent for the property has been paid up to and HAP payments can only commence from the day after this date.

The HAP Section has an average of 960 customer interfaces each month with customers at various stages of the HAP Scheme. A number of these interfaces would include applicants making repeat visits and existing tenants advising of changes in their circumstances.

The HAP Section only accepts completed applications with all relevant supporting documentation and an average of 130 tenancies are set up each month.

There are currently 14 staff in the HAP Section dealing with new HAP applications, transfers from rent supplement to HAP and managing and maintaining the 3,453 existing HAP tenancies.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There was no such correspondence sent or received on this issue during the period in question. I understand there was some correspondence between the Lord Mayor and the Minister.

The following correspondence was exchanged between the Office of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Minister Eoghan Murphy on **(details supplied)** since June 2019.

<b>Date of Letter</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
2/10/2019	Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe	Minister Eoghan Murphy
7/10/2019	Minister Eoghan Murphy	Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe
6/11/2019	Minister Eoghan Murphy	Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe
13/11/2019	Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe	Minister Eoghan Murphy

Copies of the correspondence listed above will be forwarded to the Councillor.

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

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

Similar figures are not available for the years prior to 2016. At that time an estimate of the overall cost was made that was in the region of 750K per annum. This estimate has now been improved upon by carrying out a more thorough analysis of the costs of the vehicles, fuel, labour and disposal of waste for those resources that are assigned to dealing with the removal and disposal of illegal dumping.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ DOOLAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Phase 2 of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade programme commenced in March 2018 across all areas including Ballyfermot. To date we have upgraded 145 houses under Phase 2 of the programme in the Ballyfermot area. We estimate that there are a further 859 houses that would be categorised under Phase 2 of the programme in Ballyfermot. Based on current departmental funding levels for the programme, we would estimate that it would take a further 6-7 years to complete the remaining houses in Ballyfermot categorised under Phase 2 of the programme.

**Q.62 COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This job has been assigned to a contractor and work to repair the roof in this property is now due to commence.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2018 the City Council received 1620 requests for a bulky household waste collection service. In 2019 to 08th November we have received 1658 requests for collections which demonstrates a steady increase in the demand for the service from the public.

In 2018 total revenue received from this collection service was €66,590.00

The overall estimated costs associated with the provision of this same service in 2018 are €131,540.00. These costs are calculated in the following manner.

The rental of an appropriate vehicle and all associated costs such as fuel, maintenance insurance etc. along with the salary required for the 3 men necessary to man this vehicle for 4 days a week in the provision of the service. Estimated total yearly salary of one staff member of €40,000.00

Disposal costs of collected materials. €35.00 per tonne in 2018, which increased to €52.00 in 2019.

NB: It is not possible to get exact costs for disposal of household bulky waste collection materials as these materials are generally mixed with illegally dumped bulky waste collected from the streets. However, we do have an estimate for the average weight of materials collected from individual households which is 0.13 Tonne per household.

In summary, costs associated with provision of the service for 2018 were as follows and you will see that the service is therefore operating at an estimated yearly loss of approximately €65,000.00 per year.

<b>Bulky Waste Revenue and Expenditure 2018</b>	
Vehicle Rental and operating Costs	€27,840.00
Manpower Costs	€96,000.00
Disposal Costs (Estimated) (292.00 Tonne at €35.00 per Tonne)	€7,700.00
<b>Estimated Total Expenditure in 2018</b>	<b>€131,540.00</b>
<b>Revenue Receipts in 2018</b>	<b>€66,590.00</b>
<b>Overall Service Provision Loss in 2018</b>	<b>€64,950.00</b>

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Yes we consider it prudent to revisit the College Green proposals in light of the Bus Connects Network redesign scheme. The changes proposed within the newly published Bus Connects Network redesign are very positive for the whole College Green project with significantly less buses passing through College Green and without any buses terminating in the area.

This will substantially lessen the number of routes which are required to be changed to allow College Green to be pedestrianised and also allows for a change of design within the plaza and approach areas to take account both of this reduction and the removal of requirements for buses to have terminuses close to College Green. The NTA has indicated support for this phased approach to removal of bus traffic through College Green.

DCC are therefore revisiting the design proposed for this area to take account of this new network layout and the lessons learned from the very successful Summer Sundays, with a view to submitting a revised design in 2020.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 contains a section whereby local authorities would have power to have housing rents deducted directly from social welfare payments. Can the Chief Executive confirm

how many DCC tenants are in receipt of social welfare payments and if DCC is in a position to avail of the section to have rent and arrears collected directly as described.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 contains a section (Part 5-Miscellaneous-53) that Social Housing Rents due to Local Authorities could be deducted directly from Social Welfare Payments. It details what powers the Local Authorities would have to authorise this and also to collect rent arrears in the same manner- however to date Section 53 of this Act has not been commenced.

There are currently 13,584 Principal Earner/Tenants in receipt of Social Welfare payments

- The minimum weekly rent charge based on the Social Welfare payment of €203.00 is €25.65
- There are 1,188 tenants on the minimum rent charge
- There are no tenants on the maximum rent charge of €423-relates to dwelling size
- The weekly average rent charge is €69.41 in a Dublin City Council tenancy
- The current highest Dublin City Council weekly rent charge is €265.87

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Swords Ambulance was introduced in late January 2007, when Swords Fire Station opened on a full time basis. The City Council made a decision to locate an additional emergency ambulance there on the basis of the higher number of calls being attended to in the Swords area.

Dublin City Council has sought a contribution from the HSE towards the running costs of this ambulance. However, the funding of this ambulance is currently linked to the ongoing ambulance review. Until, such time as the review is completed the four Dublin Local Authorities will continue to support the provision of the Swords Ambulance, which costs €1.25m approx. per annum.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There has been an inspection of these windows and all were deemed to be in good working order. Some small repairs were suggested following this inspection and these repairs have already been carried out.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to state the number of derelict or vacant properties in the Central Area that have been CPO'd in each of the last five years; the annual cost of purchasing these properties; and the number that are at various stages of being CPO'd at present.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Derelict Sites Act 1990

The following eight vacant derelict sites located in the Central Area were acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 in the last five years. Compensation is payable under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Any person who immediately before the making of the vesting order, had any estate or interest in or right in respect of the land acquired may apply for compensation in respect of the estate, interest or right. No compensation has been paid to date but there are a number of claims pending.

<b>Derelict - Site Derelict Sites Act, 1990</b>	<b>Date vested in City Council</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
6 Nelson Street, D7	1/03/2017	€270,000
21 Rutland Street Lower, D7	12/10/2017	€100,000
48 Manor Place, Stoneybatter, D7	2/07/2018	€240,000
19 Connaught Street, D7	19/08/2019	€350,000
21 Connaught Street, D7	19/08/2019	€350,000
414 North Circular Road, D7	19/08/2019	€160,000
8 Ferguson Road, D9	14/01/2019	€120,000
10 Ferguson Road, D9	14/01/2019	€100,000

Housing Act 1966

The Ryder's Row / Parnell Street / Capel Street Area Compulsory Purchase (Residential/Commercial Development), Order 2019 was confirmed without modification on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 and became operative on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The likely costs of the CPO will become known in due course after the serving of Notices to treat which require affected parties to submit details of their compensation claim.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is gathering the information and will issue a detailed response to the Councillor before the January Council meeting.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We will report in due course on the issue to the Central Area Committee in the first instance.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019 sets out the Housing Department's objectives in relation to supporting independent living for all sectors of society. These objectives include:

- Implementing the National Disability Strategy; A Disability Steering Group was established following the launch of the City Council Strategic Plan for Housing People with a Disability. The Group is a multi-agency operations group which drives the planning, design and allocation of accommodation of people with disability. A commitment to allocate a minim of 5% of DCC's allocations to people with a disability was agreed.
- Increase the supply of adapted and extended units for persons with disabilities
- Continue to grant aid residents in private homes in carrying out necessary works to accommodate people with disabilities

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

Dublin City Council has developed a framework for the implementation of the UNCRPD across all departments and has included a commitment to this implementation in its draft corporate plan.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

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

**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 October 31st 2019.

Table 1.

