

QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11th MAY 2020

Q.1 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive what legal action Dublin City Council can take given the amount of illegal dumping in the City? Also have DCC been able to identify those responsible for illegal dumping in Council estates?

Q.2 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive if Dublin City Council will increase litter wardens in hot spots of dumping in the City.

Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE

To ask the Chief Executive to replace the defective waste pipe at **(details supplied)**.

Q.5 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will clarify with the operators of the Eircode system how (and I submit as details supplied some examples) addresses clearly in the middle of Donnybrook Village can be classified as being in Ranelagh.

Q.6 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the status of the properties purchased by ourselves at 74-78 St. Anthony's Road Dublin 8, whether all of the properties at this address were purchased, whether they will all be allocated to persons on our housing list and whether the units will be managed by a third party.

Q.8 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to how the Council plans to remove weeds on footpaths and roads in any future weed removal programme. Considering that the chemical spraying of weeds on footpaths and roads is no longer practiced due to health concerns, could a natural and safe alternative be used to efficiently deal with the problem. The current practice by Dublin City Council to manually remove weeds slows down the removal process and has resulted in a large number of footpaths and roads remaining with weeds.

Q.9 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To request the Chief Executive that measures be put in place to tackle the constant issue of dog foul at Mount Bernard Park in Phibsborough, including but not limited to replacing the damaged signage, to erect more signs to inform the public to pick up

Q.10 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE

To ask the Chief Executive as to what plans from Dublin City Council are in place to redesign Ashington Park after the completion of the Pelletstown Train Station and are there plans to install CCTV at the park to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Q.11 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if compost bins can be made compulsory for food waste in all residential regions, in particular in the Crumlin area where illegal dumping is a hazardous issue.

Q.12 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive to support reduction of speed limits and reallocation of road space to the new [COVID19 impact] numerous road users: pedestrians and cyclists. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, there is a huge reduction in traffic in Terenure with far

more people walking and cycling than using cars. In Terenure, specifically Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Roads North, West and East, there is a large amount of space allocated to cars, yet not enough space on pavements for social distancing for pedestrians nor safe cycling space for cyclists. Social distancing frequently necessitates stepping out into the road to avoid buggies, wheelchairs and other footpath users posing great risk. These changes can be done using cones/orcas etc and simple signage. The area community requests reduction of speed limits through Terenure, Rathgar roads to 30 KPH to give full regard to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The empty roads have encouraged the use of excessive speed and additionally, in the absence of congestion, it is very obvious that the current speed limit of 50kph is totally unsuitable for these settings in any event. Simple signage could rectify this matter.

And, as councillor, I respectfully say there is no need for the same response I received from Transport Engineer about the Department of Transport regulations in regard to the limit of speed reduction on arterial routes, rather than on housing estates. These roads are historic residential zones, housing estates were not built in the Victorian and Edwardian era. Therefore, the regulation for 30kph only through housing estates does not comply on these roads. And cars must drive slower due to the large number of pedestrians having to walk on the road.

Q.13 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive, particularly as he is on the Board of the NTA, why has the Transport sub-committee, aka 'working group with NTA' not been set up yet? The whole point of the group is to engage with the proposals in particular parts of Dublin detrimentally impacted by the Bus Corridor proposals. As many Councillors say they are very happy with the Bus Connects and Corridors in their areas, there is an essential need for the Councillors representing areas where the communities are not in agreement with the proposals, to actively participate. The latest brochures were issued in February, the submission deadline was 17 February, with no public consultations coming up until the autumn or winter 2020.

Q.15 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will have the claims that noise levels have significantly increased from operations at Dublin Port over the last few months to unacceptable levels and to report in what actions can be taken to reduce these and to allow residents sleep between 11.00pm and 7.00am.

Q.16 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he could review the attached document outlining ideas as to making our City safer and healthier for all and report on those ideas that could be implemented and also why others may not be.

