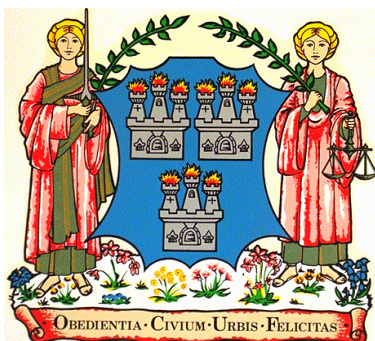


## COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a tionóladh ar **11 BEALTAINE 2020** i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, Sráid An Dáma ag 6.15 i.n, i láthair an tArdmheara Tom Brabazon sa chathaoir

### Comhairleoir:

Daryl Barron  
Anthony Flynn  
Lawrence Hemmings  
Dermot Lacey  
Ray McAdam  
Michael Pidgeon

### Comhairleoir:

Tom Brabazon  
James Geoghegan  
Deirdre Heney  
Micheal Mac Donncha  
Damian O'Farrell  
Noeleen Reilly

### Comhairleoir:

Daithí Doolan  
Alison Gilliland  
Janet Horner  
Tina MacVeigh  
Colm O'Rourke  
Catherine Stocker

### Oifigigh

Oliver Douglas  
Fanchea Gibson  
Yvonne Kelly  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

John Flanagan  
Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan Kenny  
Richard Shakespeare

Gerry Geraghty  
Dennis Keeley  
Kathy Quinn

### 1 Lord Mayor's Business

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by thanking the OPW for facilitating a meeting in Dublin Castle.

The Lord Mayor requested that the Members pause for a moment to remember the following who recently passed away

- Former Councillor John Gallagher who died on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Dave McLoughlin, Dublin Fire Brigade based in Finglas Fire Station No. 5, C Watch, who died on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020
- Ray Glynn's sister Angela Kane Ní Glynn and his aunt Ena Rice Ní Geraghty.

He extended his congratulations to two former Members of Dublin City Council, Councillors Rebecca Moynihan and Marie Sherlock who were recently elected to Seanad Éireann.

The Lord Mayor updated members on a Video Conference of the Liberal Mayors Network last Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May - Europe Day. This year it marked the 70<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, which set European integration in motion. He joined with the Mayor of Bratislava, the Deputy Mayor of Madrid, and others to discuss and a declaration on what kind of Europe liberal mayors believe is necessary 70 years after the Schuman declaration and coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic which is hitting our societies so hard.

The Lord Mayor will circulate the draft declaration to members for their consideration.

The Lord Mayor also spoke of the closure of Bewley's Café, Grafton Street. He has received a lot of correspondence in relation to the matter and intends collating those ideas and arranging a virtual meeting.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan. "In order to meet National Guidelines on Social Distancing, this Council agrees to meet now in Dublin Castle and for the same reason agrees this meeting should last no longer than 90 minutes".

The motion was put and carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that "This Council agrees to schedule the June Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting in a venue other than City Hall to comply with Government guidelines on social distancing" The motion was put and carried.

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It was moved by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 129 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

## 3 To confirm the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on 24th February 2020 and the March City Council Meeting held on 2nd March and the Adjourned City Council meeting held on 10th March 2020.

Cllr. Damian O'Farrell requested that the minutes be amended for the adjourned meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March to reflect that Report No. Report No. 77/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Proposed Variations (No.'s 8 - 27) of Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, that Variation No. 14 was carried by the casting vote of the Lord Mayor. Agreed.

The minutes of the Special meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, the March City Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the Adjourned City Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

## 4 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:

(a) One vacancy on the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC following the resignation of Cllr. Deirdre Conroy  
It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney that this item be deferred. Agreed.

(b) One vacancy on the Traffic and Transport SPC following the election of Marie Sherlock to Seanad Eireann

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney that Councillor Jane Horgan Jones be appointed as a member of the Traffic and Transport SPC. The motion was put and carried.

(c) Three vacancies on the Protocol Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Michael Pidgeon that Councillor Cat O'Driscoll be appointed as a member of the Protocol Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland that Councillor Darcy Lonergan be appointed as a member of the Protocol Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Colm O'Rourke and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Councillor James Geoghegan be appointed as a member of the Protocol Committee. The motions were put and carried.

(d) One vacancy on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum

It was agreed that this item would be deferred.

(e) One vacancy on the Board of Irish Public Bodies following the resignation of Cllr. Declan Flanagan

It was proposed by Councillor James Geoghegan that this item be deferred. Agreed.

- 5 Report No. 146/2020 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: Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the demolition of the two existing flat blocks (Flats 45 – 68 & 69 – 92) located to the east of the Dolphin House complex.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Pidgeon and seconded by Councillor Micheál MacDonncha that Dublin City Council notes Report No. 146/2020 and hereby approves the contents therein. The motion was put and carried.

6 Monthly Local Fund Statements:

(a) Report No. 119/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - April Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports As Submitted Under The EU/IMF Framework

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Noeleen Reilly that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 119/2020. The motion was put and carried.

(b) Report No. 147/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - May Monthly Local Fund Statement

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Noeleen Reilly that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 147/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 148/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Rates Debtors as at 31st December 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 148/2020. The

motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 130/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to Annual Financial Statements 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Noeleen Reilly and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes Report No. 130/2020 and adopts the Annual Financial Statement 2019 as outlined therein. The motion was put and carried.

- 9 Report No. 107/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With Reference to Revised Expenditure for 2019 Submitted in Accordance with Section 104 Local Government Act 2001

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 107/2020 and assents to the proposals outlined therein". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 122/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to the Proposed North City Operations Depot (NCOD): Approval of Borrowing under Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 122/2020 and hereby approves borrowing €34m to fund the proposed NCOD, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Housing, Planning and Local Government". The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 126/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - With reference to the Amendment of the Dublin City Council Scheme of Letting Priorities

It was proposed by Councillor Alison Gilliland and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 126/2020 and assents to the proposal to amend the Dublin City Council Scheme of Letting Priorities". The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 150/2020 of the A/Head of Human Resources and Corporate Services (G. Geraghty) - with reference to the Progress Report on Fifth Year of the Corporate Plan 2015 - 2019

It was proposed by Councillor Catherine Stocker and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 150/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 154/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed amendment of the Record of Protected Structures for 10 Burlington Road, Dublin 4.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 154/2020 and approves the amendment of the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Council Development Plan 2016-2022 for 10 Burlington Road, Dublin 4 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 155/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to addition of R&H Hall Silo, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1 (Grain silo built 1915-20 including early 20th century elevated gantry to east) to the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Councillor Damian O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 155/2020 and approves the addition of R & H Hall Silo, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1 to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 156/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the addition of 24 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Councillor Damian O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 156/2020 and approves the addition of 24, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 157/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the addition of Former Guinness Power Station, Guinness Brewery, James's Street, Dublin 8 to the Record of Protected Structures

It was proposed by Councillor Damian O'Farrell and seconded by Councillor Lawrence Hemmings that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 157/2020 and approves the addition of the former Guinness Power Station, Guinness Brewery, James's Street, including the gates and railing to its front site to the Record of Protected Structures in the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 118/2020 of the Executive Manager (Mary Taylor) - With reference to the proposal to declare Adair Lane, Dublin 2 to be a public road.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Ray McAdam that "It is hereby resolved that we, the Lord Mayor, and members of Dublin City Council, being the Road Authority for the City of Dublin declare the roads and footpaths at Adair Lane, Dublin 2, to be public roads and footpaths as shown on Drawing R.M. 25173B in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993". The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 158/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to COVID-19 Traffic Measures to Allow for Social Distancing and to Facilitate Walking, Cycling and Public Transport

It was proposed by Councillor Lawrence Hemmings and seconded by Councillor James Geoghegan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 158/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Proposed disposals of property:

The Lord Mayor stated that he had acted in a professional capacity in relation to Priory Hall (Reports 108/2020 and Reports 113/2020) and vacated the Chamber. Councillor Dermot Lacey took the chair for this item.

- (a) Report No. 110/2020 of the A/Executive Manager (H. McKenna) - with reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 4 premises  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 110/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (b) Report No. 123/2020 of the A/Executive Manager (H. McKenna) - With reference to the disposal of the Fee Simple Interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 14 premises.  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 123/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (c) Report No. 108/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive ( R. Shakespeare) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of eleven apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 108/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (d) Report No. 111/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed grant of a 25 year lease of the Brookhaven Centre, Bonnybrook, Glin Road, Dublin 17 to the Health Service Executive  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 111/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (e) Report No. 113/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of five apartments in New Priory, Hole in the Wall Road, Dublin 13  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 113/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (f) Report No. 114/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed surrender and grant of a new lease of the site at 25/26 Ushers Island, Dublin 8 to Dublin Simon Community  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 114/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (g) Report No. 116/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Regional Materials Recovery Facility at Merrywell Industrial Estate, Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 22 to Irish Packaging Recycling Unlimited.  
It was proposed by Councillor Dathí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Alison Gilliland that Report 116/2020 be deferred. Agreed.
- (h) Report No. 115/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a 10 year licence for All Weather Pitch at

Greendale Road, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5.

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 115/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (i) Report No. 131/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the disposal of a plot of ground to the rear of No 27 Broadstone Avenue, Phibsborough, Dublin 7  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 131/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (j) Report No. 132/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a side passageway at No 89 Sandyhill Gardens, Ballymun, Dublin 11  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 132/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (k) Report No. 133/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With further reference to the proposed disposal of a plot to the rear of No. 17 Gortmore Drive, Finglas, Dublin 11  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 133/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (l) Report No. 134/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of site for a substation at St. Margaret's Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 134/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (m) Report No. 135/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence of part of Ballybough Community Centre, Ballybough Road, Dublin 1 to Larkin Unemployed Centre CLG  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 135/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (n) Report No. 136/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed grant of a further licence for use of part of the Drury Street Car Park, Drury Street, Dublin 2  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 136/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (o) Report No. 137/2020 of the Senior Executive Officer (H. McNamara) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the site at St. Agnes Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12 to An Post  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 137/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- (p) Report No. 138/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a 3 Year Short Term Business Letting Agreement of Workshop, 3 & 4 Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9, to Poppintree Environmental Project Limited CLG  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 138/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (q) Report No. 139/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed lease of the ground floor unit of No. 3 Palace Street, Barnardos Square, Dublin 2 to Fáilte Ireland  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 139/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.  
Councillor Damian O'Farrell requested that Councillor Pat Dunne's objection to the disposal be noted.
- (r) Report No. 140/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease in Coultry Creche, 21 Santry Way, Ballymun, Dublin 9  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 140/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (s) Report No. 141/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a Short term Business Letting Agreement of 1st and 2nd Floor units at 54-56 Gateway Crescent, Ballymun, Dublin 11  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 141/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (t) Report No. 142/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of licence of Car Park Space No. 4 at La Rochelle Car Park, Lamb Alley, Dublin 8  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 142/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (u) Report No. 143/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence of Car Park Space Nos. 6, 7 & 50 La Rochelle Car Park, Lamb Alley, Dublin 8  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 143/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (v) Report No. 144/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the plot adjacent to 1 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, Dublin 4  
It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 144/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
- (w) Report No. 145/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) -With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in Unit 111 Baldoyle

Industrial Estate Dublin 13

It was proposed by Councillor Ray McAdam and seconded by Councillor Daryl Barron "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 145/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried

The Lord Mayor returned to chair the meeting.