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Adults	Number Dependents
<b>24+ months</b>	187	272	432
<b>18-24months</b>	133	193	336
<b>12-18 months</b>	185	265	450
<b>6-12 months</b>	269	392	614
<b>6 months or less</b>	466	678	891
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,723</b>

There were approximately 212 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.

The DRHE is currently finalising the homelessness statistics for November 2019 and will forward this data as soon as it is available.

**Q.73 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive that the second area to be assessed for a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme, after Eblana/Island villas which is taking place in November 2019, be Marlborough Road/Belmont Avenue on account of the continued and ongoing threat

of a serious accident occurring on Belmont Avenue which has a busy national school located on its road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Belmont Avenue and Marlborough Road areas are currently being assessed by the Neighbourhood Transport Engineer. Once all the areas for consideration in this scheme have been assessed, Councillors in the South East and South Central Area will be notified of the order the areas have been ranked.

Areas which are ranked at the top of the list will be deemed to be in most need of intervention and will be put forward to Phase 3 which will involve the development of a Neighbourhood Transport Scheme.

**Q.74 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The unfunded balance in the O'Devaney Gardens cost centre is in the region of €3 Million but may increase slightly before completion of the project. Initially it was intended to use the balance to clear other unfunded balances on Regeneration Projects elsewhere in the city. To assist the project it is now agreed that €3M will be ring-fenced towards the cost of community and cultural infrastructure on the nearby Infirmary Road site.

**Q.75 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The final decision on schemes to be included in the Annual Resurfacing Programme will be made on the basis of available funding and competing priorities. Competing priorities include the strategic importance of the road and its condition in relation to other roads.

The 2020 Annual Resurfacing Programme will be presented to the Elected Members for approval in January 2020.

Roads not included on the Annual Resurfacing Programme will be scheduled for repair works as required.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the Bus Connects design process for the bus corridors and provision of segregated cycle tracks, the NTA will be required to producing an Environmental Impact Assessment report, which will include a chapter on the transport including transport modelling work to show the impacts of the proposed changes.

Dublin City Council transportation Department in conjunction with the NTA will be agreeing methods of how to take advantage of the infrastructure improvements for pedestrian's, cyclists and public transport users, while at the same time seeking to mitigate any negative transport impacts that these changes may make. This work will look at each corridor and the likely requirements for any further traffic management arrangements and improvement of walking and cycling facilities around these corridors, to provide sustainable alternatives.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks had planned on removing these hedges some years ago but met with resistance from residents such that we had to abandon the plans. We can look at introducing gaps in the hedge to promote sight lines if there is local support for this.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The traffic signals at this junction were switched on and connected to our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System on 27/09/18 and are subject to ongoing monitoring by the Intelligent Transportation Systems Section. Please note that CCTV was recently installed at this junction in order to better facilitate traffic monitoring. Following this, we have implemented, via our SCATS Adaptive Traffic Management System, an 'Early Cut off Green' to the signal group controlling traffic entering the junction from Crumlin Village. In practice, this means that when the main road traffic phase is running, the vehicles entering the junction from St Agnes Road will have a green light for a longer period than those entering the junction from the opposite side, thereby facilitating the road users seeking an acceptable gap in traffic to turn right from St. Agnes Road to Windmill Road. We have monitored this measure over a number of

mornings and deem it sufficient to address the issues you have raised. Nonetheless, we will continue to monitor the operation of the traffic signals via our SCATS and CCTV network and make any further changes necessary as issues arise.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is possible to paint the public poles throughout Bulfín Estate, Dublin 8, (which include Connolly Avenue, Amber Road & Southern Cross Avenue).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The poles on Connolly Avenue and Southern Cross Avenue are ESB poles and the painting of these poles is a matter for ESB Networks.

There is no Amber Road.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR MICHAEL WATTERS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Work is already in progress to review this junction and to change the layout as required.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request for a pedestrian crossing at the above location is currently listed on the Transport Advisory Group agenda for examination and report by the Area Traffic Engineer under Enquiry No: 7009070.

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

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A copy of the Dublin City Council Policy on Rent Arrears issued to the Councillor on 22nd November 2019.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Council in all instances for the collection of street litter or leaves uses biodegradable bags.

The City Council both supports and encourages the valuable active participation by residents and local community groups in the collection of leaves however the vast majority of leaves collected by the Council are not collected in bags by residents but rather swept from the street by road sweepers designed for that purpose.

In respect of this Waste Management Department has recently commenced a pilot project to assess the viability of composting leaf fall material collected. As such the current final destination for leaves is split between being transferred for composting and also for use as landfill cover material.

Additionally the department is currently trying to source a compostable bag suitable for use in the collection of organic materials such as leaves in the hope that this will ultimately allow for all leaf fall material collected through street cleaning and local activities to be used for the purposes of compost production.

The City Council is also engaged in supporting community composting initiatives in local areas by removing leaves collected by residents to local composting locations. The presence of such local initiatives is additionally environmentally beneficial as it reduces the requirement for significant transportation and processing of the material.

In general Parks collect leaves in trailers and dispose of them through composting.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Under Dublin City Council's Customer Complaints Procedure a timeframe of up to 21 days is given to reply to a letter of complaint however the majority of complaints received by the HAP Section are responded to within one week of the complaint being received.

The statutory timeframes outlined for dealing with Planning Enforcement cases is set out under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

A Warning Letter shall issue within six weeks of receipt of a valid complaint.

An Enforcement Notice if required must be served within 12 weeks of the date of issue of the Warning Letter.

Legal proceedings must be initiated within 6 months of the date it comes to the attention of the Planning Authority that an Enforcement Notice has not been complied with.

Dublin City Council Planning Enforcement Section in the vast majority of cases issues a Warning Letter within 3 weeks and Enforcement Notices if required within 10 weeks from the date of the issue of the Warning Letter.

In all cases where legal proceedings are required they are initiated within a month from the date it comes to the attention of the relevant Planning Enforcement Officer that the Enforcement Notice has not been complied with.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE HEMMINGS**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have put considerable focus on ways to accelerate the delivery process in recent years including reducing the Approval procedures to only four stages.

They have established a specific delivery unit in the department whose role is to accelerate housing programmes and to assist Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies in doing so.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At this early stage of the St. Michael's Estate regeneration project, it is not possible to estimate accurately what the likely rental levels will be on the proposed Cost Rental Units because will ultimately be based on final construction costs. However, €1,300 per month appears to be the figure arising from costing analysis carried out so far.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A trial installation of 4 charging points by Dublin City Council is currently underway at Sir John Rogerson's Quay. These charging points are expected to be commissioned by the ESB in December. When operational, usage will be monitored over a 6 month trial period and then reviewed. This review and lessons learned will inform Dublin City Council future policy on provision of EV charging by the Council. The suitability of Taxi Ranks and other transportation hubs as locations for EV chargers will be considered as part of this review.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR GARY GANNON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The lights in question are not Dublin City Council lights and were installed by a Contractor originally. DCC organised the contractor at the time to assist the Cemetery people. DCC will consult with the cemetery with a view to passing on the contractor details so that they can organise for any necessary maintenance now and in the future.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The road markings will be renewed within 7 workings days of the council meeting of the 2nd December 2019. (Weather Permitting).