Q.17 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY

To ask the Chief Executive if he can provide a positive response outlining the works that will be undertaken to improve safety at the following:

- Cycling along Leeson Street and Adelaide Road to my office on Harcourt Street: the road has been patched so many times there is not a single stretch of 'nice' road to cycle along;
- Cycling towards the Star of the Sea school at Sandymount from the direction of Lansdowne Road, the roads are worse again;

- I think the worst road to cycle along such that I actively avoid it (within my 2km radius) is the stretch of road along Lansdowne Road from Shelbourne Road past what used to be the Berkeley Court. Honestly a bone-rattling experience.
- Morehampton Road at Swan Place during busy rush-hour periods and watch how the traffic just ignores bikes and floats into the cycle lane. I have often seen cyclists get stuck against the kerb and have to get off the bike and lift it onto the footpath.

Q.18 COUNCILLOR TARA DEACY

We are now in financially difficult and challenging times in terms of the overall DCC budget. The impact of Covid 19 has been enormous and will undoubtedly have a huge impact on the delivery of services in our city.

We have seen in the previous down turn how the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities were further marginalised and disadvantaged by funding cuts and decisions being made to adversely affect them.

Can I ask that DCC look at the dissemination of resources in a way that is fair? Can we poverty proof our service provision, and any new and emerging policy roll out. Most importantly can we base decisions on the deprivation index? Can we ensure that our most disadvantaged communities are prioritised in the coming months to ensure a fair distribution of resources and to make sure they do not bear the brunt of this recession again?

Q.19 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the installation of 2 metre social distancing measurements and directional arrows on the pathway in **(details supplied)**.

Q.20 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pathway to be repaired outside **(details supplied)**.

Q.21 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive arrange for the dip in the roadway outside **(details supplied)** to be repaired.

Q.22 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pathway to be repaired outside **(details supplied)**

Q.23 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the establishment and implementation of The Schools Street Initiative, the consultation that has been undertaken to date; when he expects the initiative to go live and if he would consider trialling it in the Stoneybatter neighbourhood; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q.24 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a statement on the current Budgetary situation facing this Council; what is the current level of expenditure for the year to date, compared with the projected allocations made in the Estimates 2020; what the likely deficit will be in terms of expected commercial rates yield year to date and years' end against the expected return contained in the Estimates 2020; and if he expects a revised Estimates to be brought before Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q.25 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the current status of each housing project where construction work had started prior to March 18th 2020 and what is the revised timeline for their completion against the intended completion date; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

Q.26 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM

To ask the Chief Executive for detail of traffic counts in the city since March 18th 2020; to specify the traffic counts for each of the main arterial routes in and out of the city centre and to contrast that against the same traffic counts for the weeks between March 18th and May 11th 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.27 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise if DCC will be taking out a loan to deal with the aftermath of Covid 19, can you provide figures of how much will be needed from Central Government to make up the shortfall.

Q.28 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to re-open the libraries in the immediate future by observing social distancing.

Q.29 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report of the supports the Council has been providing to the vulnerable and older members of our community please.

Q.30 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake an audit on all footpaths in the City Council area to identify what areas are in need of urgent repair.

Q.31 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the number of dog licenses issued in the years 2017-2019.

Q.32 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a table of the number of dog fouling fines issued in the years 2017 to 2019 inclusive and the total number of fines that were paid.

Q.33 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN

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

Q.34 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive that the following accommodation matter be looked at **(detail supplied)**. This house is in terrible condition no heating, poor windows and an old rear extension which the rats regularly get into from.

Q.36 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to please ensure the Area Manager has sufficient resources to deal with the following problem. Over the past few weeks a serious problem of anti-social behaviour has re-emerged at **(detail supplied)**. A small group is now using this Park for scramblers, horses and a caravan has now appeared on the public footpath outside the main entrance and serious carry on is happening in an adjoining house. We need DCC to arrange with our staff and An Garda Siochana to sort this issue out. The ongoing removal of horses must take place, use of drones etc to see what's

happening in this beautiful linear Park. I would be delighted if we could position a CCTV permanently at this location to discourage anti-social behaviour. I am sure I would not be allowed leave horses inside St Anne's Park or a caravan on the footpath outside same. A high quality leaflet delivered to all houses approx 500 outlining what action residents can take i.e., expectations, holding of horses, scramblers, phone numbers of DCC, An Garda Siochana will empower people. Details: Drumfinn Road / Rossmore Road Ballyfermot at the entrance to Californian Hills Park

Q.37 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON

To ask the Chief Executive to look at the possibility of providing an emergency exit in lieu of one of the windows in **(detail supplied)** apartment. This lady has serious mobility issues she and her partner have only the front door and are worried if in a fire etc they could never escape out of the apartment, there are 3 full glazed windows one of which could be easily retrofitted with a door.