20 Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update:

- (a) Report No. 127/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - April Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 127/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 151/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - May Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 151/2020. The motion was put and carried.

21 Monthly Management Report:

- (a) Report No.128/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report for April

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 128/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No.149/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report for May

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 149/2020. The motion was put and carried.

22 Report No. 109/2020 of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 17th February 2020, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 109/2020. The motion was put and carried.

26 Report No. 124/2020 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th February 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 124/2020. The motion was put and carried.

23 Report No. 120/2020 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 12th February 2020, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 120/2020.

The motion was put and carried.

- 24 Report No. 129/2020 of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th March 2020, Councillor Alison Gilliland, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 129/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 121/2020 of the Traffic & Transport Strategic Policy Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th March 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 121/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 27 Report No. 125/2020 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 10th March 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 125/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 112/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 9th March 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 112/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 152/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 29th April 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 152/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 30 Report No. 117/2020 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 28th February 2020, Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 117/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 31 Report No. 153/2020 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 27th March 2020, Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Dermot Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 153/2020. The motion was put and carried

Before concluding the meeting the Lord Mayor made a statement on the COVID 19 crisis. He is a member of both the Crisis Management Team and Crisis Community Response Forum. He remarked on the commitment by the Senior Management of Dublin City Council and said that the last few weeks had shown local government at

its best, staff working extremely hard to maintain vital services. He commended Dublin Fire Brigade who are working at the forefront and frontline. He thanked the Fire Brigade and An Garda Síochána most sincerely for their work and the members stood to applaud the front line workers.

The meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

## **Appendix A**

### **QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> 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?

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

Dublin City Council can use the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act and Waste Management Act to issue fixed penalty notices or pursue direct prosecutions against those identified as carrying out waste related offences such as dumping of household waste or the illegal collection of waste by unauthorised collectors.

Dublin City Council may also use the provisions of the waste presentation bye-laws to try to address the issue of householders who do not have suitable waste collection arrangements in place and consequently may be disposing of their waste through the use of unauthorised collectors or by dumping waste.

Dublin City Council have put up two mobile CCTV cameras in a city council estate where a large amount of illegal dumping has taken place. The footage will be analysed and anyone identified will have fines issued to them and if they are DCC tenants they will be interviewed under the rules of their tenancy agreement.

#### **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.

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

Litter Wardens currently operate on the basis of being assigned to a specific administrative area where they may be detailed to operate in priority locations as deemed appropriate by local management or they are assigned to Waste Management Services where they may be assigned to specific tasks, activities or areas of operation generally within an administrative area defined by the depot they are operating from.

All litter wardens are regularly detailed to attend to illegal dumping locations and incidents to investigate and resolve incidents. In the current situation all litter wardens are carrying out daily patrols of areas and responding to complaints regarding littering and illegal dumping issues.

Where there are specific issues of dumping that it is deemed require additional litter wardens to address the issue it is possible to make provision for such activities in cooperation with local area management and Public Domain Officers.

It should be noted that Dublin City Council will be seeking funding through the Dept of Communications, Climate Action and Environment Anti-Dumping Initiative to carry out a number of projects targeted at addressing illegal dumping including the identification of illegal waste collections and addressing non-compliance with the requirement for households to have a suitable waste collection service in place.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the defective waste pipe replaced at **(details supplied)**.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place if Dublin Fire Brigade staff have to isolate at home and cannot report for duty .Will the Chief Fire Officer request extra staff?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade have introduced a range of Business continuity arrangements to help compensate for a reduction of staff as a result of Covid-19. These measures include the following,

- Overtime availability
- Redeployment of Uniformed personnel to front line duties
- Voluntary leave postponement
- Temporary suspension of non-essential projects to release staff back to essential operations.
- Temporary suspension of non-essential training to release staff back to essential operations.
- Implementation of the Operational Staff Depletion Matrix.
- Retired members call back
- Pre-emptive fast tracking of recruit-class
- Robust contact-tracing arrangements / team in place, proactive managing of individual cases to minimise absences

The above measures have helped assure the continued provision of the DFB Emergency Service.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following response was provided by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment :

“Capita are the contracted company who manage the Eircode system, they will be able to help the Councillor with his queries. He can contact their Eircode team directly at Tel: 0818 300 005 or email [hello@eircode.ie](mailto:hello@eircode.ie)

Some issues with Eircodes arise because the premise's address is incorrectly registered with An Post. It may be worthwhile checking the addresses in question are registered correctly. This can be done by email [eircode@anpost.ie](mailto:eircode@anpost.ie) or by phone 01 7057600. Further useful information is available at <https://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/FAQs/Address+Checker+FAQs.htm>”

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council is in the process of purchasing 74-78, St. Anthony's Road, Dublin 8, which has a total of 39 apartments in one block. When purchased, all units will be allocated to persons on the housing list and will be managed by the Council.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if parking enforcement has been relaxed for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The issue of illegally parked cars and other vehicles on footpaths remains an issue and furthermore it can make it difficult for members of the public to comply with social distancing on footpaths. The issue of illegally parked vehicles on footpaths is a problem that needs to be tackled.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The clamping element of parking enforcement has been relaxed somewhat since the COVID-19 restrictions have been in place. The relocation operations have been operating as normal to remove obstructing vehicles from footpaths, entrances etc. The relocation service does not have as many vehicles deployed operationally as the clamping vehicles, so the service may not be able to meet the demand related to COVID-19 and social distancing complaints. Dublin City Council are aware of the issue of footpath parking and are making efforts to tackle it.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Tenderers were invited to submit proposals to remove/treat weeds, including innovative proposals that they may have. Tender submissions have been received and are presently being assessed.

**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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The existing signage has been reviewed and damaged signage replaced and additional signage erected as appropriate. The matter has also been referred to the Dog Warden service.

Dublin City Council ran a dog fouling campaign (launched by Lord Mayor, Tom Brabazon), from Monday 23rd March to Sunday 5th April 2020. The aim of the

campaign was to highlight the major issue of dog waste in our parks and open spaces and to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to pick up after their dogs and to “bag it and bin it” as dog poo is everybody’s business. We asked all dog owners and dog walkers to work with Dublin City Council and to ensure they dispose of their dog waste appropriately and not to leave the bags on bushes, railings or on the footpaths.

A suite of outdoor and digital adverts and a radio ad were created by the City Council and our creative advertising agency, which were rolled out in Dublin City from the 23rd March for period of 2 weeks. These included adverts on buses, bus shelters and big belly bins.

Mount Bernard Park was chosen as a location for one of the initiatives. An advertisement was created for social media which showed dog walkers that did not clean-up after their dog, the image then appears on a screen in the park.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the HSE message took precedence. When the Government allows people to return to work and normal life resumes, we hope to run the video on social media as part of Phase 2 of the campaign. We also plan to hold a number of activities in public parks throughout the city including Mount Bernard Park.

New signage will also be put in place when the restrictions are removed.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

The plan is to review the open space once the station has been completed a quantum of reinstatement works will have to be agreed with the contractor once the compounds are to be removed.

At this point the Parks Service will be more than happy to engage with stakeholders and residents to look at how the open space could be developed into the future in the context of future budgets.

There are no proposals to install CCTV in the park. It is envisaged that the increased footfall and passive supervision afforded by the station as well as the public lighting on the main route to the station will make the open space less attractive for congregation after dark and 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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPLY:**

All households in the Dublin City Council administrative area with access to a bin collection also have access to a brown bin collection that their waste collector is obliged to offer the provision of as a part of their service.

Householders are equally obligated to separate their waste into 3 streams – residual waste, mixed dry recycling waste and organic waste.

If households are not using the organic waste bin provided by their waste collector they must use an alternative method of disposing of their organic waste such as the facility provided at civic amenity sites or through home composting.

These requirements are set out in the European Union (Household Food Waste and Bio –waste) Regulations 2015.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

With respect to the request for social distancing assistance in Terenure, with specific reference to Rathfarnham Road and Terenure Roads North, West and East: These areas were assessed by the area engineer in the week of 20 April 2020. Works are currently underway across the city and are being carried out on a prioritised basis as resources permit.

With respect to the request for reduction of speed limits in the Terenure area: The roll-out of Phase Four of the 30 Km/h Special Speed Zones project for residential areas in the Dublin City Council jurisdiction is proposed to be completed by October 2020 and arterial routes were to be assessed after completion of this project.

Dublin City Council is assessing the possibility of bringing arterial routes speed reduction bye-laws forward.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As agreed by the full City Council, at its February 2020 meeting, a decision on the structure of this Sub-Committee was referred to the Transportation SPC for its consideration. The Transportation SPC has not been able to meet due to the COVID-19 restrictions and so, as yet, the SPC has not been able to consider the structure of the proposed Sub-Committee and provide clarity on its composition. Once the SPC is able to meet this item can be considered and decided so a meeting of the Sub Committee can be organised.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive to liaise with Irish Water and ensure that Irish Water carries out the public road sewer repair on Terenure Road East, which is substantially, negatively impacting the elderly residents of Beaumont House.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is a matter for Irish Water.

Prior to the setting up of Irish Water, it was DCC's position that the responsibility for repairs to a private drainage connection was the responsibility of the property owner. This policy did not change after the setting up of the SLA between DCC and Irish Water.

In 2018, Irish Water changed its position concerning private drainage connections and agreed to repair those in the public domain. This is a policy DCC did not agree with nor were DCC funded to carry out such works. As a result, Irish Water engaged private contractors to carry out this work.

In correspondence to the Management Company for this property, Irish Water appear to be reverting to their pre 2108 position concerning private connections, as laid out in the Water Services Act. Budgetary constraints appear to be a factor in this. Irish Water have said that they will not be carrying out a repair at this location.

DCC Drainage will not be carrying out any repairs at this location.

I'd suggest the councillor contact Irish Water directly through the dedicated communication lines for Local Representatives.