Installing signage in this instance would contravene the Dublin City Council signage policy and also lead to a proliferation of signage throughout the city. It is therefore not recommended.

A Solid White Line indicates that overtaking is not permitted.

A site survey was carried out on 27/11/2019. The Area Engineer noted that there are some depressions and small pot holes on Ringsend Bridge (outbound and inbound). The Area Engineer wishes to raise these with road maintenance.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have City Quay cleaned on a daily basis. We will certainly monitor the cleaning of this area to see what improvements can be made within this daily cleaning schedule.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have City Quay cleaned on a daily basis.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Congestion at school gates is an issue in many schools in the city. Often the issue can only be solved by reducing drop off/pick up by car rather than by infrastructural measures. An internal focus group, consisting of personnel from Road Safety, Sustainable Mobility & Projects Infrastructure and Communication & Promotion and the Transport Advisory Group, has been established to explore options in creating safer routes to school. The implementation of future measures is reliant on community buy-in for their success. All options chosen for trial and/or implementation will include a strong engagement strategy to maximise support at local level.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 9/4/2013, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area H	2	183

Housing Allocations are time based on the list rather than the previous point's scheme. The applicant's interest in **(details supplied)** has been noted on her file, however, based on the applicant's position it is unlikely she will be reached for an offer presently.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Law Department is gathering the information and will issue a detailed response to the Councillor before the January Council meeting.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please confirm:

(a) if there have been any recent pre-planning discussions with Dublin City Council in relation to the site to the rear of St Anthony's Church, Clontarf, Dublin 3 (see site marked in red on attached map)

(b) If Dublin City Council has been involved in/invited to any pre-planning consultations with An Bord Pleanala under the Strategic Housing Development process in relation to this site.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning GIS system indicates that there are no current planning applications relating to the lands to the rear of St. Anthony's Church in Clontarf. The record of any relevant S.247 pre-application meetings including details of attendees and key issues raised shall be placed on the public planning file should a relevant planning application be submitted in due course. This applies to both standard planning applications and Strategic Housing Development.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Costs**

Eventco have a three year contract with Dublin City Council to roll out its Winter Lights programme.

2019 is the 2nd year of this contract.

The total cost for this year's Winter Lights Projections from Eventco are as follows

1. €486,249.75 (Inclusive of Vat)

This is broken down as follows

- Projections/Lights - €455,377.75 (Inclusive of Vat)
- Maintenance of Samuel Beckett Bridge lights - €11,350.00 (Inclusive of Vat)
- Install of Millennium Bridge lights - €19,522.00 (Inclusive of Vat)

### **LEDs**

The majority of the installations use LED powered lighting. There are three versions of the LED, 300w, 400w and a new 500w which is replacing what last year was 2500w.

Custom House power usage last year was 40kw whereas this year with LED we are down to 12kw power usage. We are using a generator here due to lack of access to a grid connection but we did look into trying to source grid connection with DCC for this site in future.

Covanta Dublin Waste to Energy is using the higher power 2500w lamps due to the scale of the building but we are using the plants own grid for this.

Civic Offices is completely LED using a total of 3kw (equivalent of about two dishwashers).

Trinity College - DCC are using the same power as the existing facade lighting so neutral additional energy consumption.

City Hall is completely LED using a total of 3kw (equivalent of about two dishwashers). The Samuel Beckett Bridge is completely LED using a total of 2kw (equivalent of vacuum cleaner).

The GPO is run on generator due to lack of grid connection in the area, the contractor is working with the developer of Clerys to access future power.

The Hugh Lane Gallery is completely LED using a total of 2kw (equivalent of vacuum cleaner). Reduction of 50% on 2018

The Mansion House is completely LED using a total of 2kw (equivalent of vacuum cleaner), reduction of 80% on 2018

The Smithfield Plaza install is using less power than the current lights we are replacing on the sails that are normally used.

All tree lighting is LED.

All materials used for hoarding, ballast, print are all recycled from 2018 and kept for future use. DCC purposely did not print dates on print materials to allow them to be used year after year.

### **Carbon Assessment**

The Events Unit is currently liaising with CODEMA to determine the procedures for carrying out a carbon assessment on its Winter Lights programme.

### **Q.97 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

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

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Street Parking Services have been asked to monitor and enforce illegal parking of vehicles on Dame Street and Lord Edward Street and a number of vehicles have been clamped. An inspector from Parking Policy and Enforcement has been in discussions with businesses and delivery vehicle drivers about making deliveries at times other than at high peak hours on both Lord Edward Street and Dame Street. Businesses have been encouraged to change times of deliveries to off peak times and

to have delivery Vehicles Park in locations other than bus lanes. The constant pressure on businesses to have early morning deliveries means that persistent enforcement is required to discourage parking at peak hours. The Parking Policy and Enforcement Inspector is targeting Dame Street in order to reduce parking on bus lanes, especially at peak hours.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The council owned land is currently used as a pay and display carpark. This site apart from the public house is zoned Z9 (recreational and open space purposes) in the current City Development Plan. As such there are no plans for a comprehensive redevelopment of the site.

There are proposals being considered to relocate the recycling centre at Rathmines Depot to part of the site for a temporary period of time pending its relocation to a permanent site.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Just Eat Dublin bikes station at Frederick Street South was reduced in capacity to facilitate redevelopment works at 10 Molesworth Street (former Passport Office). The station is now being reinstalled to its full original capacity and will reopen during December.

The station at Clarendon Row was removed to facilitate demolition and redevelopment works at Chatham Court (former residential and retail development). It is expected that this station will reopen in summer 2020.

No Just Eat Dublin bikes station existed at Fade Street. No station has been removed from Fade Street.

**Q.100 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

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

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

And can he make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Outlined below is a list of derelict sites with information as requested. In accordance with Section 24 (1) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 where a derelict sites levy for a local financial year, or any portion of it, is due and owing, the amount of levy and the interest

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due and payable thereon shall, on the date on which it becomes so due and payable, become and shall remain until payment thereof, a charge on the relevant urban land.

### Derelict Sites Levies – Payments 2018-2019

<b>Payments 2018</b>					
<b>Address</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>Entered on Register</b>	<b>Removed from Register</b>	<b>County of Residence of Owner(s)</b>
7 Adelaide Road	€700,000	€240,618.75	20.01.2009	Remains on Register	Dublin
50 Beechwood Avenue Lower	€500,000	€25,000.00	05.08.2014	06.02.2017	Dublin
Chivers Sites, Greencastle Road	€2,000,000	€12,600.00	15.07.2014	28.06.2017	Dublin
8 Ferguson Road	€120,000	€3,600.00	28.09.2017	Remains on Register	Vested in DCC 14.01.2019
92-93 Francis Street	€275,000	€8,250.00	26.01.2017	Remains on Register	Meath
Harold's Cross Rd, 199, 199a, 201 and 201a	€500,000	€15,937.50	27.01.2016	19.02.2019	Dublin
33 James's Street	€150,000	€16,972.73	28.01.2015	Remains on Register	Dublin
30 Manor Street	€180,000	€12,622.50	19.07.2016	25.10.2018	Tipperary
30 Merlyn Road	€500,000	€108,750.00	05.04.2011	15.05.2017	Kildare
Site on Oxmantown Lane	€50,000	€10,923.91	21.12.2010	11.12.2015	Dublin
Opp. 1-6 Schoolhouse Lane	€120,000	€7,695.00	18.12.2013	18.02.2019	Dublin
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>€462,970.39</b>			
<b>Payments 2019</b>					
<b>Address</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>Entered on Register</b>	<b>Removed from Register</b>	<b>County of Residence of Owner</b>
2 Annesley Place, 2 & Spring Gardens Street	€60,000	€1,822.50	24.11.2017	Remains on Register	Dublin
22b Ballybough Road	€60,000	€4,230.00	25.06.2009	Remains on Register	Dublin
23 Ballybough Road	€120,000	€7,920.00	04.07.2017	Remains on Register	Dublin
24 Ballybough Road	€120,000	€7,920.00	04.07.2017	Remains on Register	Dublin
25 Ballybough Road	€120,000	€7,920.00	04.07.2017	Remains on Register	Dublin
21 Beach Road	€500,000	€986.30	15.02.2018	11.02.2019	Dublin

