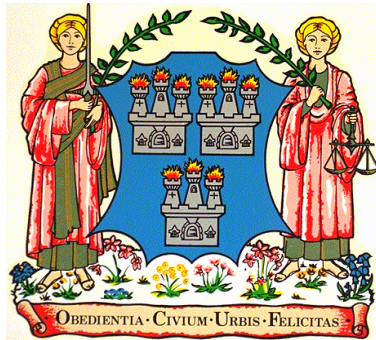


**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míósúil a tionóladh ar **8 Méitheamh 2020** sa Seomra na Comhairle, Teach an Ardmhéara, Sráid Dhásain ag 6.15 i.n.i láthair an tArdmhéara Tom Brabazon sa chathaoir

It was agreed in advance that a reduced number of Councillors would attend the meeting due to COVID 19.

**Comhairleoir:**

Racheal Batten  
Mary Callaghan  
Caroline Conroy  
Joe Costello  
Tara Deacy  
Anne Feeney  
Anthony Flynn  
Janet Horner  
Sophie Nicoullaud  
Catherine Stocker  
Darragh Moriarty

**Comhairleoir:**

Tom Brabazon  
Hazel Chu  
Deirdre Conroy  
Daniel Céitinn  
Kevin Donoghue  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Mannix Flynn  
Vincent Jackson  
Naoise Ó Muirí  
Dermot Lacey  
Dearbháil Butler

**Comhairleoir:**

Danny Byrne  
Anthony Connaghan  
Donna Cooney  
Daithí De Róiste  
Daithí Doolan  
Declan Flanagan  
Mary Freehill  
Tina MacVeigh  
Cieran Perry  
Declan Meenagh

**Oifigigh**

Oliver Douglas  
Yvonne Kelly  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Fanchea Gibson  
Brendan Kenny  
Joanna Travers

Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan O'Brien

**1 Lord Mayor's Business**

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming the Councillors to the Round Room in the Mansion House. He recalled the few occasions that the City Council have left their home of City Hall such as Dublin Castle last month, the City Assembly Building on South William Street in June 2020 to mark the Millennium and from 1920 – 1924 the City Council moved their meetings to the Round Room, as City Hall was occupied firstly by the British Army and then the Irish Free State Army.

It was proposed by Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn that “In order to meet National Guidelines on Social Distancing, this Council agrees to meet now in the Round Room of the Mansion House and for the same reason agrees this meeting should last no longer than 105 minutes.” The motion was put and carried.

The Lord Mayor called for a minute silence to remember George Floyd, who was killed by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota on 25<sup>th</sup> May. He reminded Members that he has opened an online book of condolence on the Dublin City Council website until 17<sup>th</sup> June. As of the date of the meeting over 4,400 people had signed.

He also asked those present to remember former Dublin City Councillor, TD and Minister of State Gerard Daly who died on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Gerard was elected to Dublin City Council in 1974 and elected to Dáil Éireann in 1977 representing Dublin Rathmines West / Dublin South-East. He was also a former Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Minister for Education.

The Lord Mayor also spoke of the number of deaths due to Covid 19 and suggested that the Government should consider a period of mourning.

Finally, he reminded Members that he has asked the people of Dublin to nominate their Covid Heroes. They can be people in the community who have helped others during this difficult time. Nominees can include frontline workers, local retail workers, family members who took on shopping duties, those who circulated information or organised socially distanced events in the Community. The nomination can be done via the Dublin City Council website and the closing date for nominations is 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## 2 Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Úimhir 16

It was moved by Councillor Lacey and seconded by Councillor Jackson “That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin Chief Executive answering the questions lodged”. The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the 147 questions lodged for the City Council meeting were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

## 3 Co-Option of new Members of Dublin City Council:

- (a) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Rebecca Moynihan who was elected to Seanad Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Lord Mayor Brabazon “That Mr. Darragh Moriarty be co-opted to replace former Councillor Rebecca Moynihan who was elected to the Seanad Éireann and therefore was deemed to have resigned from Dublin City Council.” The motion was put and carried. Councillor Moriarty took his place in the Round Room and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to him by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.

- (b) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Marie Sherlock who was elected to Seanad Éireann.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon “That Mr. Declan Meenagh be co-opted to replace former Councillor Rebecca Moynihan who was elected to the Seanad Éireann and therefore was deemed to have resigned from Dublin City Council.” The motion was put and carried. Councillor Meenagh took his place in the Round Room and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to him by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.

- (c) To co-opt a Member to replace former Councillor Lawrence Hemmings who resigned his position on the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Hazel Chu and seconded by Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon "That Ms. Dearbháil Butler be co-opted to replace former Councillor Lawrence Hemmings who resigned from Dublin City Council." The motion was put and carried. Councillor Butler took her place in the Round Room and joined the meeting. Congratulations were extended to her by the Lord Mayor and by the Members of the City Council.

- 4 To confirm the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 11th May 2020

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the City Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor.

- 5 To fill vacancies on the following committees and outside bodies:

- (a) Three vacancies on the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC following the resignation of Cllr. Deirdre Conroy from the Committee, the election of Rebecca Moynihan to Seanad Éireann and the resignation from the City Council of Lawrence Hemmings.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Daithí de Róiste that Councillor Darragh Moriarty be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor Hazel Chu and seconded by Councillor Caroline Conroy that Councillor Dearbháil Butler be appointed as a member of the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor Deirdre Heney and seconded by the Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon that Councillor Deirdre Conroy's vacancy be deferred to a future meeting.

- (b) One vacancy on the Planning and Urban Form SPC following the resignation of Jane Horgan Jones.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Daithí De Róiste that Councillor Declan Meenagh be appointed as a member of the Planning and Urban Form SPC.

- (c) Two vacancies on the City of Dublin Education and Training Board following the election of Marie Sherlock to Seanad Éireann and the resignation of Cllr. Criona Ni Dhalaigh from the Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha be appointed as a member of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Daithí De Róiste that Councillor Declan Meenagh be appointed as a member of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board.

- (d) One nominee as Dublin City Council Representative to Irish Public Bodies Insurance following the resignation of Cllr. Declan Flanagan.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Anne Feeney that Councillor Danny Byrne be selected as the Dublin City Council Representative to Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

- (e) One vacancy on the Dublin Mid-Leinster Regional Health Forum.  
This item was deferred.

- (f) One vacancy on the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly following the resignation of Cllr. Joe Costello.

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor de Róiste that Councillor Mary Freehill be appointed as a member of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

- 6 Report No. 160/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - With reference to the nomination of four members to the Dublin Docklands Oversight and Consultative Forum Members (DOCF).

It was proposed by Councillor Dermot Lacey and seconded by Councillor Donna Cooney "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of report No. 160/2020 and hereby approves the contents therein." The motion was put and carried.

- 7 Report No. 165/2020 of the Head of Finance (K. Quinn) - Monthly Local Fund Statement and Reports as submitted under the EU/IMF Framework.

It was proposed by Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 165/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 8 Report No. 162/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - With reference to the Draft Annual Report and Accounts 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Racheal Batten "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 162/2020 and approves the Annual Report and Accounts 2019 as outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

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- (a) Report No. 181/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - on the DCC/NTA Covid-19 Interim Intervention Programme for Dublin City - 'Enabling the City to Return to Work.'

It was proposed by Councillor Mícheál MacDonncha and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 181/2020 and hereby approves the contents therein." The motion was put and carried.

- (b) Report No. 184/2020 of the Traffic & Transport Strategic Policy Committee - With reference to the proposal to hold statutory public consultation on the proposed Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2020 (Covid19).

It was proposed by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Racheal Batten "That Dublin City Council approves the initiation of the public consultation process on the proposed Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2020 (Covid19)". The motion was put and carried.

- 10 Report No. 170/2020 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 5 premises.

It was proposed by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 170/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 11 Report No. 172/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a further licence of Units T08 and S02 of the Markets Area Community Resource Organisation (MACRO) Building, Green Street/North King Street, Dublin 7.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 172/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 12 Report No. 173/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to a proposed disposal of a plot and grant of a wayleave to the Electricity Supply Board at Belcamp Lane, Dublin 17.

It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor M Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 173/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 13 Report No. 174/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a strip of ground, adjacent to 26 Cedarwood Green, Ballymun, Dublin 11.

It was proposed by Councillor Flynn and seconded by Councillor Connaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 174/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 14 Report No. 175/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of a licence to the Crèche Unit at Liberty Corner Development, Foley Street, Dublin 1.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Costello and seconded by Councillor Mannix Flynn "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 175/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 15 Report No. 176/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a Temporary Convenience Letting of a site at Beggars Bush, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Mary Freehill "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 176/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 16 Report No. 177/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed grant of licence of two amalgamated office units at ground floor level, Ballymun Civic Centre, Ballymun Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Councillor Racheal Batten and seconded by Councillor Declan Flanagan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 177/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 17 Report No. 178/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the property known as 112 St. Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Joe Costello "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 178/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 18 Report No. 179/2020 of the Executive Manager (P. Clegg) - With reference to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the properties known as 82 and 82B Ballymun Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9.

It was proposed by Councillor Declan Flanagan and seconded by Councillor Daithí de Róiste "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 179/2020 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

- 19 Report No.180/2020 of the Chief Executive (O. Keegan) - Monthly Management Report.

It was proposed by the Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 180/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 20 Report No. 169/2020 of the Assistant Chief Executive (B. Kenny) - Social Housing Supply and Delivery Monthly Update Report.

It was proposed by the Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Anthony Connaghan that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 169/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 21 Report No. 167/2020 of the Central Area Committee- Breviate of the meeting held on the 23rd April 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 167/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 22 Report No. 168/2020 of the Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 12th May 2020, Councillor Christy Burke, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 168/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 23 Report No. 164/2020 of the North Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 18th May 2020, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 164/2020. The motion was put and carried,

- 24 Report No. 166/2020 of the North West Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 19th May 2020, Councillor Anthony Connaghan, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 166/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 25 Report No. 171/2020 of the South Central Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 20th May 2020, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Vincent Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 171/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 26 Report No. 161/2020 of the South East Area Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 11th May 2020, Councillor Dermot Lacey, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Mannix Flynn and seconded by Councillor Lacey that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 161/2020. The motion was put and carried. The Chief Executive is to bring a report to the July meeting on the nomination process to the Board of the Management Committee of the Swan Management Company.

- 27 Report No. 182/2020 of the Corporate Policy Group - Breviate of the meeting held on the 24th April 2020, Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon, Chairperson.

It was proposed by the Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson that Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 182/2020. The motion was put and carried.

- 28 Report No. 163/2020 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 7th May 2020, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Anthony Connaghan and seconded by Councillor Vincent Jackson "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 163/2020." The motion was put and carried.

- 29 Report No. 183/2020 of the Protocol Committee - Breviate of the meeting held on the 28th May 2020, Councillor Deirdre Heney, Chairperson.

It was proposed by Councillor Naoise Ó Muirí and seconded by Councillor Deirdre Heney "That Dublin City Council adopts Report No. 168/2020." The motion was put and carried.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.

**Correct.**

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

**QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

**Q.1 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the differences in the apartment unit size, aspect, storage, etc. between the planning application SHD 0006/20 (Omni Living Application to ABP 307011-20) and the standards for apartments in Dublin City Development Plan?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2018) update previous guidelines, published in 2015. The Guidelines have been issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

In accordance with S.28, planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála are required to have regard to the guidelines and also to apply any specific planning policy requirements (SPPR) of the guidelines. SPPRs take precedence over any conflicting policies or objectives of development plans, local area plans and strategic development zone planning schemes.

The Guidelines supersede a number of City Development Plan minimum standards, but, equally, a number of minimum standards are identical. Examples of key differences are set out below:

Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022	Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments
Studio apartment min. area 40sqm	Studio apartment min. area 37sqm
Max 25-30% of an apartment development to comprise 1-bed units	Apartment developments may include up to 50% 1-bed or studio units (with no more than 20-25% of total as studio units)
No allowance for a 2-bed, 3-person apartment within apartment developments	Allowance for 2-bed, 3-person apartments within apartment developments, up to max 10% of the total number of units

The Guidelines require that as part of a planning application for an apartment development, an applicant shall submit a schedule of the number and type of apartments and the performance of each apartment in relation to the minimum requirements of the Guidelines.

An Apartment Schedule outlining the performance of each apartment unit in relation to the minimum requirements of the Guidelines has been submitted with the Strategic Housing Development application for lands to the north of the Omni Centre. The planning authority is currently in the assessment stage of the application but it is noted that the submitted documents indicate that compliance with all relevant minimum requirements has been achieved. The Apartment Schedule can be found at the following location:

<https://www.omnilivingshd.ie/uploads/T8PRqb9A/OMNILIVINGRESIDENTIALAMENITYSCHEDULE.pdf>



**Q.2 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will review the implementation of the planning permission granted for **(details supplied)** and whether the conditions referring to parking and waste storage are being complied with and if they are not to outline to this Councillor what action can and will be taken to ensure that the conditions applied for good planning management will be enforced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning Enforcement Officer previously carried out a detailed investigation in respect of this matter. He will contact the Councillor directly to discuss the findings.

**Q.3 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the pruning of the tress on **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The trees at this location have been inspected and a minor crown lifting was recommended for the tree at no 19 the others were found to be in an acceptable condition with no works required or recommended at this time.

**Q.4 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could seek a response on the follow up questions in email **(detailed supplied)** in relation to the noise problem to my Question 15 at the May meeting of the City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In order to identify and characterise potential noise sources in the area, a linear kilometre along the length of Strand Road, using the Martello Tower as a centre point, was surveyed between 23.00 hrs and 24. 00 hrs on 25 May 2020. Traffic on Strand Road at the time was very low (no more than 1 vehicle passing per minute in either direction).

No discernible noise from Dublin Port or the Poolbeg Peninsula was observed on this occasion and no other local source of noise meeting the description provided was identified.

If non-continuous noise sources are giving rise to nuisance to residents in the Strand Rd. area, the most practicable approach would be to move ahead with establishing an ambient noise monitoring station in an appropriate location to assess port and other activity noise on residential receptors. As stated in the previous reply on this matter, this will be explored with the Dublin Port Company.

**Q.5 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has utilised any of the solar powered LED speed signs within the DCC area? If not, can they be considered in areas where traffic may need reminding of speed limits? I have seen these in other local authorities and the visual impact is very good to get you to check your speed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC currently has 24 Battery/Solar Powered LED Speed Signs located in its jurisdiction.

**Q.6 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the entrance to Griffith Heights coming from Griffith Avenue. The sign for 1 to 8 is on the wall and is not clearly visible when driving.

Can a ramp also be placed after the junction as cars speed into the street not realising there is a cul de sac here.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services will install a street sign and corresponding numbers and arrows at the Griffith Heights fork junction to indicate 1-7 Griffith Heights and also 8-35 Griffith Heights.

Road Maintenance Services informs that the procurement stage of a cast-iron street sign may take up to 10 weeks.

Griffith Heights is a narrow and residential road by nature and it is further traffic calmed with an entrance treatment to the cul-de-sac that is short in length and not conducive to speed.

Two Cul de Sac signs have been installed as shown at the entrance of Griffith Heights.

**Q.7 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the taking in charge of Eastwood estate (Rathvilly Road/Ratoath Road), Finglas, Dublin 11. I have spoken to residents who said there was never a Management Company in place.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The taking in charge procedure may be instigated in the following ways:

- A) The developer advises that a development has been completed and requests that it be taken in charge under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A formal request should be submitted to Dublin City Council Planning Department.
- B) The residents may request that their development be taken in charge under Section 180, subject to subsection (3), of the Planning and Development Act 2000– the Planning Authority to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A formal request should be submitted, containing a list of signatures representing a majority of the property owners of the relevant dwellings.