Please call the Lo-Call telephone number 1890 278 278 and identify yourself as an Elected Representative. You will be put through to the Local Representative Support Desk in Irish Water's Customer Contact Centre who will deal with you directly. Alternatively, there is a specific e-mail address at Irish Water for Councillors: [LocalRepSupport@water.ie](mailto:LocalRepSupport@water.ie).

The Local Representative Support Desk at Irish Water operates from 9.00am – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In terms of noise emanating from Dublin Port the level of activity in the area is a primary indicator as to whether noise levels are potentially on the increase.

Dublin Port Company publishes quarterly reports on port activity – these can be found at <https://www.dublinport.ie/trade-statistics/>.

While there was some increase in a number of port activities during 2019, the report for Quarter 1 of 2020 indicates a fall-off in many activities, and the Dublin Port Communications Centre have indicated that activity levels going into Quarter 2 2020 will be significantly down.

At the time of writing (1 May 2020) there are no construction activities taking place in the port area, the final infrastructure work involving essential dredging having being completed some weeks ago.

The project engineer for the Waste to Energy facility has also confirmed there are no construction works presently being carried out on site.

There was a specific noise issue raised with Dublin City Council by residents during April 2020 regarding noise from the running of a defective engine on a freight ship in the port.

This matter was followed up with Dublin Port Company, and measures were taken to rectify the situation.

In the longer term, the Dublin Port Company have identified through its Strategic Environmental Assessment Statement, a range of noise mitigation measures that will form part of the Dublin Port Master Plan 2014-2040. These very specific measures can be found at:

[https://www.dublinport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/DPC\\_Masterplan\\_2040\\_SEA\\_Statement.pdf](https://www.dublinport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/DPC_Masterplan_2040_SEA_Statement.pdf)

Commitments in the Master Plan include:

- Relocate Lo-Lo operations on southern lands away from the Ringsend SDZ and Poolbeg SDZ. This is likely to result in medium and long term reductions in noise and vibration impacts to the area and to the local community.
- Install shore-side electricity facilities at new berths. This will result in permanent reductions in local air emissions, reducing negative air, noise and climatic factor impacts associated with port operations.

There are also specific commitments regarding noise minimisation during construction activities in the port area, and Dublin Port routinely carries out noise monitoring during construction projects.

In 2019 Dublin City Council signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Dublin Port Company to cooperate on ambient air quality monitoring in the Dublin Port area, and as part of the ongoing collaboration, the feasibility of jointly establishing an ambient noise monitoring station in an appropriate location to assess port activities noise on residential receptors will be explored with the Dublin Port Company.

By way of observation, it should be noted that data from the Dublin City Council ambient noise monitoring network indicates that noise levels across the city have reduced since 28 March 2020. Given that the dominant noise source in Dublin has historically been vehicular traffic, one of the consequences of current travel

restrictions, is that other noise sources have become more discernible, although in absolute terms they are not as loud as previous traffic dominated noise levels.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will present a report at the May Council meeting regarding the DCC response to requirements of Covid 19 social distancing measures.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Leeson Street, Adelaide Road, Lansdown Road and Leahy's Terrace are not on the South East Area Road Maintenance Services Work Programme for resurfacing in 2020. These roads will be considered when formulating the 2021 RMS Works Programme. It would be prudent to wait until the development works at the old Berkeley Court Hotel site are complete before considering a resurfacing job on this section of Lansdown Road. In the meantime we will keep these streets under review and any defects that arise will be attended to.

There are a number of temporarily reinstated utility openings which require permanent reinstatement on Leeson Street. These will be pursued with the utility involved until permanently reinstated.

All road lining crews and works have been suspended until further notice in line with the HSE and Government directives regarding essential services. Once the current work restrictions have been lifted an inspection will be carried out at Morehampton Road at Swan Place to check if any corrections can be made to this cycle track. A reply will issue to the Councillor in due course.

Dublin City Council, with funding from the NTA, is currently engaged in a project aimed at developing a network of protected cycle routes across the city. The cycle route along Morehampton Road will be investigated as part of this project and a response will be issued to the Councillor in due course.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The determination and adoption of Dublin City Council's budget is a reserved function voted on by the elected members. Services provided by Dublin City Council support many communities – residential, business, sporting and cultural.

A key objective across the elected members and executive is the provision of services which support opportunities for all.

**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)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Signage was installed in the park last week.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pathway to be repaired 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.21 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

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

**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.22 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pathway to be repaired 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.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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An internal focus group, consisting of personnel from Road Safety, Sustainable Mobility & Projects and the Transport Advisory Group has been established to explore options in creating safer routes to school. In addition, the members of the focus group are collaborating with Green Schools for input into the project.

School streets is one of a number of options and has recently been included as a DCC Beta project. If you are interested in trialling a School Street at a particular school, you are encouraged to inform the school authorities to register their details on the DCC BETA Projects website: <http://dccbeta.ie/project/article/school-streets>

The implementation of all future safe routes to school measures is reliant on building close working relationships with schools and gaining child and parental buy-in to ensure their success. All options chosen for trial and/or implementation will include a strong engagement strategy to maximise support at local level.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The impact of the measures taken to address the Covid 19 pandemic has been unprecedented. The level of trade in Dublin has significantly reduced. Dublin City Council is particularly exposed to losses to the Rates base due to its funding mix of low level of State grants and LPT with higher levels of Rates.

The payment of commercial rates owed to Dublin City Council is closely monitored on a daily basis. The priority is to secure government funding for rates payments that will not be discharged, arising from the pandemic.

Thus far (end of April 2020) receipts for commercial rates are €28m less than in 2019.

The Local Government Act 2001 as amended provides for a single budget process. It's proposed to review all expenditure and income with the objective of reducing Dublin City Council's outgoings to reflect its financial position.

On review of the first financial quarter (January to March 2020), a year expenditure deficit of €30.4m is estimated, based on a first quarter deficit of €7.6m.

As of now (early May 2020) the Government have announced the broad parameters of a scheme of assistance for businesses relating to rates. Regulations, with detailed information on application of the Government measures is awaited.

The above deficit (€30.4m) does not include an estimated €32m loss in income across all income sources except rates, which Dublin City Council estimates will materialise. No funding measures have been announced as yet in respect of this shortfall.

It should also be understood that Dublin City Council's additional expenditure to deal with the Covid 19 crisis will be substantially larger in the remaining quarters. In particular, costs associated with the provision of PPE, IT devices and arrangements and Dublin Fire and Ambulance service.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Since the Government directive on March 27th work has been suspended across all of our construction sites. The sites are secured and are currently being managed by the contractors. Risk assessments are underway to ensure there are protocols in place to ensure a smooth and safe transition back on site when restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime Dublin City Council has ongoing engagement with the design teams and contractors to progress any off site work and keep the projects moving forward. At this point in time we are not in a position to speculate on new programme dates as clarity is required on revised work practices, and sites will need to resume operations before an assessment of that nature can be made.

The current status of schemes that had commenced on site prior to March 18th 2020 is as follows; 27 sites in total; 9 DCC, 2 PPP's, 16 AHB's.

The following list captures the original start and anticipated completion dates as they stood Pre COVID19.

**Dublin City Council Sites**

Bonham Street	21st October 2019	29th March 2021
Bunratty Road	21st October 2019	22nd January 2021
Springvale	3rd January 2020	21st June 2021
Cork/Chamber Street	24th February 2020	10th August 2021
Cornamona	24th June 2019	13th April 2021
Dominick Street	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	13th May 2021
O' Devaney Gardens	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	17th March 2021
Sean Foster Place	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Teresa's Gardens	28th January 2019	16th September 2020

**PPP Sites**

Scribbles town	March 2019	Q3 2020
Ayrfield	March 2019	Q1 2021

**AHB Sites**

Tuath: Willow Park Q4 2020, Lough Conn Q3/Q4 2020, Ellis Court Q1 2021,  
Camac Grove Q1 2021, Ravensdale Court Q1 2021  
Respond: Bluebell Avenue Q2 2021, Chanel Manor Q2 2021

Clanmil: Aughrim Street Q4 2020, Dorset Street Q2 2020  
Oaklee: Bow Lane Q1 2020, Cromwellsfort Court Q3 2020  
Fold: St Agnes Q2 2020  
Alone: Jamestown Court Q2 2020  
Cluid: Tramyard Exchange Q4 2020  
Paddy McGrath Project: Dominick Place Q2 2020  
Peter Mc Verry: New Street South Q1 2021

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

For this report, the traffic counts are being taken from the traffic detectors which are located at junctions. The primary function for these traffic detectors is for traffic signal control but such devices can also count the general traffic volume at defined locations on approach to a junction. Such devices are set at specific locations on approach but may not be at all approaches to a junction.

As there are multiple junctions on a route, it is expected that a vehicle would be counted multiple times as it progresses through the route. Thus they are best used to represent the trends in vehicle movement by selecting a specific junction on the route which best represents the overall traffic flow.

Thus these values cannot be taken as an absolute value but can be used to indicate a trends.

Given the volume of data and requested time period, it would require a specific amount of time to process data from all junctions covering all the main arterial routes in and out of the city. But as a representation, a subset of junctions has been selected in attachment, showing the total throughput at these locations for all directions.

For the main route from Blanchardstown to city Centre - Location (id 55) Blackhall place

@ North King St.

For the main route from Swords to City Centre - Location (id 55) Dorset St, Belvedere Road

For the main route from Lucan - Location (id 172) SCR, Johns Road @ Island Bridge

For the main route from Merrion Road - Location (id 104) Leeson St Bridge.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is closely monitoring the financial impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. Both in terms of lost income (rates, parking, planning and others) and increased expenditure (Dublin Fire Brigade, Homeless Services, personal protective equipment and IT related) Dublin City Council has engaged closely with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on this issue and has contributed to the County and City Management Association on sectoral submissions on the Covid 19 financial impact.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Since the library services shut down library staff have been working to further develop and promote our online services.

We have seen a significant and welcome increase in the use of these services, and we are committed to further development of online provision up to and beyond a re-opening.

In the absence of any clear timetable, library management has begun planning for re-opening, most likely on a phased basis, and taking into account the advice from government and the HSE as regards the health and safety of library users, the wider public, and library staff.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council via its Area Offices has put a significant amount of supports and resources into supporting older and vulnerable people both in our housing and in the general community since the beginning of March.

**Supports to older and vulnerable tenants**

- Leaflets to all our sheltered housing complex tenants advising that our Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers will be contacting them by phone rather than calling in.
- Gave our sheltered housing tenants the mobile phone number of our Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers so they can contact them if they have any issues.
- Regular contact with tenants to make sure they are doing ok.
- Developed a protocol if our Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers cannot contact a tenant.
- Developed lists of vulnerable tenants outside of sheltered housing complexes we also stay in contact with via phone.
- Liaising with agencies that provide meals to older people to make sure their service is continuing and advise around COVID 19 precautions.