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118 Church Road	€1,000,000	€50,153.42	20.04.2007	14.08.2008	Dublin
200 Clonliffe Road	€250,000	€1,576.54	07.11.2017	07.03.2018	Dublin
Former Paper Mill, Clonskeagh	€2,300,000	€137,683.37	25.03.2011	17.12.2012	Dublin
199, 199a, 201 & 201a Harold's Cross Road	€500,000	€2,054.79	27.01.2016	19.02.2019	Dublin
135 Herberton Road	€200,000	€6,000.00	29.03.2011	Remains on Register	Dublin
52/52a Mountjoy Street	€250,000	€26,579.53	26.10.2006 & 22.08.2013	16.04.2008 & 05.03.2014	Dublin
414 North Circular Road	€200,000	€4,500.00	13.07.2018	Remains on Register	Vested in DCC 19.08.2019
Site adj. 2a Plunkett Road	€2,500	€182.81	18.08.2016	27.02.2019	Meath
24/25 Prussia Street	€240,000	€7,290.00	10.07.2018	Remains on Register	Kildare
1 Usher Street	€55,000	€1,670.63	29.04.2015	Remains on Register	Dublin
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>€268,489.89</b>			

### **Q.101 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This laneway is not in charge to Dublin City Council.

### **Q.102 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

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

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Central Area are not involved with any campaign locally against scramblers and quad bikes.

There have been problems with quad bikes in the vicinity of the Cabbage Patch, Dublin 8 in the past and An Garda Síochána have curbed this problem somewhat by restricting access to the Cabbage Patch which has improved the situation.

As part of a Christmas campaign, similar to last year, Finglas Safety Forum, in conjunction with the Community Policing Team, will be circulating the attached poster across local organisations, schools and shops in the Finglas area to highlight the dangers associated with the misuse of quad bikes/scramblers to the local community. The poster will also be uploaded via Finglas Safety Forum social media platforms with the aim of engaging a wider number of residents and organisations both locally and surrounding localities.

In addition, Finglas Safety Forum has, in conjunction with the Community Policing Team liaised with Circle K Headquarters in respect to this matter. Circle K have assured that they adopt similar protocol to that of Tesco's Clearwater, for example, in that they reserve the right to refuse the sale of fuel to persons under the age of 16, to unregistered vehicles and duty-bound to request photograph identification in the first instance to ensure fuel is not supplied/sold to persons under the age of 16. This also includes persons under the age of 16 whom present with dispenser containers. I have requested signage to be displayed in their stores to reflect the above and to clearly inform customers of their protocol. I have met with two respective managers at Circle K branches locally whom advised they welcome this and would put forward similar request also to Circle K Headquarters.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Paul Mc Auliffe is convening a Lord Mayor's Working Group to tackle the use of illegal scrambler bikes.

The Assistant Garda Commissioner has committed his support to this Group and it will examine the legislative framework surrounding the use of scrambler bikes.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive is placing the 20 sites proposed for variation in the CE Report to the November Council Meeting on public display for 4 weeks, during which time anyone with a concern regarding the change of zoning objective will be welcome to make a submission, both owners of lands proposed, adjoining owners/occupiers and the general public. As part of the variation process all submissions received will be summarised and a report presented to the Elected Members for their consideration of the issues raised.

Submissions in relation to the concerns raised in the question should be made during the consultation process in order to be taken into consideration. The CE Report and recommendations on the public consultation process will bring such issues raised to the attention of the Members; which will inform their final decision on each variation.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive that Dublin City Council look upon doing small neighbour plans to help with the re-vitalisation of local neighbourhood centres like Ballyfermot, developing neighbourhood plans will ensure the proper retail mix and retention of services before we get to the only shopping districts been Shopping Malls like Liffey Valley, Blanchardstown etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Provision for local neighbourhood style plans is made in the City Development Plan, Section 2.2.8.1 Area-Specific Plans. This identifies the need for strategic area based Local Area Plans, in addition to proposals for Local Environmental Improvement Plans or Village Improvement Plans; with the focus of the latter on public realm enhancements, permeability, identifying sites for improvements etc. The Development Plan contains a list of 31 areas/villages, with the objective of preparing up to three local plans from this list, for each City Council administrative area, subject to resources and

priorities. Since the adoption of the City Development Plan the City Council has commissioned a Public Realm Improvement's Plan for Dolphin's Barn (2018 by Haslam & Co. Architects), an Environmental Improvement Scheme has been prepared for Crumlin Village (2017 led by the Environmental and Transportation Dept.); and work is currently underway and on-going on plans for Bluebell, St. Teresa's Gardens and environs and for Inchicore/ St. Michael's/ Kilmainham.

It should be noted that these plans are non-statutory in nature and cannot provide policy regarding retail mix. Ensuring appropriate retail mix is considered and provided for within the City Development Plan, Chapter 7: retailing and Chapter 16: Development Standards: design, Layout, Mix of Uses and Sustainable Design. The preparation of the next City Development Plan will commence in mid-2020, and this will afford an opportunity to consider policies to regenerate our urban villages.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is a strong DCC Area Team in place for the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area (mostly based in Ballyfermot).

I will ask the Director of Services for South City (Mary Taylor) to examine your observations on the staffing issues and she will report back to you.

The table below sets out the current Community Development staffing levels across the south city. It is hoped that these will be enhanced in the New Year.

LEA	Social & Community Dev. Officer	Senior Community Officer	Community Officer	Assistant. Community Officer
Ballyfermot / Drimnagh	1	1*		
South West Inner City	1*	1*	1	
Kimmage / Rathmines	1*		1*	
South East Inner City and Pembroke (2 LEA's)	1	1	1	2

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**Q.106 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below is a comprehensive list of fines issued in the South Central Area over the past five years as per records held in this office. Records of fines issued are kept by Area only and not by Ward. In accordance with GDPR, details of all fines have been anonymized

Year	Fines issued	Fines Paid	Fines cancelled per Appeal	Prosecutions initiated	Convictions obtained in court	Out of Court settlements
2015	328	117	28	123	10	16
2016	302	122	46	109	22	9
2017	317	130	49	63	22	8
2018	191	79	27	34	4	1
2019	141	53	20	46	8	4

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

When families in the Dublin Region are at risk of homelessness or newly experiencing homelessness they present to the housing section of their local authority. Upon their first presentation families fill out an initial assessment form for placement and support purposes. Families are asked to detail the reason or reasons for their current experience of homelessness and provide details of their accommodation history.