Q.38 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive why public bins were installed and are managed by DCC on Rosemount Avenue and Maryfield Avenue, Artane Dublin 5 as these footpaths, as per previous received advice, have not been taken in charge by DCC and is private ground.

Q.39 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with previously requested received contradictory evidence about the fixing of the substantial metal structures 'in' the footpath at Rosemount Avenue, Artane, Dublin 5 for inspection, and to provide me with a copy of DCC reasoned written decision as to why one evidence was considered better than the other.

Q.40 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive why, in reply to Q.32 February and follow up Q.77 April NCAC, the Valuation Office had not been issued by DCC with a reminder to DCC notification issued in November last year regarding the commercial rates for Nr. 93 and 95 Rosemount Avenue, Artane.

Q.41 COUNCILLOR JANE HORGAN-JONES

To ask the Chief Executive what was the subject of each inspection during the two inspections at 93-95 Rosemount Avenue, Artane Dublin 2 this year, and what were the finding of these inspections.

Q.42 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a full cleaning and disinfection of the whole of the administrative area of Dublin City Council in order to contain the spread of Covid 19.

Q.43 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to bid for the building formerly DIT on Aungier St /Redmonds Hill which formed part of the old Jacobs Biscuit factory which is now up for sale. This location would make ideal social housing and mixed residential area. It would go towards alleviating the long list of homeless people and families who are on our homeless housing list. All efforts should be made to acquire this intercity site which is within a large area of public housing.

Q.44 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to give a full breakdown of the numbers of DCC staff who are actively working from home. Also, the amount of staff who are actively working within the city and those who are working within Civic Offices. This breakdown to

include numbers or individuals in each department and the number of staff that have been issued with laptops/ipads that can do remote work.

Q.45 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report as to when he initiated the work to commence on the Liffey Cycling scheme. This report to also include a full break down of costs and whether those who are carrying out the work have complied with the requirements of PPE equipment and social distancing? Also, given the fact that we are in an emergency what warrants these works to be conducted now? Surely there are more essential services where these finances can be spent?

There are many areas of the city that are in urgent need of proper repair footpaths etc I am well aware that the NTA are supplying some of the monies towards this cycle scheme.

Q.46 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what SOP are being put in place at the National Paediatric Hospital at St James to ensure the safety of the workers and the surrounding community for when construction recommences. As he is aware there are serious parking issues in the area with construction workers parking everywhere and traveling in groups in cars.

Q.47 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what role do or could DCC have in ensuring public safety during the coming months of the crisis. Can emergency parking bans come into play to ensure residents can leave their homes safely at all times of the day and night?

Q.48 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive how can social distancing be maintained outside on site by workers using local shops and amenities?

Q.49 COUNCILLOR CRIONA NÌ DHALAIGH

To ask the Chief Executive what additional monitoring systems are to be in place to ensure that agreed procedures are adhered to?

Q.50 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been spent so far and how much he plans to spend on covid19 related traveller accommodation provision and supports, and to provide a breakdown of the source of the funding.

Q.51 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive the number of new entrants to homelessness recorded on PASS in January, February and March of this year.

Q.52 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive to look at and assess the impact of closing off certain residential streets across the city to provide for more space for outdoor social distancing as we come into the summer months which would alleviate the pressure on parks.

Q.53 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU

To ask the Chief Executive how many active dog wardens we have and what enforcement procedures there are in light of the increase amount of dog fouling around the city due to people being out with their dogs more frequently.

Q.54 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the status of the RPS listing process for the five buildings within the Moore Street area (O'Brien's Mineral Water Building, Henry Place; the White House, Henry Place; No.10 Moore Street; the bottling stores at the rear of No.10 Moore St/Moore Lane; and Hanlon's premises at Nos.20-21 Moore Street) that were the subject of the motion passed by the elected members in June 2015 and to request that if the listing process is not currently active that it becomes so as a matter of urgency.