**ALONE helpline**

Dublin City Council Area Offices, Dublin City Age Friendly Alliance, ALONE and other agencies came together to deliver a helpline for older citizens in Dublin City. ALONE operates a national COVID 19 support line for older people that was set up in collaboration with the HSE and the Department of Health. The line is active from 8am to 8pm seven days a week. Dublin City Council staff based in Area Offices act as a focal point to develop bespoke local solutions to problems that need to be escalated from the phone lines. We feel that we are best placed to coordinate our own staff, local groups, volunteers or An Garda Síochána to deliver solutions to people in our local communities.

**Community Call**

Our Community Call initiative continues to be extremely busy assisting people who are cocooning due to their age, health or other vulnerability. The phone line is operating 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have over 800 service requests complete across the City in the last 5 weeks. 75% of the requests relate to people looking for the delivery of food, medication or fuel. We are also assisting with transport requests and various other issues that are arising. Our staff are working very hard on this project with the assistance of many volunteers from across the community. There is now a grant scheme associated with this initiative which has been communicated to Councillors and local volunteers.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services inspect reported defects on the footpaths in the City Council's administrative area. Defects are recorded on its asset management system and prioritised for repair, based on the severity of the defect and impact number of the road. Critical defects are prioritised for repair. Repairs are either programmed to be carried out by a direct labour crew working in the area or included in a contract as part of the Division's Annual Works Programme, insofar as the resources and budget available to the Division permits. There is no plan at this time to undertake a detailed condition survey/ audit of all footpaths in the City Centre.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find details below of dog licences issued in the years 2017-2019

Year	No. of Annual Licences Issued	No. of Lifetime Licences Issued
2017	9,592	133
2018	10,087	353
2019	9,683	506
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,362</b>	<b>992</b>

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below are details of litter fines issued in relation to dog fouling for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**Fines issued for dog fouling under Section 22 of Litter Pollution Acts - for years 2017 - 2019**

<b>2017</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Fines Issued</b>	<b>Fines Paid</b>
	Central	2	1
	North Central	0	0
	North West	0	0
	South Central	20	18
	South East	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>

<b>2018</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Fines Issued</b>	<b>Fines Paid</b>
	Central	4	1
	North Central	0	0
	North West	0	0
	South Central	0	0
	South East	0	0
		0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>2019</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Fines Issued</b>	<b>Fines Paid</b>
	Central	0	0
	North Central	0	0
	North West	0	0
	South Central	0	0
	South East	0	0
		0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>
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**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Duration in emergency accommodation – all families on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
(Not including families in 'Own Door' accommodation).

Duration in EA	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
24+ months	184	276	443
18-24months	132	184	325
12-18 months	165	243	426
6-12 months	274	394	585
6 months or less	406	588	770
Total	1,161	1,685	2,549

There were approximately 193 families residing in 'Own Door' accommodation across the Dublin region on 31st December 2019. Information to determine the length of stay of every family residing in 'Own Door' accommodation is not readily available.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council's Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme is designed to meet the needs of private homeowners where the applicant is 66 years of age and living in extremely poor housing conditions. The types of work grant aided under the scheme include re-wiring, the provision of central heating (where none exists), the replacement of a boiler when broken beyond repair and essential roof repairs.

The scheme only allows for the replacement of original windows and doors or single glazed windows where they are in poor condition and broken beyond repair. However, the scheme is not applicable to houses where the owner wishes to upgrade double glazed windows.

**(details supplied)** can contact the Home Grants office on Ph: 01 222 2195 to enquire about her proposed grant application and all relevant information regarding the grants scheme can be discussed with her in detail. On receipt of **(details supplied)** application it will be processed as normal subject to all usual grant assessment criteria. I will arrange for one of our staff from Local Area Office to visit the house and talk to see how the family could be assisted in some way.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the ongoing problem of cars, vans etc. parking right outside the entrance of Walkinstown Park on Walkinstown Avenue, Dublin 12. The residents have to walk out on a very busy road with bikes and prams due to the constant parking around the Park Entrance. Can I ask we design a scheme which will stop this ongoing practice, some of the parking is from Lidl, etc. across the road as its impossible to exit this car-park on a very busy Road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been clamping vehicles that are parking on the footpath on this location during the last week of April and will continue to do so where people park on the footpath.

**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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Public Domain Officer, because of a number of complaints, inspected the area at **(detail supplied 1)**. On 28th, 29th and 30th April at my request.

She found evidence of two trailers of junk on the footpath outside the property, rubble and junk inside the driveway of the property, a car on two wheels, and a van without current tax/insurance discs. There was a caravan across the road from the property on the footpath on blocks, which, upon further investigation, appears to have an illegal connection to the power supply. The caravan is occupied and there are reports that horses are being brought into **(detail supplied 2)** by the occupier. All of these issues have been referred to the relevant Section within DCC along with outside agencies as outlined below:

1. Waste Management are in the process of taking appropriate action under Section 9 of the Litter Act regarding the accumulated rubbish. Waste Management have contacted the CCTV contractor about the possibility of installing CCTV at this location but it would only be for a limited timeframe.
2. The car and van without current tax/insurance discs have been referred to An Garda Siochana and Abandoned Vehicles Section.
3. The illegal power supply has been referred to ESB Networks, Roads Maintenance and Dublin Fire Brigade for urgent attention.
4. The removal of the caravan has been referred to Roads & Streets for further investigation as it is parked on a public footpath.
5. The issue of the occupier of the caravan has been referred to Homeless Services and to Advance who may already have some connection with him and they will liaise with me regarding the outcome.
6. The stray horses have been reported to Horse Control who will liaise with An Garda Siochana regarding their removal.

There will be no difficulty with the delivery of a leaflet to each household in the **(detail supplied 3)** outlining the issues as raised and I will arrange this as soon as the restrictions are lifted. I will also raise these issues at the next Local Policing Forum when we are in a position to organise it.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The proposed works would not be covered under any of Dublin City Council's grant schemes.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services have two litter bins at the shops on Rosemount Avenue which have always been there. We did swap a regular bin for a Big Belly bin there last year to increase capacity at this location but didn't increase the number of bins there. We have three litter bins on Maryfield Avenue at the group of shops there. None of these are new or even recent installs. These bins are well used as they are situated at shopping areas.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As has been stated previously there was contradictory evidence in this case and it was the opinion of the A/Planning Enforcement Manager that if this case was to proceed that it would be unlikely that there would be a successful outcome in court in respect of the matter. Therefore the decision was made to close the file.

Planning Enforcement will contact the Councillor directly within the next 2 weeks.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a large number of valuations outstanding with the Valuation Office.

The position regarding Rosemount Avenue remains unchanged.

We are still awaiting an update from the Valuation Office. It should be noted that due to Covid 19 they are not carrying out inspections for the foreseeable future.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning Enforcement will contact the Councillor directly within the next 2 weeks.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The request to disinfect streets was made some weeks ago by number of Councillors. Cleaning and disinfection of streets will not contain the spread of Covid 19, however we appreciate that there may be value in washing the streets particularly whilst the foot fall is reduced.

We have therefore commenced an extensive programme of street washing in the City. It is important to appreciate that COVID-19 has reduced the availability of outdoor staff given the necessity to comply with social distancing restrictions and to provide for service resilience. In addition, a number of outdoor staff are in isolation either because they were in contact with confirmed cases or because they have underlying health conditions that put them in the high risk category.

For these reasons we are not in a position to provide the normal level of waste management/street cleaning service, we have however continued to maintain a level of service throughout the City over the past number of weeks and will continue to do so to ensure the streets are kept clean during this period.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council is making enquiries in relation to the sale of this site and will assess its suitability for the development of social 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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of 28th April, 2020, 2,318 staff were attending the workplace only; 1,493 staff were working remotely only and; 1,244 were rotating between remote working and attending the workplace. These figures are not static and are subject to ongoing change in service needs and demands, and the measures required to facilitate the government response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Numbers attending Civic Offices are currently in the region of 200 persons per day.

Set out below is an IS Department update in response to the issue of access to remote working and equipment supplied:

**Deliverables to Assist the Business Implementation of Remote Working**

IS Department has initiated the Technical upgrade project of all Dublin City Council Server Infrastructure. The additional Citrix servers have gone into production.

IS Department is now capable of supporting 1,900 remote staff set up on Citrix. We have increased resiliency including additional potential for covering server host failure. Additional 100 users to be added today to bring us up to the 1,900 users. Additional 200 users to be made available next week to bring us up to 2,100 users. Review underway on long-term requirements following relaxation of shutdown.

Team's users have now reached 900 active users. Substantial increase in calls and active teams created. IS Department issued 100 laptops this week. Additional 100 to be issued next week and a third 100 to be ordered today for future needs. This will bring us up to 750 laptops issued since March.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the works on the COVID-19 response involving temporary widening of footways and the installation of temporary cycle-ways, works have been carried out on Inns Quay and Ormond Quay Upper. These works commenced on April 27th 2020. Further works are planned for Ormond Quay Lower. The implementation of the COVID-19 measures were informed by the on-going designs for the interim Liffey Cycle Route. As a result, some of the works undertaken to date are also essential elements of the interim Liffey Cycle Route.

All necessary safety requirements were followed during these works. The works are deemed essential to facilitate social distancing when economic activity in the City Centre starts to pick up from 18th May. A full break down of costs is not yet available, the NTA will provide funding for these works.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parking enforcement will continue to monitor the area as normal, if any illegally parked vehicles are observed, enforcement will follow. With regard to workers travelling in cars together, that is a private matter and not for the Council to comment on.

Dublin City Council's Roadworks Control Unit is responsible for issuing Directions to persons carrying out roadworks in the public domain and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that said Directions will reference the requirement for adherence to Covid-19 Government Directives.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will present a report at the May Council meeting regarding the DCC response to requirements of Covid 19 social distancing measures.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will present a report at the May Council meeting regarding the DCC response to requirements of Covid 19 social distancing measures.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The application of disinfectant is being carried out as part of Waste Management Services current, street washing activities. The implementation of further disinfection programmes will be considered in the context of whether public health advice is that such activities provide a valuable contribution to protecting public health and are required to be undertaken.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traveller Accommodation Unit has agreed Covid 19 funded projects with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and is concentrating on the delivery and implementation of the agreed projects at present.