Table 1 below outlines the reasons for family homelessness across the Dublin region for June to September 2019.

New family presentation – Reasons for Homelessness June - September 2019				
	June	Jul	Aug	Sept
Private Rented Sector	44%	42%	35%	51%
Family Circumstance	37%	40%	31%	38%
Other	13%	13%	9%	8%
Missing/incomplete information	6%	5%	25%	3%
<b>TOTAL number of new family</b>	102	124	71	71

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The main project of the Heuston to Chapelizod scheme is on hold. As such no funding has been allocated from the NTA for 2019 for the main scheme. Based on similar schemes a budget commitment in the region of 1.5 m to 2 m euro would be required to appoint a consultant for the complete design of the scheme. It would be too early to give an indicative construction cost estimate at this stage because the project scope has yet to be finalised.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Pedestrian crossings for Mountjoy Square are shown at present on the designs for the bus corridors on Gardiner Street. We will be discussing with the NTA if it's possible for these crossings to be installed in advance of the bus corridor.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Abandoned bikes are currently recycled through a Dublin City bike shop. The shop has agreed to take abandoned bikes, whatever their condition, and in exchange for the bikes, the shop makes a small charitable donation depending on the condition of bike being supplied.

If other parties are interested in recycling the abandoned bicycles they can contact Dublin City Council to discuss our requirements.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There was a joint investigation carried out between Waste Enforcement and the Traveller Accommodation Unit in 2019 in relation to illegal Waste activity beside Labre Park. As a result, 19 Enforcement Actions (investigation of complaints) have been logged for Labre Park and from those 19 there were 10 warnings letters issued. The Waste Enforcement Unit are currently liaising with the Traveller Accommodation Unit, who are involved with the re-development of Labre Park with regard to further investigations to be carried out in the future.

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The Traveller Accommodation Unit Maintenance budget includes a portion for the removal of waste in Traveller Specific Accommodation. However, the dumping level of commercial and household dumping on specific sites has increased to the extent that there is now a serious impact on Maintenance budget for all Traveller Specific sites.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is unable to provide the information requested at this time. Dublin City Council will be better able to respond once the Part VIII application is completed and submitted.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The HR Department ran a recruitment campaign to fill vacancies at the level of Social Worker earlier in the year. A panel was formed and a number of candidates have recently commenced work with the Council.

New employees undertake induction and training in the role before being assigned an area within the remit Council. Labre Park forms part of the broader area of the city wide Social Work service provided to Travellers and is being filled in accordance with the above.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The only Government sponsored Task Force in the City is in the North East Inner City on which Dublin City Council has a strong involvement.

If there is a particular area that the Councillor is referring to, then we would be happy to discuss it as it can be raised at the local Joint Policing Committee.

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) The current outstanding debit balance on the O'Devaney Gardens Project is €3 Million. This figure includes costs associated with the development of the site, decanting costs, costs of demolition of existing structures, site preparation, site

security (erection and maintenance of fences, rock armour, etc.), site investigation and specialist consultant reports, soil, drainage, environmental, etc. This figure may increase slightly before the end of the Project.

- b) The Serviced Site Fund is set to a maximum of €50K per unit and applies to the 20% affordable purchase units only (Total € 8.25 Million). As the legislation currently stands, this grant is a discount on the market price and accrues to the affordable purchaser as a charge on the property
- c) The development levies are paid by the developer then discounted from the market price charged to the affordable purchaser as part of the Affordable Purchase Scheme. The development levy discount which accrues to the purchaser is averaged at approx. €10,000 per unit.
- d) No discussions took place with any Approved Housing Bodies before the Council meeting except for a conversation with Cluid who said they would be interested. It is intended to seek formal Expressions of Interest from Approved Housing Bodies shortly regarding the option to purchase an extra 30% of the private units.
- e) On the signing of the development agreement the Economic Operator will have six months during which to apply for planning, the planning process will take a minimum of 4 months and can, depending on due process, take much longer. It is therefore not possible to give more details on the timeframes, the programme of works or the phasing, until closer to the granting of Planning Permission.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Principal Earner /Tenant income per week	Number of Tenants on these rates of Income	Percentage
€203-----€500	19,560	80.3%
€500-----€1000	4773	19.5%
€1000 >	23	0.09%

There are 13,584 Principal Earner/ Tenants in receipt of Social Welfare payments.

The weekly rent charge is determined in accordance with the 2019 Dublin City Council Differential Rent Scheme. Rent Charge is directly related to household income. Rent charged on dwellings will vary according to the total household income and the number of occupants. Rent is calculated as 15% of the principal earner's income (the person who has the highest income) which exceeds €32 for a single person or €64 for a couple.

Tenants are obliged to inform the Housing Department of any changes in household income or household size as set out under the terms of their Tenancy Agreement. When tenants fail to notify the Council and reviews are carried out this can lead to assumed incomes and large retrospective debits being applied.

- The minimum weekly rent charge based on the Social Welfare payment of €203.00 is €25.65
- There are 1,188 tenants on the minimum rent charge
- The weekly average rent charge is €69.41 in a Dublin City Council tenancy
- The current highest DCC weekly rent charge is €265.87

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council Events Unit facilitated the Bram Stoker Festival as part of Halloween Events in the City Centre. (Oct 25th-28th inclusive). The total cost of the events amounted to €328,000 incl VAT.

<b>Events in South West Inner City L.E.A</b>	<b>Activities</b>	
SCARE D8 – The Liberties Haunt	Halloween Parade through streets of Liberties area	50,000.00
St Andrew's Community Centre, Rialto	Howl at Halloween – Old Style Games & Fun	500.00
Back of the pipes, Fatima	Neighbourhood event – Pumpkin carving	500.00
Dolphin Park/ Dolphin House	Halloween Events	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>€52,000.00</b>

<b>Events in Ballyfermot/Drimnagh L.E.A</b>	<b>Activities</b>	
Markievicz Park, Ballyfermot	Pumpkin Party	
California Hills, Ballyfermot	Zombie Run	
Candle Centre, Ballyfermot	Halloween Spooktacular	
Ballyfermot Library	Magic Show	
Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot	Not so Scary Disco	
Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot	Haunted House	
Cherry Orchard, Ballyfermot	Fireworks	
Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh	Carnival Show	
St. John Bosco's Hall, Drimnagh	Halloween Spooky Night	
<b>Total</b>		<b>€30,000</b>

**Clontarf Ward**

Spooktacular, Marino

€10,000

**Artane Whitehall Ward**

Haunted House, Darndale €500.00

**Donaghmede Ward**

Three Halloween Fireworks Displays on 31<sup>st</sup> October  
(Donaghmede/Kilbarrack/Edenmore) €9,000.00

**Donaghmede Ward/Clontarf Ward**

Halloween Events for Young People in Artane and Kilbarrack € 210.00

**Donaghmede Ward**

A Halloween parade took place in Clongriffin on the afternoon of Sunday 27 October. A Halloween party followed this in the Junction facility in Clongriffin. It was financially supported by the North Central Area Office in the amount of approximately €150. The event was a great success particularly as it catered for the young children of the area.

**South East Inner City** €87514

**Pembroke** € 4872

The overall cost of the Finglas Halloween Festival was €85k. The event attracted 7,500 people approx. The event was supported by 22 local Community Groups.

**Central Area**

**North West Inner City:**

2 major events held, The Cauldron which comprised of lead in events locally and a major citywide event in Smithfield Square cost €100,000 and Dorset Street Flats and environs Halloween event which cost €28,000.