Q.55 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to please arrange to have the foot path outside **(details supplied)** repaired as the roots of the tree outside the house have broken the path and are now starting to break the boundary wall of the house and also look at possibly removing the tree if necessary.

Q.56 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for a new front door to be installed for the tenant living at **(details supplied)**.

Q.57 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the removal of rubbish which has been illegally dumped at the rear of **(details supplied)**, the rubbish has built up over the past 8 years and has never been removed.

Q.58 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the outstanding maintenance works at **(details supplied)** be completed after the flat was extensively damaged due to a flood from the flat above and can be confirm a timeframe for these works to take place.

Q.59 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive if he is aware that Councillors are receiving emails from members of the public who are opposing the rollout of 5G technology on the grounds that it exposes people to dangerous levels of wireless non-ionising electro-magnetic radiation; if he is aware that certain 5G installations have been criminally damaged; and if he will arrange for a full medical and scientific presentation to be made to Councillors.

Q.60 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with Bord Pleanala to ensure that public consultations on planning matters including planning appeals and observations on Strategic Housing Developments and Strategic Development Zones can be conducted on-line.

Q.61 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the shortfall in revenue to the City Council by the loss of rates, rent and other revenue sources to date due to COVID-19

Q.62 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO

To ask the Chief Executive to state (a) the number of Air BnB units and (b) the number of hotel spaces it has accessed in March and April and the average duration of contracts in each category.

Q.63 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive the number of reported cases of fly tipping for each month from January to April 2020, 2019 and 2018.

Q.64 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive if he could have the paving stones on the east side of Spencer Street South at **(details supplied)** examined a number of them have come up and pose a hazard. If the cast iron lampposts on the street could also be painted, residents say they are in need of it for some time.

Q.65 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Cambridge Road and Ringsend Library proposals in Ringsend.

Q.66 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive if any research has been done on getting an accurate number/estimate of the number of dogs in the City and to outline the efforts being made to promote a higher compliance with the obligation to have a dog licence for each animal, given that only just over 10,000 licences are in issue.

Q.67 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail, by centre, the annual running cost the 15 community facilities under the control of Dublin City Council.

Q.68 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the 2,500 plus property leases entered into by DCC (Dublin Corporation) and third parties over the years. Details requested are:
Age profile of leases (Number of leases in ten year bands going back to the earliest lease) Lease by property type, again in broad descriptive bands.
Rent/lease amount due by number of leases in band amounts (under €100, €101 - €500, €501- €1000, €1001-€2000, over €2,001)

Also, given that the average amount due under each lease is less than €50 per week (Income c.€6m, 2,500+ leases) can the Chief Executive confirm if there are any ongoing review processes in place including cost benefit analysis to reflect .

Q.69 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING

To ask the Chief Executive how he intends to give suitable recognition to DCC staff who have served the city and its residents selflessly during the Covid-19 crisis.

Q.70 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive how he plans to spend funding to implement measures coming out of Dr. Johnny Connolly "Building Community Resilience" report on Dublin South Central. How much money does it represent?

Q.71 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive if the Traveller Accommodation Unit has and/or will requested funding made available by the department of housing Planning and Local Government to deal with Covid Emergency. If so, what is the breakdown of the spending made with this funding for each Dublin Halting site and Labre Park specifically?

Q.72 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive to guarantee that the discretionary funding already pre-allocated and agreed is secured.

Q.73 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD

To ask the Chief Executive what is the IT Department definitive guidance on video conferencing within the council having regards to security?

Q.74 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on all costs associated with the planting of trees on **(details supplied)** and please identify funding stream.

Q.75 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on what progress has DCC made to appoint a design time dedicated to the redevelopment of **(details supplied)**. What is the status of the redevelopment project? When does DCC expect to make an application for planning permission to demolish and rebuild **(details supplied)** What are the estimated costs of the redevelopment? What sources of funding have been identified and secured for the redevelopment project? How does DCC propose to consult with the local community during the design stage and pre-planning approval?

Q.76 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a report. When will a pedestrian traffic signal be installed on **(details supplied)** to allow pedestrians cross safely in a north south direction at this junction.