To date, Dublin City Council has vouched Covid 19 receipts totalling €27,838.15 which is yet to be claimed from the Department. There are further outstanding invoices to be paid once various projects have been completed.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The three tables below detail the number of new entrants to emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region for the months January, February and March 2020. **350** families exited from emergency accommodation to tenancy between January and March 2020 the number of single adults who exited emergency accommodation to tenancy in the same period is **377**.

Total Households Entering Emergency Accommodation January 2020			
Household Type	Total Households	Total Adults	Total Children
Families	94	136	191
Single Adults - no children	215	215	0
<b>Total Placed</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>191</b>

Total Households Entering Emergency Accommodation February 2020			
Household Type	Total Households	Total Adults	Total Children
Families	80	113	149
Single Adults - no children	160	160	0
<b>Total Placed</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>149</b>

Total Households Entering Emergency Accommodation March 2020			
Household Type	Total Households	Total Adults	Total Children
Families	42	62	86
Single Adults - no children	108	108	0
<b>Total Placed</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>86</b>

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The City Council is currently engaged in a review of locations throughout the city where changes can be made to allow for social distancing and the various measures that could be implemented.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are three full time dog wardens working on behalf of Dublin City Council Monday to Fridays and two full time dog wardens working Saturday and Sundays. During this Covid 19 crisis the wardens are concentrating their patrols on the Parks and open spaces.

Dublin City Council ran a dog fouling campaign (launched by Lord Mayor, Tom Brabazon), from Monday 23rd March, Sunday 5th April 2020. The aim of the campaign was to highlight the major issue of dog waste in our parks and open spaces

and to encourage dog owners and dog walkers to pick up after their dogs and to “bag it and bin it” as dog poo is everybody’s business. We asked all dog owners and dog walkers to work with Dublin City Council and to ensure they dispose of their dog waste appropriately and not to leave the bags on bushes, railings or on the footpaths.

A suite of outdoor and digital adverts and a radio ad were created by the City Council and our creative advertising, which were rolled out in Dublin city from the 23rd March for period of 2 weeks. These included adverts on buses, bus shelters and big belly bins.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the HSE message took precedence and the dog fouling campaign was somewhat lost. When the Government allows people to return to work and normal life resumes, we hope to launch Phase 2 of the campaign which will include activity on our social media platform and activities in public parks throughout the city.

New signage will also be put in place when the restrictions are removed.

**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.

**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.

Accordingly, 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.

The properties referred to are all within the curtilage of privately owned lands upon which there is an existing planning permission for development granted by An Bord Pleanála per Ref. PL29N.232347 and Reg. Ref. 2479/08. This planning permission has the benefit of an extension of duration of permission until 6th May 2022.

In relation to the above protected structures proposed by the members (in addition to 14, 15, 16, and 17 Moore Street), the Chief Executive wrote to Hammerson seeking permission to inspect the buildings internally, but this was declined. The Chief Executive then sought legal advice on the matter, which clarified that the existence of

a valid Planning Permission raises significant doubts as to whether proposals to add buildings within the site may be lawfully applied.

In this regard, it is noted that the second report of the MSAG to the Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, recognises that the recent Hammerson plan is a significant and welcome advance on the previous plan and that MSAG resolves to address the outstanding heritage issues in dialogue with Hammerson.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will arrange to excavate the public footpath at this location to ascertain if the roots of the tree are affecting the boundary wall so we can advise our colleagues in the Parks Department if it appears that the tree should be removed. We will arrange to subsequently carry out repair works to the footpath at this location.

**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)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance have received details about this door, however with the current situation, the Joinery Workshop have not been able to measure for the new door.

However, once the current situation improves, the door will be measured and a new door will be fabricated and then installed.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The South East Area is currently looking into the matter. The Councillor will be updated when investigations are complete.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance replaced the floating floors in this flat, we have also arranged for a contractor to do the plastering and painting but unfortunately these works cannot be carried out in the current situation.

However, once there is a further lifting of the restrictions, these works will be carried out.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are aware that there have been some concerns expressed on the rollout of 5G technology. There is no scientific basis for these concerns. Dublin City Council takes advice and guidance from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that there are no health risks from the rollout of 5G technology. The EPA monitor scientific/technological developments likely to impact on public exposure to EMF and carry out independent monitoring of public exposure to electromagnetic fields to support their advisory role. Since May 2019, the EPA functions have been extended to cover public exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF). This involves the provision of advice to the Government and the public on exposure to electromagnetic fields.

International guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields have been developed by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). The latest scientific advice (May 2020) by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) has concluded that there is no specific health risk posed by 5G communications technologies. These guidelines have been endorsed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the European Commission (EC). The EPA and COMREG follow these international guidelines and make appropriate recommendations on these issues.

Every year ComReg measures Non-Ionising Radiation levels emissions from at least 80 different sites located throughout Ireland. To date, all sites have been found, without exception, to fall well below the international limits set by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)

Councillors should refer enquiries on health concerns and 5G to the EPA at the following email address in the EPA: [emf@epa.ie](mailto:emf@epa.ie).

We can arrange for a full presentation to be made from the EPA to councilors to update them on their monitoring programme.

There have been no reports of vandalism that we are aware of the date of telecoms infrastructure in the Dublin City Council Area.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In accordance with Section 251A of the Planning and Development Act (2000), the current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submission on appeals and on strategic housing/infrastructure applications have been frozen for the period from 29th March to the 9th May 2020, a total period of six weeks (42 days). It is possible that this period may be extended further.

In the meantime, An Bord Pleanála is complying with all central Government and associated Health Authorities guidance in respect of arrangements and measures concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this respect, the period to lodge an appeal is being extended by the dates specified in the extended Order i.e. by six weeks. This allows an individual to await the resumption of the Board's normal business to lodge an appeal in person or by post at that point within the extended time period. All oral hearings scheduled to take place during the period specified in the Extended Order have been suspended and will be re-scheduled for a later date. The submission date for the Planning Authority, prescribed bodies and third parties on SHD applications submitted within the 6 week period i.e. between the 29th March and 9th May will also be extended. Any SHD applications submitted after the 29th March and before the expiry of the Order should still be available for inspection online on the applicant's website.

In view of the freezing of the time limits for the lodgement of appeals and the making of submissions on strategic housing/Infrastructure applications, it is considered that members of the public will be able to fully engage in the consultation process following the expiry of the Order on the 9th May or later if the Order is further extended.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is closely monitoring the financial impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. Both in terms of lost income (rates, parking, planning and others) and increased expenditure (Dublin Fire Brigade, Homeless Services, personal protective equipment and IT related) Dublin City Council has engaged closely with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on this issue and has contributed to the County and City Management Association on sectoral submissions on the Covid 19 financial impact.

To date (end of April 2020), the loss in commercial rates is €28m. The impact on the economy and businesses to the year end is under review.

On 2nd May the Government announced a series of measures aimed at supporting businesses impacted by the pandemic. Dublin City Council awaits regulations from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the detail of how these measures will be applied.

It is estimated that other income (rents, parking, planning etc.) will have a year-end shortfall of €32m.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) does not use AirBnB as an emergency accommodation provider.

An additional 400 beds in hotel accommodation has been sourced over recent weeks. The contracts in place are on a rolling week to week basis, as the need arises.

Given the significant adjustment in the Dublin property over the last number of weeks this has given the DRHE a welcome opportunity to source additional and better emergency accommodation facilities.

While this availability of temporary facilities is indeed welcome, we are obviously very keen to maximise the number of long term Housing Units that may become available for Dublin City Council to acquire or to lease over 20/25 years. Then we can be in a position to offer permanent/long term housing to more families currently in emergency accommodation.

The Dublin City Council Acquisitions Section is open for business and is seeking out opportunities to purchase, so is our Long Term Leasing Section who are currently negotiating a significant number of leasing possibilities.

There is also an opportunity to further increase the number of Homeless HAP tenancies. During 2019 we sourced an average 200 Homeless Hap tenancies per month.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The number of illegal dumping reports received from January 1st to April 29th in the years 2018– 2020 is set out below.

It should be noted that these reports include both small and large scale incidents of dumping of household waste, junk and household items and also include incidents of the dumping of items such as skip bags and incidents of dumping of DIY and home improvement related waste in areas such as laneways.

- 2020 – 4,081
- 2019 – 3,598
- 2018 – 3,555

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

An inspection of the footpath will be carried out at this location and any defects will be logged and repairs will be scheduled.

Please refer painting of lamppost request to Public Lighting.

We will examine the lighting columns on **(details supplied)** and if the columns are suitable and painting is required, they will be added to our painting list for inclusion in a painting programme, subject to available finances.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Ringsend Library:

The proposal for the extension and refurbishment of the library is currently under development. We anticipate it will move into a detailed design phase before the end of the summer, depending on project board approval, before moving on to the appropriate planning approval next year.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council don't have accurate data on the numbers of dogs in the City as it would be a very difficult task. It would mean contacting every household/premises and perhaps even having to gain access to properties to check for dogs. Three full time dog wardens work Monday to Fridays on behalf of Dublin City Council with two working full time on Saturday and Sundays. Part of their remit is to do licence checks and issue fines where appropriate. It is proposed to commence work on a dog licensing campaign this year.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The annual running cost for the following 14 community facilities to the end of 2019 was € 3,336,179.

Additional costs including wages and salaries	1,926,773	RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
	30,811	VENTRY COMMUNITY CENTRE
	30,638	HARDWICKE STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE
	19,798	GEORGES PLACE COMMUNITY CENTRE
	24,877	BLACKHALL PARADE COMMUNITY CENTRE
	23,462	DOMINICK ST REC CENTRE
Includes wages	380,444	LAURENCE O'TOOLE CENTRE
Includes wages	417,555	DONORE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
	44,056	KILMORE WEST RECREATION CENTRE
	33,681	PEARSE AREA RECREATION CENTRE
	72,473	DARNDALÉ AREA RECREATION CENTRE
	34,222	EAST WALL COMMUNITY CENTRE
	85,803	BLUEBELL RECREATION CENTRE
Includes wages	121,744	AUGHRIM ST
Includes wages	89,842	GLIN RD

Cost for Cherry Orchard Approx. € 60,000 running costs, Wages and Salaries Approx. € 120,000

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The compilation of this information will require considerable time to complete. A report will issue directly to the Councillor once the task is complete.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC has closely followed HSE and Government guidelines in relation to staff safety while endeavouring to keep essential services operational. All departments including public counters remain open albeit with managed access and controls.

Over 1500 staff have the capacity to work remotely. Staff who are required to come to work are operating flexible arrangements such as staggered starting times, revised shifts and crew splitting while maintaining social distancing and observing all safety protocols.