**Cabra/Glasnevin Area:**

16 communities were supported to run local celebrations. Financial support given was €6,000

**North East Inner City:**

24 projects were supported to run local events. Financial support given was €5,000.

The 'Big Scream Festival' was a 10 day Program held over the Halloween period. Two festivals held as part of this – one on Sheriff Street and the other on Sean McDermott Street. The cost of this Festival was €150,000 and was funded through the NEIC Taskforce.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2019 Dublin City Council paid extra levies and charges which were not covered by the standard service charge, totalling €326,951, broken down as follows:

Block Remediation Levies	€316,197
External Levies (e.g. Car parks, lighting upgrades)	€9,300
Misc. Levies	€1,454

The standard service charge pays for insurance, heating and lighting of common areas, and the upkeep of grounds and car parks. Sinking funds allow for the occasional replacement of gates and external painting. However, sinking funds are not equipped to meet structural deficits that may arise in a development.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The applicant is currently on the Older Persons Housing Transfer List with the following positions –

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area B	1	52

We are aware of the applicant's interest in (**details supplied**) and have noted her interest on her file.

As the applicant is positioned at 52 on the Older Persons Housing Transfer List, it is unlikely she will be reached for an offer soon.

The applicant submitted correspondence on 18/10/2019 reiterating her interest in a transfer and also made reference to concerns she had regarding a leak at her property. Housing Maintenance will ensure the leak in this property is repaired.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Our Housing Allocations section are currently liaising closely with the applicant's medical team in Cappagh Hospital, with a view to adequately housing the applicant ensuring that the accommodation is suitable to the applicant's needs.

We have sourced various properties over the past 3 months, however, upon viewing of same they were unsuitable to the needs of the applicant.

Currently, a property at (**details supplied**), which is wheelchair accessible and potentially suitable to the applicant's needs is being viewed by the applicant's Operational Therapist for suitability.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

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

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The issues raised, have been forwarded to the various sections in Housing Maintenance for their attention as follows:

- A. Housing Maintenance will ensure the communal area is maintained by the caretaker on an ongoing basis & our colleagues in Parks & Landscaping Services will attend to the communal garden area in the complex.
- B. We have arranged for the bins to be power-washed.
- C. The issue reported with the lights, has been forwarded to Public Lights for further investigation.
- D. The local depot have been asked to repair the gutters.
- E. The depot in Santry have been asked to repair the gate

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The trees growing along **(details supplied)** are mature large canopy trees growing in very wide verges that contribute greatly to the amenity of the area. While the majority of the trees appear to be in acceptable condition crown raising would appear to be appropriate in a few locations. Arrangements will be made to have the trees inspected and lower hanging foliage removed to open up clear views beneath the trees as part of the tree care programme for 2020.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks will arrange for the tree to be removed in the coming months and will liaise with our colleagues in Roads Maintenance to get the footpath repaired.

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR PATRICK COSTELLO**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

No. of Permits issued per month			
Month	Load/Unload	Transit	Daily Total
January	1872	246	2118
February	1895	228	2123
March	1657	287	1944
April	1468	274	1742
May	1798	308	2106
June	1658	268	1926
July	2259	292	2551
August	2532	272	2804
September	2591	238	2829
October	2609	267	2876
November*	1718*	134*	1852*

\*up until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Please note that transit permits are for vehicles prohibited from using the Dublin Tunnel.

Prohibited vehicles are ones that are too wide for the tunnel or are carrying dangerous goods.

These HGV's are confined to entering and exiting the cordon area along East Wall Rd and Alfie Byrne Road only. No other routing is permitted for transit permits.

Week	Number of reports on possible infringements
47	39
46	56
45	39
44	31
43	34
42	78
41	60
40	56
39	52
38	48
37	45
36	45
35	47
34	74
33	53
32	33
31	66
30	30
Total	886

Number of **possible infringements** submitted by users of the HGV app. Week 47 is up to 22.11.2019 @ 15.30.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table below details the number and name of the non-governmental organisations involved in the provision of homelessness services for the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). There are 22 service pro

Table 1.

	<b>Non-Governemtal Organisation</b>	<b>No. of Services</b>
1	Ana Liffey	1
2	Anew	1
3	Barka	1
4	Bru na Bhfiann	1
5	Capuchin Day Centre	1
6	Coolmine TC	1
7	Crosscare	10
8	Cuan Mhuire	1
9	Depaul Trust	14
10	Dublin Simon	1
11	Focus Ireland	13
12	Hail	1
13	Iveagh Hostel	1
14	MQI	2
15	Novas Initiative	4
16	Paddy McGrath House	1
17	PMVT	33
18	Respond	5
19	Sons of Divine Providence	1
20	Sophia Housing	6
21	The Salvation Army	7
22	Threshold	2
		<b>108</b>

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) continuously monitor the homeless financial performance of all non-government organisations (NGOs) service providers.

The DRHE Finance team review financial returns of the each organisation twice a year. On foot of these returns expenditure is reviewed and if queries arise requests are sent to NGOs to vouch expenditure. When invoices are made available for inspection, the DRHE finance team review same and deem the expenditure valid.

On an annual basis a number of the NGOs are selected for audit and the governance and financial practices of these organisations are reviewed through the audit process. Professional Auditors are used to conduct the audits of the agencies and these auditors are selected through a tendering process. Please see a list below of NGOs audited from 2015-2017. The tendering process is underway for the 2018/2019 financials to be audited.

Crosscare
Aids Fund
Ana Liffey
Barka
Bru na Bhfiann
Capuchin Day Centre
De Paul
Dublin Simon
Focus
Hail
Iveagh Hostel
Life
Merchants Quay Ireland
NOVAS
Peter McVerry
Respond
Salavation army
Sisters of our Lady-Beechlawn
Sophia
Teach Mhuire
Threshold
Threshold
Vergemount

Expenditure under Section 10 is also subject to audit on an annual basis by the Local Government Auditor.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has robust reporting procedures in place for Section 10 funded homeless service providers. All service providers that receive funding must sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE).

Homeless service providers are required to submit quarterly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) returns to the DRHE. These returns are monitored by the DRHE and any anomalies are followed up with homeless service providers with a view to improving service user outcomes.

On an annual basis a number of organisations are selected for audit and the governance and financial practices of these organisations are reviewed through the audit process. Professional Auditors are used to conduct the audits and these auditors are selected through a tendering process.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR NEASA HOURIGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Tree Canopy Study 2017, commissioned by Dublin City Council and carried out by the UCD School of Geography, estimated a tree canopy coverage of 10.2% across the city and 4.5% canopy cover with the canals. The median canopy cover value for European cities is 15.25%, which places Dublin City close to the average.

This study is available on the DCC website or by following the link below:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/RecreationandCulture/DublinCityParks/NewsEvents/Documents/Dublin%20Tree%20Canopy%20Study%20FinalReport%202017.pdf>

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had the debris cleared up from the above mentioned location on the 25th November 2019.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In November 2015, the Planning and Property Development Department undertook an Invitation to Tender for the assessment of those structures for proposed addition to the RPS. Following the tender process, Kelly & Cogan Architects were appointed to undertake the assessment and commenced their research and external survey work. An application was made to the owners for access to the sites and details of the successful tenderer were provided. Their solicitors objected to the appointment of Kelly & Cogan Architects as they asserted that this firm advised and completed affidavits in High Court proceedings relating to the sites. The Law Agent advised that in these circumstances they should not be appointed by the Council to do the assessment of the structures.