Q.77 COUNCILLOR MARY FITZPATRICK

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide a report. When will DCC advertise for sale **(details supplied)** and what conditions will be attached to the disposal.

Q.78 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to advise as to the amount of rent arrears outstanding from social housing tenants for 2020 and to advise whether a moratorium has been given to those unable to pay and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.79 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the amount and payment to consultants for 2020 year to date and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.80 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding the council's plans to sell various works depots around the city and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.81 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN

To ask the Chief Executive as to whether he has plans to recruit more park wardens to ensure necessary social distancing in our parks at this time and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there has been an increase in illegal dumping during the COVID-19 crisis, since mid-March, and in the response can you detail where the hotspots have been and what is the cost associated with this increase?

Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what the total decline in rates in take has been since the start of the COVID-19 'lockdown' has been and to also outline the extra expense to DCC to cover extra costs including DFB, homeless service, PPE and IT equipment to facilitate staff working from home?

Q.84 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what contact or discussions has there been with the Department of Local Government about a compensatory package for DCC to offset the decline in rates income and the added expenditure during the COVID-19 crisis?

Q.85 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DOOLAN

To ask the Chief Executive can he confirm that DCC remain committed to the Cherry Orchard/Park West LAP despite any cuts to funding or services that may be incurred by DCC because of budgetary restraints resulting from the COVID-19 crisis?

Q.86 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me, of the amount of people that are on the housing list, that are listed as having disability needs.

Q.87 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with figure of those over 55 that are on the housing list.

Q.88 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with the figure of units that are classified as accommodating those over 55 that are owned by the council.

Q.89 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN

To ask the Chief Executive to please provide me with the figure of units they have in their control that are suitable for those with mobility issues including wheelchair user.

Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive why there is only one bin at Bunting Park on the Balfe Avenue side. There are no dog litter bins at all in the park. There are numerous dog poo bags left under trees and by the side of the field which is causing a nuisance for the residents who use the park. Is it possible to get some dog bins put in the park, a couple are needed at least and also a review of the lack of normal bins on the Bunting Road side of the park. There is always litter in the park and it is partly down to the lack of bins.

Q.91 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a report on all works carried out across the City since the onset of Covid 19 in relation to the widening of spaces for people to walk and the works carried out to increase cycling availability in that time also.

Q.92 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive that safe access to and from Walkinstown Park (across from Lidl and the O'Neills Factory on Walkinstown Avenue) is extremely limited due to regular illegal parking by patrons of the park. One constituent has informed me that on three occasions in the past week alone they have been forced to push a child's buggy onto a very busy road against oncoming traffic. As I am sure you will agree, this poses a potential hazard too many and ask him what steps can be taken to alleviate the matter?

Q.93 COUNCILLOR DAITHÌ DE ROSITE

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a report on the following person (**details supplied**) in relation to where they are on the housing list and a likely date as to when they might be housed. As you will see, the person is on the housing list for over a decade and urgently needs to be provided with accommodation.

Q.94 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Clonskeagh to City Centre segregated cycle option selection report and multi criteria analysis by the consultant has been completed and if or when it has been completed if the timeline of what happens next could be provided.

Q.95 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive whether considering the Covid-19 restrictions, which in varying forms will be in place until a vaccine has been found, a revised application for the pedestrianisation of College Green can be submitted with the requisite urgency.

Q.96 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could set out the nominal amount of creditor charges currently placed on the revenue account and how these charges are assigned; if he could detail what nominal amount of revenue account reallocation of expenditure that might be required to fund a citywide footpath improvement program; if he could detail whether a creditor charge can be assigned to local property tax revenue account only.

Q.97 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN

To ask the Chief Executive if he could detail what form of grant aid is available from Dublin City local enterprise office to support businesses who have been forced to close as a result of Covid-19 restrictions and what amount of funding is available and in what form.

Q.98 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the works currently being undertaken at Belcamp Lane Traveller site. Particularly to the installation of permanent water and electricity lines to three sites, what appears to be the extension of current sites and the erection of gates to new sites?