On receipt of this request, notices will be sent from the Planning Department to the relevant service divisions of Dublin City Council, requesting that inspections be carried out in order to ascertain the current status of the development. The services involved are drainage, road maintenance, public lighting and parks & landscapes. The service division reports will indicate if the development is up to the standards required for taking in charge and will detail any outstanding works to be completed if the estate is deemed not to be up to standard.

When the services are fully certified as being up to standard, the final procedures for taking in charge will be initiated through the local Area Office at the Planning Department's request.

- A report is prepared for the Area Committee.
- The Area Committee approves.

- An advertisement is placed in a national newspaper advising of the intention to take the area in charge.
- The relevant documents in relation to the development to be taken in charge go on public display for 4 weeks. Submissions may be made to the City Council for up to 6 weeks after it has gone on public display.
- At the end of the 6 weeks a report is prepared for City Council.
- Following the City Council's decision to take the development in charge, details must be entered in the statutory Schedule and Map. A Manager's Order is prepared with attached map stating that the area defined on the map has been taken in charge and this is recorded in the statutory Schedule and Map, which is available for public inspection.

Planning and Property Development Department can be contacted and the information and documentation needed to get started can be provided.

**Q.8 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive confirm if there any plans to roll out bins specifically for medical mask disposals in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no plans to roll out bins that are specifically for the usage suggested. There has been no advice or direction received that such a provision is required to be implemented or that such provisions should be considered.

Current HSE guidelines state the following relating to the use of facemasks

- Cloth reusable face coverings: put in a sealable clean waterproof bag or wash immediately
- Disposable masks: put disposable masks in a bin straight away

For those at home who are self-isolating or have tested positive for Covid 19 the following is the advice relating to managing waste:

- Put all your rubbish (waste), including any items which would normally be placed in the recycle bin or food waste bin, in a bin bag & tie when about two thirds full
- Put this bin bag into a second bin bag & tie a knot
- Store the bag somewhere safe for 3 days & then put the bag into your wheelie bin for collection

Regular updates on the management of waste and Covid 19 can be found on [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)

**Q.9 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all sites it owns in the city which are vacant and suitable for housing.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Vacant Sites Unit:

Please see list below of City Council owned residential sites currently published on the Vacant Sites Register. Plans in relation to the future development of a number of these sites have been advanced for residential development.

Ref. No.	Address/Location
VS-0006	O'Devaney Gardens North, 10 Ashford Place, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7
VS-0008	Site west of St. Bricin's Military Hospital, Dublin 7
VS-0011	Site at corner of Infirmary Road & Montpelier Hill, Dublin 7
VS-0040	Former Boys Brigade football pitches (off South Circular Road), Dublin 8
VS-0101	Corner of Russell Street and North Circular Road, Dublin 1
VS-0117	(Readymix site) 5-23 East Wall Road, Dublin 3
VS-0400	Site bounded by Coultry Road (west of Woodhazel Close & Woodhazel Terrace), Ballymun, Dublin 9
VS-0402	Shangan Road (site opposite Virgin Mary School and Church), Ballymun, Dublin 9
VS-0403	Coultry Road (site east of Coultry Gardens), Ballymun, Dublin 9
VS-0407	187-279 Silloge Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9
VS-0596	Site as Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5
VS-0654	Site on corner of Swords Road & Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9
VS-0737	St. Michael's Estate (between Goldenbridge Cemetery and rear of 25-39 Connolly Avenue), Inchicore, Dublin 8

**Q.10 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how much it will need to borrow in order to continue operating all services in the City. What is the plan of action and can the CEO provide the background on same.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a material impact on the finances of Dublin City Council. Arising from measures taken to address the corona virus, many businesses ceased trading in March and will reopen only in accordance with the Government roadmap.

The financial impact on Dublin City Council has been assessed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government as part of a sectoral evaluation of the funding requirement. This has involved a detailed analysis of the impact on commercial rates and also consideration of the impact on all other income, than rates. Dublin City Council estimates that there will be a €32m loss in income excluding commercial rates, to year end.

The Government announced in early May that a rates waiver scheme operable from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> June will be put in place in respect of the rates liabilities for that period for specific businesses. To date a circular has not issued on this scheme and as a result no further information is available. It is not possible then to assess the financial impact for Dublin City Council with regard to rates until the value of the waiver scheme is known.

Dublin City Council is closely monitoring the financial impact on lost income (rates, parking, planning and others) and increased expenditure (Dublin Fire Brigade, Homeless Services, personal protective equipment and IT related, Restart grant scheme).

**Q.11 COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on the rezoning decision at the site at Chapelizod bypass/Kylemore Road in Dublin 20.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the City Council meeting on 4th March, adjourned to 10th March, the elected members voted to make a variation to rezone the land in question from Z6 (employment) to Z10 (mixed use, mainly residential) with a requirement for a masterplan. The owner of part of the site which was subject to variation No 14 has since been granted leave to apply for Judicial Review by the High Court on 8th May 2020 (No 312 JR). Accordingly the rezoning is now a matter for the High Court, and the Chief Executive is not in a position to comment further.

**Q.12 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if DCC will carry out a deep cleaning of washing parts of the city. Have DCC plans to do this work?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Washing of streets is ongoing within daily operations carried out by Waste Management Services using specific compact wash vehicles and specially adapted large road sweepers.

A large number of streets are being washed daily throughout the city and this washing programme will be continued as resources permit.

**Q.13 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place with civic offices and local area offices with social distance in order to protect staff and members of the public?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A range of measures are being implemented in City Council office-based locations to ensure physical distance and safe working arrangements are in place for staff returning to the workplace and for members of the public. These include:

- Development of comprehensive guidance and protocols for different work activities
- Identification of the maximum capacity within offices so that physical distance can be maintained between staff
- Development of teams so that staff rotate between on-site and remote working
- Appropriate signage and physical measures to maintain social distance
- Review of arrangements for meeting members of the public including protocols, signage and appointment based systems etc.

All measures are kept under continual review and will be updated as required.

**Q.14 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive given the large increase in illegal dumping in the city, has the CEO got figures of legal action being taken since February this year, against illegal dumping in the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There have been 85 fines issued for offences under the Litter Pollutions Acts 1997 – 2009 since 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, along with 70 fines issued under the Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Waste.

Legal action for the non-payment of these fines will not take place until later in the year.

**Q.15 COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would arrange a thank you service for all DCC staff given their role in Covid 19.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Consideration will be given to this request once the current Covid-19 crisis is over and some form of normal working is in place.

**Q.16 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY CONNAGHAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide the total income and expenditure for the last 5 years with relation to the provision of clamping services in the City Council area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The following are the total income and expenditure for the last five years with relation to the provision of clamping services in Dublin City Council area.

Year	Income	Expenditure
2015	€4,086,690.96	€6,454,730.33
2016	€4,108,687.87	€6,295,894.58
2017	€3,976,830.40	€6,690,806.35
2018	€3,035,345.62	€6,637,286.10
2019	€3,290,462.96	€6,393,104.27

**Q.17 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if he can confirm that all trucks licenced for Domestic Waste Collection in the Dublin City Area hold both a recyclable waste and domestic waste container and that all waste from, in particular Dublin City Council flat complexes, are so disposed into either the recyclable or domestic waste container as appropriate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Where waste is segregated into different streams such as recyclable and residual waste in any location (household, flat or apartment complex whether they are private or provided by the local authority) prior to collection this waste must be collected in a manner that preserves the segregation of the waste whether that is collected by different vehicles or split body vehicles that are operated by an authorised waste collector.

There are a variety of vehicles used for the collection of domestic waste including split body Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV) which have the capacity to collect different waste streams without comingling the waste. The majority of vehicles in use are single body vehicles that are used for the collection of an individual waste stream. Where a vehicle is a split body RCV it is required to display markings relating to that fact as required by waste permit conditions.

The waste collection permit issued by the National Waste Collection Permit Office to authorised waste collectors contains a number of conditions relating to the manner in which domestic waste collection must be carried out and specific conditions relating to the vehicles that are used by authorised collectors. All vehicles used by authorised waste collectors to collect waste are registered with the permitting authority as part of the permitting process.

Dublin City Council is committed to ensuring all waste is disposed of in the correct manner at all council owned complexes. At the beginning of 2019, a project team was established to introduce both green (mixed dry recyclables) and brown (food waste)

bins at all complexes. Given the scale of the project (185 complexes with almost 10,000 units), it was agreed that the introduction of segregated bins would be completed on an area by area basis and that the project would commence in the South East area.

The project in the South East Area has been completed, the next area for introduction of recycle bins is the South Central Area. The project will then move to Central, North West and then North Central. A priority focus for this project is ensuring that residents understand how to recycle and to easily identify what items can be recycled. To this end unique signage for recycling was created for this project. At each complex, this signage is installed on wall signs in the bin area and on stickers placed on green and brown bins.

**Q.18 COUNCILLOR MÌCHAÈL MAC DONNCHA**

To ask the Chief Executive if the City Council can require, through by-laws or the Development Plan or otherwise, that owners of shopping centres above a certain size provide bottle banks and clothes banks on their sites.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022 contains a number of proactive policies and objectives regarding waste management. Section 9.5.5 of the plan addresses this matter and under SIO16 it is the objective of the City Council:

"To require the provision of adequately sized recycling facilities in new commercial and large scale residential developments, where appropriate."

The provision of adequate waste management facilities including those in shopping centre developments is assessed as part of the development management process. The review of the current Dublin City Development Plan will commence later this year. As part of this process, the council will review and seek to improve policies regarding waste management subject to future consultation.

At present, it is not possible to prescribe the provision of recycling facilities such as bottle and textile banks on private properties such as shopping centres through the enactment of bye laws or amendment of existing bye laws relating to the management of waste or litter. Notwithstanding this, in the Dublin City Council functional area there are currently a number of private and commercial developments such as shopping centres that do contain bottle and textile banks available for public use.

**Q.19 COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if the three community representatives to the Covanta Community Gain and Liaison Committee have been appointed and if he will give details of same. If they have not been appointed if the Chief Executive will outline when they will be.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In accordance with the decision of the Community Gain Liaison Committee at their meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, the Committee invited nominations for three community representative positions to represent the interests of the following sectors on the Committee:

- 1. Community, Residents Associations and Voluntary**
- 2. Arts, Culture, Education, Environment and Sports**
- 3. Business, Enterprise and Charity**

The positions were publicly advertised and nominations accepted from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In total 11 nominations were received. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Committee, each position will be filled following a clearly defined assessment and selection process. The assessment panel will comprise the Lord Mayor, the Assistant Chief Executive of the Environment and Transportation Department and the Chairperson of the Committee. Due to the current government restrictions in respect of Covid-19 the assessment panel have been unable to facilitate this assessment, selection and appointment process. As soon as government restrictions have been eased and a meeting can be safely organised the assessment panel will meet and appoint the three community representative positions.

**Q.20 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive if he would review the Tom Clarke Bridge (East Link) Community Gain Fund 50/50 Northside/Southside allocation to take account of the substantial funding now available to organisations in the South Docklands area under the DCC administered Covanta Community Gain Fund.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In 1983 Dublin Corporation (Dublin City Council) entered into an agreement with Ringsend Bridge Company and Dublin Port and Docks Board to build a Toll bridge, and to operate a Toll scheme until the end of the concession period, 31st December 2015. The operation of the bridge reverted exclusively to Ringsend Toll Bridge DAC, a wholly owned DCC company after that date. As part of the original agreement with East Link Ltd a payment of £50,000.00 was made to DCC annually for the benefit of local community projects.

This figure has increased over time to a cumulative figure of €123,900.00 annually and the East Link Grants Scheme currently provides for the allocation of €61,950.00 to groups and organisations projects within a set boundary in the North of the City and an equal amount to similar groups and organisations on the South of the bridge.

The Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme is reviewed annually as a sub category of the Annual Community Grants Scheme. The annual review examines critically the application process, and takes into consideration any other funding which may come on stream. To change the breakdown between the North and South City would require a Notice of Motion from the Councillor followed by discussions at both Central Area and South East Area Committees and subsequently a decision by the full City Council.

**Q.21 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail the number of tenders DCC have issued in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in line with Irish legislation (S.I. 284 of 2016) and EU Public Sector Directives (2014/24/EU). Can the details include number by various value bands (i.e. €25k to €50k, €50k to €100k and €100k plus) and indicate, if possible, the cost incurred by DCC in preparing and processing the tenders in each band level. Finally, give the likelihood that the cost of preparing and processing a tender under the first band will give rise to cost/benefit issues, can the Chief Executive indicate if there are any plans to increase the minimum value level to reflect the costs involved and if DCC has any input into getting the value level changed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Below are the responses to your various queries:

- a) Set out below is the details regarding the number of tenders DCC have issued in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in line with Irish legislation (S.I. 284 of 2016) and EU Public Sector



Directives (2014/24/EU) broken down to include details on number of tenders by various value bands (i.e. €25k to €50k, €50k to €100k and €100k plus):

	National Procurements				European	Total
	Total National for the year	25k-50k	50k-100k	100k +	OJEU	
<b>2017</b>	36	0	16	20	37	<b>73</b>
<b>2018</b>	31	4	6	21	41	<b>72</b>
<b>2019</b>	27	4	6	17	41	<b>68</b>

Dublin City Council do not record the costs in preparing and processing tenders.

- b) All lower value tenders have template documents prepared to reduce the cost of preparing documentation. Dublin City Council has no say in the thresholds for Public Procurement.

The Regulations amending the EU thresholds for the Directives 2014/23/EU, 2014/24/EU, 2014/25/EU, 2009/81/EC are published by the EU Commission. The current Thresholds (exclusive of VAT) above which advertising of contracts in the Official Journal of the EU is obligatory, and have been applicable from 1st January 2020.

The European Thresholds are set at EU level and are currently:

For Works – €5,350,000 – Government Departments and Offices, Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies

For Supplies and Services - €214,000 – Local and Regional Authorities and public bodies outside the Utilities sector

The National Thresholds are set at Government Level and again Dublin City Council has no influence here. The current National thresholds also have been applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. (see below)

For works and work related services - greater than €50,000 and up to €5,350,000 (EU Threshold)

Supplies and Services – greater than €25,000 and up to €214,000 (EU Threshold).

## **Q.22 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in detail the City Council's position vis a vis applications/attempts/proposals to build on or put facilities on DCC and privately owned burial sites in the city. In particular, can the Chief Executive confirm that DCC will not entertain any proposal to interfere with (by development or provision of facilities) the Croppies Acre site and that DCC will ensure that no political party, individual or group will be allowed stamp all over our history with such a blatant disregard for the pride the Irish people have in commemorating and honouring those who fought for our freedom and the places they are laid to rest.

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

The site of Croppies Acre is traditionally believed to have been used as a mass grave for Irish rebel casualties of the 1798 Rebellion. While the National Graves Association maintains that it was also used after 1798 to bury veterans of the conflict, including a

brother of Wolfe Tone, to date, archaeological investigations have failed to find any human remains and its status as a grave is uncertain.

There is no historical record of the burials except that the dead were buried on marshy ground near the Royal Barracks.