In conclusion, the document received from Kelly & Cogan is only a Draft Report dated 31 August 2016. It is incomplete, as the consultants were not allowed inspect any of the structures internally nor inspect within the site boundaries. The assessments and recommendations of the Draft Report can be considered to be preliminary only, pending further research, examination, internal inspection and explanation. No final report has been submitted.

If the Councillor wishes to view the contents of the incomplete report, this can be arranged by contacting Maire Igoe at [maire.igoe@dublincity.ie](mailto:maire.igoe@dublincity.ie).

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is currently a display of the history of the assembling of the various landholdings that made up the demesne, under the arched entrance to the Red Stables Building and a model of the former Guinness family residence, St. Anne's House. The historic tiles that were lifted and conserved from one of the follies in the park have been mounted and will be on permanent display with interpretation in the newly restored Winter Garden.

A permanent exhibition/interpretation of the history of the lands, which constitute St. Anne's Park and which were assembled by the Guinness family, will be considered in the redevelopment of the Red Stables.

Spaces are available within the Red Stables buildings for temporary and travelling exhibitions.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are a number of factors that make the provision of temporary toilet facilities within the city centre difficult. These include the identification of suitable locations that will not impede pedestrian flow or create difficulties for or raise objection from local business. Additionally any such units would have to be located in such a way that they could be serviced and replenished without similarly creating issues for pedestrians, business and traffic in the city. These issues are exacerbated by the additional footfall experienced in city during the Christmas period. The City Council is currently examining the viability of provision of public toilet facilities for the city centre.

There is an on-going programme for the installation of cycle parking. We currently have a contractor engaged to install both Batch 11 and 12 totalling over 400 stands that will be installed between now and the end of the year.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services are currently operating a leaves removal programme throughout the city and this will continue until all the leaves have fallen. Priority is given to tree-lined streets with heavy pedestrian use and areas particularly prone to flooding. As leaves removal is labour intensive and time consuming, it takes time to get around to all parts of the city. As many staff as possible are dedicated to this task, including our public domain staff in the afternoons and weekends. Also some resident groups get bags and equipment from us to enable them to help clear the leaves from their areas. We will ensure that Haddington Road and along the Grand Canal cycle route are included as often as possible during the course of this programme.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the process of creating the draft Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024, the goals and priority objectives have been linked to the relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Over the course of the Corporate Plan, it is intended to continue to develop ways to frame and measure our work in the context of the SDGs. Linking the goals and priority objectives of this plan to the SDGs is the first step towards this.

Dublin City Council engage with stakeholders throughout the city including schools, communities and businesses. Much of the work we do is closely aligned to many of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Workshops on "Let's Talk Climate Action" were held recently to engage with communities to help them to understand climate change, raise awareness of climate change and to encourage them to drive climate action projects in order to set communities on a path towards a low carbon, climate resilient future. Feedback from the workshops show there is a need for further workshops to be delivered locally on specific actions to empower and inform communities and drive and support local action.

Targets and actions under the Dublin City Council Climate Action Plan, which also reflect many of the SDG, are measured and reported on by the City Council.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 2018 a '*Water Animation Strategy for the Docklands Area*' required under the '*North Lotts and Grand Canal Dock SDZ Planning Scheme 2014*', was prepared by the City Council in consultation with Waterways Ireland (WI) and Dublin Port Company (DPC). The development of the Strategy included a Public Consultation process. The purpose of the document was to develop a clear DCC/WI/DPC vision regarding the future animation of the waterways in the Docklands area by the three statutory agencies.

The Strategy area includes the five major water bodies within the SDZ, namely the Liffey, the Dodder, the Grand Canal Dock, Spencer Dock, and George's Dock.

The Water Animation Strategy seeks to build on the successes of previous plans further promoting the area as a world class destination for living, doing business, tourism, leisure, wellness and cultural activities.

The Strategy proposes a spatially led approach to the management of the waterways with activities divided into four distinct zones as follows:

➤ **Docking/Mooring Zones**

These areas are primarily focused on providing space to ships and other watercraft to reside on a medium to long term basis.

➤ **Active Zones**

These are areas primarily focused on providing quayside campshire space for water sports, cultural uses and regular events.

➤ **Passive Zones**

These are areas primarily focused on providing quieter spaces for sensitive uses and areas of reflection and ecology.

➤ **Clear Zones**

These spaces will generally be kept clear to maintain significant views, for safety reasons or will provide spaces for short-term stays to large vessels.

George's Dock was designated as an Active Use Zone under the Strategy.

While no specific consultation took place with the local community in relation to amenities they felt were needed in the area, the Docklands Office has been in regular contact with the local residents and businesses in the immediate environs of Georges Dock, i.e. the Custom House Dock estate over the past 18 months in relation to its proposal for Georges Dock.

The Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum (DOCF) which was established on foot of the dissolution of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA) in 2016 has also been kept apprised of the plans from a very early stage and the membership fully support the proposal for Georges Dock. The DOCF membership is made up of a cross-section of local stakeholders including community and business representatives, elected members and statutory agencies that are located in the Docklands.

The Docklands Office considered a number of options for Georges Dock prior to deciding on the White Water Facility, one such option was to relocate the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship to the Dock, however, this option proved too costly with little to no gain to the local community. Another option was to retain the Events Platform but again this provided little Civic gain given that historically the only events that could afford the set-up costs (due to the open nature of the site) were alcohol related events.

Prior to the appointment of the Design Team for the White Water facility consideration was given to including a Public Lido in the White Water proposal (similar to those in Berlin/Copenhagen), however, after further consideration and discussion with the Councils Sports and Leisure Section it was deemed not suitable on Health and Safety grounds due to the need to have high numbers of Lifeguards on duty at all times.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has identified a repair at this location. This repair is scheduled for completion in the coming 8-10 weeks.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

According to our records, numbers **(details supplied 1)** are not Dublin City Council properties. Inspections of the windows at **(details supplied 2)** as well as **(details supplied 3)** have been scheduled to take place within the coming weeks.

**Q.138 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services had **(details supplied 1)** cleaned and all the dumped rubbish removed from there on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019. We will monitor litter levels in this area on a regular basis, paying particular attention to **(details supplied 2)**.

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

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied)** is on a bus route. Speed cushions, rather than ramps have been provided on such roads to facilitate emergency vehicles and safety of bus passengers. The speed cushions are designed under the "Construction Standards for Road and Street Works" and are placed appropriately at specific distances apart to achieve optimum traffic calming. To raise the height of the cushions would contravene with current compliance and standards.

Furthermore, **(details supplied)** will be included in the fourth phase of the 30 Km/h Special Speed Limit Bye-Law introduction. Public consultation on this proposal closed in September 2019. If these bye-laws are adopted it is proposed that 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.

In view of this, no further measures are recommended to be implemented at **(details supplied)** at this time.

**Q.140 LORD MAYOR PAUL MC AULIFFE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council commenced Phase 2 of The Energy Efficiency Fabric Programme in March 2018 in the absence of Departmental funding. Phase Two of the programme entails the following upgrade measures; External Wall Insulation, 300mm Attic, Tanks and Pipes Insulation, Roof and Wall Ventilation, Draught Proofing, Lagging Jackets, Windows and Doors where required and Boiler replacements or Heat Pump installations where required.

We estimate that it will cost in the region of €80-€100 Million at current market rates to complete Phase 2 of the programme and a number of years subject to the continuation of both Departmental and Internal Funding. We estimate we have 4,747 houses which would be categorised under Phase 2 of the programme. To date we have upgraded 757 under Phase 2 at a cost of in excess of €13 Million. Funding to date for Phase 2 of the programme from The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government totals €7.9 Million. Consequently, current departmental funding for the programme has been exhausted. We are also in the process of mobilising to tender further works for

the continuation of Phase 2 which we hope to conclude in Q1 of 2020. When further Departmental Funding is confirmed, the programme will recommence.