Q.99 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive to have the footpath on Swords Road between entrance to Home Farm F.C. and Iveragh Road swept. This stretch is heavily used by both pedestrian and cyclists and is in a poor condition with debris from Autumn/Winter remaining on both foot and cycle path.

Q.100 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE

To ask the Chief Executive to consider opening Collins Avenue Bring Centre in the next branch of Bring Centre openings.

Q.101 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive In relation to the reported increase in illegal dumping and street bins overflowing, can the Chief Executive detail the following?

a) The number of waste management staff currently employed on reduced hours in the Cabra/Navan Road area, broken down by day?

b) The number of waste management staff normally employed in the Cabra/Navan Road area, broken down by day?

c) The number of reduced hours currently worked by waste management staff in the Cabra/Navan Road area, broken down by day?

d) The number of hours normally worked by waste management staff in the Cabra/Navan Road area, broken down by day?

e) The number of waste management staff currently employed on reduced hours in the North Inner City area, broken down by day?

f) The number of waste management staff normally employed in the North Inner City area, broken down by day?

g) The number of reduced hours currently worked by waste management staff in the North Inner City, broken down by day?

h) The number of hours normally worked by waste management staff in the North Inner City, broken down by day?

Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the volume of illegal dumping collected per day per area in the Central Area?

Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the volume of illegal dumping/littering CRM requests per day in the Central Area for the last month?

Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIARAN PERRY

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update to the answer I received to Q.94 at the February meeting regarding the new requirement for applicants to have public liability insurance as part of the Postering protocol?

Q.105 COUNCILLOR CAROLINE CONROY

To ask the Chief Executive if he will urgently reconsider the closure of DCC allotments and immediately move to reopen them, with observance of HSE Covid-19 Public Health guidelines; and if necessary if he will actively pursue the matter with the relevant Government Departments, taking account of the context and arguments set out below.

Allotments operate generally with inbuilt social distancing because of the layout of the individual plots and the staggered nature of their use. On the evidence of conversations between Councillors and a wide range of allotment users, it is clear they are very much on board with the requirements of the HSE guidelines and have even offered suggestions to ensure best practice is rigidly observed, such as the use of designated time slots. Given the inbuilt social distancing, the public health risk at allotments is arguably far lower than shopping, or the use of parks, public transport or bring centres.

In many instances the closure is having a very negative impact on users and their families. Apart from growing food on their plots, there are significant benefits for their physical and mental wellbeing. The Government-led Healthy Ireland Programme is currently promoting gardening as a way to keep physically and mentally healthy during the pandemic. Many allotment users cannot do so because of the closures.

In addition many allotment users are frustrated, anxious and upset as they have already spent a lot of time, effort and money planting for the upcoming season and now may have lost their crops during this dry spell due to the closure.

Allotment users have made numerous representations to DCC Councillors citing these and other strong arguments for opening the allotments, and the matter has been brought to the attention of the Council in writing and at some local area meetings. Recently many DCC Bring Centres and Civic Amenity Centres have been reopened, and this is to be welcomed. In addition, some other Councils have kept their allotments open.

Q.106 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive considering that social distancing measures may need to remain in place long term, would he consider providing picnic areas in larger parks that

could be marked out to facilitate social distancing, should national health guidelines allow for such measures.

Q.107 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive considering that social distancing measures may need to remain in place long term, would he consider exploring the possibility of liaising with public and private golf courses to temporarily become public parks areas. This would allow for more safe access to green space in the City, could provide employment and has proved a successful in other Cities.

Q.108 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to extend the new counter flow cycle along Nassau Street, which is very welcome, beyond Clare street to improve access and if he can provide a timeframe for such measures.

Q.109 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to support a post covid-19 Green recovery for Dublin City, already there has been overwhelming support as Dublin City have put measures in place to allocate more safe space to cyclists and walkers, this will also bring other green benefits to our city, with Europe's Green Deal and an increasing understanding that there is no going back to pre-Coronavirus era, Dublin can be a leading city with a vision for a truly sustainable green recovery.