Archaeological investigation was commissioned by OPW for the 1798 commemorative park development. The site was tested and monitored and there was no evidence of any burials or other archaeology found in the works area (Excavation Number 98E0268).

The park was developed initially by the OPW for the 1798 commemoration in 1998, however it was subsequently closed due to anti-social activity for many years. Dublin City Council took it in charge and carried out significant works to make it safe and accessible to the public. Since it was opened to the public in 2016 the park has experienced some anti-social activity but with the care of Parks Staff working with the Gardai the park has remained open and is used by large numbers of people for rest, relaxation and recreation. The presence of people and particularly families using any park has a positive effect in displacing anti-social activity which has been proven in the improvement of many city parks in recent years.

There are no plans for works in the Croppies Acre that would require statutory approval and any proposals would also be brought before the Central Area Committee.

**Q.23 COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether, or not, in light of the reported spiralling of the costs involved in the proposed consolidation of the City Council's Operational Depot Network as reported to councillors (All in cost up from €54m to €74m), he intends to commission an up to date cost benefit analysis report on the proposed consolidation of the network to take account of the cost increases involved. (e.g. on an annual basis the previous cost benefit analysis indicated operational savings of c.€0.9m per annum but annual loan repayments will now be c. €1.5m).

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) was based on a pre-tender estimate for the construction works and other estimated project costs that totalled a full project cost of €54M. The City Council will seek an update to the CBA based on the actual tender figures.

**Q.24 COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

To ask the Chief Executive for the total allocated budget for traveller-specific accommodation for each of the past six years (2014-2019) and the total of monies spent for each of these years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The table below shows the allocation vs drawdown of the Traveller Accommodation budget allocated to Dublin City Council from 2014 to 2019 inclusive. Please note that all budgets must be spent before a drawdown can be completed.

The allocation as made by Department of Housing is related to the potential development costs that will be incurred by the local authority during that particular year. It is not possible to draw down monies unless the local authority can fully verify (Invoices etc.) that the money has been spent.

There can be several reasons outside the control of the local authority, as to why a drawdown cannot be made in a calendar year.

The local authority can put the projects forward for expenditure in the following year.

Allocation	Drawdown	Allocation	Drawdown	Allocation	Drawdown
2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016
407,500	481,693	366,299	99,162	1,405,198	762,342
Allocation	Drawdown	Allocation	Drawdown	Allocation	Drawdown
2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019
414,829	734,209	1,321,558.39	744,400.22	€1,628,695	895,197.41

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

To ask the Chief Executive to respond to this housing query: when will **(details supplied)** (currently on the homeless list) be offered suitable accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above applicant is on the Housing List with a Homeless Priority, with an application date of 28/12/2017, and the applicant holds the following positions on this list:

Area	Bedsizes	Position
Area H	1	385
Area L	1	334
Area M	1	231

Based on the applicant's current position for each area of choice, it may be some time before the applicant is reached for an offer of housing.

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 recently enquired regarding adding his children to his application, as he has shared custody. The applicant was advised to submit the relevant documentation. The applicant should be made aware that should he submit the required documentation and upon review be successful in obtaining a 2 bed requirement, this may change his current position on the housing list as his housing requirement will differ from his current requirement.

**Q.26 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the grids put on the windows of **(details supplied)** for health and safety reasons.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance cannot install grids on windows for fire safety reasons.

**Q.27 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive for a schedule of demolition for the Ballymun Shopping Centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Contractor for the demolition works issued a revised programme of works on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The programme has been updated to reflect the current situation on site and the effect of the Covid-19 closure. The revised programme indicates that:

- The heavy demolition works will start on week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- The project will be complete and handed over late December 2020

**Q.28 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange a clean-up of **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This park is cleaned as regularly as reduced resources and staffing levels will allow during the current situation. The level of littering during the recent good weather has been more than disappointing. Significant volumes of litter and waste were removed last week and again this week after the busy bank holiday weekend.

**Q.29 COUNCILLOR NOELEEN REILLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to cut the bushes at the side of **(details supplied)** Cairn Court across from St Joseph's school which looks very untidy.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The shrubbery referred to is not under the management of Parks Service, and appears to be growing within the garden a house on Cairn Court .

The maintenance of this shrubbery is the responsibility of the property owner.

**Q.30 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to review the traffic data collected in November/December 2019 by the NTA from various points along the routes of the proposed Bus Corridors and to report back to Councillors and the Traffic and Transport SPC in relation to how this data can be used by the City (in advance of as well as part of the Bus Connects project) to manage traffic along these routes. This very detailed information is now of particular importance in relation to introducing initiatives to manage the increase of speed of cars and the need to provide greater safety and space for a greater number of pedestrians and cyclists given the impact of Covid-19.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The COVID19 working group is using traffic data from the canal cordon counts from November 2019.

This data has been used to prioritise the routes that recorded the highest demand for walking and cycling.

**Q.31 COUNCILLOR ANNE FEENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on when Dog Wardens and Litter Wardens will be fully back in their roles of enforcement given the increasing problem of litter in parts of the city and also dog fouling. In addition, to ask the Chief to consider:

- A. Dog Wardens operating early morning and late evening rather than during the day to have maximum success in curtailing this problem.

- B. Piloting an adaptation of public bins to reduce the size of the aperture to stop plastic bags of waste being dumped in public bins, thereby filling them up and causing overflow onto streets and parks.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A. Litter Wardens

All Litter Wardens are currently operating in the city and are assisting in both the general functions of the waste management services division and carrying out their enforcement role. 6 Wardens are currently operating within the Pod system being operated from waste management depot locations and 6 wardens have resumed full duties within the area structure. The wardens are available to inspect and investigate to the fullest extent possible any reports of offences received.

- B. Adaptations to public bins to limit the size of the aperture of the bin are available for all types of bin in operation in the city and are already in place in many bins. These can be fitted to any public litter bin where it is deemed necessary to do so.

**Q.32 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report regarding how much overtime expenditure has occurred within Dublin City Council since the outbreak of Covid 19? These costings to include: all staff, Dublin City Council Fire brigade and ambulance services and any other auxiliary services including Covid 19 social distances measures as in pedestrianisation of roadways and implementation of cycle ways throughout the city.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

As part of the social distancing measures introduced to address the pandemic, Dublin City Council reduced some internal processes so as to reduce the risk of transmission. One such process is the return of time sheets for staff, which would capture approved overtime. The re-introduction of these processes is now being considered and when that has been achieved, full capture of pay and other data will be worked through. Separately costs incurred directly to deal with the pandemic are being tracked. A full report will issue when all elements are in place.

**Q.33 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to initiate a variation on planning that will include Covid 19 measures to be included in planning applications.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It is not possible for a local authority to vary the legislation pertaining the planning process nationally. Any amendment to include Covid 19 measures would require an amendment to the current legislation.

However, notwithstanding the above, Planners working on Development Management and engaged in pre-application consultations will be requested to raise the issue of future proofing proposed developments with applicants and their consultants. Furthermore, our recent experience of the Covid-19 pandemic can help inform the review of the City Development Plan.

**Q.34 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to conduct a full appraisal of the issue of domestic violence incidents within DCCs social housing settings. This review also to include Homeless Service Executive services such as family hubs, and emergency Homeless accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC may become aware of domestic violence in social housing settings in a number of ways:

- Information given as a part of an application for housing, transfer or emergency accommodation.
- As part of a complaint about noise or disturbance to an area offices.
- Tenants seeking support from the Social Work section.

All sections are trained in their responsibilities to children and in the support they may offer tenants having reference to the Department of Housing **'Policy and Procedural Guidance for Housing Authorities in Relation to Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence with Emergency and Long-term Accommodation Needs'**.

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) follows the Department of Housing, Community and Local Government Policy and Procedural Guidance for Housing Authorities in Relation to Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence with Emergency and Long-Term Needs.

[https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/guidance\\_for\\_housing\\_authorities\\_in\\_relation\\_to\\_assisting\\_victims\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence.pdf](https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/guidance_for_housing_authorities_in_relation_to_assisting_victims_of_domestic_violence.pdf)

Responsibility for the development and provision of services to support victims of domestic violence rests with the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and the delivery of such services is managed through the Child and Family Agency, Tusla. Housing authorities do not provide or oversee services specifically designed for victims of domestic violence. Previously housing authorities had provided funding to some refuges, however following the establishment of Tusla this element of funding transferred with full effect from 1 January 2015. Tusla is the principal State agency in relation to domestic violence services

Where a victim of domestic violence presents to the DRHE they are referred to a specialist domestic violence service so that any particular care needs can be considered and addressed. Victims may have particular needs beyond what can be provided via the DRHE by way of emergency accommodation, e.g. specialist legal or medical assistance may be required.

**Q.35 COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a full report with regards comments made in an article in the Sunday Business Post relating to correspondence between DCC staff and the Kennedy Wilson Property company in relation to the failures to meet obligations of funding for the proposed Cultural Quarter and Central Library at Parnell Square. This report also to include a full disclosure of all correspondence, emails, letters etc. between DCC and Kennedy Wilson and also the Minister for Finance and public expenditure Mr. Paschal Donoghue.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A journalist at the Sunday Business has made 3 FOI requests to Dublin City Council in relation to the Parnell Square Project and Kennedy Wilson. The requests were as follows:

1/10/2019: All briefing notes prepared for the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executives on the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter in the period 1<sup>st</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

2/01/20: All correspondence between DCC and Kennedy Wilson in relation to the Parnell square project covering the period July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

17/02/2020: All correspondence between DCC and Kennedy Wilson in relation to the Parnell square project covering the period October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to February 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

The 3 schedules of the documents (i) withheld (ii) released or (iii) partially released in response to these requests are attached.

If the Councillor indicates if he would like copies of any documents that were issued, these will be provided.

**Q.36 COUNCILLOR DARCY LONERGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans for increasing access to public toilets in the city centre while other facilities remain closed? In addition, are the plans in place for temporary toilets in key social distancing areas such as Bull Island, St Anne's Park, Dollymount etc.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are acutely aware of this issue and we are working to come up with a solution in the current situation.

We have been working with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders on this and other issues in the context of developing an overall plan for reopening the City on the 8th June.

We are investigating various avenues to solve the public toilet issue and are more than willing to have discussions with City Centre businesses and representative groups around the role they can play in working together with Dublin City Council to solve this issue.

There are automated public conveniences located at the Bull Wall and Sandymount strand that have reopened for use by the public.

Further updates on the progress of these issues will be provided in coming weeks.

**Q.37 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 each month for January to April of this year, and the same information for those families in 'own door' accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The four tables below show the duration in emergency accommodation for all families in the Dublin Region on the last night of each month for January to April of this year.

Duration in EA January 31st 2020	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
24+ months	177	267	439
18-24months	121	167	312
12-18 months	171	250	413
6-12 months	285	415	597
6 months or less	402	585	778
Total	1,156	1,684	2,539

Duration in EA February 29 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
<b>24+ months</b>	173	262	443
<b>18-24months</b>	124	174	331
<b>12-18 months</b>	187	275	440
<b>6-12 months</b>	268	396	583
<b>6 months or less</b>	392	573	790
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>2,587</b>

Duration in EA March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
<b>24+ months</b>	180	266	463
<b>18-24months</b>	127	184	352
<b>12-18 months</b>	176	256	411
<b>6-12 months</b>	251	370	526
<b>6 months or less</b>	331	473	654
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>2,406</b>

Duration in EA April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Total Families	Total Adults	Number of Children
<b>24+ months</b>	169	249	445
<b>18-24months</b>	122	176	339
<b>12-18 months</b>	151	224	347
<b>6-12 months</b>	214	321	453
<b>6 months or less</b>	256	402	516
<b>Total</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>2,100</b>

It is not possible to provide duration for families currently in 'Own Front Door' (OFD) apartments. The number of families in OFD accommodation in April 2020 was 163, with 450 children.

**Q.38 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive for more detail on parking removal throughout the city centre.

As I have been questioned by disabled people about the comments on the radio interview c 13 May 2020 that the Council would remove disabled parking spaces and they would be relocated – to where? Disabled car parking spaces are essential as these individuals cannot walk to and from and stand at bus stops.

The carpark owners are also enquiring about the car reduction matter.

While I hope there will be a massive reduction in car traffic, and a far extended Luas system, however, are there proposals to respond to these car park businesses?

The mention of car reduction from 11am also does not appear to be as important as car reduction at 8-9.30am, peak rush hour pre COVID19.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

*"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City"*, addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.

As part of the COVID-19 response, the only disabled car park space removed to date was on Ormond Quay. This space was re-installed to the other side of the road. We always endeavour to re-install disabled car parking spaces to an alternative nearby space whenever it is necessary to take one out.

All measures implemented as part of the Dublin City Covid Mobility Programme will be well flagged and communicated in a fully accessible manner via our website and email distribution with relevant stakeholders.

A new Business Liaison Team has also been established to provide direct support and guidance to businesses in relation to the new measures. This team can be contacted initially via [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie)

**Q.39 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the city council is in a position to engage with and request that ESB Networks/telephone/broadband providers will remove over ground poles and cables and set underground system in the Crumlin area. Storms have disrupted cables, old cables are strung up etc. and these areas are negatively impacted with the extent of poles, cables.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC engages with these utilities on an ongoing basis and new services of this type are installed in underground ducting. The services referred to in your question are legacy infrastructure. I have submitted a request to both EIR and ESB to investigate the possibility of undergrounding these services and remove over ground poles and cables where feasible.

The ESB Networks electrical network and poles are monitored and maintained from a safety perspective through Public Safety Programmes. ESB Networks also responds on a 24/7 basis should network issues occur in the Dublin City & Crumlin area. The undergrounding of this Network is not covered in the context of an Operating Expense Regulatory Programme. ESB Networks can presently only carry out works within agreed regulatory programmes. It follows that there are no plans at present to underground this electrical network and poles.

**Q.40 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Planning Department will provide consultation with Rathmines Initiative on the proposed housing development on the DCC Depot site at Gulistan Terrace. The group is a mix of residents and business in the area who have already requested a detailed master plan of the site, rather than selling the site without any master plan for development.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Planning & Property Development Department prepared a Development/Design Brief for the 1.13 Ha (2.8 acre) Gulistan Depot Site in 2018. This Brief accorded with the Z4 Mixed Use zoning of the City Development Plan in that it provided for a civic space surrounded by 70 plus new residential units (including age friendly apartments), a primary care centre, together with retail and community uses.

Since then a number of meetings have taken place with local councillors and the Rathmines Initiative. The brief was amended to take account of concerns, including the retention of the stone structures on site. Nevertheless questions have been raised since about the inevitability of a primary care centre on the site. It was also said there was a need for a retail study for the whole of Rathmines, which would further delay the rejuvenation of the site. Moreover, a detailed masterplan must not be so restrictive as to rule out innovative solutions.

Engagement with the HSE is continuing with regard to their needs for the area.

At the January meeting of the City Council a report (31/2020) on proposed site disposals to fund the Capital Programme was not agreed by the Councillors. The use of the site for wholly residential purposes would require a rezoning variation from Z4 mixed use. In the circumstances it is premature to facilitate a further meeting with community groups and local councillors at this stage.

Having regard to the above, the future of the Gulistan depot site will now be given further consideration in the light of the overall depot consolidation project and a review of the how capital projects city wide are to be funded in the future.

**Q.41 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE CONROY**

To ask the Chief Executive if 'The local resident says that "most joggers are not social distancing at all and there is not enough space on many footpaths for joggers and pedestrians." Can Dublin City Council erect posters requesting joggers not to use the main Rathmines Road?