**Q.141 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is intended to include a pedestrian crossing at **(details supplied 1)** as part of the development of the Grand Canal Cycle Route between **(details supplied 2)**.

This project is currently on hold at the request of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to allow the necessary redesign of Harold's Cross Bridge to be incorporated into the Bus Connects Project.

It is envisaged that the project may be in a position to resume in Q3 2020 following the NTA redesign of Harold's Cross Bridge.

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## Voting Results



Meeting	Monthly Meeting	<u>Vote 1</u>	
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	001		
Name	Report 351/2019 Part 8		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	02/12/2019 20:36:35	Voting end at:	02/12/2019 20:37:52

### Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	59
	Present and not voted	0
Answers		
	Yes	37
	No	19
	Abstain	3
	Not voted	0

**Group Results**

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	37
	No	19
	Abstain	3
	Not voted	0

**Individual Results**

Yes

Keith Connolly	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Michael Watters	Dublin City Co.
Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Declan Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
Mary Freehill	Dublin City Co.
Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Heney	Dublin City Co.
Vincent Jackson	Dublin City Co.
Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
Ray McAdam	Dublin City Co.
Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Dublin City Co.
Daryl Barron	Dublin City Co.
Naoise O'Muire	Dublin City Co.
Janet Horner	Dublin City Co.
Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Conroy	Dublin City Co.
Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
Catherine Stocker	Dublin City Co.
Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.
Joe Costello	Dublin City Co.
Lawrence Hemmings	Dublin City Co.
Mary Fitzpatrick	Dublin City Co.
Racheal Batten	Dublin City Co.
Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.
Patricia Roe	Dublin City Co.
Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.
Colm O'Rourke	Dublin City Co.
Terence Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
James Geoghegan	Dublin City Co.

No

Jane Horgan-Jones	Dublin City Co.
Marie Sherlock	Dublin City Co.
Donna Cooney	Dublin City Co.
Michael Pidgeon	Dublin City Co.
Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Co.
Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Damian O'Farrell	Dublin City Co.
Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
Hazel de Nortuin	Dublin City Co.

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	Sophie Nicoullaud	Dublin City Co.
	Daithi De Roiste	Dublin City Co.
	Hazel Chu	Dublin City Co.
	Danny Byrne	Dublin City Co.
	Anthony Flynn	Dublin City Co.
	Neasa Hourigan	Dublin City Co.
	John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
	Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
	Caroline Conroy	Dublin City Co.
Abstain		
	Chris Andrews	Dublin City Co.
	Mary Callaghan	Dublin City Co.
	Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.

Vote 3 .

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## Voting Results


**BOSCH**

Meeting	Monthly Meeting		
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	003		
Name	Motion to Rescind Report 332		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	02/12/2019 21:52:56	Voting end at:	02/12/2019 21:53:39

### Total Results

Voting attendants		
	Present in the vote	57
	Present and not voted	0
Answers		
	Yes	22
	No	35
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Group Results**

Dublin City Co.		
	Yes	22
	No	35
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Individual Results**

Yes

Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Vincent Jackson	Dublin City Co.
Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
Janet Horner	Dublin City Co.
Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.
Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
Catherine Stocker	Dublin City Co.
Nial Ring	Dublin City Co.
Hazel de Nortuin	Dublin City Co.
Sophie Nicoullaud	Dublin City Co.
Chris Andrews	Dublin City Co.
Mary Callaghan	Dublin City Co.
Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Flynn	Dublin City Co.
John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
Patricia Roe	Dublin City Co.
Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.

No

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.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Donna Cooney	Dublin City Co.
Michael Pidgeon	Dublin City Co.
Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Co.
Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
Daryl Barron	Dublin City Co.
Naoise O'Muiri	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Conroy	Dublin City Co.
Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
Daithi De Roiste	Dublin City Co.
Hazel Chu	Dublin City Co.
Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
Danny Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.

Joe Costello	Dublin City Co.
Neasa Hourigan	Dublin City Co.
Lawrence Hemmings	Dublin City Co.
Mary Fitzpatrick	Dublin City Co.
Racheal Batten	Dublin City Co.
Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.
Colm O'Rourke	Dublin City Co.
Terence Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
James Geoghegan	Dublin City Co.
Caroline Conroy	Dublin City Co.

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## Voting Results


**BOSCH**

Meeting	Monthly Meeting	<u>Vote 2.</u>	
Agenda Subject			
Voting Number	002		
Name	Vote to extend meeting until 10 p.m.		
Kind	Parliamentary		
Subject			
Voting start at:	02/12/2019 20:58:27	Voting end at:	02/12/2019 20:58:54

### Total Results

Voting attendants	Present in the vote	56
	Present and not voted	0
Answers	Yes	33
	No	23
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Group Results**

Dublin City Co.	Yes	33
	No	23
	Abstain	0
	Not voted	0

**Individual Results**

Yes

Keith Connolly	Dublin City Co.
Anthony Connaghan	Dublin City Co.
Michael Watters	Dublin City Co.
Janice Boylan	Dublin City Co.
Gary Gannon	Dublin City Co.
Marie Sherlock	Dublin City Co.
Dermot Lacey	Dublin City Co.
Michael Mac Donncha	Dublin City Co.
Ray McAdam	Dublin City Co.
Seamas McGrattan	Dublin City Co.
Michael Pidgeon	Dublin City Co.
Kevin Donoghue	Dublin City Co.
Rebecca Moynihan	Dublin City Co.
Daryl Barron	Dublin City Co.
Damian O'Farrell	Dublin City Co.
Janet Horner	Dublin City Co.
Daithi Doolan	Dublin City Co.
Larry O'Toole	Dublin City Co.
Catherine Stocker	Dublin City Co.
Patrick Costello	Dublin City Co.
Hazel de Nortuin	Dublin City Co.
Sophie Nicoullaud	Dublin City Co.
Daithi De Roiste	Dublin City Co.
Chris Andrews	Dublin City Co.
Hazel Chu	Dublin City Co.
Mary Callaghan	Dublin City Co.
Alison Gilliland	Dublin City Co.
Joe Costello	Dublin City Co.
John Lyons	Dublin City Co.
Mary Fitzpatrick	Dublin City Co.
Racheal Batten	Dublin City Co.
Patricia Roe	Dublin City Co.
Caroline Conroy	Dublin City Co.

No

Pat Dunne	Dublin City Co.
Mary Freehill	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Heney	Dublin City Co.
Vincent Jackson	Dublin City Co.
Paul McAuliffe	Dublin City Co.
Paddy McCartan	Dublin City Co.
Claire Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Naoise O'Muirí	Dublin City Co.
Deirdre Conroy	Dublin City Co.
Cieran Perry	Dublin City Co.
Nial Ring	Dublin City Co.
Tom Brabazon	Dublin City Co.
Danny Byrne	Dublin City Co.
Christy Burke	Dublin City Co.

## Appendix D

Anthony Flynn	Dublin City Co.
Neasa Hourigan	Dublin City Co.
Tina Mac Veigh	Dublin City Co.
Lawrence Hemmings	Dublin City Co.
Anne Feeney	Dublin City Co.
Noeleen Reilly	Dublin City Co.
Colm O'Rourke	Dublin City Co.
Terence Flanagan	Dublin City Co.
James Geoghegan	Dublin City Co.