These arrangements apply to all staff working in DCC premises and are subject to constant review.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Building Community Resilience report made a series of recommendations, some of which require funding and many which do not. The recommendations include developing the role of the 4Fora network, establishment of a local policing and community safety team, training programmes, development of specific interventions, of restorative practice and improved communications between an Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and the local community.

A steering group, chaired by Mary Taylor, Director of Services, South City, will be established, and it is intended to engage Community Action Network to assist with this process. A budget for this work has not yet been established, but in the short term it will be funded by the City Council, with funding for specific interventions to be sought from the appropriate agencies as the interventions are identified. The emphasis will be on agencies and the community working effectively together.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Traveller Accommodation Unit has agreed Covid 19 funded projects with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and is concentrating on the delivery and implementation of the agreed projects at present.

Most projects have a citywide remit such as disinfecting of sites, removal of waste, sanitiser hand packs, signage etc. and as such cannot be broken down by site. Site specific projects can be broken down and once completed such costings and their individual breakdown will be provided.

Dublin City Council has vouched Covid 19 receipts totalling €27,838.15 which is yet to be claimed from the Department. There are further outstanding invoices to be paid once various projects have been completed.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The impact of the measures taken to address the Covid 19 pandemic has been unprecedented. Dublin City Council is particularly exposed to losses to the Rates base due to its funding mix of low level of state grants and LPT with higher levels of rates.

Dublin City Council are urgently seeking to secure government funding for rates payments that will not be discharged arising from the pandemic. Thus far (end of April 2020) receipts for commercial rates are €28m less than in 2019.

It is proposed to review all expenditure and income with the objective of reducing Dublin City Council's outgoings to reflect its financial capacity.

All decisions will be taken with the key objective of supporting, as much as possible, Dublin communities (residential and business) through this situation.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The IS Department's recommended and supported video conferencing technology is Microsoft Teams. MS Teams has been rolled out to over 800 Staff in Dublin City Council. Advice has been given to all staff in relation to the use of Video Conferencing tools.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The construction of build outs onto **(details supplied)**, to facilitate tree planting was a pilot project to consider street tree planting in a residential area where the pavements were not sufficiently wide to accommodate trees. Trees had been requested by the residents of this road and consultation meetings were held with the residents to explain the nature of the work which has also eliminated some car parking spaces.

The construction of bespoke tree pits as buildouts onto a road is a means of establishing street trees in an otherwise treeless street. Apart from the aesthetic value, this work has benefits for biodiversity, for reducing traffic speed and for sustainable urban drainage.

The cost of the work was of the order of €95,000 and it was funded by capital funding as a Green Infrastructure pilot project in the Parks Capital Programme.

**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 Dalymount Park. What is the status of the redevelopment project? When does DCC expect to make an application for planning permission to demolish and rebuild Dalymount Park? 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

On 16th January 2020, Dublin City Council were notified by Department of Sport that their application for the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) stream 1 was successful.

The provisional allocation to Dalymount Park Redevelopment is €918,750 subject to the satisfactory completion of Stage 7 of the LSSIF evaluation process. Until the Council receive further formal notification of the grant Dublin City Council will not be in the position to appoint a design team or progress the project any further.

The current budget for the project is approximately €35 million (inclusive of vat and inflation). Dublin City Council hope to source further funding via LSSIF stream 2 and the sale of Tolka Park. Once a design team is in place a plan will be drawn up on how the council will consult with the local community going forward.

There is already a consultation group in place which meets every two months with members from both clubs, the local area office, FAI and two Dublin City Councillors.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Transport Advisory Group considered this location as part of the Capital Works Programme - Package 7, however due to the crossing being located on an existing junction, it was deemed that the project would be cost prohibitive for the Central Area TAG budget, and was referred to the Sustainable Transport Unit.

The crossing itself is located along the proposed Bus Connects route from the National Transport Authority and as of yet, a detailed design of the route has not been finalised.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Valuer's Office tendered for the appointment of a Sales Agents for the sale of **(details supplied)** just prior to the introduction of Covid - 19 restrictions; An Agent will appointed as soon as the restrictions are lifted. The conditions of sale will be as advised by the Law Department and will be detailed in the Section 183 at the appropriate time.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the total rent arrears owed to Dublin City Council is €31,089,860.20.

Dublin City Council operates a differential rents scheme which relates the rent charge directly to household income. Therefore if household income increases, the rent charge increases and likewise a reduction in household income will result in a reduced rent charge. As the rent charge is based on ability to pay, there is no moratorium on the payment of rent.

Where arrears accrue, an Executive Housing Officer makes contact with the tenant in order to agree a financial plan to reduce the debt. Tenants experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact their Executive Housing Officer with a view to either putting a payment plan in place or making revisions to an existing plan. Independent financial advice on budgeting is available from MABS.

While there is no moratorium on the payment of either the rent charge or arrears, Dublin City Council will work with tenants to agree a payment plan that is cognisant of changes in the financial circumstances of households.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are currently working on acquiring this information. A report will issue directly to the Councillor once the task is complete within two weeks of the council meeting.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A report on the funding arrangements for the North City Operations Depot is being presented to the May City Council meeting (Report No. 122/2020) and provides an update on the status of redevelopment proposals for the existing depot sites.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

People generally are abiding by the social distancing requirements which have been widely promoted by the government through all forms of media. Signage is also located in the individual parks.

In parks which have been identified by the Gardaí as problematic, they have posted additional Gardaí to patrol. There are no proposals to recruit additional staff as wardens which in any case wouldn't be possible with the current restrictions in the workings of the City Council.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There has been a notable increase in the number of incidents of illegal dumping and reports received relating to illegal dumping in the current period. The percentage break down of areas where the reports relate to from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 are set out below.

Central – 31%

North Central – 9%

North West – 29%

South Central – 14%

South East – 16%

To date the increase in illegal dumping has not resulted in increased costs to Dublin City Council. Illegally dumped waste is being removed and disposed of as part of ongoing daily service provision. When a comparison of the total amount of municipal waste disposed of in March 2019 and March 2020 is carried out it shows almost 200 fewer tonnes of municipal waste has been disposed of in the current period than in 2019. Data is not yet available for April 2020 in order to carry out a similar comparison.

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR DAITHÍ 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As of the end of April 2020, Dublin City Council have received €28m less in rates payments than in 2019. Dublin City Council services have responded to the crisis and

in doing so, additional expenditure has been incurred above the values provided in the 2020 budget.

The key areas in which additional costs have been borne are services for homeless services, the provision, where required, of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services provided by Dublin Fire Brigade and additional IT devices, licensing and hardware to support a very large increase in staff working remotely. The additional costs are being tracked however, the extent of the extra funding required has not yet been determined.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The measures taken to address the Covid 19 pandemic have had considerable economic impact. Many businesses have been prohibited to physically trade. The consequence of these circumstances is that the payment of rates has declined sharply. At the end of April 2020, Dublin City Council has receipted €28m less in rates payments than in 2019.

Both the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive are in regular ongoing contact with the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government. Also, Dublin City Council has contributed to sectoral position papers on this issue, which have been submitted to the Minister.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May the Government announced a series of measures aimed at supporting businesses impacted by the pandemic. Dublin City Council awaits regulations from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on the detail of how these measures will be applied.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While it is too early to fully anticipate the financial impact of the current situation, Dublin City Council is committed to the implementation of the Park West / Cherry Orchard Local Area plan.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please find attached table setting out the total number of applicants on the Housing List listed as having a disability –

Recorded Disability	Grand Total
Intellectual	149
Mental Health	454
Physical	738
Sensory	124
Grand Total	<b>1465</b>

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following is the number of applicants on the Older Person's Housing list:

Area	Housing List	Transfer List	Total
<b>B</b>	327	199	526
<b>D</b>	36	56	92
<b>E</b>	230	224	454
<b>H</b>	166	158	324
<b>J</b>	120	125	245
<b>K</b>	127	100	227
<b>L</b>	114	156	270
<b>M</b>	113	105	218
<b>N</b>	197	109	306
<b>P</b>	43	32	75
<b>Totals</b>	1473	1264	2737

For the purposes on the Dublin City Council Scheme of Lettings, persons aged 60yrs and over are listed for Older Persons accommodation, persons aged 55yrs who have been prioritised are also listed for Older Persons accommodation.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are approximately 3,306 Senior Citizen Units as of 31st December 2019.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The installation of dog fouling bins has ceased as they were being used for both general litter and dog foul and their limited capacity meant that this led to the regular overflowing of the bins between servicing. Dog walkers can use the standard litter bin to dispose of their dog waste. As the Covid19 restrictions begin to ease over the coming weeks, we can look at the possibility of installing some litter bins outside this park.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will present a report at the May Council meeting regarding the DCC response to requirements of Covid 19 social distancing measures.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Street Parking Services have been clamping vehicles that are parking on the footpath on this location during the last week of April and will continue to do so where people park on the footpath.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with an application date of 19/09/2007, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area J	1	12
Area K	1	15
Area L	1	15

It is acknowledged that the applicant is on the housing list over a decade however, Dublin City Council allocates properties based on time on the list and currently there are applicants of longer standing who have to be considered as suitable vacancies arise. It is not possible to indicate accurately the prospect of an offer for any applicant. The number of vacancies arising will be a determining factor in the length of time applicants could expect to be on the waiting list.

The applicant's interest in **(details supplied)** is noted on their file. She will be considered for offer when accommodation to meet her need becomes available and according to position on the list.

It is noted on the applicant's file that she contacted Housing Allocations on 9/04/2020 and informed the office that she is under notice in her current property, she has been advised to forward in the Notice of Termination upon receipt of same for consideration. The applicant also requested a HAP pack to be forwarded to her on this date.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Options Selection Report is due to be submitted by the Consultant by end May 2020. The report will be presented to DCC Departments and forwarded to the National Transport Authority for approval. The recommendations will also be presented to the South East Area Committee.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environment & Transportation Department intend to appoint a design team to prepare a revised permanent design and bring it through the appropriate statutory process in 2020.

Note also that the Environment and Transportation Department, in conjunction with the NTA is examining temporary measures throughout the city and especially in the city centre, which are needed to provide space for social distancing, provide safe cycling, facilitate public transport users and potentially give space for businesses to reopen.

This will cater for the increase in numbers using the city centre as restrictions are eased but while social distancing remains a requirement.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Roads Maintenance Division has an extensive programme for the planned carriageway resurfacing/reconstruction and planned areas of footpaths to restore. I have attached the programme as circulated to the Councillor earlier in 2020. In summary the programme provides for:

Areas	Regional Footpaths €	Local Footpaths €
North Central	353,750	824,563
North West	50,000	466,700
Central	402,710	252,345
South Central	67,064	114,936
South East	202,699	361,806
	1,076,223	2,020,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,096,573</b>	

The full programme is of a value of €16.2m, of which €3.1m relates to footpaths. It must be emphasised that in the context of the economic and fiscal impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic it is unclear now (early May 2020) as to Dublin City Council's financial capacity to deliver this existing 2020 programme.