Regardless of Covid-19, the main street full of shops and pedestrians, is not a suitable jogging track. The enquirer states that "I see many elderly shoppers in distress when joggers speed towards them." And suggests that "There are plenty of side streets with wide footpaths and near empty roads in the Rathmines area: Leinster Rd, Cowper Rd, Palmerston Rd etc."

I have also asked for Posters to reduce speed by racing drivers to 30kph [and buses]. Covid19 should not have to align with side from any transport legislation on arterial routes at present. Temporary posters designed by Dublin City Council could be put on poles in these busy areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Rathmines route is identified as one of the key routes for interventions in the "Enabling the City to Return to Work Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City" and a suite of possible mobility interventions is currently being examined. Measures including reducing vehicular speeds are being considered where feasible in addition to footpath widening and cycle safety interventions.

**Q.42 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive how much will the council be given for this disposal (**details supplied**) and, given that it is key to development, should there not be more social and affordable housing on this site if DCC is to accommodate it?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Proposal to dispose of this piece of land to the Developer who owns the adjacent land will come before the Area Committee and City Council in due course.

In relation to the future development of the larger site, Dublin City Council will be entitled to acquire 10% of the residential units for Social Housing. There are no other

legal provisions whereby DCC can claim anything else apart from the 10% Part V provision for Social Housing.

This project is at an early stage of design and any property inputs sought from DCC have yet to be fully determined and assessed. Accordingly, it would be premature of the Council to conduct a valuation exercise at this time.

**Q.43 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive what steps around being taken to resolve the ongoing and exacerbated rat infestation in the inner city residential areas, in particular York St, Montague Court, Bishop St, and the surrounding areas, and how it will be dealt with. Residents have complained that the rat poison currently being used is not working and the problem has grown worse with the increase in dumping.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council carried out a large number of repairs to the pipe network in this area early this year & continues to undertake surveys of the pipe network in response to this issue. Where an issue arises, the pipe network is camera surveyed and where damaged, the pipework is repaired. During this and other surveys, we had instances where rats had eaten through brickwork in manholes.

Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance Section actions all reports of rats in City Council dwellings from our tenants. Requests are dealt with both directly by the Council and by agreement with the HSE, Pest Control Units. Common areas in City Council flat complexes are treated by Housing Maintenance, HSE Pest Control handle individual units/houses on our behalf. All necessary steps to deal with the issue are taken.

We have a dedicated and professionally trained team with Dublin City Council that have baited the shores in the complex on a weekly basis and we have also started baiting the old bin chambers this week in the complex. It should be noted, that bait boxes with live bait cannot be left over ground anymore as these can cause secondary poisoning in other animals. Bait boxes with monitoring bait (fake food which would show bite marks) have been left across the complex. The purpose of the monitoring bait is to show a rat is present in the complex. Adding to the problem is the fact that Pest Control companies can no longer use the stronger pesticides as used previously because of changed regulations.

Due to the recent warm weather, the diminishing footfall of pedestrians, it has been observed, that there has been a large increase in the number of rats coming up from the pipe networks and onto the streets.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the HSE did not carry out pest control in our flat complexes, as they did prior to the pandemic. In the absence of the HSE, Dublin City Council continued to provide this service, which placed additional strain on our resources.

**Q.44 COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange to have the gate at the side of the entrance into O'Carroll Villas fixed as it is constantly banging, metal on metal, and is extremely disruptive for residents in this block and the nearby houses.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Housing Maintenance will arrange to have the gate at the side entrance into O'Carroll Villas inspected and if deemed in need of repair/replacement all necessary works will be carried out.

**Q.45    COUNCILLOR DANIEL CEITINN**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the resurfacing of Cathedral View Court, Dublin 8 along with the removal of all weeds and for it to be placed on a regular cleaning schedule.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Cathedral View Court will be put forward for consideration for inclusion in our 2021 Carriageway Resurfacing Works Programme.

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Due to a switch over from herbicide to a more environmentally friendly way of treating weeds not all our roads will be treated this year. But it is planned to treat all roads in due course.

Waste Management Services have residential streets like Cathedral View Court inspected on a weekly basis and cleaned when necessary to do so. It was inspected on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and was virtually litter free. The few casual litter items were removed then.

**Q.46    COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to install temporary public toilets in key locations across the City in order provide a service that is normally provided by bars, restaurants, coffee shops and other venues. COVID-19 restrictions are prohibiting venues for allowing the public in and therefore this is causing great inconvenience to the public.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are acutely aware of this issue and we are working to come up with a solution in the current situation.

We have been working with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders on this and other issues in the context of developing an overall plan for reopening the City on the 8th June.

We are investigating various avenues to solve the public toilet issue and are more than willing to have discussions with City Centre businesses and representative groups around the role they can play in working together with Dublin City Council to solve this issue.

There are automated public conveniences located at the Bull Wall and Sandymount strand that have reopened for use by the public.

Further updates on the progress of these issues will be provided in the coming days.

**Q.47    COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline in tabular form how much funding related to COVID-19 has been spent by DCC on services including, homelessness, DFB overtime, IT equipment to facilitate remote working, PPE etc.?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Costs incurred directly as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic are being tracked. This additional spend includes PPE, DFB operating costs, IT equipment and devices, services for persons presenting as homeless and the operation of the re start grant scheme.

It will be appreciated that measures were taken in place to support social distancing and reduce as much as possible the risk of virus transmission. As these measures are eased, in line with the government's road map for return to work, a greater degree of detail will be available. A full report will issue when all elements are in place.

**Q.48 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive would they agree that advances have been made in the provision of homeless services during COVID-19, would they also agree that many of these advances should now become mainstreamed and can they outline how this can happen?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

I attach herewith the briefing document, which recently issued to Councillors that sets out in detail the most up to date information on the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) response to Covid-19 and the plans in place post-Covid-19.

**Q.49 COUNCILLOR DAITHI DOOLAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what is the decline in income for DCC compared to 2019 and to outline what progress has been made in negotiations with the department on a financial package for DCC to compensate for the decline in parking and rates income for DCC?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a material impact on the finances of Dublin City Council. Arising from measures taken to address the corona virus, many businesses ceased trading in March and will reopen only in accordance with the Government roadmap.

The financial impact on Dublin City Council has been assessed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government as part of a sectoral evaluation of the funding requirement. This has involved a detailed analysis of the impact on commercial rates and also consideration of the impact on all other income, than rates. Dublin City Council estimates that there will be a €32m loss in income excluding commercial rates, to year end.

The Government announced in early May that a rates waiver scheme operable from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> June will be put in place in respect of the rates liabilities for that period for specific businesses. To date a circular has not issued on this scheme and as a result no further information is available. It is not possible then to assess the financial impact for Dublin City Council with regard to rates until the value of the waiver scheme is known.

**Q.50 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive what has the take up been on the Covid restart loan from business to date.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The key developments up to 2nd June 2020 are as follows:

- Validation checks are being strengthened on the online application form template to assist applicants. Testing and development work is continuing. Rates staff have carrying out an extensive review of rates data so as to support efficient payment of the grant to eligible rate account holders.

- As at 2nd June 1,804 applications have been received, 298 are in Phase 0, 244 are in Phase 1 and 328 are in Phase 2, 414 are in Phase 3, 254 are in Phase 4 and 266 are in Phase 5 of the Government roadmap for reopening. 708 email queries have been received and the bulk of them have been responded to.

**Q.51 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider a community facility on the housing development on **(details supplied)**, this could incorporate local sports & community groups.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently appraising the development options for the site.

It is intended to discuss the findings with the local area office staff and local elected members at the earliest opportunity.

**Q.52 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider putting a new glass bottle bank beside the new train station at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Waste Management Services is committed to recycling and providing the best service we can in a busy, urban environment. We are always open to the possibility of adding new bottle banks.

However, the reality is that finding sites for new bottle banks in the city is very problematic. Publicly owned land is at a premium. The majority of Bottle Banks in the city are located on privately owned land e.g. supermarket car parks. Bottle banks are incredibly difficult to maintain and despite cleaning by our own staff and by service providers, dumping is often an issue for us – which makes them unpopular.

We are restricted to where we can place them under planning regulations (SI 600 of 2001) “no such receptacle shall be situated within 50 metres of any house, save the consent in writing of the owner or occupier”.

Furthermore, our service provider needs to be able to service all sites in a safe manner. The area must be free of overhead cables and overhanging trees, and must be directly accessible by HGV.

Waste Management Services will investigate the area around the new station as to its suitability and report back in due course.

**Q.53 COUNCILLOR SÉAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to engage with the OPW to put together a traffic management plan for traffic in and around **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council recently had a virtual meeting regarding **(details supplied)** with the OPW and we will continue to liaise with them regarding their plans for the area and its likely impacts on wider city traffic and especially in light of the Covid 19 requirements.

**Q.54 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive can he arrange an inspection of the drainage in **(details supplied)** as there has been on two occasion residence were informed by council workers that a pipe had dropped on the public side and this had caused issues. I wonder if you can confirm if this is the issue and if so how the council intend to address it.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC Drainage Division have carried out substantial sewer maintenance in the area over recent months.

Drainage Inspectors/Engineers are not aware of "pipe had dropped on public side...." referenced in the Councillors question.

DCC drainage will commence a CCTV of sewers in area in the coming days, in order to establish if any unknown issues exist.

**Q.55 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will provide more bins on a beach **(details supplied)**? If the canister bins can be replaced with smart bins? Can recycling bins also be provided at this location?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The 40 bins put out on the beach each year to serve the bathing season have now been installed. To begin the use of segregated bins in the public realm, a comprehensive communication strategy, trials and evaluations of the level of contamination will be required before such an initiative could be rolled out to areas like the beach.

**Q.56 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could review the pest control in the area **(details supplied)** there has been a number of complaints that there is a large increase of rodents namely Rats in the area especial up the back estate.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Environmental Health section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control and do not investigate complaints in relation to rats. The investigation of complains and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to rats is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at [http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent\\_Control\\_for\\_Householders.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf) and at [http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent\\_Control\\_for\\_the\\_Construction\\_Industry.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf).

**Q.57 COUNCILLOR RACHEAL BATTEN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could provide the figures of the proposed social development housing expected for completion in Area D over the next 12 months.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are no developments under construction in Area D (Ballymun/Poppintree) at the moment. However, feasibility studies are underway regarding the development of a number of sites in Ballymun for social housing.

**Q.58 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to address once and for all the persistent rat infestation at **(details supplied)**. This has been on-going for some time now. Although remedial measures have been undertaken it going gives a short rest bite. Residents are sick, sore and tired of this health and safety problem. Children cannot play outside in this lovely weather as the rats are running around. Motorists have found dead rats in their car engines. Can the resources please be given to the local area office to address this problem?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City is aware of the problem in **(details supplied 1)** and is actively dealing with this issue. In response to this issue we have taken a number of actions:

- Dublin City Council carried out a large number of repairs to the pipe network in **(details supplied 1)** in October / November 2019. This follows on from extensive works that were completed in 2017. All of the pipe network has been camera surveyed and damaged pipework from rats were repaired. During this survey, we had instances where rats had eaten through brickwork in manholes and somehow managed to get by trap gullies on the roadways.
- A further survey is being carried this week to inspect shores where we have received reports of rats and necessary action will be taken. Arrangements have been made for access points to be sealed and where possible closed off.
- Staff from Housing Maintenance and the local Estate office have been on site on an ongoing basis and met with a number of tenants regarding this issue.
- Dublin City Council, Housing Maintenance Section actions all reports of rats in City Council dwellings from our tenants. Requests are dealt with both directly by the Council and by agreement with the HSE, Pest Control Units. Common areas in City Council flat complexes are treated by Housing Maintenance, HSE Pest Control handle individual units/houses on our behalf. All necessary steps to deal with the issue are taken.
- We have a dedicated and professionally trained team with Dublin City Council that have baited the shores in the complex on a weekly basis and we have also started baiting the old bin chambers this week in the complex. It should be noted, that bait boxes with live bait cannot be left over ground anymore as these can cause secondary poisoning in other animals. Bait boxes with monitoring bait (fake food which would show bite marks) have been left across the complex. The purpose of the monitoring bait is to show a rat is present in the complex. Adding to the problem is the fact that Pest Control companies can no longer use the stronger pesticides as used previously because of changed regulations. During the Covid-19 crisis, the HSE did not carry out pest control in our flat complexes, as they did prior to the pandemic. In the absence of the HSE, Dublin City Council continued to provide this service, which placed additional strain on our resources.



- Our Architects team have contacted Sisk Construction who are working on the site adjacent to **(details supplied 1)**, to confirm their vermin control plan for **(details supplied 2)** development and to investigate if it is a contributing factor.
- Our Estate Office have corresponded with all tenants in the complex regarding this issue to ensure all household waste is disposed of correctly in the bins provided on site (please see attached). Despite writing to every tenant and speaking with numerous community leaders we are still finding bags being dumped on ground outside flats, outside bins and on balconies which is adding to the problem.

A number of other factors have contributed to the problem in the complex:

- This complex and the particular affected area is in close proximity to the river Liffey.
- Due to the recent warm weather, the diminishing footfall of pedestrians, it has been observed, that there has been a large increase in the number of rats coming up from the pipe networks and onto the streets.

**Q.59 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information, in tabular form, on the number fines issued for dog fouling throughout the different areas of the city for the period 2015-2020. Can the manager also provide information on the number of dog wardens and litter wardens covering each area? Are there any initiatives planned to combat the issue of dog fouling?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Details of fines issued for dog fouling per areas as follows:

Area	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Central	0	1	2	4	0	0	7
North Central	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
North West	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
South Central	26	49	20	0	0	0	95
South East	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>128</b>

At present, there are 13 Litter Wardens employed in Dublin City Council, 7 of which are assigned to Waste Management Services and 6 assigned to Area Offices.

Dublin City Council ran a dog fouling campaign (launched by Lord Mayor, Tom Brabazon), from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 JWTfolk for the campaign, which were rolled out in Dublin city from the 23<sup>rd</sup> March for period of 2 weeks.

These included adverts on buses, bus shelters and big belly bins.

Mount Bernard Park in Cabra was chosen as a location for one of the initiatives. A PR stunt 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 and the dog fouling campaign was somewhat lost. When the Government allows all 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 and open spaces.

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

**Q.60 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on any plans the City Council has to encourage Businesses, particularly restaurants, cafes and bars to utilise outdoor space and pathways to increase capacity in light of covid19 restrictions and recommendations.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

*"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City"*, addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a "live" programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city. We have set up a dedicated portal for specific requests, [Covid Mobility Measure Request Form](#). We will add the requests for the specific locations noted above to this database and these locations will be assessed by the area engineer, and in relation to street furniture requests by the Public Spaces Group. A new policy to assist businesses in relation to street furniture and on-street queueing is currently finalised and will be released shortly.

A dedicated webpage ([www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme](http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme)) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, Councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

**Q.61 COUNCILLOR KEITH CONNOLLY**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on a representation system to log queries for Councillors with officials. Many other local authorities have a system in place, including Fingal County Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Protocol Committee has a working group looking at the matter. It is chaired by Michael Pidgeon and they will be looking at services provided to Councillors in other local authorities.

The Transformation Unit is also currently carrying out an assessment of tenders for a new Corporate Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. It is intended that part of the new CRM will include a new Councillor portal which will enable Councillors to submit representations and track progress on their queries.