Q.110 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to thank all Dublin City Council staff for their extraordinary work and commitment during covid-19 crisis, from emergency services, to housing, to parks, road and street, cleansing, libraries and really across all sections either working from home on administrative, or out on the frontline they have been truly extraordinary and can we arrange to recognise that work post covid-19"

Q.111 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY

To ask the Chief Executive to look at supporting community shared co-working places especially on the outer northern fringes of the city to facilitate remote working, with less distances commuting to work places as this could be very beneficial post covid 19.

Q.112 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive if all green spaces & parks can have a permanent dedicated area left uncut to support greater biodiversity. Size of uncut area to be relative to green space / park.

Q.113 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to provide me with a copy of the contract between Dublin Street Parking Services and the Council, with sensitive material redacted if necessary. In addition, does he have any information as to whether employees of Dublin Street Parking Services can end their shift early if they have completed 21 clamping events, and make a statement on the matter?

Q.114 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive to reach out to the NTA to identify a programme of works that can be carried out in the city environs in the coming months which would support the social distancing guidelines for those walking and cycling which we are anticipating will need to be accommodated in public spaces for the foreseeable future.

Q.115 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER

To ask the Chief Executive what strategy and targets are currently in place regarding providing space for re-wilding of parks and green spaces and what progress has currently been made towards implementation?

Q.116 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to please detail DCC's current involvement with No. 30 Haddon Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3 and address the following:

- 1) Is DCC a party to a lease on the property and if so what duration is the lease?
- 2) What is the property currently being used for and what oversight role does DCC take to ensure it is being run to a satisfactory standard?
- 3) What are DCC's plans in relation to the property when the lease expires?

Q.117 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to please revert to me on the issue raised below (**details supplied**) with respect to flies on Croydon Park and Marino Park in Marino, Dublin 3. Can he (a) confirm if this problem has been raised on other parts of the North side in recent times and (b) if DCC has any role to play or guidance to offer in terms of dealing with it.

Q.118 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for (a) the footpath markings to be renewed outside both vehicular entrances to Vincent De Paul church on Griffith Avenue and (b) for a litter-bin to be placed outside the girls school just east of the church (like the one that is outside the boys school to the west of the church) as highlighted in the correspondence (**details supplied**).

Q.119 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ

To ask the Chief Executive to organise for a secure boundary to be put in place between the green area in Grace Park Heights managed by DCC and the properties at the top of Calderwood Avenue (see red line on attached image). The boundary is in dis-repair there at the moment with some anti-social behaviour arising as a result.

Q.120 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to meet with the NTA re Bus Connects proposals with a view to reviewing these proposals given the impact of Covid 19 and the expected changes in commuter patterns.

Q.121 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a review of speed limits at all junctions in urban villages and also on arterial roads with a view to introducing a 30kph speed limit to ensure greater safety for pedestrians and cyclists given the changes in commuting patterns as a result of Covid 19 and likely to continue for the next 12 months for the duration of this public health crisis.

Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to request from (**details supplied**) and say if he will accede to their request for an extension from Dublin City Council to their current ground space and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.123 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to previous commitment to provide for a playground at location as per (**details supplied**) and say if he will give an outline of the plans to provide same and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Q.124 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to concerns from resident regarding speeding traffic at location **(details supplied)** resident report vehicles travelling at speeds in excess of the 50km/h speed limit; all traffic, private cars and in particular buses and articulated lorries are causing a serious hazard on this stretch of road. Please say what measures he can put in place to address the matter.

Q.125 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY

To ask the Chief Executive in relation to the house at **(details supplied)** can the CE give an outline of the recent leasing of same and confirm that **(details supplied)** will no longer be leased by the City Council for any purpose.

Q.126 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive if the Dublin City Council report into the Criminal Assets Bureau allegation that "protection money" was paid in respect of a social housing site in Ballyfermot is completed?

If so this report should be presented to a full council meeting given the gravity of the allegation and the bringing of Dublin City Council into serious disrepute.

Q.127 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the unsatisfactory dealings an applicant **(details supplied)** has had in applying for a home loan from DCC under the rebuilding Ireland initiative.

Q.128 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive what is the level of commercial rates outstanding up to January 2020 and what efforts are being made to collect these arrears.

Q.129 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE

To ask the Chief Executive how many fines have been issued so far in 2020 under the litter pollution act 1997 in relation to dog litter.