The delivery of services in the context of available resources is under consideration. Your suggestion to fund a further programme of footpath works would require further consideration by the City Engineer and Assistant Chief Executive John Flanagan around the issues of footpath conditions, priority etc.

Borrowing for such a purpose, if appropriate, would require the approval of the City Council and the Minister for Transport. Borrowing costs are at an historic low but none the less must be met. To do so will need close scrutiny of where budgetary savings can be made to fund interest charges. It is worth noting that given the constrained circumstances now prevalent that identifying budget savings will be challenging.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following new supports and initiatives are available from Dublin City Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to support business during the COVID-19 restrictions;

**1. COVID-19 Business Continuity Voucher**

The Business Continuity Voucher is designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people. The amount of funding available is up to €2,500 and in the form of third party consultancy costs (at no cost to the company) and can be used to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. This initiative is designed to help companies make informed decisions about what immediate measures and remedial actions should be taken, to protect their business.

## **2. COVID-19 Business Loan**

The COVID-19 Business Loan from Microfinance Ireland (MFI), in partnership with Local Enterprise Offices, is a Government funded initiative to support small businesses. It's designed for micro-enterprises that are a) having difficulty accessing Bank finance and b) impacted, or may be impacted negatively, by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in turnover or profit. The Covid -19 Business Loans of up to € 50,000 are available to eligible micro- enterprises, it has a low rate of 4.5% and the first 6 months are interest and repayment free.

## **3. COVID-19 Trading Online Voucher Scheme**

Under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the COVID-19 Trading Online Voucher Scheme helps small businesses with up to 10 employees to pivot towards ecommerce and amplify the potential to trade more online, boost sales, and reach new markets during the Covid-19 restrictions. The amount of funding available is up to €2,500 with co-funding of 10% from the business. Additionally those who have previously received funding under this scheme can reapply. Pre COVID-19 the funding available under this scheme was to a maximum of €2,500 with co-funding of 50% from the business.

## **4. Refundable Aid COVID-19 Time Extension**

For existing Dublin City LEO clients who have availed of previous grant supports with a 30% refundable element, as part of COVID-19 LEO supports these clients can avail of a three month pause on their refundable aid repayments.

## **5. COVID -19 Free Mentoring Programme**

Under the Local Enterprise Office Mentor Programme, clients work with an experienced mentor to identify solutions to areas of exposure within their business. With advice and guidance from their mentor, clients develop strategies that are more robust, which address issues and maximise potential opportunities when the COVID-19 crisis comes to an end. As a response to the impact of Covid-19 to the business sector this service is now free of charge.

## **6. COVID-19 Free Training, Networking events and Webinars**

Dublin City Local Enterprise Office has moved its training programmes, workshops and networking meet-ups online, and has adapted its programme to reflect business requirements as a result of COVID-19. The areas covered are: cash management in a crisis, leading your business through COVID-19 and advice for employers impacted by the crisis. As part of the suite of LEO interventions during COVID-19 training programmes are now free of charge and places can be booked online, through the Dublin City Local Enterprise Office website.

### **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?

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

Under the Covid 19 Circular 06-2020 Traveller Accommodation Support Unit dated 18th March 2020 from the Department of Housing and the Emergency Measures in

the Public Interest (Covid-19) Act 2020, Dublin City Council has been directed to provide all Travellers whether authorised or unauthorised with clean running water and an electricity supply as they are an at risk grouping.

The sites have been expanded slightly to comply with Fire Safety and Health and Safety regulations. Further recommendations have been made to limit the spread of the Covid 19 virus which Dublin City Council are obliged to implement.

This work is currently being carried out will continue over the next few weeks.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned footpath swept in early May 2020.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Collins Avenue Bring Centre is scheduled to reopen in week beginning the 18th May 2020 with all safe social distancing measures in place.

**Q.101 COUNCILLOR CIERAN 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In order to ensure continuity of service delivery, ensure that social distancing measures can be adhered to and to protect staff Waste Management Services are currently operating a system of Pod working with reduced working hours in place.

In the North West operational area including the Cabra/Glasnevin area there are currently 22 staff operating from 6am – 10am daily. Further to this there are 20 staff operating across the city between 2pm – 6pm.

In the North Inner City operational area there are currently 15 staff operating from 6am – 10am daily.

Normal Waste Management Services shift patterns are 6am – 2pm and 2pm – 10pm daily across the city and 10 am – 6pm on weekend days.

The delivery of services is being kept under constant review and it is expected there will be a gradual return to more normal levels of service delivery in all areas across the city.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not possible to accurately isolate the tonnage of illegal dumping for a specific area or electoral area as there may be vehicles that are operating on a daily basis within different electoral areas or administrative areas as waste management services operations and depots are not aligned with electoral boundaries or strictly within administrative areas.

An exercise was undertaken in Dec 2019 to assess the monthly illegal dumping removal tonnage figure for the Central Area and the result indicated that approximately 105 tonnes of dumped material was removed from the area in that month.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR CIERAN 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

From 01/04/2020 until lunchtime on Thursday 30/04/2020 there was a total of 456 illegal dumping complaints logged through the City Councils Customer Service Request system for the Central Area. The number of littering complaints for this same period was 9.

**Central Area Complaints**

Date	Illegal Dumping Reports	Littering Complaints
01/04/2020	12	
02/04/2020	17	1
03/04/2020	14	
04/04/2020	4	
05/04/2020	0	
06/04/2020	13	1
07/04/2020	60	

08/04/2020	11	
09/04/2020	17	
10/04/2020	3	
11/04/2020	2	
12/04/2020	6	
13/04/2020	2	
14/04/2020	48	
15/04/2020	16	
16/04/2020	14	
17/04/2020	14	
18/04/2020	1	
19/04/2020	2	
20/04/2020	25	1
21/04/2020	24	
22/04/2020	10	
23/04/2020	58	1
24/04/2020	9	
25/04/2020	3	
26/04/2020	7	
27/04/2020	17	5
28/04/2020	15	
29/04/2020	7	
30/04/2020	25	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>9</b>

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR CIERAN 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Further advice was sought from the Insurance Unit Law Department regarding the insurance element of the Posters Protocol. It has now been confirmed that this element is no longer necessary and has been deleted from the criteria to erect temporary posters/notices on Dublin City Council property.

However all parties seeking to erect such posters/notices must comply with the Health & Safety requirements as set out in Appendix 2 of the 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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is obliged to abide by the Covid 19 restrictions on movement and essential activities as set out by the government some weeks ago. However we are also sympathetic to the case of allotment holders and will endeavour to open access to allotments subject of course to the relaxing of existing restrictions or other guidance from the government.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will continue to maintain social distancing signage in its parks into the foreseeable future. It is not considered necessary to provide any further signage in relation to picnicking however if the Councillor has something specific in mind the City Parks Officer will consider it and revert to the Councillor.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Golf courses while not open to the public are still being maintained. The greens and tees in particular require intensive maintenance and it is most unlikely that private courses would want their courses opened as a public park because of potential damage to the course and interference by the public with their maintenance programme. There are also no footpaths around a golf course for access by the elderly or infirm.

Dublin City Council's golf course is in Sillogue outside the M50 at Ballymun. There is a good distribution of parkland and open space in the Ballymun area and it would not be advisable at this time to attract people to drive to Sillogue for exercise.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is intended to extend the contra flow along Nassau Street as far as Dawson Street. The completion of the work is dependent on the delivery of materials and it is expected to be complete before the end on May 2020.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council fully supports a post Covid 19 green recovery for the City and is currently considering issues both internally and across the city to maintain and enhance some of the more positive aspects of the current situation. The Council Climate Plan is the first step in our vision to be a resilient, sustainable, green and energy efficient City and our links with Cities across Europe, through the Covenant of Mayor, reinforces this determination.

The Councillor has mentioned the changes to the street scape that are ongoing in support of specific issues that have arisen in this period and the Chief Executive will be discussing these further with the Council. So below we list some of the other works that are ongoing that will assist us in to maximising the positive learnings from this period:

- Waste Management Services are making arrangements to make contact with City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns groups in order to gather information on their activities and to seek their views on how Dublin City Council could support/assist them during these difficult times. We will also examine any Climate related value that would benefit communities in a sustainable/circular economy, both during this period and going forward.
- The Dublin Energy Agency Codema is a partner in the EU '[TOMORROW](#)' project, where it is working on behalf of Dublin City Council and the other three local authorities to develop a transition roadmap for a carbon-neutral Dublin. In light of recent circumstances, the project has brought the 6 EU partner cities together to carry out a number of online workshops/exercises to learn from other cities, identify new openings for climate action from Covid-19 and to explore how to link the current crisis with the transition road-mapping process. Codema is also developing a marketing strategy and public engagement plan,

which will focus on empowering citizens and other stakeholders to take ownership of Dublin's transition in a post Covid era.

- Dublin City Council is considering how best to maintain the positive impacts of the situation in its internal operations and processes in relation to our carbon footprint.
- Dublin City Council (DCC) has for many years, had a policy of Sustainable Urban Drainage (SuDS). However, solutions to limiting urban runoff were often based on "grey" or engineering underground solutions rather than surface based green and nature based systems. The City is now working towards the inclusion of green infrastructure in the Public Realm which will increase the resilience of the City whilst improving the environment and the quality of life for its citizens.
- In accordance with DCC's Climate Action Plan 2019-2024, DCC is now moving to implement and support nature based surface water management systems (NWRMs) in an integrated approach which considers land use planning, urban design, surface water quality, water quality, climate resilience, amenity and biodiversity and habitat enhancements. Examples of the NWRMs include, swales, filter strips, green roofs, rain gardens and wetlands.

The Surface Water Management and Planning Section are now:

- Working with the Public Realm project team to incorporate NWRMs into all public realm proposals from the inception stage.
- Developing models for "retrofitting" NWRMs into existing public realm areas on an opportunistic basis.
- Developing a suite of solutions that are "pre-approved" in terms of Public Realm, Planning, taking in charge etc. that can be used for public and private developments.
- Developing appropriate policies to replace those set out in the GDSDS and in the various Development Plans.

The above are some of the ways that we as a City are building on the ambition of the Climate Plan to make Dublin a Low-Carbon Climate resilient City.

**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"

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The work and commitment of all Dublin City Council staff in the provision of the Council's services throughout the Covid -19 crisis is to be acknowledged and appreciated. It is also appreciated the number of staff who volunteered to transfer to a number of other Public Service organisations such as the HSE to offer their services at this time.