During the design phase of the system Councillors will be invited to a workshop to contribute to the design and input ideas.

**Q.62 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 there is a job raised on its database at this location, which is pending completion. All jobs are carried out subject to a priority-based job queue and the availability of a road maintenance crew in the area.

The above-mentioned job was rated Priority 6 (out of 8), which is a low priority. Normally, a 'low priority' job is attended when it can be scheduled with other works in the area.

Road Maintenance Services will revise the overall job queue in the area in order to reschedule same within a suitable completion time.

**Q.63 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please have trees planted on street **(details supplied)**. This road was promised trees over many years and should be on the list for trees and still this has not materialized. I would appreciate if they can be provided this year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services will arrange for **(details supplied)** to be inspected and if deemed a suitable location for tree planting the road will be listed for inclusion in this autumn's tree planting programme, subject to available funding.

**Q.64 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have flowers and new shrubs planted & the statue cleaned at **(details supplied)**. I would be grateful if the CEO can advise what works are planned for this park this year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Parks and Landscape Services have inspected **(details supplied)** and will arrange for the statue to be cleaned in the coming weeks. Parks will also arrange for some pollinator friendly planting to be planted, to enhance the subject area.

**Q.65 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to have the following footpath repaired at **(details supplied)**. This query was logged with the council weeks ago and a promise was made for the footpath to be repaired. It still has not been and it is very dangerous and needs urgent attention for the elderly population living on the road. It is lethal.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance will inspect this defect and prioritise its repair if it's deemed to be particularly hazardous.

**Q.66 COUNCILLOR TERENCE FLANAGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please have the following public laneway cleaned at **(details supplied)**. Residents of this road have cleaned their public laneway (not gated) and need the council to come and collect bags of green waste. Also, the residents are looking for the laneway to be sprayed as there are a lot of weeds in laneway.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The residents here cleaned the above mentioned laneway. We contacted the above mentioned resident and removed the collected bags of waste for them on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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.67 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to please complete all outstanding works to the new Elmdale Housing Developments in Cherry Orchard Ballyfermot Dublin 10 to include the Swale which is an accident waiting to happen, completion of the various physical features of the new estate and regular grass cutting of the large grassed area in Elmdale failure to maintain these spaces, with cleansing, grass cutting creates a poor impression for many new and long-established residents. Can I ask we hold an onsite meeting with Community leaders and residents if we cannot do the small works as mentioned above?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Arrangements are underway to carry out the necessary landscaping and other works necessary at this location.

Plans to the work were unfortunately delayed by Covid-19.

**Q.68 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the poor footpath surfaces on Ballyfermot Road next to the Lidl Supermarket with a view to repairing / replacing where necessary. Hundreds of local residents including many elderly walk to this Supermarket from Ballyfermot on a daily / weekly basis however many of the footpaths from Cleggan Park walking along Ballyfermot Road are needing attention one local resident had a very bad fall two weeks ago, her first day out with the lifting of the Covid 19 restrictions and she spoke about the issue on the Joe Duffy Show. Could I have a detailed local map of this area indicating the City / County Boundary line?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance inspected the condition of the footpath from Cleggan Park to the local Lidl store on the Ballyfermot Road.

All defects were picked up and added to our works list for repair. A number of sunken utility covers were also detected and will be forwarded to our Infrastructure Management Unit to contact the relevant utility to address. I also include a drawing showing the City Boundary Line.

**Q.69 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive to give me some hope that certain Take-Aways / retail units along Ballyfermot Road who open late in the evening until the early hours of the following morning become responsible for the litter generated from their businesses. I am shocked to see so much waste food, wrappers generated without any responsibility to remove same. I thought these businesses were to clean up outside their own premises, put up signs to keep the area clean & generally become responsible neighbours of the adjoining community.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A litter warden or authorised officer will visit these premises to ensure that they are compliant with the requirements of the Dublin City Litter Bye Laws regarding the provision of litter bins, the carrying out of regular cleaning outside premises and the requirement to display a notice advising of their cooperation with the provisions of the bye laws and commitment to ensuring the absence of litter. Any issues of non-compliance will be addressed during the course of these visits.

**Q.70 COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the Chief Executive the following: I recently had a resident (**details supplied**) contact me in relation to her rent account. She is on the long term disability payment for many years she will transition to OAP in November 2020 what addition information if any do DCC need at that point.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council does not need any information from this tenant as the account will automatically be updated to reflect the transition from disability payment to pension. The rent charge will not change as this tenant is assessed as a subsidiary earner therefore the charge on their income is capped.

**Q.71 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please extend the Nassau Street Cycle Lane beyond the junction of Dawson Street so it can safely link with Grafton Street and Suffolk Street, and if it is not possible can the CEO please explain the rationale? Can the CEO please also outline whether he intends to link the Nassau St contra-flow cycle lane with the Liffey Cycle route when completed'

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dedicated cycle lane facilities between Dawson St and Suffolk St are not possible due to the Luas tracks and insufficient carriageway width. There is no scope to reduce the width of the footpaths at this location.

There is no viable route to link for protected cycling facilities between Dawson Street Junction and College Green. However there are proposals for a future from College Green link to that route via Westmoreland St is part of primary cycle route, Route 11 of the GDA Cycle Network Plan.

**Q.72 COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive is there a standard minimum amount of street signs that are required for parking information on any given street, does the number required vary from location to location, and what is the rationale for example, having 11 parking signs on 11 individual poles on one City Centre street which also has 2 public car parks.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In terms of signage related to traffic matters, the Traffic Signs Manual outlines various measures for regulatory, warning and information signs including road markings. Depending on the particular measure, more than one sign may be required, and if there are additional measures along the road there may be a requirement for these additional or repeater signs. In terms of parking signs, they are provided to direct motorists to the car park(s) at strategic points such as natural junctions or where clarification is deemed to be required to remove any potential ambiguity.

Dublin City Council endeavour to install the appropriate signage in the most appropriate manner to minimise the impact on pedestrians and road users alike, and

are strongly against the proliferation of signage across the city. With regard to Drury Street in particular the Area Engineer will investigate this in the coming weeks and report back.

**Q.73    COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive can he please provide a further update on the installation of public toilets as agreed in the Council Budget for 2019. Access to toilets are a real issue across the City at the moment especially for people with difficulties'.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council are acutely aware of this issue and we are working to come up with a solution in the current situation.

We have been working with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders on this and other issues in the context of developing an overall plan for reopening the City on the 8th June.

We are investigating various avenues to solve the public toilet issue and are more than willing to have discussions with City Centre businesses and representative groups around the role they can play in working together with Dublin City Council to solve this issue.

Further updates on the progress of these issues will be provided in coming days.

**Q.74    COUNCILLOR CLAIRE BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive what is being done to enforce the safety of the new pedestrian and cycling measures that have been introduced to facilitate social distancing as there is still a huge problem with vehicles parking in cycle lanes and footpaths.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has utilised a range of measures to enforce the safety of new pedestrian and cycle measures. More information on existing and planned measures can be found on the recently published an interim mobility intervention program:

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

Dublin Street Parking Services are continuing to patrol areas and enforce vehicles for these offences. There has been specific instruction to focus on areas where queuing is evident and also where footpath widths are reduced. If the councillor can provide information on specific locations these will be addressed.

**Q.75    COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive if they have received any indication, written or verbal, from government departments regarding potential budget cuts to the City Council budget in the coming year.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a material impact on the finances of Dublin City Council. Arising from measures taken to address the corona virus, many businesses ceased trading in March and will reopen only in accordance with the Government roadmap.

The financial impact on Dublin City Council has been assessed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government as part of a sectoral evaluation of the funding requirement. This has involved a detailed analysis of the

impact on commercial rates and also consideration of the impact on all other income, than rates. Dublin City Council estimates that there will be a €32m loss in income excluding commercial rates, to year end.

The Government announced in early May that a rates waiver scheme operable from 27th March to 27th June will be put in place in respect of the rates liabilities for that period for specific businesses. To date a circular has not issued on this scheme and as a result no further information is available. It is not possible then to assess the financial impact for Dublin City Council with regard to rates until the value of the waiver scheme is known.

**Q.76 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive if a social inclusion audit has been carried out as part of proposed changes to public transport infrastructure in the city to ensure those with accessibility concerns will be able to avail of transport options.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

*"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City"*, addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a "live" programme and a citywide approach is being taken.

We have set up a dedicated Covid Mobility Team to implement these measures and are working with the Accessibility Officer in the NTA to ensure that the temporary measures do not impact negatively on any existing provisions for mobility or visually impaired users.

Many mobility related challenges have arisen due to the new reality of social distancing requirements and we are conscious of the particular needs of vulnerable groups.

While there are a range of measures proposed under the Covid Mobility Intervention programme, it is intended that the proposals will not diminish or reduce any of the accessibility arrangements that are already in place across the City.

A dedicated email address has been set up at [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie) and all queries in relation to accessibility concerns should be can communicated through this channel in the first instance.

**Q.77 COUNCILLOR KEVIN DONOGHUE**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm, despite proposed plans from representative groups in the construction industry, that construction will only be carried out in accordance with hours agreed in planning permission.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government issued a recent circular to all Local Authorities strongly recommending the granting of additional working hours by way of derogation to all building sites in order to facilitate safe working practices and also assist in the delivery of construction projects having regard to the current Covid 19 pandemic. Both the RIAI and CIF have put forward extended hours of work up to 10pm and 9pm respectively. Having regard to the balance of residential amenity against the Departments request to allow for safe working on sites and assist the delivery of construction projects, Dublin City Council consider that one hour per day is the appropriate level of extension that will be permitted, if requested in the City on developments that adjoin existing residential properties. Two hours of extensions may

be considered on sites that do not bound existing residential properties. As with the assessment of planning applications, all requests for Covid-19 related derogations will be treated on their own merits. A review of these approvals will take place at the end of July and the extra hours will not be extended beyond the life of the current Covid 19 emergency legislation that is due to expire at the start of November.

**Q.78 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL**

To ask the Chief Executive with the welcome developments in the pedestrianisation of College Green, which has been expedited by the Covid-19 crisis, would the Council consider placing some form of local market in the Dame Street space. In addition to supporting local and artisan producers it would promote footfall to the city centre.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In consultation with the Health Service Executive, and the National Government Road Map for Covid-19, DCC Events will not be considering or facilitating events until at least 10th August, which currently is the end of Phase 5 of the Road Map guidelines. Should national government guidelines change before the ending of Phase 5, DCC Events will review its current position.

**Q.79 COUNCILLOR CAT O'DRISCOLL**

To ask the Chief Executive what actions will be taken to improve the condition of the road surface along the Liffey end of Stoneybatter Road which is hazardous to cyclists?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This section of carriageway will not feature on the 2020 Works Programme.

Any temporary will be carried out as necessary.

**Q.80 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that early meeting of the Climate SPC will take place as there has only been two meetings of the SPC in the last 12 months, although climate change is an urgent issue and currently at the heart of Government formation talks.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Four meetings of the Climate Action, Energy and Environment Strategic Policy Committee (formerly the Environment Strategic Policy Committee) were held in 2019 and 1 thus far in 2020.

The meetings were held in February 2019, May 2019, 2 meetings held in November 2019 and January 2020.

There were no meetings of the Committee from May 2019 to October 2019 as the Local Elections were held in Jun 2019 and the membership of the Committee had to be determined.

It should be noted that a Public Engagement event was held in the Mansion house in February 2019 to launch the Dublin Local Authorities' Climate Action Plans 2019 – 2024 public consultation.

Notwithstanding that 4 meetings were held in 2019 the Committee's activities were substantial as set out below.

- Major public engagement event in the Round Room, Mansion House to launch the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 public consultation



- Climate Change Action Plan 2019 -2024 consultation completed
- Dublin City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019 -2024 adopted by the City Council
- Oversight of the progress of the commissioning of the Dublin Waste to Energy facility.
- SPC induction day held. The Committee was brought on site visits to various areas of interest
- Climate Action subcommittee formed charged with overseeing the implementation of the City Council's Climate Action Plan 2019 – 2024.
- Subcommittee on the Re-municipalisation of Waste Services and Subcommittee on Air Quality Established

A meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held in March 2020 but owing to Covid-19 restrictions it was postponed and it is proposed that this meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

**Q.81 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive, in view of the steep increase in littering and dumping, to provide information on each of the waste collectors operating in the Central Area, their areas of operation and if penalties apply for collections on non-designated days, and to provide an early report on the steps to remunicipalise the waste management service of Dublin City Council.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There a number of authorised waste collectors operating within the Dublin City Council functional area. Those that are currently operating a kerbside collection service for domestic waste in the Central are listed below.

Keywaste Management

Greyhound Recycling

The Citybin Co

Ecoway Waste Management

All operators may define their own areas of operation within the functional area of Dublin City Council and consequently within the Central Area. There are however some details of operation that generally are currently in place.

Keywaste Management are operating largely within the central commercial district extending from Docklands to Portobello to the Coombe/Liberties on the South City and Dorset St, Gardiner St, Capel St on the North City inclusive of the City Centre on both sides of the city.

Greyhound Recycling are operating largely outside of the Central Commercial District in both bag and bin collection areas in all other areas of the city.

The City bin Co are operating in bin collection areas only throughout the city.

Ecoway waste management are largely operating in the bag collection areas of the Central Area. Penalties for collections on non-designated collection days may be sought to be implemented on collectors however generally collectors will request that

a derogation to collect on non-collection days be approved in the case that an extraordinary collection is required or that a collection has not taken place.

The terms of reference of the waste re-municipalisation sub-group of the Climate Action, Environment and Energy Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) set out that the sub-group will meet every 2 months and provide a report to that SPC at every second meeting of the committee. These reports will be available to all members as with all reports that are submitted to the SPC.

**Q.82 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the present plans for the two National Monuments associated with 1916 Rising, 16 Moore Street, Dublin 1 and the GPO, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The National Monument at 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin 1 is in the ownership of the State. Plans and proposals relating to the National Monument are a matter for the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the National Monuments Service.

In July last year a report by the Moore Street Advisory Group was submitted to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, which included consultation with the new owners of the adjacent sites, Hammerson. It is understood that Hammerson are preparing a new planning application for those adjacent sites, which will include an updated Conservation Report.

It is an objective of the City Development Plan to integrate 14-17 Moore Street with the wider area, including O'Connell Street, the GPO and the Parnell Square to form a new culture quarter. DCC has recently submitted a bid to Government for Urban Regional and Development Funding (URDF) to support this objective. The GPO is also in the ownership of the State, and the Chief Executive is not aware of the any specific plans in relation to this building

**Q.83 COUNCILLOR JOE COSTELLO**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain how Dublin City Council's policy on basement construction and underground development was overturned by the High Court and if it is his intention to appeal.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Basement Impact Policy was presented to the Planning and Property SPC in February 2019, where the approach was welcomed. The City Council has since used the document as a Code of Practice guidance for developers when submitting planning applications.

However, the City Councils policy on basement impact was the subject of High Court proceedings by **(details supplied)** largely on the grounds that such a policy should be subject to a variation to the Development Plan, involving public consultation, and that the policy appeared to be too inflexible.

The Chief Executive, on legal advice decided not to pursue the case, in the interest of saving public money.

It is intended to revisit the policy as part of the Development Plan process due to commence this September.

**Q.84 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to get landscape contractor Redlough to immediately stop the use of herbicides. That the contract be amended to stop the use of herbicides before the 2020 contract ends.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

All contractors have eliminated the use of the chemical glyphosate and reduced the use of other herbicides. From the renewal of the next contract in 2021 there will be no chemical herbicides in use.

**Q.85 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to support Outreach youth workers and probations services in Cherry Orchard in their request to return to on street outreach and in reach work as a matter of urgency. At present with Covid-19 restrictions these workers can only reach out the youth with video call and phone calls. It would ease the work of An Garda Síochána in the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The youth services, whose main area of remit is Cherry Orchard, have continued to provide services to some of the most vulnerable children and families in Dublin 10 since this pandemic began. They have been forced to adapt and work differently; staff have demonstrated huge creativity, flexibility and commitment to facilitate service delivery. The services operate from their own centres, e.g. Cherry Orchard Equine Centre Integrated Youth Services operate from the Equine Centre, and it is a matter for the management of these centres to reopen in line with government guidelines while ensuring that the building provides a safe workplace for their staff and members of the public. Dublin City Council, Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership and Ballyfermot Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force continue to provide financial support to these services and any other support as required.

**Q.86 COUNCILLOR SOPHIE NICOULLAUD**

To ask the Chief Executive to introduce a one-way traffic trial system for minor roads in Drimnagh while maintaining the two-way system on main through fare. DCC rightly so asks drivers to park cars on the street and not the footpath and more needs to be done to permit drivers to do so in streets too narrow to have cars parked on the street and a two-way traffic.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been referred to the Transport Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the Area Traffic Engineer who will report back to the Transport Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Transport Advisory Group recommendation as soon as possible.

**Q.87 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on action 20 of the North Bull Island Action Plan 2020 - 2025.

Action 20: Progress the planning for an accessible Interpretive Centre for education, interpretation, visitor management and research to support the nature conservation objectives of North Bull Island Nature Reserve, the vision of Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere and the goals of UNESCO.

The report to include information on the planning process for this specific project and whether or not the agreement for the proposals will be sought from the local area committee before proceeding to planning. It is my understanding that as with the

Clontarf Promenade Development and Flood Defense Project final proposals for the Interpretative Centre are to be agreed by the local area committee. There have been public information meetings and I'm not convinced of any public support for the project either in the location proposed which is in core zone of the Biosphere or elsewhere on the Island.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Project team for the Discovery Centre has taken on board the feedback from various consultations and it is intended to respond positively in design and planning terms to the issues raised. Consultation to date has provided DCC with a very broad and comprehensive response which brought forward some very supportive views as well as those with issues and concerns. At all times DCC have been open and responsive to concerns raised with regard to the Discovery Centre Project and wider management issues. This will continue into the future.

There is an existing Interpretive and education centre on the island, however it is not fit for purpose and the project is to achieve a replacement for that centre which can champion the conservation objectives for the Nature Reserve and the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. This is one element of a wider draft action plan for the Bull Island Nature Reserve recently presented to the Area Committee and circulated more widely.

The development of an interpretative centre on Bull Island will require to go through a planning process. Having regard to the sensitive nature of the receiving environment, a screening for environmental impact assessment will need to be carried out. The results of this screening will determine whether the application will be submitted as a Part 8 application to the City Council or submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála if the development is subject to an EIA.

A report on the Discovery Centre will be presented to the Area Committee in the near future.

**Q.88 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to organise the lopping / topping of trees located on the grounds of the CY, Philipsburgh Ave. The trees in questions are in a line located on the boundary with Shelmartin Terrace. I'm also requesting a tree safety inspection please as residents are worried for their safety during windy weather.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

These trees are not in the control of the City Council but are located on private property.

**Q.89 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider the following please: I previously requested traffic calming measures for **(details supplied 1)** that are now at TAG level 4 stage (i.e. for decision) and I would like to stress the urgency of this matter. **(Details supplied 2)** is located within **(details supplied 1)** and there is quite an amount of through traffic including staff, visitors, service vehicles. There is a large number of children and also elderly residents living in **(details supplied 1)** and speeding traffic is a constant. There is imminent danger of a life changing accident occurring, there have been several minor accidents and several near misses. I would very much appreciate if this matter can be escalated please.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**(details supplied 1)** is included in the areas covered by the upcoming fourth phase of the 30 Km/h speed limit introduction. As these bye-laws have now been adopted by the City Council, works to erect or change the relevant signage in the new areas will start as soon as possible considering the COVID situation.

Please note that the City Council will be monitoring the area after the implementation of the new Speed Limit introduction.

**Q.90 COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the Chief Executive whether or not the laneway to the rear of Castilla Park, Clontarf is 'in charge' of DCC or not please. If the laneway is 'in charge' and DCC are responsible for keeping it clean etc. I request that the Laneway is cleared / cleaned as soon as possible please. I had have reports that the laneway is being used for discarded goods / dumping and is in a poor state at present.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The above mentioned laneway is in charge of Dublin City Council and arrangements have been made to have it cleaned in early June 2020.

**Q.91 COUNCILLOR PAT DUNNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that 3 choke cars with 3 crews are operating every day and does that include Saturdays up to [5pm](#)?

I am aware that the complexes are prioritised, can you advise what the average waiting time is for tenants who do not live in complexes and at what point would sub-contractors be used. I have received reports that some of our tenants have been waiting up to ten days for the service.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Choke Car Service operates with 9 staff manning 3 jetting units to carry out clearing of drains and CCTV surveys. The service operates three crews Monday to Friday and two crews on Saturday. We prioritise flat complexes and Senior Citizens complexes in the first instance. We also operate an after-hours call out service for flat complexes and Senior Citizens complexes.

Between 20/04/2020 and 19/05/2020 the choke car service received 352 calls and called to 309 addresses in relation blocked drains. Of these 214 were houses. The Choke Car also attended 21 after hour calls in this period.

Due to the current situation crews operate on a rotational basis, two crews on and one off at any time. We also have 3 extra staff drafted in to help with this. At present, we require an extra twin cab vehicle to operate with each crew to ensure social distancing for staff.

In the last month we have received a very high volume of calls. A very high percentage of these calls are due to the volume of unsuitable material (wipes etc/photo evidence available if necessary) being flushed into the system and not necessarily all by DCC tenants. Delays are also exacerbated by the extra preparations and precautions that must now be taken when carrying out operations. We are assessing the possibility of fitting screens in the cabs to increase effectiveness of service.

We use contractors when we need manholes vacuumed out or to clear debris that our jetting machines are unable to dislodge. We use them to carry out repairs to sewer lines when necessary and to carry out more extensive CCTV surveys where we do not wish to have to divert resources.

**Q.92 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report and timelines regarding each phase of the Royal Canal Greenway from Spencer Dock to Ashtown.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Royal Canal Phase 2 – Sheriff Street Upper to North Strand Road**

This project is currently under construction. The site was closed for 7 weeks due to Covid-19 restrictions and was reopened on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The project is expected to be completed in Q3 2020.

**Royal Canal Phase 3- North Strand Road to Phibsborough Road**

The programme for the delivery of the phase is currently under review due to the uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 environment.

**Royal Canal Phase 4 - Cross Guns Bridge, Phibsborough to Longford Bridge, Ashtown: 4.3km**

Award of the contract for construction of sub-phase 4A (bus and cycle contra-flow and signalised towpath crossing of Broombridge Road at Broome Bridge) is imminent. The Law Department are finalising temporary works licences and easement/wayleave agreements with Waterways Ireland and CIÉ for works on their bridges. It is currently anticipated that construction will commence in late June 2020 and be completed in October 2020.

Detailed design of sub-phase 4B (main towpath upgrade) is nearing completion, with land acquisition/taking in charge agreements to be reached for small parcels of land. Tender documents are being prepared for a ground investigation contract and this is due to go to tender once ready, with works due to take place this summer. It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q4 2020, with likely completion in Q4 2021. Dredging of the canal will be required for some sections.

Progression of the design for sub-phases 4C (remainder of towpath upgrade, including 7<sup>th</sup> Lock/Liffey Junction railway underpass upgrade) and 4D (Tolka Valley Park – Phoenix Park greenway link via Ashtown) is contingent on a number of factors including option selection for bypassing of the Ashtown level crossing, which in turn is contingent on the decisions to be made in relation to the Dart Expansion Project. A timeline for the completion of these sub-phases is not possible at present. However, it is hoped that all of Phase 4 of the Royal Canal Greenway will be completed by the end of 2023.

Please see image showing the separate phases of the Royal Canal Greenway currently at design or construction stage.

**Q.93 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive if it's feasible to facilitate cashless payment at Dublin City Council recycling centres in order for members of the public to better comply with COVID-19 public health guidelines.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Contactless technology went live at the Ringsend and North Strand Civic Amenity Sites on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in response to social distancing requirements. Waste Management Services are currently investigating the potential to introduce contactless payment technology at Bring Centres.

**Q.94 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive that additional Sheffield bike stands be installed across the wider Ashtown / Navan Road area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The area will be investigated and if a suitable location can be identified cycle parking will be installed as part of the Batch 15 on-street cycle parking project. It should be noted that installation of cycle parking was suspended during the lockdown and only recommenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**Q.95 COUNCILLOR COLM O'ROURKE**

To ask the Chief Executive to request that the road at Ellesmere Avenue in Dublin 7 be resurfaced due to the deterioration of the road.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Ellesmere Avenue carriageway will not feature on the 2020 Works Programme.

Any temporary repairs will be carried out as necessary.

**Q.96 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive for a full and detailed breakdown of expenditure by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive for 2019.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) has not published the Homelessness Financial Report for the year end 2019. When the department issues the report we will forward the report to the Councillor.

See the link to the Homelessness Financial Report for the year end 2018:

[https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/financial\\_report\\_end\\_of\\_year\\_2018\\_-\\_dublin.pdf](https://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/financial_report_end_of_year_2018_-_dublin.pdf)

The Revised Homeless Services Budget for 2019 was €171,852,352.

**Q.97 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive how many private emergency accommodation providers are currently being used to provide EA across the city and how many NGO's are being used for same with.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The DRHE currently funds 19 private emergency accommodation providers and 15 NGOs to provide emergency accommodation across the Dublin region.

**Q.98 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive is he aware that a shuttle bus has been in operation for a number of months this year to transport homeless individuals to Kerdistown Co. Kildare from Dublin nightly and back to Dublin in the morning? Is the Chief Executive aware that the council itself broke COVID-19 restrictions daily by transporting these individuals & will the Chief Executive please outline what the total cost of this accommodation was including transfers?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Kerdiffstown House provides supported temporary accommodation (STA) for homeless persons for six month placements on behalf of the DRHE and Kildare County Council. It is a unique partnership between the two local authorities and Peter McVerry Trust in response to the need for homeless accommodation. It is in operation since October 2018 and runs a daily shuttle bus service to link residents with the city.

In line with public health guidelines, on the outbreak of COVID-19, the timetable was greatly reduced, the numbers of passengers permitted on the bus were reduced to adhere to social distancing guidelines for public transport and journeys are only permitted for essential travel, that is, health or welfare in line with COVID-19 restrictions. Residents have fully cooperated.

Kerdiffstown House provides 125 bed spaces and the total cost for the service in 2019 was €1,419,305.

**Q.99 COUNCILLOR ANTHONY FLYNN**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline are there any plans to implement national standards in all hostels inclusive of private ones.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) is committed to ensuring that the highest standards in homeless service provision are offered to individuals and families who experience homelessness. Equally, service users have responsibilities to ensure the safety and comfort of all fellow service users. There is in place a system of inspections and review that applies to both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by NGOs. All service providers are required to ensure that buildings should be suitable for their stated purpose and comply with relevant and applicable housing standard legislation, fire safety regulations and health and safety legislation. Standards have improved significantly recently with the introduction of the Family Hubs and new singles accommodation.

**Private Emergency Accommodation**

Dublin Fire Brigade carry out inspections of Private Emergency Accommodation. In addition since September 2017 an enhanced regime of inspections has been agreed with Dublin City Council's Environmental Health Officers to assess compliance with the Housing Standards for Rented Houses Regulations (July 2017). These inspections have been carried out in collaboration with the DRHE's Facilities Staff, who ensure compliance with the DRHE's Service Standards and to assess the appropriate continued use of these premises. These inspections are unannounced and are designed to ensure compliance with building, maintenance and health and fire safety standards.

**Emergency Accommodation managed by NGOs**

The DRHE has Service Level Agreements with Section 10 funded NGOs which ensure compliance with all the statutory health and safety standards and to particular legislative requirements, including the Children First Act 2015 and the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.

The DRHE in conjunction with the Department of Housing has developed the National Quality Standards Framework (NQS) for Homeless Services in Ireland. The DRHE is implementing the NQS in the Dublin Region, and are conducting inspections of Section 10 funded NGOs based on the NQS.

It is an objective of the DRHE to roll out the NQS across all homeless services and facilities and it's envisioned that we will begin the implementation in 2021. Prior to Covid-19 the DRHE had planned to commission a comprehensive review of how our emergency facilities are managed including a comparison between the private and NGO operators. Post Covid-19 we will re-activate the commissioning of this review as soon as possible and when completed bring a report to the Housing SPC in the first instance.



**Q.100 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to fix the steel barrier at **(details supplied)** as it is in very poor condition and a hazard.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The barrier will be fixed if our inspection indicates damage. Any changes in relation to the relocation of the existing pedestrian crossing would need to be carefully considered by the Traffic Division. This will be forwarded for review.

The Transport Advisory Group will carry out a review in relation to the Pedestrian Crossing.

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.101 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out the following maintenance at **(details supplied)**. At the campus we need to cut back all the foliage on the access road to the campus and clean and spray the weeds there too.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

A tender competition for the appointment of a contractor to remove weeds from the road network is in progress. Due to a switch over from herbicide to a more environmentally friendly way of treating weeds not all our roads will be treated this year. But it is planned to treat all roads in due course.

**Q.102 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a recent planning application associated with **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Application Number 2026/20**

The most recent application received for **(details supplied)** was received on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. The development was for the demolition of existing single storey domestic extensions and external yard to the rear of existing dwelling house; 2) Development of new part single & part two storey domestic extension to the rear of existing dwelling house; 3) Construction of new external roof garden terrace to rear above new two storey extension; 4) Other improvements and internal alterations to dwelling house; 5) The Construction of new door and windows to north side elevation (onto Bridge Street); and 6) All ancillary site works and services.

A Grant of permission was issued on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. The last day for an appeal was the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. If no appeal is lodged with An Bord Pleanála, a Final Grant will issue the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

**Q.103 COUNCILLOR DANNY BYRNE**

To ask the Chief Executive the planning status of **(details supplied)**. Does this premises have planning approval for its current use?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The premises concerned does not have planning approval for its current use. The matter is currently before the District Court by way of active planning enforcement case taken by DCC against the operator of the premises.

**Q.104 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive investigate the issue of blocked drains at **(details supplied)**, as residents are having issues with blocked drains which appear to be backing up, particularly at the manhole outside no. 23

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

DCC drainage division investigated matter on 29 May 2020.

The surface water sewer was choked and the issue was resolved on the day.

Additional maintenance will be carried out on surface water sewer by DCC Drainage, to mitigate against re-occurrence.

The foul sewer was also checked and there was no issue.