Post Covid -19, appropriate arrangements will be put in place to acknowledge the services rendered, which would have been expected given the dedication shown by Dublin City Council staff in times of crisis previously.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council will be looking at the options post COVID-19 having regard to the fact that work practices will have changed hugely in order to meet the various demands under Health and Safety Legislation and currently having regard to guidance from public health officials.

An internal group has been established to look at the development of remote working in Dublin City Council and we will ask the group to consider the Councillors suggestions in relation to community co-working facilities.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are gradually eliminating the use of herbicides from its maintenance operations and consequently all greenspaces will have edges around boundaries and other areas which will only be cut once or twice a year. This will enable natural vegetation to flourish.

The challenge will be for Dublin City Council to promote, and the public to understand that this is good environmental practice and not an abrogation of responsibility on the part of the Council.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has no reservation in supplying a copy of the contract signed with Dublin Street Parking Services. Any content which is deemed to be commercially sensitive will be removed. A copy will be issued to the Councillor this week.

Any schemes or incentive methods that a contracted company to Dublin City Council engages with are not the concern of Dublin City Council, so long as the schemes / incentives do not contravene relevant legislation. It has never been a requirement in any Tender issued by Dublin City Council for the provision of On-Street Parking Services, that a contractor uses methods to incentivise its staff to deliver the service.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Chief Executive will present a report at the May Council meeting regarding the DCC response to requirements of Covid 19 social distancing measures.

**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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The guiding strategy is the City Biodiversity Action Plan (2016-2020). Initiatives for re-wilding have been in place since the first City BAP in 2008. There has been continuing progress since then, with many specific actions, including:

- Surveys and mapping of native flora to ensure grassland management and maintenance is carried out appropriately and that all sites are protected.
- Establishment of new wildflower meadows and wildflower lawns in parks, as well as changing mowing regimes to allow for the 'rewilding' of areas for biodiversity.
- Fundamental shift to perennial pollinator-friendly schemes in ornamental planting schemes.
- Introduction of new areas for bulb planting along road margins, which include species suitable for pollinators.
- Procurement of trees of native provenance for new planting in parks.
- Expected that 80% of planting schemes will be suitable for pollinators in 2020.
- Implementation of recommendations of the City Hedgerow Survey since the first City BAP, including planting of new native hedgerows.
- Herbicide Policy since 2018 to eliminate the use of the chemical glyphosate which is being replaced with manual and more environmentally friendly methods for weed removal.
- Playground areas and many parks are already chemical free, and it is intended to extend this practice to all parks over the coming year.
- Environmental education on the change in management practices has been increased over the past year, including media campaigns, outreach at events and working with local community groups on improving their local area for Biodiversity.
- New signage specifically for Dublin City is in production to promote the areas that have been set aside for wildlife and will replace older signage in parks and open spaces.
- Restoration of concrete river channel of the Naniken River to a more natural riverbed, with native planting and historical planting.
- Fire management of native vegetation to counter arson attacks on native vegetation in public parks.
- Mapping and control of invasive alien species, as well as restoration of native habitats along rivers and coastal areas.
- Dublin City Council has supported the National Biodiversity Data Centre since the inception of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is a local authority member. All actions by DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are mapped on the Pollinator Plan website.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ò MUIRÌ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please detail DCC's current involvement with **(details supplied)**, 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?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council (DCC) is not party to a lease in relation to **(details supplied)** Clontarf, Dublin 3. There was a Short Term Agreement in place in relation to the use of the property, in conjunction with the HSE, as a temporary cocooning facility for vulnerable homeless adults, as part of the Covid 19 response.

DCC has no plans in relation to the property and it is proposed to return the facility to the owners by the end of June 2020.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While no description was given of these flies, given the time of year it is likely to be one of the many species of native invertebrates that can emerge in large numbers at this time of year to reproduce, lay their eggs and then die off.

Similar to the Mayfly that emerges in large numbers on rivers and lakes throughout the country. In the last week to 10 days the Hawthorn Fly or St. Mark's Fly was evident in Parks and gardens in large numbers and has already disappeared.

This fly is called St. Mark's Fly as it emerges around St. Mark's Day 25th April every year. Populations of various species vary from year to year depending on the weather, breeding success etc.

To date, we have not received inquiries on this matter in other parts of the North side. Due to the recent spell of good weather and the time of the year, flies are emerging currently and some species arrive from elsewhere.

DCC has no role in the control of flies but can offer advice, depending on what species it is. The general advice is to keep waste covered and bin lids closed, clean up after dogs and avoid littering. DCC has highlighted an increase in illegal dumping of waste in our City parks, and this may be a contributing factor.

**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)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

- a) The location will be inspected, and considered for renewal at the earliest opportunity.

(Currently, in line with the HSE and Government's traveling restrictions due to Covid 19, there is a considerable back-log of works. General, road lining works have been suspended in line with the restrictions)

- b) Waste Management Services will have the above mentioned location assessed as to whether it is a suitable location for a litter bin.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The securing of private property is a matter for the property owners. Dublin City Council cannot take responsibility for private boundaries.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

We are engaged with the NTA on Bus Connects on an ongoing basis, the issue of Covid 19 and any changes to commuter patterns is at a very early stage. As the restrictions are being lifted it will become clearer what the new commuter patterns are.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is constantly working for and with the people of Dublin to improve road safety on all streets of the City. Therefore, traffic speed reduction for all vehicles plays a crucial role in improving road safety on the City Streets. In response to this, Dublin City Council took a proactive approach and implemented 30km/h speed limits for all residential areas of Dublin. Most recent Dublin City Council's Bye-Laws were adopted at the January 2020 Council meeting. The roll-out of Phase Four of the 30 Km/h Special Speed Zones project for residential areas in the Dublin City Council jurisdiction is proposed to be completed by October 2020. Arterial routes were to be assessed after completion of this project. Dublin City Council is considering the possibility of bringing arterial routes speed reduction bye-laws forward.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current ground spaces located within the bounds of the public park at Croydon Gardens are held under a 99 year lease from 1st July 2008 granted by Dublin City Council.

Any extension of the plot outside the area demised by this lease would constitute a separate disposal of Council land and would be subject to the Section 183 process. The lessee should submit details of their proposal to the Executive Manager, Planning & Property Department for consideration which process will require consultation with the Parks Division under whose control the park at Croydon gardens lies.

Unfortunately it is not possible to move the fence at the back of the site further into the park as this would impact on the well-used football pitch behind.

There is only 40m from the existing fence to the footpath which crosses the park. If this space were reduced any further, football would not be viable in this space.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Harmonstown area has been identified as an area with a deficit of play facilities. While it is fully intended to address the deficits in play facilities identified in the Parks Strategy there are no current proposals to build a playground in **(details supplied)**.

The priorities for the available budgets in the short term is to bring the existing playgrounds in the area up to standard to ensure the safety of these facilities.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Transport Advisory Group

**(details supplied)** is a Regional link road and main traffic artery into the city centre with significant traffic volumes and therefore has a standard speed limit of 50km/h (or 60km/h) It facilitates numerous bus services and is an emergency route. Introduction of physical traffic calming measures would not be appropriate and are not recommended.

Issue with cars breaking the speed limits are a matter for the Gardaí and we will raise this again at our next TAG meeting with an Garda Síochána in May 2020.

Road Safety Section

The roll-out of Phase Four of the 30 Km/h Special Speed Zones project for residential areas in the Dublin City Council jurisdiction is proposed to be completed by October 2020. Arterial routes were to be assessed after completion of this project. Dublin City Council is considering the possibility of bringing arterial routes speed reduction by-laws forward.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), in conjunction with the HSE, had a Short Term Agreement in place regarding the use of **(details supplied)** as a temporary cocooning facility for vulnerable homeless adults, as part of the Co-vid 19 response.

The DRHE has no further plans in relation to the property and it is proposed to return the facility to the owners by the end of June 2020.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

On 17 October 2019, the Chief Executive advised Elected Members that he had appointed a Team to conduct an internal review of the incidents in question and of City Council systems and processes generally around the management of its building sites.

Subsequent to that decision, the Government appointed Mr Patrick Butler S.C. on 9 November 2019, as an authorised person, under Section 224 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to prepare a report into the role of Dublin City Council and/or individual employees of the Council in the matter. Mr Butler completed his report and submitted it to the Minister on 18 December 2019. The Department has indicated that Mr Butler's report *'is under consideration and that a number of issues have to be finalised before the process will be fully completed.'*

Members will also be aware that these matters are subject to an on-going Garda investigation.

The Team appointed by the Chief Executive has been stood down, pending completion of the Garda investigation.

The Chief Executive is not in a position to give any further information on this matter.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This applicant **(details supplied)** sent in a Rebuilding Ireland Application by post to Dublin City Council in March 2020. The application form clearly states that applicants should contact their local authority to arrange to submit their application in person, as posted applications are frequently not completed correctly and have to be returned. For this reason Dublin City Council does not accept postal applications.

When returning the application form, the staff member involved enclosed an explanatory letter to the applicant, advising her of additional information she should provide when bringing in her application, in order to give her the best possible chance of being approved by the Underwriters.

The application was returned to the applicant **(details supplied)** at her Dublin address as provided by her on her application, if her landlord opens post addressed to her, Dublin City Council cannot be held responsible for that.

The attached email referred to above by the applicant **(details supplied)** regarding acceptance of postal applications was not sent from Dublin City Council. It was an email to the applicant **(details supplied)** from Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown Co. Council and has no bearing on any application made to Dublin City Council.

It was explained to the applicant **(details supplied)** that the reason for requesting additional information was to assist the applicant **(details supplied)** in obtaining mortgage approval.

It has also been explained to the applicant **(details supplied)** that the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Section is not currently open to the public and that Underwriters are not currently assessing applications. It was explained to the applicant **(details supplied)** that this may be revised after 5<sup>th</sup> May and that if applicant wishes to proceed with an application to contact the office to arrange an appointment.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The position is as follows:-

- The incoming arrears at 1<sup>st</sup> January were €23.1 m
- The debit raised for 2020 was € 357,693,512
- The combined balance outstanding at the end of January was €368,686,260
- The balance outstanding at 25 April is €242,688,326

We are currently liaising with rate payers that are trading through Covid – 19 regarding payments.

Other entities have had commercial rates deferred for a three month period to end of June and the position will then be reviewed.

I suggest that Report No.148/2020 listed as item 7 on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled for 11th May would provide further relevant information.

**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.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There has been no fines issued to date in 2020 under Section 22 of the Litter Pollutions Acts 1997-2009. This section relates to dog fouling.