**Q.105 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to mark the carpark at **(details supplied)** and install a Zebra crossing due to speeding and dangerous driving through the carpark.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been referred to the Transport Advisory Group for attention. This issue will be examined by the Area Traffic Engineer who will report back to the Transport Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Transport Advisory Group recommendation as soon as possible. Ref: 7015199.

**Q.106 COUNCILLOR BRIEGE MACOSCAR**

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the planned installation of a playground in **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There is an extensive planning history for **(details supplied)**. The most recent application was a Strategic Housing Development proposal for a mixed use development including 129 no. apartments under plan ref. SHD0021/19 & ABP Reference: PL29N.305538. An Bord Pleanála granted permission for this development on the 27th January 2020.

This permission provides for communal open space including children's play areas, which will be required to be delivered prior to completion of development.

Previously, 106 residential units were approved under plan ref. 2414/16. It is understood that the details of previously permitted schemes and any relevant agreed compliance conditions were implemented in the construction of the Hampton Court development which included landscaping works. If there is reason for thinking otherwise, this should be referred to Planning Enforcement for further investigation.

**Q.107 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the installation of cycle parking has resumed and if so, whether a Sheffield Bike stand can be installed in Milltown Village which currently has no bike stands and is a busy thoroughfare for car traffic from Dundrum, Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar with two busy food retail outlets in Wilde & Greene and Spar

as well as two busy pharmacies, a crèche and a physiotherapist clinic and also near a Luas stop.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The installation of cycle parking recommenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020. It is intended to install cycle parking in Milltown Village at Wilde & Green sometime in the next few weeks. More cycle parking is planned outside the Spar in Milltown village for Batch 15.

**Q.108 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the Options Selection Report for the Clonskeagh to City Centre segregated cycle option was submitted by the Consultant at the end of May 2020 as planned and when the recommendations will be presented to the South East Area committee; whether a design consultant has been appointed to the Ringsend to Merrion road section of The East Coast Trail and if there is an update in respect of this; provide an update on the current status of Dublin City Councils delivery of its component of the Dodder Greenway.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

**Sandford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre Cycle Route:** The Options Selection Report was submitted by the consultant in the middle of May. The consultant is now preparing to conduct a Virtual Workshop for the DCC Internal Stakeholders and subsequently make a presentation to the NTA in June 2020. It is proposed that a presentation will be made to the SEA Committee at the meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**East Coast Trail (Sean Moore Park):** The Sustainable Mobility & Projects Division is in the process of finalising the procurement of a consultant to deliver a design of an Interim Scheme from the Sean Moore Park to Merrion Gates.

**Dodder Greenway:**

All tasks associated with the Options Selection Stage have been completed. The NTA now intends to take over the Preliminary Design of the scheme. Once the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted it is proposed to have a meeting between DCC, our design consultants, the NTA and the NTA's Cycle Design Office(CDO) at which the Preliminary Design of the Project will be handed over to the CDO.

**Q.109 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEORGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could set out in tabular form for the applicants for the Business Re-Start Grant the following data; total cumulative reported estimated value of total reported turnover loss [from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020](#); average reported estimated % turnover loss [from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020](#); total reported cumulative number of employees of the applicant business in receipt of TWSS; total reported cumulative number of employees in receipt of PUP; total number of applicants by reference to each Business Category (Phase 0 -5); total number of applicants by reference to Dublin postal district; total nominal amount in euro granted to all applicants; total number of applicants refused and total number of applicants yet to be processed.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The acting Law Agent has advised that a mini data protection impact assessment is required. This is due to start this week. The nature and format of information on the grant scheme will be evaluated when the assessment outcome is known.

The key developments up to 2nd June 2020 are as follows:

- Validation checks are being strengthened on the on line application form template to assist applicants. Testing and development work is continuing. Rates staff have carrying out an extensive review of rates data so as to support efficient payment of the grant to eligible rate account holders.
- As at 2nd June 1,804 applications have been received, 298 are in Phase 0, 244 are in Phase 1 and 328 are in Phase 2, 414 are in Phase 3, 254 are in Phase 4 and 266 are in Phase 5 of the Government roadmap for reopening. 708 email queries have been received and the bulk of them have been responded to.

**Q.110 COUNCILLOR JAMES GEOGHEGAN**

To ask the Chief Executive if Sandymount Village will receive Covid-19 urban village intervention, even on a trial basis, where there is both a high pedestrian footfall and where footpath widths are constrained with measures trialled as soon as possible during the busy summer period.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has established a Working group tasked with the investigation of the Sandymount Green area with regard to Covid-19 and social Distancing interventions.

An Engineer has assessed the area and potential concept designs are being investigated. As part of this investigation, engagement has commenced with Dublin Bus and an initial consultation will begin with business owners in the coming days.

Following this initial round of consultation, we will inform the Councillor of the likely next steps. To this end, an update is expected to be issued in the coming days.

**Q.111 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive what steps will be taken to address the fact that the Inchicore/Kilmainham and Rialto areas have been left out of the NTA/DCC's recently published plans to revise bus transport routes and cycle lanes throughout the city to take account of social distancing requirements.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City", addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a "live" programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city. If there are any specific locations you would like us to address, please log them at <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

A dedicated webpage ([www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme](http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme)) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, Councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

**Q.112 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out the rationale and/or the statutory process that led to the granting of planning permission for the proposed co living scheme at Fumbally in Dublin 8 despite the emergency measures put in place at the start of the coronavirus lockdown.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning application no.4423/19 was lodged for a mixed use development at 27-29 New Row South, Dublin 8. The application site is located at the junction of New Row South to the northwest, Blackpitts to the west and Fumbally Lane to the south and southeast. The site contains a Protected Structure (referred to as a former laundry building under RPS Ref.:5821). The development, which ranges from 4 to 8 no. storeys over basement and includes the re-use and extension of the protected structure, provides 4,843 sq.m of hotel use from first to third floor level (144 no. bedrooms), 2,390 sq.m of Build-to-Rent Shared Living accommodation from fourth to seventh floor level (inclusive of amenity space) (69 no. units), 213 sq.m of co-working/artistic-creative studios, 142 sq.m of restaurant and 147 sq.m public community/event space uses at ground floor level.

This application was lodged on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A request for further information was issued and this further information was lodged with the planning authority on 4<sup>th</sup> March. As there was no further period of public participation in this application, the decision date was not affected directly by the Covid 19 amendments to planning statutory time periods and decision-making dates. Accordingly, a decision was issued on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. However the last date for making an appeal to An Bord Pleanala is extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 due to the Covid 19 time period amendments and the application is the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

**Q.113 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive the cost of all additional accommodation acquired or leased with the specific purpose of responding to the corona virus social distancing requirements in our accommodation whether emergency homeless hostel, family hub or otherwise and the money saved by closing down some of the emergency shelters due to unsuitability for social distancing. Please include accommodation leased by the council but managed by an AHB during the crisis

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

In order to cope with the demands placed on us by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) continue to add some beds and decommission others on a daily basis. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to give a breakdown of costs at this time but, when the crisis is less draining on resources, a report detailing all activities during COVID-19 will be collated and available to all Councillors.

**Q.114 COUNCILLOR TINA MACVEIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether the local authority has collected Non Principal Private Residency Tax for any of this or the previous three years.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

NPPR liabilities which are part of an instalment arrangement are paid directly to Dublin City Council and when the charge on the property is fully discharged, the amount is paid in full to the NPPR Bureau. For the period 2017-2020 (to date) an amount of €2.598M has been paid by DCC to the NPPR Bureau. The NPPR Bureau also receives monies paid in full discharge of liabilities on properties where payment arrangements are not by instalment. The Bureau pays each Local Authority on a monthly basis and DCC has received €21.303M as detailed below.

YEAR	NPPR RECEIPTS
Y2017	6,747,304

Y2018	6,774,750
Y2019	6,330,903
Y2020 (Jan - May)	1,449,854

**Q.115 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive whether he is happy with the maintenance and waste management work relating to **(details supplied)**, where there are a number of DCC and HAP tenants which the management company are to carry out and is he satisfied that those who required, tenants and multiple dwelling landlords in the complex, are in fact paying the management Company to deliver the full work and maintenance programme required by law.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 7 HAP tenancies in **(details supplied)** (1 mainstream HAP and 6 Homeless HAP). While Dublin City Council inspects all HAP properties within 8 months of the first HAP payment being made to the landlord, to ensure compliance with the minimum standards as set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019, issues such as those outlined above are matters to be resolved between the landlord and tenant. This is due to HAP tenancies being private rented tenancies covered under the terms of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, as amended. Dublin City Council is not a party to these tenancies.

**Q.116 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what plans the Parks Department have had in mind for the further enhancement of the **(details supplied)** and if he will ask a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The site of **(details supplied)** is traditionally believed to have been used as a mass grave for Irish rebel casualties of the 1798 Rebellion. While the National Graves Association maintains that it was also used after 1798 to bury veterans of the conflict, including a brother of Wolfe Tone, to date, archaeological investigations have failed to find any human remains and its status as a grave is uncertain.

There is no historical record of the burials except that the dead were buried on marshy ground near the Royal Barracks.

Archaeological investigation was commissioned by OPW for the 1798 commemorative park development. The site was tested and monitored and there was no evidence of any burials or other archaeology found in the works area (Excavation Number 98E0268).

The park was developed initially by the OPW for the 1798 commemoration in 1998, however it was subsequently closed due to anti-social activity for many years. Dublin City Council took it in charge and carried out significant works to make it safe and accessible to the public. Since it was opened to the public in 2016 the park has experienced some anti-social activity but with the care of Parks Staff working with the Gardai the park has remained open and is used by large numbers of people for rest, relaxation and recreation. The presence of people and particularly families using any park has a positive effect in displacing anti-social activity which has been proven in the improvement of many city parks in recent years.

There are no plans for works in **(details supplied)** that would require statutory approval and any proposals would also be brought before the Central Area Committee.

**Q.117 COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the Chief Executive his view as to whether given the circumstances pertaining to Covid-19 that it would be better to seek a twelve month extension to the City Development Plan via Ministerial Order and therefore defer beginning the 99 week statutory process to prepare a new plan until August / September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The effect of the Section 251A Order issued by DHPLG is to insert an additional eight weeks into the plan-making timeline, where a given live plan review process is subject to a statutory timeframe.

Given the nature of the plan review processes, there is a need for advance notification and organisation of public consultation events and council briefings / meetings and as a consequence, the effect of the Order on such processes, may extend beyond the total eight-week period of the Order.

However, as the City Council has not yet commenced the Development Plan, clarification is required as to whether the provision applies in Dublin City Council's case.

The DHPLG has indicated that it may issue further advice having regard to potential knock-on effects arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic, particularly in relation to large urban areas such as Dublin. The Chief Executive will contact the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government seeking an additional period of time.

**Q.118 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to indicate if the private amenity space (balconies) in the newly submitted SHD 306987 planning application 0005/20 for the Swiss Cottage, Santry is a reduction on the private amenity space (balconies) in the previously submitted SHD planning application 303358/18 for the same site and if it is to what extent is the private amenity space reduced.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The current application proposes 11 no. additional apartments, which, together with the omission of an approved ground floor apartment, would increase the number of units within the development from 110 to 120.

In relation to private open space, the application documents outline that for the proposed 11 no. additional apartments, under-provision of private open space arises for 5 units. On other floors, i.e. within the existing approved building envelope, the application documents outline that under-provision/no provision of private open space arises for 37 units, compared to 40 units experiencing under-provision/no provision in the previously permitted scheme. Compensatory communal open space is proposed, in lieu of the under-provision of private open space.

**Q.119 COUNCILLOR ALISON GILLILAND**

To ask the Chief Executive to arrange for the clean-up of the gated back lane way at **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This laneway is not in charge of Dublin City Council and doesn't come under our cleaning remit.

**Q.120 COUNCILLOR CATHERINE STOCKER**

To ask the Chief Executive to please outline why preference seems to have been given to the bleeper bike model over and above DUBLIN bikes and make a statement on the proposal to extend the DUBLIN bike scheme to Clontarf where there is currently an excellent cycle way.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

While further expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme to other areas of the city such as Clontarf would be warranted in terms of demand for the service, the reality is that Dublin City Council cannot provide the level of sustainable funding necessary to meet the ongoing annual operational costs for an expanded scheme at this time. The fees generated from memberships, journey costs and other sources would not be sufficient to cover the increased operational costs using the current business model of the scheme. The scheme must remain financially sustainable to avoid impacting on other services that Dublin City Council must provide in the city. Alternative financing and operational models are being examined.

The dockless bike scheme, 'Bleeperbike' functions in a complementary fashion to Just Eat dublinbikes whereby this scheme can provide public bike hire service to other areas of the city that the Just Eat dublinbikes catchment has not yet reached. This is due to the different operational models that the schemes work under. Expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes station network is capital intensive and therefore requires more investment and a greater time period to expand.

**Q.121 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please explain the reason, why, from time to time, black smoke emanates from the chimney stack of the incinerator in Poolbeg.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Waste to Energy Facility has a comprehensive Air Pollution Control System, which manages and treats the Facility's flue gas, prior to its emission via the two stacks. Once the flue gas has passed through all 3 phases of the Facility's flue gas cleaning systems, the flue gas temperature is reduced to approximately 72°C. The flue gas is then released to air and once it reaches the ambient atmosphere outside the stacks, it creates steam or water vapor. This steam plume is white in appearance and on some occasions depending on the sun's position and the observer's position, it can appear darker.

The steam plume appears dark if it is between the observer and the sun. The steam plume appears white when the observer is between the plume and the sun. So on the same day, at the same time, the steam plume may appear dark and white to two different people depending on where they are observing the plume.

**Q.122 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENNEY**

To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to the area at **(details supplied)**, say what assistance he can provide to assist my constituent who is worried about the poorly maintained condition of **(details supplied)** as well as the height of trees on same and what (if any) enforcement can be carried out to get the owner to properly maintain **(details supplied)** as well as enforcement on control of height of trees there.



**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This is an area of roadside screen planting along a section of road which does not seem to have been taken in charge to date.

The Environmental Health section in Dublin City Council has no statutory powers in relation to pest control and do not investigate complaints in relation to rats. The investigation of complains and subsequent enforcement action and the provision of advice in relation to rats is a matter for the Health Service Executive.

The Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act 1919 is enforced by the Health Service Executive, Environmental Health, Pest Control Section, Unit 13F, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Tel: 01 809 8300.

Advice is provided on the HSE web site at

[http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent\\_Control\\_for\\_Householders.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_Householders.pdf) and at

[http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent\\_Control\\_for\\_the\\_Construction\\_Industry.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/Environmentalhealth/Rodent_Control_for_the_Construction_Industry.pdf)

The height of trees and overshadowing is a civil matter between the owner of the site and anyone effected by them.

**Q.123 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to property at **(details supplied)**, the freehold of which was recently acquired from Dublin City Council and say what assistance he can provide to my constituent in relation to advice from Registry of Deeds that she contact Dublin City Council in relation to a part of her property which appears to be unregistered and if he can make a statement on the matter.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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

**Q.124 COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to please refer to DYLS that were installed at location **(details supplied 1)** (following road resurfacing) the distance/length of which are:  
(a) Unnecessary in addressing the initial problem of parking on a dangerous bend  
(b) Causing an unintended problem for residents on the opposite side of the road  
and say if he can agree to re-examine the matter with a view to partially removing a small section of the DYLS outside **(details supplied 2)** in order to ensure initial problem continues to be addressed while at the same time, eliminating the added problem created by the installation of the particular length of same and if he can arrange to have his official contact directly my constituent at **(details supplied 3)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Area Traffic Engineer has reported that this matter will be reinvestigated with an on-site visit in due course. A new request has been created under Ref: 7015149.

**Q.125 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to extend the Dublin Bike Scheme or one of the two privately operated bike schemes to Clancy Quay, Islandbridge Dublin 8 and to Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Extension of the city bike initiative to both areas is long overdue but particularly in light of Covid-19 where many people will not want to use packed public transport, it would be particularly welcome. In Whitehall, use could be made of a section of the Holy Child Church car-park, to provide a bike dock for commuters who currently park there and continue their journey to the city centre by bus.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The possibility of installing cycle parking that can be used by bike sharing schemes such as Bleeper bikes will be investigated and if a suitable location can be identified, cycle parking will be installed as part of the Batch 15 on-street cycle parking project.

Catchment expansion of the Just Eat dublinbikes scheme to other areas of the city such as Clancy Quay or Whitehall would be fully warranted in terms of demand for the service. However, the reality is that Dublin City Council simply cannot provide the level of sustainable funding necessary to meet the ongoing annual operational costs for an expanded scheme at this time. The fees generated from memberships, journey costs and other sources would not be sufficient to cover the increased operational costs using the current business model of the scheme. The scheme must remain financially sustainable to avoid impacting on other important services that Dublin City Council must provide in the city. Alternative financing and operational models are being examined.

Both locations will be referred to the two station less bike hire operators (Bleeperbikes and Moby) for consideration. Their decisions will be based on the commercial viability of the locations.

**Q.126 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to consider making suitable DCC owned properties available in the short term for public arts bodies to enable them to stage performances while audiences are kept socially distant. Could I ask the Manager to look in particular at the amphitheatre at Wood Quay, which the council has used in the past to stage lunchtime opera, and the (currently) vacant fruit and veg markets, which recently hosted the Chinese New Year to great effect?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Events Unit has been in close consultation with the HSE and any outdoor event for more than four people must wait until Stage 5 currently scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Arts Office is studying the Amphitheatre at Civic Offices with a view to looking at the feasibility of socially distanced events after August 10<sup>th</sup>. This study will be extended to the Fruit market as appropriate.

**Q.127 COUNCILLOR PATRICIA ROE**

To ask the Chief Executive to make a statement on the current practice of developers, who having received full pp for a SHD application from ABH, make repeat planning applications to ABP, to increase the number of units in a given development, thus doubly side-stepping the planning process under the Dublin City Development Plan, which is already side-lined by the SHD legislation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Planning legislation allows for amendment to a development where permission has been granted. The process & legislation pertaining to Strategic Housing Development application was to fast track applications. The legislation requires that any additional applications i.e. amendment applications that meet the SHD thresholds must also proceed to An Bord Pleanála under the SHD process. This includes any application for amendments to 100 or more units within a residential scheme. It was recommended

by Dublin City Council in the review of the SHD process carried out by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2019 that this requirement be changed to allow all future amendment applications be dealt with directly by the relevant Planning Authority. However, this recommendation was not supported by the Department, hence all such applications must still be directed to the Board.

**Q.128 COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the Chief Executive if he could consider the recommendations of a local constituent (**details supplied**) to address the need for traffic calming measures in the area.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

This matter has been referred to the Transport Advisory Group (TAG) for attention. This issue will be examined by the Area Traffic Engineer who will report back to the Transport Advisory Group. The councillor will be advised of the Transport Advisory Group recommendation as soon as possible.

**Q.129 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive if the speed limit on the Bull Island causeway could be reduced from 50k which is unsafe and not in keeping with an amenity access route to a biosphere and beach, to a 30k safe zone or 15k as would be normal for access routes to parks amenity areas.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the June 2020 Traffic and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting, Dublin City Council is presenting a proposal for speed reduction to 30 km/h in the city. If this proposal is noted at SPC and if formal public consultation outcome is positive speed limit of Bull Island access road will be reduced to 30 km/h.

**Q.130 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to prioritise walking, cycling and active transport as a means to accessing Bull Island, rather than the situation where parking of cars without permits are given more space and better surfacing than walkers and cyclists, to ask why the existing road space was not allocated to cyclists and walkers after the 18th May when cars were permitted back on the causeway, rather than widening the causeway and prioritising parking and providing an unsuitable crushed rock surface for cyclists, wheelchair users, walkers and buggies, also to restrict parking along the bull wall after the wooden bridge to permit only parking close to the beach and swimming shelters, (especially during peak season), as there is not enough space for people walking and cycling and there are cars parked up on the pavements all along the bull wall, the road is also narrow and unsafe, the Garda's have needed to order cars off the bull wall at periods over weekends since the 18th May and close the bridge to cars due to safety issues, that limited parking permits could be applied for with a charge for seasonal parking permits to those without mobility difficulties and free for those with disabilities passes, also could parks officials working on this engage with users and active transport experts in Dublin City Council to achieve the best and safest outcomes.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The causeway could not be pedestrianised as suggested post May 18th because vehicular access is required to two golf courses. It is also reasonable that older and disabled visitors should be able to access the beach rather than being forced to walk or cycle the 1.2km length of the causeway and it is reasonable that people outside of Clontarf and Raheny should have access to the National Nature Reserve and Dollymount beach so car parking is necessary.

However the car parking capacity has been significantly reduced because the Parks Service identified the difficulties that would be faced by visitors to maintain social distancing on the narrow paths and installed barriers to remove the parking on the southern side of the road before the causeway opened. However, the causeway has not been widened.

The work has effectively narrowed the carriageway thereby acting as traffic calming and works are on-going to create a 7m wide shared car-free space segregated from the carriageway which will allow visitors to the island to walk or cycle the length of the causeway while observing social distancing safely; providing they are mindful and respectful of other users of the shared space.

The Parks Service is of course actively engaging with our colleagues in transportation design regarding the work to ensure that the proposed shared surface links into the exiting path and cycle network in a safe and efficient manner and that lining and signage will be appropriate.

The control of the wooden bridge is in the remit of Dublin Port Company and the Gardai have as necessary effected temporary closures of the bridge to achieve social distancing.

The suggestion to close this access to vehicles for a longer period is something that is being discussed to consider what measures might be appropriate taking into the reasonable needs of local stakeholders and the public.

With regard to 'seasonal parking permits' it is not clear how this would be managed or enforced.

**Q.131 COUNCILLOR DONNA COONEY**

To ask the Chief Executive to extend the much welcome Covid-19 activity transport measures to our suburban villages and routes to schools, services and links for commuters to the planned inner city walking and cycling arterial routes as quickly as possible.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

"Enabling the City to Return to Work, Interim Mobility Intervention Programme for Dublin City", addresses the new and urgent needs which have emerged as a result of the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. The programme initially priorities key radial routes into the city, the city core and a number of interventions in urban villages but is very much a "live" programme and a citywide approach is being taken. Work is underway on assessing feasible locations for interventions across the city. If there are any specific locations you would like us to address, please log them at <https://www.dublincity.ie/traffic-service-request-councillor>

A dedicated webpage ([www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme](http://www.dublincity.ie/covidmobilityprogramme)) has been developed to provide information on all aspects of the programme and will include all updates on implementation. In addition, Councillors will be provided with regular updates directly via email.

**Q.132 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive the timeline for delivery, budget and human resources allocated for the delivery of the bike bunker project?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council is committed to the project, and a roll out of the initial number is continuing. There is an intention to go to tender for the provision of the bike storage and service provision later in 2020 to enable a further expansion of the scheme. The budget allocation for the next three years is in a region of 1.5 million.

**Q.133 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made towards the implementation of the Council's obligations under the Irish Sign Language Act 2017?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Equality Office engaged the Irish Deaf Society to deliver Irish Sign Language (ISL) training to Dublin City Council staff in 2018. To date three courses have been delivered and a total of 32 employees have completed these courses. They are all listed on the Council's internal telephone directory as being available to assist customers as required.

**Q.134 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide accessible bike parking across the city suitable for tri-cycles, cargo bikes and mobility assisted bikes to support the inclusion of parents and people with disabilities in the ongoing cycling works in the city?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Cycle parking stands are usually installed in clusters varying from five to ten stands. In many instances the stands at either end of a cluster are accessible to larger bicycles. Further, consideration will be given to the provision of dedicated stands for tri-cycles, cargo bikes and mobility assisted bicycles in future installations.

**Q.135 COUNCILLOR JANET HORNER**

To ask the Chief Executive whether they have considered any initiatives to crowd source data on illegal dumping in the city - whether through partnership with third parties or directly led by the Council?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Data relating to illegal dumping is compiled using a variety of means including street grading, reports and evidence from cleaning crews and local management, public domain officer and area management, CRM and GIS mapping.

The data compiled from CRM provides significant detail of illegal dumping complaints and is used to identify dumping blackspots and inform the locations identified for the street grading programme. This data may now also be utilised via GIS mapping tools.

Dublin City Council has not specifically sought to crowd source data relating to illegal dumping as much of the data that we gather through CRM, local contacts and initiatives such as DCC beta comes from the public. We are always open to investigating new ways of working and using data and will explore any proposal to establish whether it can add value to ways in which we gather, compile and use data.

**Q.136 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a post-occupancy review of student accommodation built to-date, including occupancy levels and demographics, with a view to establishing where the occupants come from, how much rent they are paying, and how much affordable housing is being built in areas with a proliferation of student accommodation.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

There are 39 affordable units currently under construction in the Ballymun area, with potential for approximately 1900 further units in various locations in the City. Details are set out in the monthly Housing Supply Report.

This information is not readily available and will take some time to compile. As soon as the information is collected, it will be made available to the Councillor.

**Q.137 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on horse welfare in the city and how this has been impacted as a result of Covid 19 restrictions.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Licensing Unit operates under the Control of Horses Act and the Control of Horses Bye- Laws. There has been no significant increase in horse seizures during the Covid 19 crisis.

Dublin City Council does not have Authorised Officers appointed under the Animal Health and Welfare Act as animal welfare is a function of the Department of Agriculture and the Marine.

**Q.138 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out an urgent review to establish how successful the implementation of 'cocooner hours' in DCC parks has been and if additional measures are needed to increase public awareness going forward, including:

- Larger, more visible signage prominently displayed at every entrance to every DCC park alerting patrons to additional Covid-19 restrictions.
- A media or social media awareness campaign requesting the cooperation of the general public in this regard.
- Public or community consultation on the most suitable hours for cocooner access going forward.
- Coordination with the OPW to achieve singularity of purpose and clarity of messaging around one block of time restrictions applicable across all of Dublin's parks.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Signs are in place in each of the parks and the Media Office are sending out weekly messages to the public about cocooning hours.

The time slot was agreed at Chief Executive level by all four local authorities in the Dublin area. There were pros and cons for various options. If another timeslot had been chosen we would have undoubtedly received objections to that slot from others or those cocooning. There is unlikely to be unanimity across any one generation on this matter.

**Q.139 COUNCILLOR CAROLYN MOORE**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the enforcement of parking restrictions in the newly rolled-out Covid-response infrastructure, such as segregated cycle tracks and reclaimed loading bays.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Dublin Street Parking Services are continuing to patrol areas and enforce vehicles for these offences. They have been given specific instructions to focus on areas where

queuing is evident and also where footpath widths are reduced. If the councillor can provide information on specific locations these will be addressed.

**Q.140 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all homeless facilities operated by the DRHE north of the river Liffey and include the following information:

1. Facility name & location
2. Headcount capacity
3. Facility owner
4. Facility operator
5. Term of operating contract if any.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) does not provide the street locations of hotels and B&B's, on the basis that we wish to protect the privacy of residents and that the disclosure into the public domain could lead to the loss of accommodation for those experiencing homelessness.

The DRHE will prepare a report breaking down the number of facilities per postal district and forward to Cllr. Ó Muirí when available.

**Q.141 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to ensure that DCC responds on the following trees-related query as forwarded to the North Central area office on 22/05/2020 **(details supplied)**:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

It appears from the accompanying photographs that the trees causing the worst of the shading are on private property. The mature trees on Vernon Avenue are at some distance from the apartment block and appear in good condition and are contributing to the amenity of the street scape.

The **Dublin City Council Tree Strategy 2016-2020** adopted by the Full Council as policy in 2016 identifies pruning as weakening trees and opening potential sites for infection by disease and decay causing organisms and requires pruning work on trees to be carried out only when absolutely necessary.

**Objective 3.7.5 - 'Shading'** of the adopted tree policy states '*Tree works will not normally be carried out to address shading of direct sunlight*'.

**Q.142 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please organise for the issues with overgrown vegetation on the Clontarf Road to be addressed as highlighted in the correspondence below **(details supplied)**.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Such work is precluded by the Wildlife Act during bird nesting season. The locus will be inspected during the summer months for suitability for inclusion in the autumn/winter shrubbery maintenance programme. Any works deemed appropriate will be included on the works schedule contingent on the continued availability of a necessary budgets.

**Q.143 COUNCILLOR NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ**

To ask the Chief Executive to please consider the suggestions outlined below in relation to recent city centre mobility improvements and related matters **(details supplied)**:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

At the junction of Capel Street Bridge and the North Quay the vehicles and cyclist are given a full green signal, which allows a vehicles/ Cyclist to proceed with caution. In line with all other locations where a full green signal is shown, right turning traffic should yield to straight through traffic. Additional signage shall be installed to alert right turning traffic to yield to straight ahead traffic will be installed over the next week or so.

Direction red signals have been installed at a number of location following on from request from members of the public and DCC traffic staff. The purpose of these signals is to further enforce the red signal in particular as in the case of Fairview/ Marino where the pedestrian crossing run with parallel straight ahead traffic. The directional red arrow is used to enforce to the vehicle that although straight through traffic can proceed the left/Right turning movement is prohibited.

The operation of the Phoenix Park is operated and controlled by the OPW.

**Q.144 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive in light of the recent permanent swimming ban on Merrion Strand to provide a full report on the measures taken to date to tackle the issues of Elm Park Stream and Trimbleston Stream, a report from the task force that was set up and whether the mooted ideas such as rewetting of Elm Park Stream will be carried out and when?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Please see attached report.

**Q.145 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of new entrants to homelessness recorded on PASS in April, and in May of this year?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

The tables below details the number of new entrants to emergency accommodation in the Dublin Region for the months April 2020. The figures for May 2020 are not yet available.

Total Households Entering Emergency Accommodation April 2020			
Household Type	Total Households	Total Adults	Total Children
Families	14	16	18
Single Adults - no children	99	99	0
<b>Total Placed</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>18</b>

**Q.146 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive how many families have notified that they are leaving emergency or family Hub accommodations for the period of the lockdown, what follow up is happening with these households, and can a report be provided?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

Approximately twenty five families have left emergency accommodation and returned to family during the period of the COVID19 crisis. Five have returned.



They are all still being counted in the homeless figures and maintain priority on the housing list. A Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) Housing Support officer is in contact with each of the families.

**Q.147 COUNCILLOR HAZEL CHU**

To ask the Chief Executive a list of specific streets where pedestrian space will be increased to allow for social distancing and where traders can have extra space for table and chairs?

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPLY:**

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A new Business Liaison Team has also been established to provide direct support and guidance to businesses in relation to deliveries, on-street queuing and new requests for outdoor seating areas. This team can be contacted initially via [covidmobility@dublincity.ie](mailto:covidmobility@dublincity.ie)